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\*Raniero "Renny" Travisano  
\*Leo Kedzierski  
\*Doug LaVigne  
\*Mary Ann Nappi

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## 1989 Champions Honored

By Mayor Fred Henry

On June 6 at their annual sports awards night the South Amboy Board of Education honored the H.G. Hoffman High School girls' basketball team on the 30th anniversary of their incredible overtime victory in the NJSIAA Tournament of Champions. For the first time each of the four public school group champions and the two parochial group champions would meet to decide an overall girls basketball champion. Reggie Carney's Lady Guvs were seeded 6th in the 6 team tournament and would meet #3 seed and Parochial B champion Bishop Eustace. On March 14th Hoffman High would prevail in the opening game with a well played 74 to 61 victory.

Two days later at Monmouth College the Lady Guvs would meet undefeated (31-0) and #2 seed Pascack Valley. In a hard fought and exciting game Jenny Kuziemski stole the ball with 20 seconds left in a tie game. After a time out the ball was again in Jenny's hands and she sent the gym into pandemonium when she sank a jump shot at the buzzer to give the girls a 45 to 43 win.

On March 19th the team traveled to the Meadowlands to face #4 seed and Parochial A champion Union Catholic for the championship. In another close game where neither team led by more than 5 points,

Hoffman found itself down by 3 points with 44 seconds left to play. Kris Kuziemski then made a basket, was fouled, and made the foul shot to complete the 3-point play and tie the game. She then blocked a shot on the Union Catholic star with 3 seconds left and sent the game into overtime.

As the overtime period ticked away and the teams tied at 43 Kris Kuziemski was fouled with just 4 seconds left. After a timeout she coolly went to the free throw line and sank both shots to give the Lady Guvs a 45 to 43 victory and the First Tournament of Champions Championship. Kris Kuziemski finished with 19 points and was named the tournament MVP.

This was truly a magical time in Hoffman/South Amboy High School sports history. It was the last of 5 straight Group I state championships, a Number 1 ranking nationally by USA Today, and a national Coach of the Year Award for Reggie Carney. The 1989 Hoffman High School Girls basketball team was the first team inducted into the NJSIAA Hall of Fame.



Members of the 1989 Hoffman High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team were honored at the South Amboy HS Senior Sports Award Night. Pictured (l-r) South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, Team Members: Bridget DeFort Madar, Lorraine McNerny Zebro, Dana Stephanick Applegate, Mary Kaye Bouchard Snodgrass, Jennifer Ingstrup Sullivan, Renee Bialoblocki, Christine Noble, South Amboy VP/Athletic Director Frank Zalocki and South Amboy Governors Mascot. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

I was fortunate to be the Athletic Director and part-time assistant coach for Reggie and I witnessed the hard work both the coaches and girls put into this historic run. It was a time when the entire city got behind this incredible team. Coming home after the final game we were stunned when we could see from the top of the Edison Bridge a line of cars and fire trucks waiting to escort the champions through South Amboy.

It was an honor to have the Board of

Education recognize the 30th anniversary of this timeless victory and present each team member with a DVD of the game. Watching the overtime period at the awards presentation reminded us of the excitement and talent this team generated. I would like to thank the Superintendent, the Board of Education, the Administration, the coaches, and especially the athletes for allowing us to be a part of your night and remembering an incredible and historic athletic accomplishment.

## Krushinski Receives Award

By Tom Burkard

Sayreville's 1st Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Krushinski was recently honored by the 200 Club of Middlesex County with a Meritorious Award. At a house fire at Amherst Place on May 8, 2018, he rescued an unconscious, elderly woman who he

found on the floor, while on duty with the fire company. She was transported to a hospital, but later died from injuries from the fire. Congratulations on your well-deserved award Kevin!



Raniero "Renny" Travisano

## Travisano: An Amazing Life

By Tom Burkard

Former Sayreville Councilman, Middlesex County Clerk, volunteer firefighter, and much more, Raniero "Renny" Travisano 82, of the Morgan section of Sayreville died on June 8. The local South Amboy/Sayreville communities have been in mourning for the man who has done so much for locals, through his public service, volunteering, and complete involvement and dedication to helping people in any way he could to make their lives a little bit better.

In addition to the political side of Renny, his job as county clerk, and firefighter, there is so much more to his magnificent life than could ever be printed in this paper, and would probably make a best-selling book. He was active in many, many organizations, and held

offices in lots of them.

Renny received his undergraduate from Monmouth University and his Master's degree from Kean University. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea, was previously employed by E.I. DuPont, then Sayreville Board of Education as a science teacher and guidance counselor at Sayreville Junior HS. Travisano was elected to the Borough of Sayreville Council, and served on it for 12 years. He then won the election for Middlesex County Clerk, and following his tenure there, worked as Purchasing Agent for the New Jersey Turnpike Authority from where he retired. He was an usher/ member of St. Mary's Church for over 60 years, and a

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## Memorial Day Service



American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 of South Amboy held a Memorial Day Service in front of the South Amboy City Hall. Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak (2nd from right) is pictured with Mayor Fred Henry (l) and other local dignitaries and veterans who participated. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

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The South Amboy High School 2019 Graduation ceremony was held on June 20th, Pictured are Valedictorian Jack Lukie(l) and Salutatorian Wiktoria Radon (r) . Congratulations to all the graduates! (Photo by Brian Stratton)



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### Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

#### 60th Anniversary Celebration

Congratulations to Frank & Maryanne Matarangolo of South Amboy, who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on June 20th. May God always bless these two fine people!

#### Gonsalves Is Educational Specialist Of The Year

Jared Gonsalves of South Amboy High School was chosen Educational Specialist of the Year. Congratulations, Jared!

#### Ingstrup-Sullivan Teacher Of The Year

Former South Amboy resident Jennifer Ingstrup-Sullivan was selected 2018-19 Teacher of the Year for the 5-8th Grade at Beaver Elementary School in Tennessee. Congratulations, Jennifer!

### South Amboy Elementary Academic Achievement For MP 4- 2018/2019

**FOURTH GRADE-HONOR ROLL OF DISTINCTION:** Megan Chan, Noah Cruz, Macy Daniell, Gwenyth Friedman, Madden Gulick, Kyleigh McGuire, Shawn O'Neill, Jaiden Patrizzo, Arnav Pillai, Katarina Roessle, Sebastian Roessle and Jodi Rose. **HONOR ROLL:** Nicholas Carrozzo, Robert Conklin, Adrianna Cosme, Kaxen Echevarria, Nico Grasso, Sophia Hernandez, Brian Ilewski, Janiyah Jimenez, Evan Kelly, Makayla Koltunicki, Brady McNeany, Bria Metz, Macy Schuck, Robert Senape, Lucy Tooker, Ericson Valencia Diaz and Chris Yanez Osorio.

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### College Achievements

#### Masters Degree

Joan Bolla of South Amboy completed her Masters Degree in Applied Statistics at N.J.I.T.

#### Graduates

Keelyn Ann Leonard graduated from Kean University with a degree in Education. Julianna R. Heck of South Amboy graduated from James Madison University with majors in International Affairs and Spanish. She is a 2015 graduate of Colts Neck HS, where she was in the National Honor Society and captain of the varsity tennis and swim teams.

#### Honor Society

New York Institute of Technology-Eryn Cooper (South Amboy) Honor Society-Phi Eta Sigma.

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### Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- Commodore of the South Amboy Boat Club in 1991?  
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- Won the title of "Miss Junior Greater Sayreville" in 1995?  
a. Jacqueline Campo b. Susan Mulvaney c. Tamika Jones
- In '97 the South Amboy Elks #2555 Exalted Ruler?  
a. Joseph Damian b. Darryl Roesner c. Gabriel Terranova
- The last principal at St. Mary's H.S. before it became St. Mary Regional H.S. in '87 was?  
a. John Gloss b. Sister Cosmas Purcell c. Sister Margaret Waldron
- Grand Marshal of the 1999 Sayreville Memorial Day Parade?  
a. Mickey Sedlak b. John Holliday c. Ed Kolodziej
- This South Amboy bus company was famous for its red buses?  
a. Cross-County b. Marathon c. Super Service
- OLV Council 2061 Knights of Columbus Grand Knight in 1998-99?  
a. Andrew Rosowicz b. Theodore Swoboda c. John Schnitzer
- In '99, Stepping Stone Child Care Center was located in Sayreville. Where?  
a. Bordentown Ave. b. Washington Rd. c. Main St.
- What section of Sayreville was Connie's Bar located in?  
a. Morgan b. Melrose c. President Park
- The Grand Knight for OLV Council 2061 Knights of Columbus from 1999-2000?  
a. Roland LaStarza b. James Poltritzky c. Michael Koneski

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

## Business Of The Month Mel's Pet Palor

Melanie Bellotto, owner and pet stylist at Mel's Pet Parlor is approaching her fifth year at 137 Main Street in Sayreville. Mel's Pet Parlor is open Tuesday through Saturday and they offer a late night on Wednesday for your convenience. Mel and her assistants Kristin, and Tayler, continue to make your pets feel at home while being pampered. They offer professional haircuts, awesome shampoo selections, flea and tick treatment etc. Your pet will receive loads of TLC spending the day with the ladies. There are some great specials for Summer of 2019 going on right now. This includes money off of a deshedding bath and grooming raffles for cats and dogs. Please call ahead to secure an appointment, 732-307-2116. They can't wait to meet you and your pets!



Mel's Pet Parlor owner Melanie Bellotto is pictured with one of her beautifully groomed customers. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## Tuesday Senior Club



Patricia Farrell (l) President of the Tuesday Senior Club presents Hillary Mulry store manager of The Dressbarn in Matawan with a certificate of appreciation "In grateful recognition of continuing service and support for the Tuesday Senior Club." Also pictured are the senior models who provided the selection of summer clothes to the members of the club and had lots of fun doing it. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)



Members of Protection Eng. Co. along with other SAFD companies went out on May 25th to area cemeteries to place memorial firefighter flags on the graves of deceased members. Protection also placed wreaths at the graves honoring members Thomas Adamecs, who died in the line of duty on January 5, 1966 and Martin Bailey who was killed in action during WW I in France on October 20, 1918. Rest in peace to all our brothers. (Photos/info submitted)

## Travisano - continued from page 1

volunteer firefighter with Morgan Fire Dept. for over 54 years.

Renny will be greatly missed by his wife Joan E. Zoll Travisano, his brothers Anthony Travisano, Michael Travisano and his wife Julia, Robert Travisano and his wife Arleen, his sister-in-law Jean M. Chubway, many nieces and nephews, countless friends, family and strangers to whom he was always available as a mentor. He was also devoted to his precious pet scarlet macaw Edson, who adored him.

Raniero "Renny" Travisano was a hard-working, highly-respected man who really cared for his fellow men and women. In an interview I conducted with him in 2015, at the time of his 50th Anniversary as a

firefighter, I asked him how he would like to be remembered some day, and he responded, "As a person who helped others. I had a good run." An amazing run! If you ever met Renny, you will never forget him. God Bless Renny Travisano.

Visitation and funeral services were held at The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Ave., South Amboy.

\*I was greatly honored to do an exclusive SA Times interview with Renny, which is featured in the June 27, 2015 issue of The South Amboy-Sayreville Times on page 28. You can see this at our website: [www.thesatimes.com](http://www.thesatimes.com).

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**Yearbook-St. Mary's 1979**  
 By Tom Burkard

As St. Mary's High School Class of 1979 began its final year, in September '78, Frankie Valli's "Grease" was topping the national music charts. Sister Joan Gavron was principal, Sister Rose Malague-vice principal, and Gary Schreiber-Dean of Discipline. The yearbook was dedicated to John Gloss, and a tribute was given to Sister Celeste McCone on her 50th year as a Sister of Mercy. Some of the faculty included: Helen O'Donnell, Diana Feffer, Sr. Mary Robertine Bulman, Joanne Wells, and Pat Burke was the school nurse.

Senior class members selected randomly were Laura Astarita, Sherry Baran, Patricia Belmonte, Susan Callahan, Kathleen Cattano, Laurette Caterina, Joanne Cosentino, Jacqueline DeJoy, Nancy DeLucia, Susan Dohaney, Susan Dowty, Gail Geraltowski, Graceanne Giunta, Alan Golembieski, Corinne Gorczyca, Mary Hertlein, Maryellen Howley, Beth Ann Jarusiewicz, Colleen Kilcomins, Dean Kenny, Alice Kowalewski, Celeste Kowalewski, Eizabeth Klimchak, David Larsen, Diane Lee, Lisa Kubisiak, Sharon Krygier, Robert Letts, Diane Loftus, Andrew Madura, Gary Malinowski, Colleen Malkiewicz, Elizabeth McConnell, Michelle Martin, Karen McNamara, John Mulez, Janice Phillips, Kenneth Ryan, Joyce Spina, Charles Villanova, Carol Witkowski, Frank Wojtaszek, Leslie Jankowski, Janet Pearson, Patricia Woodford. Thomas J. O'Leary was President of the Student Council; Sharon Kelly-Vice President; Mary Kate Stratton-Secretary. Sarah Kurtz and Carla Imbriglio were co-editors of the yearbook. The social circuit was really busy for the Class of '79, and included events such as The Gong Show; Halloween Happening; The Christmas Ball; The Florida Trip; The Prom; The School Play "Hello Dolly; The 1st Annual Valentine's Day Dance. Newsworthy events in '79 for the U.S. were: the price of gas went up to \$1 a gallon Big deal! The Three Mile Island nuclear plant problem in Harrisburg, PA. Movie legend John Wayne died. Egypt and Israel signed a formal treaty with Jimmy Carter signing as a witness. "Apocalypse Now" was the top movie of the year. Some of the Eagles talented senior athletes chosen randomly included; Paul Bergin, Thomas J. O'Leary, James Inman, Matt Brunialti, Thomas Connelly, Cheryl DeSiena, Frank Doris, Thomas Duffy, Janet Durski, Karen Galinski, David Gering, Philip Green, Sarah Kurtz, Gary Malinowski, Lisa Mauro, George Murray, Kathleen O'Callaghan, Edward O'Connor, John Pipala, Kevin Scupp, Susan Wilson, who was St. Mary's 2nd girl in history to score 1,000 points in her career. Mr. Zisa was the girls' varsity softball coach. Donna Summer's "Hot Stuff" was the #1 hit in the nation on Graduation Day, June 3, 1979. St. Mary's Class of '79 was a group of really terrific people!

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**Rotary Monthly Topic: Logic In Everyday Life**  
 By Michael Poll

Our speaker this month was Christian Conrad. Christian is a Junior majoring in computer engineering at Hofstra University on Long Island. He is the son of Anthony Conrad, an officer of Christ Church and an active member of the South Amboy/Sayreville Rotary Club.

Christian made the argument that, as stated by Benjamin Franklin, common sense is a very uncommon commodity. Logic is the ability to apply the rules of mathematics to everyday situations. If this is done, much of the confusion we experience from things like "fake news" and emotionally-based arguments will be eliminated. Media uses stories to play on people's emotions. Logic can separate us from these emotions and lead us to reasonable results.

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**Deacon Serge Starts New Chapter**  
 By Steve Schmid

Sacred Heart Church Deacon Serge Bernatchez recently said farewell to his parishioners as he began a new chapter in his religious life. At his farewell luncheon held in Memorial Hall, he shook hands with the parishioners who were there to thank him for his years of service to Sacred Heart. "I've had fun baptizing babies and seeing them grow up. Being able to touch people in my life and make a difference is very humbling," he said. Deacon Serge said he and his wife Marilyn have received much love from the church community. He enjoyed golfing with the Knights of Columbus and attending religious retreats. He credited Marilyn for her support in his religious duties. He said "behind a good man is a better woman." Deacon Serge came to Sacred Heart in 2006 and was ordained as a deacon on June 9, 2007. He has moved to Winston-Salem, North Carolina and will be a deacon at Our Lady of Mary Church in Winston-Salem. He recently retired from Rex Lumber in Englishtown after 21 years. Everyone wishes him well in his future endeavors.



Sacred Heart Deacon Serge Bernatchez (r) and his wife Marilyn gather with parishioners at their farewell luncheon held at Sacred Heart's Memorial Hall (Photo by Steve Schmid)



On June 2nd members of South Amboy Fire Dept. participated in an extrication drill practicing skills used in removing victims of vehicle collisions safely, effectively and efficiently. Members used powerful hydraulic tool and stabilization jacks improving each firefighters skills. While any member of the fire department can be trained, SAFD rescue tools are stored on Eng. 7. The training session was conducted at Al's Auto Body Shop. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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St. Mary Church Pastor Father Dennis Wezorak, is shown blessing the car of Gary Lattanzi at the St. Mary's School parking lot. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)

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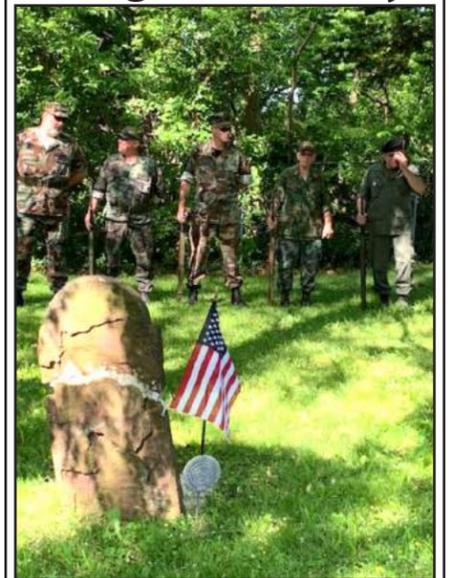


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### South East Asian Cultural Event

Explore and celebrate the music, dance, and tastes of South East Asia at Sayreville Public Library's free South East Asian Cultural event! All are welcome to join us on Saturday, June 29, 2019 from 12:30-3:00PM at the Sayreville Senior Center. Please register online on our Events Calendar at: www.sayrevillelibrary.org or call 732-727-0212, ext. 12.

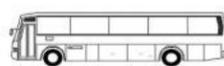
### Memorial Service Morgan Cemetery



American Legion Luke Lovely Post #62, South Amboy is pictured at Memorial Day Service at Morgan Cemetery. (Photo by Joyce Elyea)

### OLV Senior Trip to Christmas Lights in Dyker Heights

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Christmas Lights in Dyker Heights, Brooklyn NY. On Friday, December 6, 2019. The price of the trip is \$145.00 which includes bus transportation, bus gratuity, dinner at Tommaso Restaurant, guided tour of the Dyker Heights Neighborhood, all taxes and gratuities. For further information or to reserve a seat please call Finita at 732-721-5081.



### SWMHS Class of 1974 45th Reunion

Sayreville War Memorial Class of 1974 will hold its 45th reunion of July 20, 2019. For more information call John at 732-254-2116.

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Seven BlueJays searching for sunflower seeds on Morgan Ave. (Photo by Ed English)

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## Middlesex County College Grads a Step Closer to Their Dreams

A total of 1,422 students who graduated from Middlesex County College on Thursday, May 23 at the Rutgers Athletic Center. Approximately 725 members of the class participated in the exercises, representing the 350 graduates of August 2018; 364 from January 2019; and 708 of May 2019. Participants included several students who fulfilled the requirements for more than one degree or certificate during this academic year.

Jeffrey Herron, Acting Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, presided at the Commencement ceremony. Greetings were delivered by Dr. Mark McCormick, MCC President; Dorothy K. Power, Chairman of the Board; and Ronald G. Rios, Freeholder Director. Valedictorian Courtney Rohrig delivered the class welcome, sharing her experiences and offering advice. "Wherever your

next step takes you – either into a four-year university or out into the real world – remember all that you have learned here," she said. "Thank you to the professors who have shared advice and guidance, for taking time after class to help us better understand, and for leaving us with a foundation to succeed. Thank you to the advisors for making sure we were on track to graduate. And thank you, Middlesex County College, for preparing us as we take our next step."



## Middlesex County College Dean's List

A total of 1,152 students were named to the Dean's List at Middlesex County College for Spring 2019.

**Sayreville students were:** Melissa Adragna, Warda Ashar, Derek Astarita, Tyler Barreiro, Abigail Benko, Raahim Bhatti, Julia Block, Allison Blonski, Thomas Brewer, Gina Calandriello, Franklin Cruz, Brian Cuadra, Nicholas Curto, Lindsay Delmotte, Maria Demonte, Jaznaira Espinal, Gianna Fago, Angelique Flores, Abdul Jawad Fofana, Alessandra Gatto, Joseph Gottstine, Christian Krosnowski, John Kyle, Danielle Lewis, Claudia Martinez, Matthew Mellos, Mariyah Moore, Grecia Nunez, Bridget Quimby, Stephanie Ratica, Halima Sadiq, Saloni Shah, Erica Shemper, Mark Sokolowski,

Eric Sokolowski, Ayah Talavera.  
**South Amboy students were:** Olga Borkowski, Peter De la Costa, Truc Do, Truong Do, Margaret Drake, Jordan Gallagher, Ashley Gibilisco, Katelyn Guild, Jacob Hendricks, Melissa Hoehman, Christopher Homann, Skylar Honimar, Dominik Karasiewicz, Priya Kumar, Michael Macknowski, Abdul Majid, Hubert Maslowski, Courtney McMahan, Matthew Michalik, Michael Mirra, Syeda Naqvi, Akash Patel, Alexandra Pfeiffer, Andy Quispe, Cristina Reyes, Andrew Rogan, Jessica Rolon-Banker, Susan Sagliocco, Kathleen Schnell, Faizaan Siddique, Pruthvi Talvekar, Shannon Tran, Matthew Wanko, Sarah Wells.

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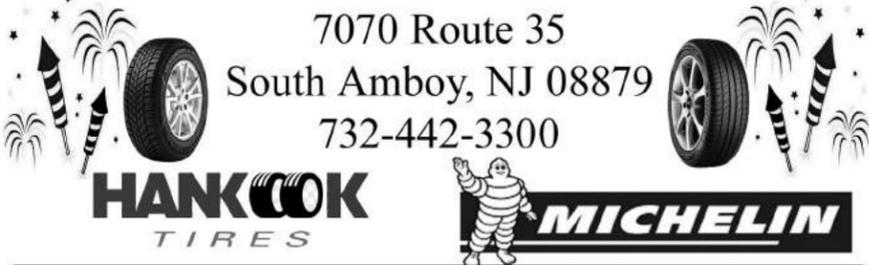
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## St., Stan's School

(Photos/Info Submitted)



St. Stan's students enjoyed a day of fun at their Annual Field Day. Pictured are the school's fifth grade students.

Rev. Kenneth Murphy and Mr. Andy Gnapp pose with St. Stan's students that were all awarded first place in each of the categories of the Knights of Columbus Substance Awareness Abuse Poster Contest. Students pictured (l-r): Kelsey Hamid, Jasmine Garcia, Tara Osumanu, and Ayden Schneider.



St. Stan's eighth grade student, Abigail Bera, spends time with second grader, Ayden Pasquale at the annual Buddy Breakfast. Every year, eighth grade students work with the second grade students and help them better understand how to properly worship during school Masses.

St. Stan's third grade students were honored with certificates of recognition from the Borough of Sayreville for being Environmental Stewards of the school and raising awareness of the importance of recycling in the community.



St. Stan's pre-kindergarten students sing, "You Are My Sunshine" during their Moving On Celebration.

As her fellow kindergarten students eagerly await their turn, Camila Moscoso smiles before she processes into the graduation ceremony.



St. Stanislaus Kostka School presents the graduating class of 2019. Pictured with the graduates from left to right is eighth grade teacher, Mrs. Irene Foret, Pastor Rev. Kenneth Murphy, and Principal, Mrs. Elena Malinconico.

Mr. Andy Gnapp (center) of Our Lady of Victories Knights of Columbus Council 0670, leads the Annual Flag Day Ceremony at St. Stanislaus Kostka School.



## Amboy Bank's Cyndi Bleier Named Finalist

Cyndi Bleier, Amboy Bank Senior Vice President and General Counsel, has been named as a finalist in this year's General Counsel of the Year Awards. Presented by NJBIZ, the awards honor the state's most dynamic General Counsels and Chief Legal Officers who are making an impact in their field.

Gregory Scharpf, Amboy Bank President and CEO, said, "We are proud to see Cyndi as a finalist in this year's General Counsel Awards. At Amboy Bank, it is our mission to treat our clients with the utmost respect, and I could not think



Cyndi Bleier

of someone better suited to carry out that mission than Cyndi. Her dedication and persistence are admirable, and we have been fortunate to have her as a trusted advisor on our team for over 23 years."

Bleier, a graduate of Boston University and Washington College of Law at American University, joined Amboy Bank in 1995. As Amboy's sole in-house counsel, she is intricately involved in most aspects of the Bank. Her passion for her work, ability to multitask, and desire to protect Amboy Bank and its interests are unparalleled.

## The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

With summer upon us, our thoughts turn to many outside activities. As I have done in the past, I want to remind you about the importance of safety when using outside propane grills and charcoal grills. Before you turn on the propane grill for the first time this season, check the hoses that connect the tank to the burner valves. Look for any signs of cracking in the hoses, especially where it bends. Look also for signs of dry-rot throughout the entire length of the hose. Take the grate off the grill and clean out the bottom of the unit where all the dirt and debris of last year's cooking has accumulated. If you don't have the electric spark ignitor or the one you have is broken, purchase a long handle butane lighter to ignite the burners. DON'T throw a match inside the grill to light the burners. If the propane accumulates inside the enclosed grill and the match ignites this gas, you are in for a big surprise. There will be a rapid ignition of those gasses and the lid will blow off. Visually inspect the burners themselves for signs of soot buildup. Also look at the flame, it must be burning with a nice even blue flame completely across the entire burner. If not, the burner may be deteriorated and split at the seams. If the burners are not burning evenly or not heating up, check the valves and burners themselves for insects that might have found a home over the winter and are now clogging the burners and valves.

If you are using a charcoal grill and have a difficult time igniting the charcoal, use a recommended charcoal lighter fluid. DON'T under any circumstances attempt to ignite the charcoal with gasoline! You will be in for a very rude awakening and possibly serious burns. When you are done cooking on your charcoal grill, don't dispose of the charcoals in a plastic garbage container, it will melt and burn. When using either of these cooking devices, keep a safe distance away from any structures and overhangs.

## OLV Senior Christmas Trip to Lancaster

The OLV Senior Group is planning a Christmas trip to Lancaster on November 6 -7, 2019. The cost of the trip is \$360.00 which includes a delicious lunch on day 1 at Shady Maple where you can fit in some pre-Christmas shopping. Next, the group will enjoy a matinee at the American Music Theater's show, Joy to the World. There will be a late check at the Fulton Steamboat Inn with dinner at the restaurant. Guests can then enjoy the amenities of the hotel. On day two

## Hoffman High School Multi-Year Reunion

All Hoffman HS alumni are invited to a day of laughter, friendship, and nostalgia! Please join us at our multi-year reunion on Sunday, Oct. 13th from 1-5 pm at Mara's on Rt. 35, South Amboy. The cost will be \$65 per person, which includes a buffet, beer, wine, and DJ. Send your check payable to Bill Croddick, 130 So. Stevens Ave, So. Amboy or Jill Pappa Heckman, 364 Conover St,

## Summer Drawing Classes

The South Amboy Art Alliance will offer drawing classes on Tuesdays in July from 1pm to 3pm. Each session will be based on previous skills. For more information call 732-754-7913.

With the Fourth of July just around the corner you will see various vendors selling "legal" fireworks for the holiday. These fireworks, in the hands of incompetent people, can cause serious injury and even death not only to themselves but to anyone in the vicinity. Many times, an errant firework goes astray and causes someone's home to catch fire. When fireworks go up in the air, they must come down somewhere and that somewhere may be the rooftop of a house. Since legal fireworks are new to New Jersey, we must continue to practice safety when using them. The majority of deaths and injuries from fireworks are to individuals between the ages of 5 years and 24 years of age. YES, I said 5 years old! They will mimic how their older siblings use fireworks but are unable to react as quickly. Just because fireworks may be labeled as safe, you can still get seriously hurt. Be very careful and supervise your children when you give them "Sparklers". Most of us remember as children playing with these sparklers and how hot the wire was when the sparkler burnt itself out. That burnt end of a sparkler can reach a temperature of over 1600 degrees. At that temperature, the hot wire will burn a hole through a little five year's old hand IMMEDIATELY! Be careful and provide constant supervision when using any kind of so-called legal fireworks. Have a bucket of water standing by so when that sparkler is finished it can be dropped in that bucket.

Illegal fireworks are another story and there is good reason why they are illegal. They are extremely dangerous and the use of them should be left to the professionals.

As this article goes to print, there is an investigation underway in Newark of a man being killed while igniting illegal fireworks. Allegedly, the M-80 blew-up in his hand causing massive internal injuries.

there will be a late check out after breakfast. Shopping at the outlets is the next item of fun. Lunch will be on your own. Bus pick-up at the outlets will bring you to the afternoon show at Sight and Sound, the Miracle of Christmas. After the show the group will enjoy a family style dinner at Hershey Farm Restaurant before returning home. For further information or to reserve a seat please call Teri at 732-742-1320.

South Amboy. Questions? Contact Helenmae Stader Bilder at hbilder02@aol.com, or stop one of the other committee members, Edward Szatkowski, Mimi Woznica Barbieri, or Kathy Koerner O'Leary. The deadline to purchase tickets is Sept. 15th, so don't miss out on a chance to create new memories. Let's go Guvs!

## Calling all Seniors!

St. Mary's Senior Citizen Group is looking for new members. The group meets on the first Monday of the month, 12 p.m. at the Senior Center on Stevens Avenue. Come and join us for a quick meeting, lunch, bingo and conversation with your friends, neighbors and fellow parishioners. For additional information please contact Debbie Connors, (732) 721-9145 or dconnors57@yahoo.com.



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### Torch Run For Special Olympics (Photos/Info Submitted)

On June 7th members of South Amboy Police Dept. ran in the annual New Jersey Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Joined by members of Sayreville Police the officers ran through the city and handed the torch to members of Perth Amboy police on top of the Victory Bridge.



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Passing of the torch from Sayreville to South Amboy.

### MCC Annual Alumni Dinner/Meeting (Photos/info by Tom Burkard)



Pictured (l-r) is Middlesex County College President Mark McCormick, 2019 Alumna of the Year Michaela Maculey, Alumni Co-President Nicole Risoli, Alumni Co-President Jonathan Rosario.



The Middlesex County College Alumni Board of Trustees are pictured following the Dinner/Meeting.

### Sayreville Memorial Day Parade (Photos/Info by Tom Burkard)



This U.S. Army vehicle is used in the military with a machine gun.



Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin waves to the crowd while marching with local politicians.



Col. D.B. Kelly Pipes & Drums provided great music for the large crowds throughout Sayreville.



The Sayreville War Memorial HS Marching Band was outstanding.



Members looked great and kept the parade moving.



One of several beautiful horses in the parade.



The Sayreville Fire Dept. looked sharp, and made the Borough very proud.



On Sunday morning, May 26, the Messiah Lutheran Church on Bordentown Avenue in Parlin conducted their annual Memorial Mass. The joint Honor Guards of the Sayreville American Legion Lenape Post 211 and the VFW Memorial Post 4699 were invited to attend. During the Mass, all veterans, both living and deceased, were paid a tribute for their service to our country. Prayers were said for those suffering wounds, both physically and mentally from their wartime services. (Photo/Info Submitted)

### Remembrance Service

On Memorial Day, May 27th, 2019, the Sayreville Fire Department Exempt Association held their annual services in remembrance of those firefighters who had passed away in the previous year. The service was opened with Father Murphy, Pastor of St. Stans Parish, offering the Invocation followed by our National Anthem sung by Michelle Roman. Exempt Firemans President, Pete Martin led the congregation in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Kennedy O'Brien greeted the firefighters with a few remarks. Each one of the Sayreville Fire Department's four fire companies placed a memorial basket of flowers on the monument as a token of remembrance of the fallen firefighters. Ex-Chief Rich Kosmoski read off the names of the deceased firefighters and conducted a final roll call of those men. Each family was escorted to the monument by a member of the deceased firefighter's fire company to place the memorial paver, a lasting tribute to each of them. The tolling of the fire bell followed by the final alarm was sounded. A rifle salute by the Sayreville American Legion Lenape Post 211 Honor Guard was conducted followed by the playing of TAPS. In conclusion, Father Murphy offered the Benediction and Michelle Roman sang God Bless America. This solemn Memorial Day Firefighter's Service has been held continuously each year at the Firefighter's Monument since 1955. (Photo/story by: Ex-Chief Rich Kosmoski)



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**Main Liquors & Wines  
Customer Appreciation Day Celebration**  
(Photos/Info by Tom Burkard)



**Main Liquors & Wines located at 533 Main St., South Amboy held its annual Customer Appreciation Day Celebration, which featured a great barbeque, and excellent conversation with friends and customers. Owner Hershey Patel (r) is pictured with his outstanding staff.**




**Hershey Patel (r) visits with customers Bill Henry (l) and Lois Morriss (seated) at the celebration.**

## Generations Come & Generations Go

By Elaine Holton Scott

According to the 1997 book, "The Fourth Turning," written by William Strauss and Neil Howe, our lives have all been shaped by the generation, also referred to as the cycle, in which we had been born. Strauss and Howe chose to start their Generational identifier one decade into the 20th century. Here's more info...if you're interested. If not, I hope to "see ya" here next month!

\*The "Greatest Generation" had belonged to those born between 1910 and 1924, a generation whose youth had been affected by "the war to end all wars," followed by the Spanish flu unknowingly brought home with our American military after WWI had ended. The Spanish flu remains the deadliest flu in modern history killing approximately 500 million people worldwide. Their lives at least had been brightened when the "Silent Movies" made their debut.

\*Babies born between 1925 and 1945 are known as the "Silent Generation." They had grown up witnessing Prohibition, the Depression, and World War II, with it all broadcast into their homes thanks to the invention of the radio. In the latter part of the 1920s, "Talking Pictures" came to movie theaters. The year of 1942 took us to war against both Japan and Germany.

\*"Baby Boomers" came along in the years 1946 through 1964, increasing America's population like no other generation before and after. With America's economy booming after the Korean War had ended, it was a time of plenty. Men were bringing home weekly paychecks, earning enough money to buy television sets thereby making the Baby Boomer generation the first to grow up with a TV...along with the Cold War, Air Raid Drills, and Bomb Shelters.

\*"Generation X" babies were born mostly during the Vietnam "Conflict" in the years 1965 to 1979 when "Body Counts" were given on the nightly News shows. 1973 brought the major gas shortage allowing gas to be bought on an odd or even basis, based upon the numbers on a person's license plate. In 1975, the TV News broadcast our soldiers evacuating from that place where over 53,000 men had needlessly lost their lives.

\*"The Millennial Generation" is for those born between the years 1980 and 1994. It's a generation in which "boom-boxes" half the size of refrigerators "boomed" loudly, while Blockbuster brought "Movie Night" right into our living rooms. Computers made their appearance and made electric typewriters just about obsolete, as well as a lot of office workers who just couldn't learn how to use them. Video games had occupied the young and so did the new cable TV shows. In 1990, the US entered into the "televised" Gulf War, also called Desert Storm, to help Kuwait after it was invaded by Hussein.

\*"Generation Z" is the name for babies born in the years 1995 through 2012. Life for them had started in the ever-growing technology boom of instant communication: cell phones, fax machines, the internet, and texting. Those "youngsters" who had adapted to all the technologies as easy as breathing are our today's "nerds"...really the only ones truly able to keep up with all the technological changes. Thank God for them!

\*"Generation Alpha" is for babies born beginning in 2013. They're currently busy making their own history.

\*\*The 4th of July is a bad time for pets because of the fireworks. Please bring your pets inside.

## OLV Senior Trip to Doolan's Oktoberfest

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Doolan's on October 10th to celebrate Oktoberfest. The price of the trip is \$90.00 which includes a delicious meal at Doolan's,

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## Flag Retirement Service In South Amboy

(Photos/info by Joe Lotkowitz)



**American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak (2nd from right) and Legion members are present at the Flag Retirement Service held at Waterfront Park Beach on June 14.**



**South Amboy firefighter Josh Trapp is igniting the fire for the retirement of worn and torn American flags at the Flag Day Service held at the beachfront in South Amboy.**



OLV students recently gave a presentation to the Sayreville Environmental Commission. Pictured from left to right are: Dean Krakowski, Romari Ebuén, Amy Krakowski, Aidan Delaney, Nicholas James, Teacher, Joann Hockenjos, and SEC president Debbie Lee, who is shown presenting certificates to the teacher and the students involved in the GeoChallenge. (Photo/info submitted)

## OLV Students Environmental Presentation to SEC

On June 3rd five eighth grade students from Our Lady of Victories School gave a presentation to the Sayreville Environmental Commission about the GeoChallenge – Tackling Plastics.

The students had competed in the GeoChallenge sponsored by the National Geographic Society. They were challenged to develop a creative solution to a real world problem. Their project focused on tackling

plastics in regard to packing box filler. The students, Michael James, Romari Ebuén, Dean Krakowski, Aidan Delaney, and Amy Krakowski, developed a presentation that included a video presentation that named the problem and offered viable solutions. Each of the students and their teacher was presented with a certificate by Sayreville Environmental Commission President Debbie Lee.

## Fiesta De San Gennaro Sept 12

If you love the great Italian music featured at the Feast of San Gennaro, the Sacred Heart Seniors have something for you. They are sponsoring an outing to the Staten Playhouse in Staten Island Thursday September 12. Cost of \$98 includes roundtrip

motor coach transportation, Romantic Italian music, one hour open bar, and one hour wine bar. A three course lunch will be served. This includes fresh garden salad, lunch entree, dessert, coffee, and tea. For reservations call Judy at 732-727-0154.

## OLV Trip to NYC Play

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to NYC to see Ain't Too Proud on Wednesday, October 2nd at 2 PM. The cost of the trip is \$250.00 which includes the theatre

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July 24	Zydeco a Go Go	New Orleans Style Rhythm & Blues, 40's Jazz and Swing
July 31	Sandy Sasso's Swinging Big Band	Jazz and Piano Music
August 7	Hotel Excelsior Orchestra	Tin Pan Alley...Hot and Sweet Jazz
August 14	The Jersey Polka Stars	Polka and Variety Music
August 21	Garden State Symphonic Band	Movies, Marches and Broadway
August 28	George Krauss Memorial Band	Anniversaries of 2019

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August 14	Pery Brothers
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July 14	The Pery Brothers	Irish Favorites and more
July 21	The Jersey Polka Stars	Polka and Variety Music
July 28	Tribute to Musical Cornucopia	The Great American Song Book
August 4	Sandy Sasso's Swinging Big Band	Jazz and Piano Music
August 11	Hotel Excelsior Orchestra	Tin Pan Alley...Hot and Sweet Jazz
August 18	NY State of Mind	The Music of Billy Joel
August 25	George Krauss Memorial Band	Anniversaries of 2019

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July 18	NY State of Mind	The Music of Billy Joel
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August 1	Parkway Soul	A Variety of Motown Classics



## SUMMERTIME AT THE DOWDELL LIBRARY!

Why visit the Dowdell Library every day this summer? Well, let's see: free computers, free Wi-Fi, free air conditioning, free movies, free books, and... Oh, yeah, free programs for every member of the family! Let's take a quick look on what's going on this July!

First and foremost, mark your calendars for the Dowdell's Summer Kick-off Program, "Eyes of the Wild"! On Monday, July 8 from 2:15pm to 3:30pm, a parade of animals from bunny rabbits to wallabies will make their way to the library. While nature's finest fauna flaunt their finest furs in Sadie's Studio, attendees can sign up for the Dowdell's summer reading clubs! Weekly prizes include free South Amboy Arena roller-skating passes, Somerset Patriot baseball tickets, free kids' meals at Bubba's 33, and Texas Roadhouse, 3-d printed objects, treasure chest prizes, and much more! All ages are welcome!

Whether they stop in before or after Eyes of the Wild, the Dowdell invites all its school-aged patrons to discover a universe of stories through two fun-filled months of summer reading, viewing, making, and learning! On Maker Mondays, young visitors will have the opportunity to explore a number of novel technologies including the Finch Robot, Raspberry Pi Retro Gaming Emulator, Makey Makey, and more! Crafty Tuesdays will feature analog make-it-yourself activities; projects include Galaxy Bookmarks, Martian Headbands, UFO CDs, Guardians of the Galaxy Mixtapes, and Galaxy Bottles. On Wednesdays, Sadie's Studio in 3-D pairs Toddler STEAM Tales, a tech-themed storytime, and 3-D Printer Magic, a program blending expensive machines and cheap plastic. Both events run from 1pm to 2pm every week. You don't want to miss Out of This Universe Thursdays, which offer another dose of Toddler STEAM Tales alongside unique events like MIY Sundaes, the Rubik's Cube Challenge, and Big Chungus Checkers! Finally, Fridays are Club Days! Options include Anime Club, Art Club, Board Game Club, and Videogaming Club. Meetings are planned for every Friday

and will run on a drop-in basis from 1pm to 4pm. No registration is required; please contact the library for additional information.

The Dowdell is also offering a unique set of separate events for its teen and tween patrons. T(w)een Books and Bites, the Dowdell's bring-your-own-read book club, will meet on Monday, July 15 and Monday, July 29 from 2:30pm to 4pm. Raspberry Pi Retro Gaming sessions are scheduled for Monday, July 1 and Monday, July 22 from 2:30pm to 4pm. Screenslayers, a new movie hate-watching club, runs from 2:30pm to 4:30pm on Tuesdays including July 2, 23, and 30. Two Animation Workshops are penciled in for Tuesday, July 9 and Tuesday, July 16 from 3pm to 4:30pm. Each Wednesday, t(w)een patrons will have the opportunity to design and print their own 3-D objects during 3-D Printer Magic with Tinkercad, running from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. Other major summer events include an Escape Room (on Thursday, July 18 from 2pm to 4pm) and a Library Lock-In (on Thursday, July 25 from 7:30pm to 9:30pm). Please contact the library for additional information about these exciting events, as both require advance registration!

And what about adults? No worries—the Dowdell's got plenty planned! Looking to expand your mind? The Dowdell's Yoga Series continues with Meditation for Beginners on Tuesday, July 9 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Interested in 3-D printing? Try EZ 3-D Printer for Adults on Thursday, July 11 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Want to learn a new language? On Thursday, July 18 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm, Tech Drop-In will explore Rosetta Stone. Get started at the library and continue at home! Craving a new favorite snack? Sample a culinary class on July Tuesdays from 12pm to 1pm. Nibble Savory Toasts on July 9 and 16, then sink your teeth into Grilled Peach Cake on July 23 and 30.

Curious what else is going on at your local library? Stop by in-person or visit our website to sign up for our newsletter and view adult and children's activity calendars, which are updated on a monthly basis.

## Memorial Service



**A Memorial Service and burial of ashes will be held for former South Amboy residents Joseph "Joe" Burkard and his wife Elaine Nemeth Burkard on Wednesday, July 24th at 10:30 a.m., at Fairview Cemetery, 456 Highway 35 in Red Bank.**

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(News release submitted)

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The first show, scheduled for Tuesday, July 23 from 6:30pm to 8pm, will feature acoustic guitarists Jerry Smith & Dan Toye. Jerry Smith has played music at festivals, coffee-houses, hospitals, nursing homes, and a variety of local fundraisers for nearly 40 years. His original song, "South Amboy, USA," which is available on YouTube, is a tribute to his family's historical connection to the town. Dan Toye has played in venues all around New Jersey and is a fine guitarist and songwriter. His CD Goin' Home is available at his shows as well as CD Baby,

iTunes, and Apple Music. Both Dan and Jerry are members of Musicians on a Mission, an organization that "raises awareness and funds for local charitable organizations through planned musical events showcasing New Jersey performers."

As an intermission, on Monday, August 18 from 6:30pm to 8pm, the Dowdell will host its first-ever P.L.A.Y. After Dark Jam Session. Bring your instrument—any instrument—down and join the party! Sheet music, chord sheets, and refreshments will be provided.

The second show, scheduled for the Dowdell's End of Summer Party on Monday, August 26 from 6:30pm to 8:30 pm, will feature the Paul Nagy Project. The Paul Nagy Project has been together for several years and plays an eclectic mix of classic rock. The band consists of Paul Nagy on lead guitar, Scott Bishop on keyboard and vocals, Roger Blake on bass, and Dave Lippencott on drums. The band plays in the Dunellen, Bound Brook, and Raritan area and will be expanding their range this summer to cover shows in Somerville and Pennsylvania. They like to present a broad spectrum in the tunes they play, which range from The Beatles to King Crimson, The Zombies to Peter Gabriel, The Animals to Mike and the Mechanics, and Joe Cocker to The Moody Blues (just to name a few!).

Show your South Amboy Library Card at any of these events to enter a Door Prize Drawing!

### One Hit Wonders 60 Years Ago

1959-Gotta Travel On-Billy Grammer; The All-American Boy-Bill Parsons; The Little Space Girl-Jesse Lee Turner; I've Had It-The Bell Notes; Tragedy-Thomas Wayne; Sea Cruise-Frankie Ford; Pink Shoe Laces-Dodie Stevens; Tell Him No-Travis & Bob; Three Stars-Tommy Dee; Kookie, Kookie (Lend Me Your Comb)-Edd Byrnes; Only You-Frank Pourcel's French Fiddles; So Fine-The Fiastas; Bongo Rock-Preston Epps;

Hushabye-The Mystics; You're So Fine-The Falcons; Waterloo-Stonewall Jackson; Here Comes Summer-Jerry Keller; Sea Of Love-Phil Phillips w/The Twilights; Morgen-Ivo Robic; Say Man-Bo Diddley; Battle Hymn Of The Republic-The Mormon Tabernacle Choir; Deck Of Cards-Wink Martindale; The Enchanted Sea-The Islanders; Woo-Hoo-The Rock-A-Teens; Uh! Oh! Part 2-The Nutty Squirrels; In The Mood-Ernie Fields.

### Tommy James CD Release Party At Vintage Vinyl

(Photos/info by Tom Burkard)



The great Tommy James, leader of Tommy James & The Shondells (c) signs a guitar for an avid fan. Singer Tone Z, (l) is also featured on Tommy's new album, "Alive."



Pictured (l-r) Tone Z, Tommy James, and Vintage Vinyl owner Rob Roth.

### Hangin' With The Stars



Former Sayreville resident Walter Krzyzkowski (standing) is pictured with the fabulous Smithereens. He said, "Marshall Crenshaw was filling in for my friend the late Pat Dinizio. It was a great show at the World Cafe Live in Philadelphia, but I still missed my buddy!"



Walter Krzyzkowski (c) is pictured with Jarod Clemons (l) (youngest son of Clarence Clemons), and Rock 'n Roll Hall of Famer Vini "Mad Dog" Lopez at Danny Clinch Gallery in Asbury Park. (Photos/info courtesy of Walter Krzyzkowski)

### #1 Pop Hits On June 29

- 2007-Umbrella-Rihanna with Jay-Z
- 1998-The Boy Is Mine-Brandy & Monica
- 1982-Ebony And Ivory-Paul McCartney w/ Stevie Wonder
- 1979-Love You Inside Out-The Bee Gees
- 1961-Quarter To Three-U.S. Bonds
- 1959-The Battle Of New Orleans Johnny Horton

### #1 Country Hits On June 29

- 2002-Living And Living Well-George Strait
- 1993-Blame It On Your Heart-Patty Loveless
- 1988-He's Back And I'm Blue-The Desert Rose Band
- 1970-Hello Darlin'-Conway Twitty
- 1964-Together Again-Buck Owens
- 1958-Guess Things Happen That Way-Johnny Cash

### The Ultimate Summer Special Music Trivia

By Tom Burkard

- |                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Here Comes Summer          | a. The Beach Boys         |
| 2. In The Summertime          | b. Billy Stewart          |
| 3. Summer Breeze              | c. Frank Sinatra          |
| 4. Summertime                 | d. Don Henley             |
| 5. Wonderful Summer           | e. Robin Ward             |
| 6. Cruel Summer               | f. Jerry Keller           |
| 7. Summer Wind                | g. The Doors              |
| 8. Summer Rain                | h. Eddie Cochran          |
| 9. Summer's Almost Gone       | i. The Lovin' Spoonful    |
| 10. A Summer Song             | j. The Danleers           |
| 11. Boys Of Summer            | k. Bananarama             |
| 12. Summer Nights             | l. Johnny Rivers          |
| 13. One Summer Night          | m. Chad & Jeremy          |
| 14. Summer Of '69             | n. Sly & The Family Stone |
| 15. All Summer Long           | o. Olivia Newton-John     |
| 16. Summer In The City        | p. Seals & Crofts         |
| 17. Summertime Blues          | q. Mungo Jerry            |
| 18. Hot Fun In The Summertime | r. Bryan Adams            |

Answers - 18r, 17q, 16p, 15o, 14n, 13m, 12l, 11k, 10j, 9i, 8h, 7g, 6f, 5e, 4d, 3c, 2b, 1a

## You Tube-In

Bruce Springsteen's new CD is out, and has some really interesting new recordings, even though he does not use the E-Street Band on the album. "Hello Sunshine" is an excellent sounding song/video that seems like it would be a top hit as a country single if he chose to go in that direction. The hook is very catchy, and the music gives it a laid back beat, complete with steel guitar that gives it country flavor. "Tucson Train" is in the opposite genre, and is more of a pop sound, an excellent one at that...On the religious/spiritual side, Kathy Lee Gifford has a fine recording from a few years ago titled, "He Saw Jesus"...Another one worth listening to is "I Can Only Imagine" by Mercy Me...Actor Dennis Quaid & The Sharks has a terrific

song titled "On My Way To Heaven"...Brian Hyland, who had 3 big hits including a number 1 "Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polkadot Bikini" in 1960, "Sealed With A Kiss" #3 in '62, and "Gypsy Woman" #3 in 1970, has a new Pop Underground song, "Walk That Walk." Actor Jeff Daniels plays guitar and sings with his son's band, The Ben Daniels Band, and can be viewed by going to: Jeff Daniels along with Zachary Scot Johnson & The Ben Daniels Band, as they play some fine songs-"A Matter of Timin' (With his son Ben), and "Wicked World"...Another actor who also loves performing music is Kevin Bacon of The Bacon Brothers, and Dennis Quaid who plays and sings some pretty good songs.

## Enjoy the Sounds of Summer With Music-in-the-Park Summer Concert Series

(Article submitted)

Come out to our County Parks for another summer of free outdoor concerts. This year offers a variety of different musical styles in some of our most scenic parks, so you can enjoy live entertainment close to home. "Music-in-the-Park is a great outdoor opportunity that the whole family can enjoy," said Middlesex County Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios. "Grab a chair or blanket and get ready to enjoy the sounds of summer." "Whether you're a music lover or just a casual fan, this series offers something for everyone," said Freeholder Charles Kenny, Chair of the Infrastructure Management Committee. "You can explore Jazz, Motown, Classic Rock and much more with these free live performances."

- Thompson Park - Wednesdays, 2 to 3:30 PM,** Forsgate Dr., Jamesburg  
In case of inclement weather please call 732-745-8188
- June 26 - Mark Heter Band: Concert Band Classics and July Fourth Favorites  
July 10 - Greg Giannascoli, Marimba & Barry Spatz, Piano: Gershwin, Bernstein & more  
July 17 - Tribute to Musical Cornucopia: The Great American Song Book  
July 24 - Zydeco a Go Go: New Orleans Style Rhythm & Blues, 40's Jazz and Swing  
July 31 - Sandy Sasso's Swinging Big Band  
August 7 - Hotel Excelsior Orchestra: Tin Pan Alley... Hot and Sweet Jazz  
August 14 - The Jersey Polka Stars: Polka and Variety Music  
August 21 - Garden State Symphonic Band: Movies, Marches and Broadway  
August 28 - George Krauss Memorial Band: Anniversaries of 2019
- Raritan Bay Waterfront Park - Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 PM,** O'Leary Blvd., South Amboy. Concerts will take place rain or shine.. **\*In case of Inclement Weather, the concert will take place at the South Amboy Middle/High School Auditorium. Shuttle bus service will be provided each week courtesy of Middlesex County Area Transit.\***
- June 26 - The Tim Gillis Band: The Greatest of County Music  
July 10 - The Cameos: NJ's Favorite Oldies Group  
July 17 - Danny V's 52nd St. Band: A Tribute to Billy Joel  
July 24 - Zydeco a Go-Go: New Orleans Style Rhythm & Blues, 40's Jazz and Swing  
July 31 - Parkway Soul: A Variety of Motown Classics  
August 7 - Everything Everly: The Guthrie Brothers sing the best of The Everly Brothers  
August 14 - The Perry Brothers: Irish Favorites and more  
August 21 - Asbury Fever: The Best of Bruce Springsteen & Sounds of the Jersey Shore  
August 28 - The British Invasion Tribute: More Than Just the Beatles
- Spring Lake Park Gazebo - Sundays, 6 to 7:30 PM,** Maple Avenue, South Plainfield  
In case of inclement weather please call 732-745-8188
- June 30 - Mark Heter Band: Concert Band Classics and July Fourth Favorites  
\*\*July 7 - Greg Giannascoli, marimba & Barry Spatz, piano: Gershwin, Bernstein & more  
July 14 - The Perry Brothers: Irish Favorites and more  
July 21 - The Jersey Polka Stars: Polka and Variety Music  
\*\*July 28 - Tribute to Musical Cornucopia: The Great American Song Book  
August 4 - Sandy Sasso's Swinging Big Band  
August 11 - Hotel Excelsior Orchestra: Tin Pan Alley... Hot and Sweet Jazz  
August 18 - NY State of Mind: The Music of Billy Joel  
August 25 - George Krauss Memorial Band: Anniversaries of 2019.  
\*\* Please note: the July 7 & 28 concerts will start at 6:15 PM.
- Joseph Medwick Park - Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:00 PM,** Post Blvd., Carteret  
In case of inclement weather please call 732-745-8188
- July 18 - NY State of Mind: The Music of Billy Joel  
July 25 - Scarborough Fair: A Tribute to Simon & Garfunkel  
August 1 - Parkway Soul: A Variety of Motown Classics  
All concerts are free and open to the public. For more information, call 732-745-8188 or search "Music-in-the-Park".



Singer Lou Christie acknowledges applause after finishing his #1 hit from 1966, "Lightning Strikes" at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## Top Bands From Perth Amboy In The 60's

By Tom Burkard

From the mid through late 1960's, Perth Amboy had some very talented rock and roll bands. A few of them played at teen dances in South Amboy and Sayreville at venues like St. Mary's HS, Sacred Heart Memorial Hall summer dances, Hoffman HS, Frog Hollow Swim & Tennis Club, and other locations.

The Generations were led by the Eaton brothers, and featured a lot of brass, and some of the best soul music around. They also cut a 45 record "Soul Country" which can be heard on youtube.com...The Young

Temptations were led by future standout lead vocalist Michael "Mickey" Mauro, who went on to a fabulous professional solo singing career...The Invaders got great saxophone music from the late Jess Dehnz Jr., from South Amboy, and vocals and guitar from Isaac Rosa. They also released a 45 record, a beautiful slow song titled "O' Lord", and on the B-side was an instrumental called "Wildroote.". You can catch "O'Lord" on youtube.com.

## South Amboy Arts Update

By Joan Conway

South Amboy Arts invites you to join us in learning, creating and enjoying! Come out and join us for the following summer and fall events.

At the SA Gallery exhibitions include; It's a Wrap! Saris & Textiles of India and Voices of the Holocaust-The Artists of Terezin with art created by children, artists and composers. Around the City of South Amboy you can enjoy:

**July 3rd Celebration at Waterfront Park-** come look for us at our activity booth

**Tuesdays in July Drawing Lessons** will take place at the SA Gallery from 1-3 pm. Please call 732-754-7913 for details.

**August 22nd-The Hoffman/South Amboy HS Alumni Lip Sync** at South Amboy MS/High School Auditorium;

**September 28th Artsfest 2019** on BroadwayArtfest 2019 on Broadway-September 28

South Amboy Arts welcomes you to enjoy the SA Gallery shows and other arts related opportunities in the city. Look for us on Facebook at South Amboy Arts Alliance and the City of South Amboy Website. Contact us if you are interested in working with us to bring the ARTS alive in South Amboy.

## K of C Karaoke Night



"Honey" from East Brunswick is singing one of Patsy Cline's greatest hits "She's Got You" at the South Amboy K of C Karaoke Night May 17th. (Photo/info by Joe Lotkowitz)



## South Amboy Arts presented South Amboy MS/HS Student Artists



South Amboy Arts Gallery showcased the work of our MS/HS Student Artists. Students prepared their choice pieces to hang in the gallery at 141 N Broadway. The opening show was Wednesday, May 29th. The student artwork included 2 and 3-dimensional pieces. That evening there was also a reading of one of the art student's creative writing piece and a musical performance of a local musician, Alexei Yavtuhovick of the Collegium Musicum. (Photos/info submitted by Joan Conway)



## Red White & Blue

By Tom Burkard

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. __ Nights In White Satin   | a. Sam The Sham & The Pharoahs |
| 2. __ Little Red Corvette     | b. Tommy James & The Shondells |
| 3. __ Crystal Blue Persuasion | c. Bobby Vinton                |
| 4. __ Little Red Riding Hood  | d. Prince                      |
| 5. __ Blue Velvet             | e. The Moody Blues             |
| 6. __ White Wedding           | f. Billy Idol                  |
| 7. __ Blue Bayou              | g. Roy Orbison                 |
| 8. __ White Horse             | h. Nena                        |
| 9. __ Red Rubber Ball         | i. Laid Back                   |
| 10. __ 99 Red Balloons        | j. The Cyrkle                  |

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

## Where Have You Gone, Joe Gabel?

By Tom Burkard

Joe Gabel had an outstanding athletic career at Sayreville War Memorial HS from 1966-1970, and did extremely well throughout his most interesting life.

In an exclusive interview, we touched many bases from sports to his career field and much more.

Joe told me that, "My dad thought I was gifted, and threw overhand to me at 5 years old." His baseball coaches through the years were his dad, Jack Trenta, Bill Switzer, Bob Keister, and Ernie Casazza. In high school, he lettered in 4 sports; baseball, basketball, football, and soccer. Gabel had high praise for Bombers baseball coach John Wortley, saying "Outside of my dad, I never met a better coach than John Wortley."

He credits Wortley with getting him a baseball scholarship to Northern Arizona University, where he was reunited with former Sayreville teammates Reggie Carney and Fred Poli, who were already playing for the varsity at the school. "I had developed power, and when I arrived at Arizona, the Sayreville guys were astonished. I played center field there, and it was ironic, because I had played third base the year before at Sayreville. I tried to get into Arizona State, but their coach, Bobby Winkles, a former big-leaguer wouldn't let me."

Gabel stayed for one semester at Northern Arizona U., and transferred to Salisbury State, where he played varsity baseball. He was very talented, and had 2 big league tryouts with the Dodgers, and one each with the Pirates and Braves. Joe felt his best performance came with the Pirates where he blasted a homer, and triple, and stole a base, and threw a runner out at home. To this day, he can't understand why he never was signed by a MLB team. After one tryout, Dutch Deutsch, a scout told Joe's dad, that "He can't hit the curve."

In 1975, he graduated with a BS in Business from Towson State and was hired by Amerada-Hess, where he worked as an Internal Auditor for 5 years. His next job was

at SCA Chemical Services in Newark, and he was transferred to Chicago. As a controller, he built the world's largest chemical waste incinerator.

His career path then took him to AT&T, where he designed a billing system, but unfortunately he was caught in the company's downsizing. So, it was on to Interbay Mortgage Co. as a sales rep, and he was doing very well selling reverse mortgages to senior citizens...but the market crashed, and he retired.

In retrospect, Joe said that "My mom and dad were my biggest influences in life. Dad taught me everything about baseball. He played baseball in high school. My parents went to all of my high school games."

Gabel said that his greatest baseball thrill was "In the '69 state tourney against Union, and I hit a home run to win the game in extra innings, 1-0." His next greatest memory was "In the '70 state title game against Union, and their ace pitcher Neil Gold. I hit a 2-run triple and stole home, and we won the championship, 4-0. Our '69 Sayreville team was the best I ever played on, and the '70 team was the most fun."

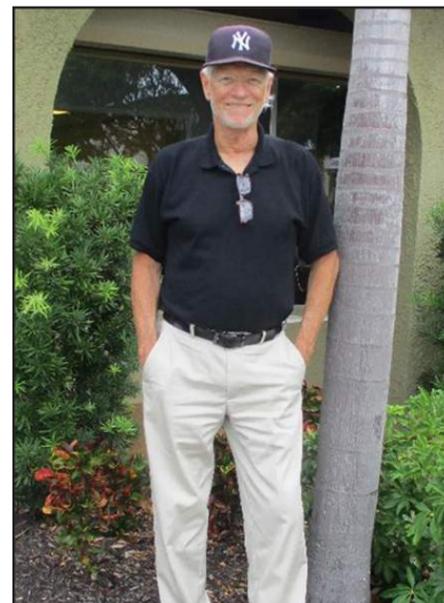
Fast forward to around 2008...Joe who has been playing adult amateur baseball from age 32-66 (present), saw an ad in the Star Ledger for open tryouts with the Newark Bears professional baseball club. The team was owned by former New York Yankee catcher Rick Cerone at the time. Gabel remembered his dad telling him that when he was a kid, he saw them play, and Joe wanted to pay tribute to his father by trying out for the Bears. "I was 55 years old at the time, and I tried out for first base along with Ozzie Canseco, Jose's brother. I did pretty well, but he got the job. He had the big name and was younger."

Joe Gabel said, "I have no regrets in life, but I just wonder why I was never drafted by a pro team. Kevin Lynch and Gary Unkel asked the same question."

Joe Gabel Notebook: He was future NFL

great Joe Theisman's roommate when they played baseball in the AAABA Tournament at Johnstown, PA...In high school, he guarded Perth Amboy basketball superstar/future NBA standout Brian Taylor, and held him to 18 points, much lower than his average... He also played with former Dallas Cowboys star Drew Pearson and Scotty Skarzynski who played for Penn State...Joe told us that he recently wrote a book called "10 Ghostly Stories" and it is now available at Amazon, and also at Barnes & Noble...Joe Gabel had plenty of power at the plate, and blasted 10 career home runs with the Sayreville Bombers, and just think, back then, everyone used wooden baseball bats!

\*A special thank you Joe, for granting me the interview, and my best wishes always!



Joe Gabel



Joe Gabel is pictured in his Sayreville Bombers uniform in 1969, when Coach John Wortley's club won the Middlesex County Coaches Baseball Tournament (MCCBT) baseball championship, and Joe was selected MVP.



The crowd is on its feet, as Joe Gabel goes airborne over Scotch Plains catcher in a Group IV state tourney game in 1969.

## The Y Keeps Kids Safe Around Water

The world is 71% water-children are 100% curious! The South Amboy YMCA's Safety Around Water Program, designed to engage children and educate parents about the importance of water safety skills, is being offered to all second grade students in partnership with the City of South Amboy School District.

Due in part to the YMCA of the USA's Strategic Initiatives Fund, this initiative is being offered at no cost to over 70 children. Additional program costs, including transportation expenses, will be funded through donations received from the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy's Annual Support Campaign. Children will learn two basic skills that will reduce the risk of drowning and give participants' confidence around water: how to get to safety if they fall into a pool, and how to safely swim to safety without tiring.

"The Y believes teaching children how to be safe around water is not a luxury, it is a necessity", said Rose Cushing, President & CEO of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy. "The Safety Around Water program can help children, families and adults make sure they learn essential water safety skills, which can open up a world of possibilities for them to satisfy their curiosity safely."

Know the facts! Two children die every

day from drowning. Statistics show that drowning remains the second leading cause of accidental death for children under the age of 14, yet many kids do not receive formal swimming or water safety training. Eighty eight percent of kids who drown are under adult supervision and 60 percent are within 10 feet of safety.

Through Safety Around Water, children will learn how to respond if they find themselves in unexpected water situations, from learning how to reach the water's surface if they submerge, to safely reaching a pool's edge or exiting any body of water.

Superintendent Jorge E. Diaz met with Karen Robson, newly appointed South Amboy YMCA Director of Operations, earlier this year to brainstorm ideas for programming between the two entities. "The YMCA continues to serve as a vital partner that dedicates itself to community outreach and support", said Mr. Diaz. "We welcome any opportunity to offer a program that enriches the lives of our students. Water safety is a life skill, and it is especially important for our students who live near the Raritan Bay."

Council President and YMCA member Mickey Gross stated, "As a waterfront developing community, we have a social responsibility to equip children with the tools they need to be confident in and around water. Every child in our community deserves



access to water safety." To help support this initiative and other scholarship needs, the Y will be selling 50/50 tickets at the South Amboy YMCA located at 200 John T. O'Leary Boulevard. Tickets will be sold until the start of the fireworks show at the Independence Day Celebration which begins at 4pm at the Raritan Bay Waterfront Park on July 3rd. The South Amboy YMCA offers swim lessons and free community swim

times, welcoming all, due to the efforts of the Y's Annual Support Campaign. All guests are swim-tested by a YMCA-trained lifeguard. A YMCA membership is not required; however, a guest application is required. YMCA scholarships, funded by the Y's Annual Support Campaign, are available for membership or programs. Call the South Amboy YMCA at 732.553.9622 or visit ymcaofmews.org for more information

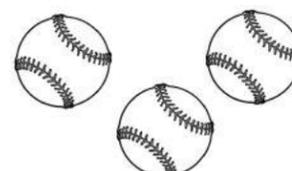


## Trinity Methodist 50th Anniversary

On January 20th, the Trinity Methodist Church, located at 815 Bordentown Ave., South Amboy, celebrated its 50th Anniversary at this location. It was a very festive occasion as there was a lot to celebrate! If you are interested in finding out what our church family is about, please do not hesitate to call us at the church office, or leave a message at 732-721-3558. (Photo/info submitted)

## Carteret Tops Guvs In Final

Kyle Gasiewski fired a fine 5-hitter and struck out 10, but the South Amboy baseball team could only notch 3 hits off a strong Carteret club, and the Guvs bowed 3-0 to the Ramblers in the GMC Invitational Tournament championship game



## School Sports

By Tom Burkard

### 2019 Final Team Leaders

#### Baseball

##### South Amboy (13-8)

**Runs**-Kyle Gasiewski 25 Zach Honimar 16 Stephen McLaughlin 15; **Hits**-Gasiewski 27 Honimar 24 McLaughlin 24 Raymond Perez 24 Nick Charmello 23; **RBI**-Perez 17 Honimar 13 Johnny Gonzalez 12; **Doubles**-Honimar 8 Charmello 5; **Home Runs**-Charmello, Gonzalez, 1 each; **Stolen Bases**-Gasiewski 12 Honimar 10; **Batting Avg.**-Honimar .414 Gasiewski .409 Perez .400 Charmello .348 Gonzalez .346 McLaughlin .343 Juhass .300; **Won-Lost**-Charmello 6-0 Gasiewski 4-5 Honimar 1-3 McLaughlin 1-0 Perez 1-0; **Innings Pitched**-Gasiewski 57 Charmello 39; **Strikeouts**-Gasiewski 80 Charmello 47; **ERA**-Charmello 1.44 Gasiewski 1.84.

##### Sayreville (9-15)

**Runs**-James Ryan 13 Joe Haytas 12 Ryan Casaro 12; **Hits**-Ryan 16 Dylan McTonic 15 Ethan Calciano 15; **Doubles**-Calciano 5 McTonic 4; **Home Runs**-Haytas, Dan McDonnell 1 each; **Batting Avg.**-Christian Aich .275 Ryan .258 McDonnell .250; **Won-Lost**-Ryan Ament 3-2 Ajay Churaman 2-2 Nick Lodzinski 2-2 Aaryan Mehta 1-0 Christian Aich 1-7 Mike Romanello 0-3; **Innings Pitched**-Aich 41.1 Churaman 29.2 Lodzinski 25.2; **Strikeouts**-Aich 51 Lodzinski 37 Ament 34 Churaman 31; **ERA**-Lodzinski 1.36 Aich 2.88 Churaman 3.78.

#### Softball

##### South Amboy (9-11)

**Runs**-Taylor Russo 17 Julie Olivieri 16 Renee Piazzolla 15 Soraya Pina 15; **Hits**-Nala Gawroriski 19 Russo 19 Olivieri 17; **Doubles**-Pina 5 Gawroriski 4; **Triples**-Gawroriski 3; **Stolen Bases**-Russo 11 Piazzolla 8; **Batting Avg.**-Gawroriski .528 Pina .400 Russo .388 Olivieri .378 Alexis Calisti .319 Piazzolla .300.

##### Sayreville (5-12)

**Runs**-Destiny Gonzalez 16 Morgan Wehrle 12; **Hits**-Jalyn Dzamba 16 Gonzalez 15 Wehrle 15; **Doubles**-Gonzalez 4; **Triples**-Gonzalez, Paige Kaminsky 2 each; **Home Runs**-Gonzalez 1; **Batting Avg.**-Wehrle .366 Dzamba .340 Gonzalez .319; **Wins**-Jessica Wasko 2 Roberts 2.

### College Notebook

Jackie Riley (Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's) turned in an outstanding season, both offensively, and on the pitcher's mound for Kean University (39-8). She batted .333 with 39 hits, 5 doubles, 2 home runs, and 35 RBI, while racking up an incredible (16-1) mark with a team-leading 1.33 ERA, and holding opponents to a .211 batting avg. against her. Jackie had 6 shutouts, 2 saves,

and in 115.2 innings pitched, she struck out 71...Kelly Duffy (Sayreville) put some nice numbers up for Rowan University (33-15). She batted .319, with 44 hits, 10 doubles, 2 homers, and 31 RBI...Pete Soporowski (Sayreville) topped Rider University (17-36) pitchers with a 2.64 ERA, 62 strikeouts, and a .229 batting avg. by opponents when facing him. He was (3-2) for 2019.

### South Amboy Falls In Quarterfinals

Coach Dan Poulsen's South Amboy Guvs outhit Point Pleasant Beach, 12-6 in the CJ Group quarterfinals, and dropped a tough 4-2 contest to the #3 seed. Kyle Gasiewski turned in a strong outing, striking out 4, and

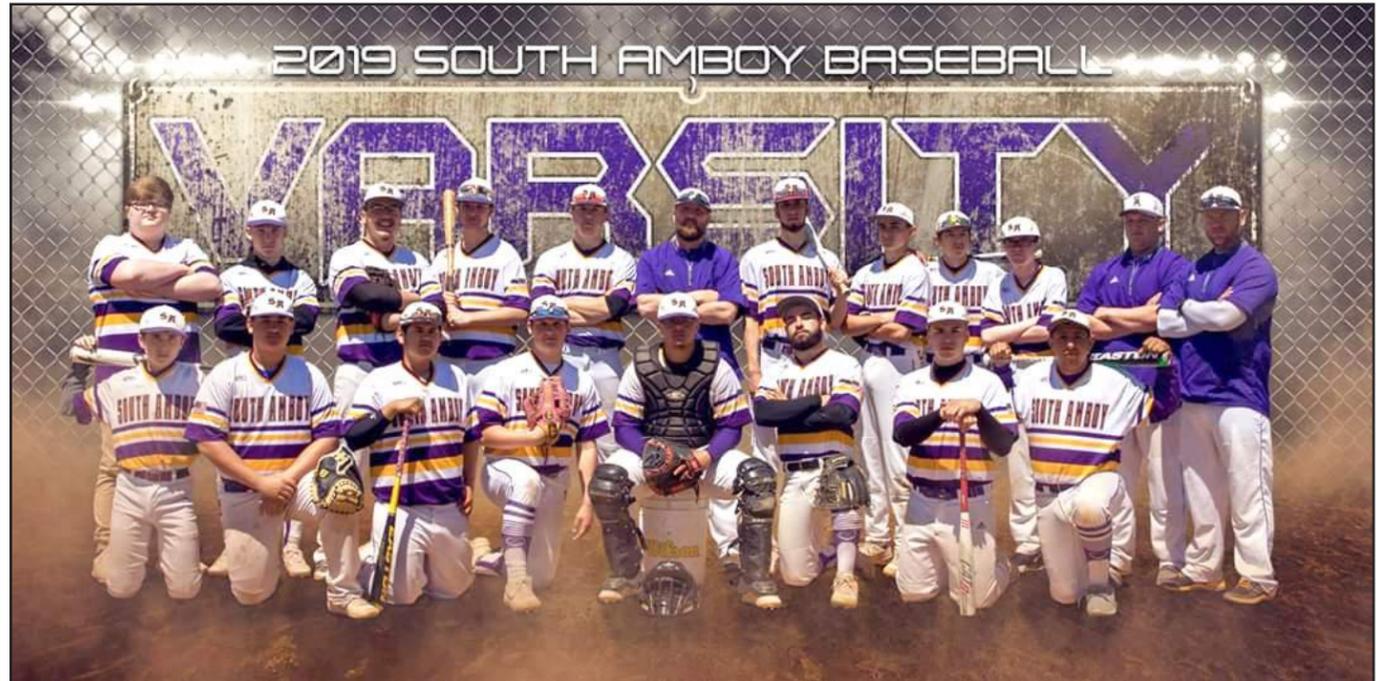
allowing only 6 hits in 5.2 innings of mound duty. Raymond Perez drilled 2 singles and drove in 2 runs, Zach Honimar ripped 2 singles and stole a base, and Andrew Juhass laced 2 singles for the Purple & Gold boys.

### Albarran, Kennedy Win County Titles

Rafael Albarran and Guin Kennedy became South Amboy HS first two freshman county champions in history. Albarran won the championship in the 1600m with a fast

time of 4:46, and Kennedy captured the 3200m in a quick 13:01. Congratulations to both track standouts on your great accomplishments! (Photo/Info Submitted)

## Champions



The South Amboy Governors boys baseball team had a fine season under Coach Dan Poulsen, and captured the Gold Division championship. The Purple & Gold finished with an overall (13-8) record, and (7-1) to win the Gold. Congratulations Guvs! (Photo by Amy McLaughlin)



### South Amboy 4x800 Team Smash School Record

South Amboy boys track & field athletes (l-r) Rafael Albarran, Bryan Pena, Coach Mr. Mecca, Abe Calderon, Jack Lukie are pictured at the NJSIAA CJ Group I Sectionals at Howell High School. The boys 4x800 meter relay team of Jack Lukie, Bryan Pena, Abe Calderon and Rafael Albarran, who placed 4th in the section and qualified for states. The boys 4x800 team smashed the school record of 8:43 by posting a very fast time of 8:36, aided by a 2:03 anchor leg by Rafael Albarran. (Photo/Info Submitted)



## Sayreville Recreation Department Mets / Yankee sTrips



**August 10, 2019**

**Mets vs Washington Nationals  
\$90 per ticket**

**August 16, 2019**

**Yankees vs Cleveland Indians  
\$100 per ticket**

**Bus leaves Mickey Sedlak Rec Center  
at 4:00 pm sharp!**

**Price Includes ticket, bus,  
bus driver tip & parking**

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



Pictured at the GMC Track Coaches Freshman Championships at Old Bridge HS are South Amboy tracksters (l-r) Gwen Kennedy, Coach Mr. Mecca, Rafael Albarran. (Photo/info submitted)

## The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

### From The Sports Archives



1963-This edition of the Sayreville Bombers baseball team finished (10-9). Pictured bottom row (l-r) Ron Kornacki, Tom Rummell, Joe Bettoli, Mr. Vito Recine, Coach John Wortley, Assistant Coach Homer Dill, Mark Weresow, Phil Musso, Joe Bartkovicz. Middle row (l-r) Paul Slovik, Steve Gozora, Terry Popowski, Mike Diffin, Bob Mazurowski, Dennis Dzergoski, Harry Clayton, Bill Trzaska, Jim Greenhaus. Top row (l-r) Bob Kupcha, Frank Churchman, Ricky Paprota, Ed Kozicki, Jim Williams. Batboy-John Wortley. (Photo courtesy of Jane Wortley)

### Glory Days In Local Sports

1962-Junior pitcher Joe Pohl notched a 9-3 victory over Keyport, while striking out 12. He also belted 3 hits including 2 doubles. Lou Nanna had 3 hits, Joe Jankowski a single and double, Frank Ruzala and Tom Fitzmorris laced 2 hits apiece. 1973-Mike Downs lined a game-winning single to score Bob Stillwagon, and give Hoffman a 3-2 thrilling win over Jamesburg in baseball action. George Bongiorno was the winning pitcher. Ray Poulson added an RBI single, and John Szatkowski hit a double. 1985-St. Mary's girls softball squad plastered Piscataway Vo-Tech, 27-3. Eleanor Wykpisz hammered out 4 hits including a triple and drove in 6 runs. Maureen Martin stroked 4

hits, winning pitcher Debbie Kelton socked a 3-bagger, and Jean O'Toole had a two-base hit. 1994-Sayreville girls softball team finished (14-11). Stephanie Allocco topped the Bombers with a .302 batting avg., while Tracey Thomsen was a fine (13-8) with a 2.74 ERA. 2003-Middlesex mauled Sayreville, 19-7 in the 1st round of the GMCT baseball tourney. Keith Simpkins stroked a single and triple, while Kyle Masterson unloaded a triple. 2010-South Amboy boys baseball contingent walloped Wardlaw-Hartridge, 19-3 in 5 innings. Joe Charmello had an amazing career game by blasting a grand slam home run, double and triple, while racking up 8 RBI to set a new school record.

### T.H.E. Game

Year-2012

Teams-South Amboy vs. Cardinal McCarrick in the City Series Game #2

Recap-The Governors exploded for 9 runs in the 2nd inning and ran away with a 12-1, 5 inning victory over the Eagles. Kevin Zulin picked up his first varsity pitching win, by hurling 3 hitless innings and striking out 5. Nick Kales ripped 3 hits and knocked in 2, Keith Warzecha added 3 hits and an RBI, and Charles Pannell drilled a 2-run double.

### Diamond Dust 50 Years Ago

1969 South Amboy Little Fellas League Weiss 7 K of C 0-George Bongiorno was the winning pitcher, while Joe Kolakowski belted 2 doubles.

English Chevron 9 Daylight Bakery 8 -Craig Biesiada notched the pitching victory, as Dan Wilusz ripped 2 doubles.

Protection 7 Jo-Tom's 4-Winning pitcher Fred Beaudry blasted a home run.

Enterprise 8 K of C 4-Myron English drilled 2 hits to aid winning pitcher Mike Klimchak. Lions 15 Progressive 2-Bob Jankowitz smashed a single, and homer, and Tom Billich garnered the victory.

South Amboy Babe Ruth League

Komars 6 Mechanicsville 0-Ron Croddick paced the offense with 2 singles, a triple and 2 RBI, as winning pitcher Billy Kurpiecki struck out 9.

South Amboy Trust Co. 9 Independence 3 -Tom Boychuk was the winning pitcher and fanned 8. Gary Lange ripped 2 doubles and had 2 RBI, while Alan Pasztonyicky knocked in 3 runs with a single and triple.

Men's Slow Pitch Softball League

English Chevron 2 Roddy's Tavern 1-Joe Kabarec singled in the winning run to provide pitcher Dave Stolte with the victory. Joe McCarthy homered for Roddy's.

Amboy-Madison Bank 11 English Chevron 10 -Jack Paro was the winning pitcher. Paul Jankowski stroked 3 hits for English's.



**Yogi Said**

"You can observe a lot by watching."

### First Slow Pitch No-Hitter

1971-Jack Gallagher fired the first complete game no-hitter in South Amboy Slow Pitch history to lead his team, The Place to an 8-0 victory over Enterprise in the semifinals of the playoffs. Gallagher's bid for a perfect game was ruined by 2 errors in the last inning

### Did You Know?

The South Amboy Babe Ruth League officially opened in 1958 for its inaugural season...1963-The South Amboy Little Fellas League was incorporated as a "Not for profit organization"...In 1995, the South Amboy Athletic Association received its new name "To better reflect participation of female athletes"... The name was changed again in 1997 "To acknowledge we now had a basketball league."

### Pro Baseball Watch

Brandon Bielak of Sayreville was promoted by the Houston Astros to Round Rock their AAA team in the PCL. In 4 starts he is (0-3) with a 9.17 ERA, and has 18 strikeouts in 17.2 innings.

Riley O'Brien, grandson of South Amboy legend John O'Brien, is currently pitching for the Tampa Bay Rays Charlotte team in the Florida League. In 6 starts, he is (2-0) with a 1.59 ERA, and has 35 strikeouts in 34 innings.

### Back In Those College Days

Mike Consiglio (St. Mary's) went on to bowl for the St. John University team... Michelle Mancuso (St. Mary's) played basketball at Middlesex County College (MCC)...Billy Shaver (Sayreville) starred for Rutgers-Newark in baseball...Lauren Switzer (Sayreville) had a fine career in softball at Seton Hall University...Kristen Kaelin of Sayreville (St. John Vianney) also starred for Seton Hall U.

**TO SAINT 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. -E.P.

### 80 Years Ago

## 1939-St. Mary's Baseball Team Won 3 Titles

By Tom Burkard

John Zdanewicz guided the 1938 St. Mary's baseball team to their first ever Group II Prep School championship, which was chosen by the N.J.S.I.A.A. His '39 Eagles edition appeared to have a tough act to follow, but the Blue & Gold rose to the occasion and brought home the city series championship over Hoffman, the county parochial title, and the Group II Prep School crown by racking up an impressive (13-5) mark. Allie Clark turned in the top offensive numbers in route to becoming an All-State shortstop selection. He paced the club with a .449 batting average, 35 hits, and tied for the home run lead with 3. Clark also stroked 4 doubles and 2 triples, and showed tremendous potential that would eventually lead to a major league baseball career with the Yankees, Indians, and Athletics. Catcher Bill "Smokey" Ryan finished 2nd in avg. with a superb .375, was 2nd in hits with 30, topped the team with 3 triples, 23 runs, and tied Clark for the HR crown with 3. Fine first sacker, Walt "Kelly"

Grembowicz stung the ball for a .373 avg., and was #1 in two-baggers with 6. Outfielder John "Mikey" Carroll blasted the ball for a .368 avg., was 2nd in runs scored with 22 and 2nd in doubles with 5. He also drilled 25 hits. Sophomore ace hurler, Joe Conroy was (7-1), and batted a lofty .348. Star infielder. Jack McNamara batted a lofty .348, outfielder Joe Rush, who went on to become Mayor of South Amboy hit .266, and was closely followed by Bernie Mackiel Sr., who batted .265. Other members of this classic team included; Joe "Scoop" McCarthy, Tom Zebro, S.Schultz. F. Donnola, Frank "Trip" Cheeseman who was the #2 hurler and finished with a fine (3-1) mark on the mound.

Seeing limited action in 3 games or less were; John Zebro, John "Bing" Miller, J. Stolte, F. Shafnacker, E. Zamorski, E. Nycz, Creed, Szaroleta. Other pitching records were; Shafnacker 1-0, Grembowicz 1-0, McCarthy 1-3.

### Remembering Leo Kedzierski

By Tom Burkard

Leo Kedzierski 89, formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville died on June 10. He was a star baseball and basketball player at St. Mary's HS in the late 1940's, and went on to play professional baseball in the minor leagues from 1949-1952. He was in the New York Giants organization in 1949 & 1950, and in '49, he played at Lawton, OK in the Sooner State League, and also Rehoboth, DE in the Eastern Shore League...He began the '50 season with Topeka, Kansas, Class C and after a slow start was sent to lola, an independent team in the Class D, K-O-M League, where he turned in a career-year, by finishing 4th in the league in batting average with a standout .313 clip, only 6 points behind the batting champ who hit .319. Leo outhit future big leaguers, Jim Pisoni .299, and Bill Virdon (former Yankee manager, .267. His other totals for 1950 were; runs-50, hits-97, doubles-24, triples-2, RBI-47, home runs-3, stolen bases-2...In an interview with me many years ago, Kedzierski recalled a '50 game he played against the great Mickey Mantle. "He was on Joplin, and in his first at bat came up batting lefty against our righty pitcher, and hit one off the right field fence for a double. We changed to a lefty pitcher, and in his next at bat (righty), he hit the ball to

the same exact spot." In '51, Leo played for 3 Pittsburgh Pirates farm clubs, Hutchinson. KS, Bartlesville, OK. (K-OM), and Enid, Ok. His final season in '52 was spent with an independent Upstate New York-Canadian League team, Plattsburg, N.Y. His pro career ended after the '52 season, as he went on to pursue his studies at college.

On a personal note, Leo was a great guy who was a big success in life, as a marketing specialist with Ace Wire and Cable Marketing in Rahway, and was a proud veteran who served in the U.S. Army. When healthy, he was always working out in the gym, and could also be seen on Sundays attending Mass at St. Mary's Church. He was a fine tennis player who was crowned Men's Singles Champion in 1966, and had a few other championships at Frog Hollow Swim & Tennis Club, when they had their annual tennis tournament. He also loved going to Florida during Spring Training, and visiting his old friend and teammate Jack McKeon, when Jack managed the Florida Marlins.

Leo Kedzierski was a terrific person, and I'm glad I had the opportunity to interview him, and get to know him over the years. He certainly will be missed, God Bless Leo.



The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 held a Car Show/Cruise Night recently at their hall on Fourth St. in South Amboy. Pictured (l-r) with a cool, vintage '32 car is Committee Chairperson/Deputy Grand Knight Jan Williams, PGK Ken Smetana, owner of the vehicle, and Ed Vassallo. (Photo/info by Tom Burkard)

### OLV Senior Trip to the Golden Boys

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the American Music Theater on Sunday, August 18th to see the Golden Boys show (Frankie Avalon, Fabian, and Bobby Rydell). The cost of the trip is \$160.00 which includes the show, bus transportation, bus gratuity along with snacks. Lunch will be on your own. For further information or to make a reservation call Carmen at 732-254-9425.

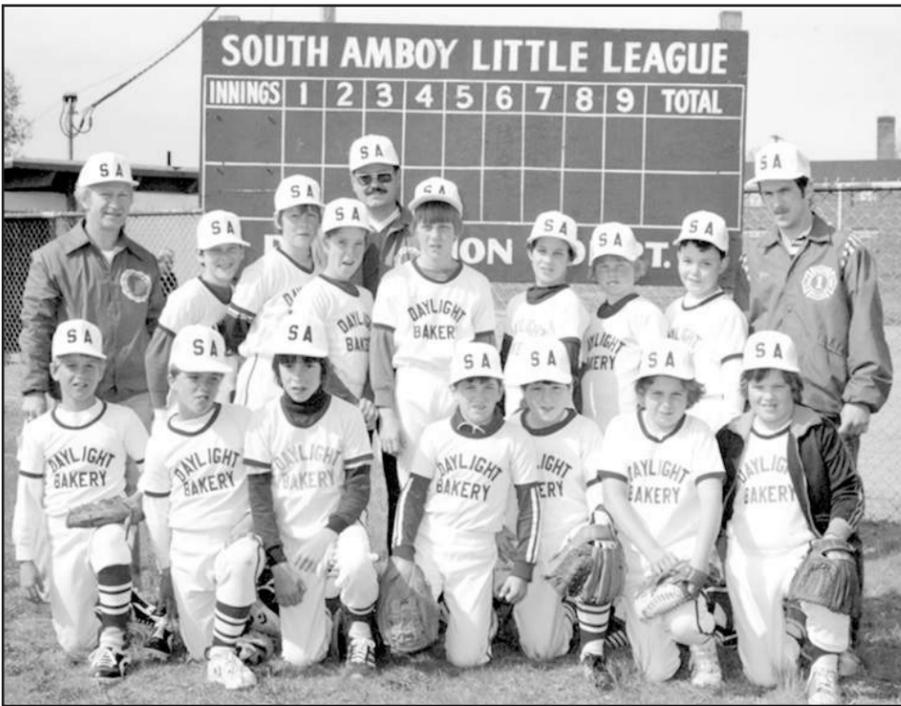
#### MIRACULOUS INVOCATION TO ST. THERESA

O Glorious St. Theresa, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind, I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a "prodigy of miracles, the greatest Saint of modern times." Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses, henceforth, Dear Little Flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen.

Say prayer every day for 9 days. By the 4th day ask for a sign, if prayer is to be answered between 4th and 9th day you will see a rose in a magazine, tv, picture or receive roses. Must promise publication. -L.E.

## Youth League Baseball Dynasties/Champions (Boys) Part 1

By Tom Burkard



1979-Pictured is one of the greatest South Amboy Little Fellas teams in history, the Daylight Bakery team that went on to win the league championship with a perfect (17-0). Top row (l-r) Coach Charlie Walters, Michael Sharp, Bob Waltz, John Clayton, Manager Joe Pacansky, Craig Gorczyca, Joe Chrzaszcz, Brian Nash, Paul Kenny, Coach Joe Connors. Bottom row (l-r) Scott Gumprecht, David Gumprecht, Carmen Scmenza, Randy Stratton, Rob Pacansky, John Nemeth, Andy Pawlik. Several of the ballplayers went on to outstanding high school baseball careers. (Photo/information courtesy of Joe Pacansky)

### Daylight Bakery 1979-80 South Amboy Little Fellas League Champs

The 1979-80 Daylight Bakery team was a real powerhouse in South Amboy. The boys became the 2nd team in history to have an unbeaten season, finishing (17-0)! In the championship series in '79, Daylight swept Modern Transportation in the 3-game series behind standout pitching by John Clayton and Randy Stratton. Craig Gorczyca was outstanding at the plate, and in the final game orbited a long home run and triple. Clayton, Stratton, and Brian Nash were also offensive standouts, getting timely, big hits

for Daylight Bakery.

Joe Pacansky was manager, while Joe Connors, and Charlie Walters were the excellent coaches. The '79 roster was comprised of Clayton, Stratton, Gorczyca, Nash, Joe Chrzaszcz, Mike Sharp, Paul Kenny, Bob Waltz, Scott Gumprecht, Dave Gumprecht, Rob Pacansky, Carmen Scmenza, Andy Pawlik, John Nemeth.

In 1980, Daylight Bakery successfully defended its title and finished with a fine (14-3) record.

### Raritan River Railroad/Mario's Sub Shop 1977-78-79

#### South Amboy Babe Ruth League Champs

The 1977 team under second-year manager Tom Burkard became the only team in history to come from a last place regular season finish to capture the league playoff championship. After a (5-9) regular season record, RRR turned it on and won 4 of 5 throughout the playoffs to cop the crown in a best-of-3 series over Independence Fire Co. Bruce Ramer was assistant manager, and George Hubbs, coach. RRR was led by ace pitcher/leading hitter John Inman, Tom O'Connor, Tim Kelly, Brian Grover, co-captains Dave Brady and Bill Brown, Bob Egan, Shawn Leonard, Bob Aucone, Darren Gorczyca, Mike Savin. The fine rookie crop included Andy Pipala, John Mulligan, Daryl Ball, Bill Wagner, Chris Mierzwiak, Jim Leach.

Raritan River Railroad switched sponsors in 1978 to Mario's Sub Shop thanks to late owner Mario Birardi Jr. Most of the outstanding lineup from '77 returned

including Inman, Kelly, Grover, Aucone, Gorczyca, Savin, Pipala, Mulligan, Wagner, Ball, Mierzwiak, Leach. Promising rookies were Jim Campbell, Tim Bloodgood, Ray Kelly, Brian Dudley, Joe Charmello, Bob Nebus, Tony Camporeale. Mario's cruised to the league pennant with a (12-3) record and swept through the playoffs winning 3 games including a 2-game sweep over South Amboy Trust Co. to capture its 2nd straight title, under manager Burkard and assistant manager George Cattano Jr.

In 1979, Mario's Sub Shop under new manager George Cattano Jr. marched to their 3rd straight league championship. Members from the '78 champs who returned were Pipala, Mulligan, Wagner, Ball, Mierzwiak, Leach, Bloodgood, Camporeale, Ray Kelly, Nebus, Charmello. The rookies were Brian McCabe, Jay Kennedy, Ken Huryk, Steve Martin, Tom Krygier.

### Mechanicsville Fire Co. 1970-71 South Amboy Babe Ruth League Champs

Manager Russ Stillwagon and coach Pete Huryk put together a talented squad that marched to the championship by beating Raritan River Railroad. The roster included Kevin Homan, Glen Gerding, Bob Stillwagon, Leroy Kurtz, Henry Wortley, Mark Abbatiello, Larry Parsons, Gary Linderoth, Ray Linderoth, Mike Switzer, Ron Zimmerman, James Caracappa, Steve Gray.

The '71 team racked up an amazing 16 victories, and once again topping

Raritan River for the title. Under manager Russ Stillwagon and coach Pete Huryk, the Mechanicsville Fire Co. team was comprised of returning players Wortley, Gerding, Homan, Bob Stillwagon, Switzer, Gary Linderoth, Caracappa, Gray. The many talented rookies who helped win the championship were: Bob Besner, Ron Stillwagon, Ralph Dante, John Minnick, Bob Ruiz, Jerry McAndrew, Bob Morgan.

### Gomolka's Auto Body 1969-70 Morgan AA Midget League Champs

This group of talented youngsters was managed by Al Gomolka Jr., with assistant manager Rich Gray. Team sponsor Al Gomolka Sr. donated game schedules to the entire league. Most of the players mentioned played for both years and included Ed

Gorzynski, Neil Hourahan, Dave Gomolka, Jeff Kabat, Jim Phillips, Dan Michoch, John DeFillips, George Nycz, Fred Singer, Mark Togli, Lee Wilson, Richie Peters, and several others. Kevin Hourahan was the always energetic batboy.

### Mechanicsville Fire Co. 1964-65-66 South Amboy Babe Ruth League Champs

In 1964, manager Joe McCarthy and his assistant managers, Frank Jankowski and Joe Kelly (a former minor league pitcher), had a pretty good nucleus of returning players from the '63 team, plus an influx of rookies drafted from the South Amboy Little Fellas League.

The seasoned players included Curt Wood, Billy Clayton, Dan Hansell, Leo Dohan, Tony Pelican, Dan Cheeseman, Mark Ellvinger, Tom "Tee" O'Connell, Paul Jankowski, John Ewtuschek, John Coan. The crop of first-year youngsters with potential were Tom Kelly, Mark Bratus, Joe Jaskowiak, Ray Leonard, Tom Burkard, Mike Powers, Fran "Cigus" Vanni, Joe DeLucia. Dan Cheeseman recalled his final season, "It was a magical time for those lucky to be part of Mr. Joe McCarthy's baseball program. His assistant manager Mr. Joe Kelly was a former pro and played minor league ball. He really knew the game, and created an atmosphere of excellence. When we took the field as players, we knew we could win. We expected to win! Everybody came to play. All the kids on the roster could play and carry their weight. We learned how to act like major leaguers. We talked, chatted, set defense, and we hit cutoffs, and everybody contributed. That summer I also learned how to be a coach from Joe McCarthy and Joe Kelly, life lessons that never left me."

Thanks to outstanding managing, coaching, and fine play throughout the season, Mechanicsville Fire Co. breezed to the league regular season pennant (1st place), and the playoff championship, sweeping Oak View Nursing Home in the title series. In the final game, Curt Wood was the winning pitcher and struck out 11, as Mechanicsville won 9-6. Tony Pelican pounded 4 hits and Tom Kelly 3 for the winners.

The '65 edition lost 8 players, and it looked like it would be a rebuilding year ahead. The defending champions roster was now comprised of Wood, Dohan, Kelly, Bratus, Jaskowiak, Leonard, Burkard, Powers, Vanni, DeLucia, and newcomers 14-year old lefty pitcher/outfielder Jim Tingle, and talented rookie outfielder Tom Ruzsala. Once again McCarthy's boys defied the odds and marched to the pennant/ league playoff

title, this time taking 3 games to top Oak View. The Firemen won game #1, 3-0, lost game #2, 12-4, but copped the crown, 1-0 in a thrilling finale, behind a 3-hit, 11 strikeout performance by Wood. In the last inning, Wood broke up an Ed Jenkins no-hitter with a double, and Fran "Cigus" Vanni singled him in with the big game-winner.

In '66 with the loss of franchise-pitcher Curt Wood, and ace first baseman, Leo Dohan, Mechanicsville faced a stiff challenge to become the first team to capture 3 consecutive South Amboy Babe Ruth League championships. Returning for their final year was Kelly, Bratus, Jaskowiak, Leonard, Burkard, Powers, Vanni, Tingle and DeLucia. Many talented rookies were drafted by Manager McCarthy, including Joe Wallis, Joe Vigilante, Ray Downs, Bill Cheeseman, Ken Kokoszka, Bill Parsons, Ron Sturgis, Jim Pavlonnis, Rich Muchanic. Young Joe McCarthy was once again the team's energetic batboy.

Ray Downs a rookie that season recalled, "Mr. McCarthy was a teacher of the game, and did an outstanding job teaching all of us rookies how to play the game at this level. His assistant Frank Jankowski never missed a practice and their dedication was outstanding. That year, we had a powerhouse and won the South Amboy Babe Ruth League championship. Holy cow, winners as rookies, not too bad! The 1966 experience stayed with me all my life, and I have on my office wall, the photograph of that team hanging prominently along with my South Amboy Sabres photo with most of the same guys in that photo too."

The season turned out to be really tough, but Mechanicsville prevailed, winning the regular season crown with an (11-2) record, and sweeping the playoff championship over Independence Fire Co., winning the finale, 5-2, as Jim Tingle picked up the victory. Mechanicsville Fire Co. became the first and only team in league history to rack up 3 successive pennants and 3 playoff championships in a row in the league's 40+ year history, while compiling an incredible overall record of 50 wins and 5 losses.

### Zagata's Welding 1963-64 Sayreville Little League Champs

Zagata's Welding captured the Sayreville Little League championship in 1963 and 1964. In the '64 finals, Zagata's Welding swept the Riverside team, 5-4, and 4-2 to win the Sayreville Little League playoff championship. Joe Gabel was the winning pitcher in both contests, and in Game #2, he fired a 4-hitter, struck out 11, and belted a single and double.

The 1963 squad under manager Bill Switzer and coach Mr. DeLuca consisted of Frank Sadowski, Bob Rodziewicz, Gary George, Jack Trenta, Billy Switzer, Joey DeLuca, Stan Strazynski, Paul Kutne, Eddie Thompson, Bob McFadden, Clint Farfel, Joe Gabel. Despite losing 4 impact players, the '64 team pictured here made it 2 straight championships in a row.



1964-Pictured front row (l-r) Eddie Thompson, Bob McFadden, Danny Hockenjos, Joe DeLuca, John Nahi. Back row (l-r) Mgr.-Mr. Switzer, Ron Witkowski, Paul Kune, Joe Gabel, Stan Strazynski, Bill Switzer, Coach- Mr. DeLuca. Missing from photo-Clint Farfel. (Photo/names courtesy of Joe Gabel)



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**Yogi Said**

"Baseball is 90% mental.  
The other half is physical."

## Youth League Baseball Dynasties—continued from page 21

### Sacred Heart C.Y.O. 1960-61

#### South Amboy Babe Ruth League Champs

Managed by former pro baseball player Ed “Lefty” Zebro, this team was overloaded with talent. The ‘60 edition finished 2nd place regular season, but breezed to the playoff championship. Frank “Box” Zebro, Art O’Donnell Sr., and Ed Jarusiewicz were assistant coaches. The players were: Joe Pohl, Frank Pauloski, Frank Jankowski, Rich Barglowski, Jimmy Vida, Ed Suchcicki, Tom Trenta, Bill Garaffa, Wayne Olsen, Art O’Donnell Jr., Tom Vona, Ted Wallace, Bob Kukulski, Pete Inman, Larry Zamorski,

George Jankowski.

The ‘61 squad captured the pennant and playoff championship under manager Ed Zebro and his assistant Jim Phillips. It wasn’t an easy run, as the Hearts returned only 3 key players from the ‘60 champs, Pohl, Jankowski and Inman, but the Hearts overcame all odds to win again. Rookie players were Bernie Chlebowski, Joe Klosek, Vince Attardi, Dennis White, Len Bzdewka, Jerry Kabara, Ron Jurski, Steve Nebus.

### First Aid 1959-60

#### South Amboy Little Fellas League Champs

The 1959 First Aid team turned in a fine (14-4) record under the managerial genius of Stanley Jankowski, who had fine coaches in Bob Kelly and Wilbur Schmidt. The players: Rich Ambroziak, Tom Trenta, Bob Cavanagh, Harold Dennen, Frank Chonsky, Bob Pomaski, Bernie O’Connor, Pete Curato, Tom Kelley, Tom Kelly, John Pappa, Bob Rock, Harold McLaughlin, Tom Downs, Tony Tremarco, Don Smyth, Bob Lehr.

In 1960, First Aid under new manager John Hayden, and coaches Wilbur Schmidt

and Frank Chonsky, swept the Knights of Columbus, 7-6, and 17-4 to capture their second title in a row. Returning players from the ‘59 champs were Pomaski, Dennen, Chonsky, Pappa, McLaughlin, Kelly, O’Connor, Kelley, Rock, Tremarco, Downs. The new crop of rookies included Dan Radakovich, George Kurtz, Joe Noble, Bob Keegan, Jim Coan, Tom Holovacko, Struskiewicz, and Phil Kurtz was the young batboy.



1959-First Aid won the South Amboy Little Fellas title in 1959 and 1960. Pictured bottom row (l-r) Bob Cavanagh, John Pappa, Bob Rock, Tom Downs, Tony Tremarco, Harold McLaughlin. Middle row (l-r) Coach Bob Kelly, Don Smyth, Tom Trenta, Manager Stanley Jankowski, Frank Chonsky, Bob Lehr, Coach Wilbur Schmidt. Top row (l-r) Tom Kelley, Tom Kelly, Pete Curato, Bob Pomaski, Harold Dennen, Bernie O’Connor, Rich Ambroziak.



1960-First Aid captured its 2nd successive South Amboy Little Fellas League championship. Pictured top row (l-r) coach Wilbur Schmidt, manager John Hayden, Bob Pomaski, Harold Dennen, Danny Radakovich, coach Frank Chonsky. Third row (l-r) John Pappa, Caracappa, Harold McLaughlin, Tom Kelly, Frank Chonsky, George Kurtz. Second row (l-r) Bernie O’Connor, Bob Keegan, Tom Kelley, Bob Rock, Tony Tremarco. Bottom row (l-r) Struskiewicz, Jim Coan, Tom Downs, batboy Phil Kurtz, Tom Holovacko, Joe Noble.

## Part 2 Next Issue July 27th South Amboy Girls Softball League Dynasties

We are looking for team pictures from any of the following girls teams that won 2 or more straight championships in the South Amboy Girls Softball League: 1987-88 Rotary; 1989-90 D.B.Kelly; 1991-92 Landmark Cafe; 1992-93-94 Jacqueline’s Florist; 1997-98 Broadway Bagels; 999-2000 S.A. Boat Club Ladies Auxiliary. Please e-mail photo with names of players for inclusion in our Part 2 feature. E-mail: [satimes@aol.com](mailto:satimes@aol.com).

## South Amboy K of C Car Blessing



Father Dennis Wezorak (l) blesses Marty Dombrowski’s motorcycle at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus sponsored car blessing held at St. Mary’s parking lot. (Photo by Cheryl Schmid)



Annelie Kulcsar, Amboy Bank Branch Operations Manager, and Susan Plumacker, Amboy Bank Vice President and Market Manager, present the Senior Property Tax Freeze Workshop to seniors in the community. They discussed the NJ Tax Freeze Program, which helps protect seniors from ongoing tax increases, and Amboy Bank’s Save and Pay Program, a free service that automates property tax payments. Information regarding adult day care programs was also presented by Matawan Adult Daycare. “Seniors are very important to our community, and we’re always happy to help our neighbors in any way we can,” said Gregory Scharpf, Amboy Bank CEO and President. “Our knowledgeable staff is always there to offer education and resources and provide seniors with information on the tax programs that are available to them.” (Photo/Info Submitted)

## DRAW A CROWD THIS SUMMER-

LITERALLY—AT THE DOWDELL LIBRARY’S T(W)EEN ART CLUB!

Keep your creative juices flowing this summer at the Dowdell Library, where artists between the ages of ten and eighteen are invited to join the Dowdell’s T(w)een Art Club! Stretch your skills and share your work with a group of like-minded people while enjoying refreshments and receiving valuable feedback.

Artists working in all styles and mediums are encouraged to attend, though instruction will focus on narrative and storytelling. Attendees will learn the basics of character development, scriptwriting, storyboarding, and layout and design. Meetings are planned for every Friday and will run on a drop-in basis from 1pm to 4pm. (Be sure to pick up some instructional books and inspirational material before you leave!) No registration is required; please contact the library for additional information.

The Dowdell also welcomes donations of new and gently used art supplies including pens, pencils, pastels, charcoal and graphite, brush pens, markers, highlighters, paper, sketchbooks, and canvases.

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

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

## Vintage Car



Bruce Grankowski came across this Polaroid picture of his first car, a 1972 Chevelle SS. He said that “The car had a 454 engine with cowl induction and a 4 speed manual transmission. It was a dark metallic green with white stripes. The car was purchased from Briggs Chevrolet in South Amboy and I believe it cost about \$3,600 dollars. \*If anyone else has photos of their first car or favorite car from years ago, please e-mail it to us for inclusion in a future SA Times issue.

## Sayreville Republican & Democratic Candidates For Mayor and Town Council



The Sayreville Republican Party selected Art Rittenhouse Jr. (r) as its candidate for Mayor in the November election. His running mates for council seats are Christian Hibinski (l) and Donna Roberts (c). (Photo/info submitted)

### Arthur J. Rittenhouse Jr.

Art Rittenhouse is running for Mayor of the Borough of Sayreville. Rittenhouse is married to Maria Russo Rittenhouse a graduate of SWMHS. He has two children and four grandchildren from a previous marriage and two step children who graduated from SWMHS and a grandson.

Rittenhouse graduated from Sparta HS and William Paterson University with a BA in teaching Junior High School Education. Rittenhouse taught in Edison NJ for 12 years before moving into the business world. He is semi-retired and is a licensed Aflac insurance agent.

Rittenhouse is active in his community. He served 10 years on the Sayreville Board of Education and 3 years on the Sayreville

Borough Council. Currently he is President of the Sayreville Historical Society and serves as a Commissioner on the Sayreville Housing Authority and Sayreville Shade Tree Commission.

In 2010 Rittenhouse's family cemetery in Holmdel was destroyed. A family nonprofit was founded and he serves as President of the Hendricks(on) Family Association a NJ nonprofit. They were able to restore the cemetery by July of 2017.

Rittenhouse also serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the Arts and Education Center which runs the Middlesex and Monmouth County Arts High School and Middle School. They also are the lead agency for the NJ Teen Arts Festival.

### Christian Hibinski

Mr. Christian Hibinski has called the Borough of Sayreville home for over a decade after having moved from the smaller nearby town of Port Reading in Woodbridge Township. These last years in Sayreville have been the most influential time in his life, which is why he is now seeking a seat on the Sayreville Borough Council, ultimately looking to give back to the borough that has given him so much. Christian attended the all boys college preparatory school St. Joseph High School in Metuchen, NJ where he received his high school diploma, as well as is a recent college graduate of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. where he completed his Bachelor of Arts degree with a concentration in English Literature and a specialization in the American government aspect of Political Science. His next step was to receive his Juris Doctorate at the Pace University School of Law in New York, a law school close to home, so that he may succeed in his dream of becoming a lawyer while further developing skills to be a truly influential legislator.

In the political realm, Christian has a wide array of experiences that aid in him being a successful Sayreville Borough Council Candidate. Currently, he has served as an elected County Committeeman representing District 2 in the Borough of Sayreville for the Republican Party. Christian also has had experiences working on the state and federal levels of the NJ government throughout his various internships, all within offices that directly affect his hometown of Sayreville. He has worked in the Joint Legislative Office of Senator Joseph Vitale and Assemblyman

Craig Coughlin, whom are the state senator and one of the two general assembly members that represent Sayreville in the NJ state house in Trenton, and he has had a brief stint working in the office of Sayreville's own resident, and other representative of the borough in Trenton, former Assemblyman John Wisniewski. Hibinski has even had a chance to work on the federal level during his time in Washington, D.C., in the congressional office of Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. in the U.S. House of Representatives, the office of the member of the U.S. Congress that directly represents the Borough of Sayreville.

Throughout these political experiences, Christian has always kept his Republican beliefs while consistently working in a bipartisan fashion in the offices of the Democratic lawmakers that represented his home. For Hibinski, the benefit of his family, friends, and neighbors at home in the Borough of Sayreville, has always superseded political partisanship, thus propelling Christian to always act in the best interest of Sayreville regardless of affiliation. He is a State Delegate for the Middlesex County Young Republicans. Christian has always held the Borough of Sayreville close to his heart, which is what inspired him to learn what he could about Sayreville from the already elected lawmakers that represented it. Now, at the culmination of this exposure, Christian feels he is ready to personally help the Borough of Sayreville, his home, while openly standing by his personal conservative beliefs in the most direct way possible, running for a seat on the Sayreville Borough Council.

### Donna Roberts

Donna Roberts, (aka, Donna Schneider) graduated from Sayreville War Memorial High School in 1981. Donna worked primarily in IT support positions including Technical Writer IT Support for the GNMS (Global News Management System) at Dow Jones/Wall Street Journal, provided consulting services for Computer Horizons for the Y2K project, IT Support at Bell South, which later became Cingular Interactive.

Donna left Cingular Interactive to pursue a dream to own and operate a Bed and Breakfast in Lambertville NJ. After selling the business Donna spent nearly 5 years as a training consultant providing training throughout the country as a Microsoft Certified Trainer (MCT) and added a number of professional training titles including

Assertive Communications for Women, How to be a Better Communicator, Delivering Exceptional Customer Service among other topics requested by clients. Donna currently works for MUFUG Union Bank (previously known as Bank of Tokyo) and has held positions in IT Release and Deployment, Audit Liaison and is currently an Assistant Vice President in Disaster Recovery First Line of Defense (DR FLoD).

Donna is an Alumna of Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Communications Committee Member for Saint George's Anglican Church in Helmetta, Sayreville Committeewoman for District 4 and is running for Councilwoman for the Borough of Sayreville.

### Victoria Kilpatrick

Victoria Kilpatrick is running for the office of Mayor in the Borough of Sayreville. A graduate of Sayreville War Memorial High School in 1996, she went on to earn her Degree in Secondary Education and English (BA). At present she is a teacher at Sayreville Public School (Middle and High School) for nearly 20 years, and currently teaches 6th grade. Kilpatrick is currently 1st Vice President of Sayreville Education Association (nearly 10 years), and was the recipient of the Governor's Teacher of the Year Award in 2007.

Victoria is a 2-term Borough Council member, currently serving her 5th year. She is the Liaison to Public Works, Water and Sewer Dept. and Environmental Commission.

She has served as Council Representative for: Sayreville Economic Redevelopment Agency (5 years); Shade Tree Commission; Rent Leveling Agency; Green Team Commission.

Borough Council initiatives: Successfully reduced housing overdevelopment by nearly 30%; Lead fight to acquire Open Space

adjacent to Kennedy Park; Fighting to secure veteran preference housing; Successfully fought to bring more security to our public schools through School Resource Officers and Sayreville Police Officers; Voted to create Community Policing Department within the town; Obtained grants to provide much needed security to our Water Treatment Facility; Increased our Road Improvement Budget and secured grant monies to improve our roads and Infrastructure; Secured County and State grant monies to increase security to our Senior Center and improve our parks and recreation fields.

Family and Volunteerism-Lifelong Resident of Sayreville (40 years old) – with 3 generations of family living in town. Married for 15 years to husband William Kilpatrick (also lifelong resident) proud parents of two daughters Hailey and Addison Kilpatrick.

Manager and Coach for Sayreville Athletic Association Girls Softball; Former Coach of Sayreville Little League; Former Junior Varsity Softball Coach for Sayreville War Memorial High School.

### Michele Cassidy Maher

The Democratic nominee for Sayreville town council, is a 6th generation Sayreville resident. Her Sayreville roots run deep. She has two athletic sons, Justin and Colin, and is married to Brian, a Chatham Boro police officer. Her parents have also dedicated their lives to this town. Her father, Tom, is a retired Sayreville police lieutenant, and her mother, Mary-Ann, is known as "the lady at the bank." After retiring, they both worked for Sayreville Board of Education, including three of her four grandparents: Betty Cassidy, Ruth and Nick Buffalino. She is currently a member of the Recreation Advisory Commission, which has initiated conversations regarding fixing the skate park, merging the Leprechauns & Panthers, the need for turf fields, new benches in our parks, and replacing old dangerous playgrounds also in our parks. Currently, Triggs Park at Sayreville Little League, is under renovation due to her inquiries. Through both of her children playing sports, she is involved with baseball, soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. She is also a board member of Wilson School PTO and members of St. Stan's Church and Athletic Association.

In her professional life, she is currently a high school English teacher. She attended St. Stan's Elementary School, Sayreville Middle School, and graduated from S.W.M.H.S. in

1998, then Seton Hall University, in 2002, with a bachelor's degree in communications. Between internships at CBS news and MTV, she worked in Manhattan for 7 years at Viacom (MTV & VH1) in broadcast journalism. After working in reality television for a few years, she realized that she wanted to make more of a difference in her community, so she earned her master's degree in education, at the University of Phoenix, and started adjuncting at Middlesex County College and Raritan Valley Community College. She is one of the first generations for online learning, in classes with soldiers deployed and professors taking sabbaticals overseas. After receiving her certification for teaching, she completed her student teaching at Sayreville High School, and was employed at Sayreville Middle School soon after for a maternity replacement. Afterward, she was hired at Highland Park High School in 2010, where she teaches English. She has coached, been a class council advisor, and is currently an Academic Advisor and the National Honor Society advisor.

She is an upstanding citizen of her community, ready to represent the town of Sayreville, and is excited for change in our leadership that allows the town to further evolve.

### David McGill

David McGill has been a long time resident of Sayreville. He currently resides with his wife Adrienne and son Dennis in the upper Sayreville area. He is a retired Police Officer and former member of International Longshoreman's Association where he worked on the NJ Port Newark docks. David is currently the Regional Director of

a Florida Citrus Company responsible for transportation and logistics up and down the East coast. McGill is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the AOH and the National Fraternal Order of Police. He said, "I look forward to serving once again for the next 3 years, the wonderful people of Sayreville."

### Congratulations!



Congratulations to the Our Lady of Victories 2019 Graduating Class pictured here along with Monsignor William McCarthy, Father Ryan, Principal Mrs. Kitts, former Principal Mrs. Esemplare and Middle School teachers Mrs. Hockenjos, Mrs. Dominick, Mrs. Misiewicz, Mrs. Romer and Music teacher Mrs. Lucas (Photo/Info Submitted)



## Arleth School Flag Day Service

(Photos/info by Joe Lotkowitz)



Members of the American Legion Lenape Post #211, Sayreville hold a vintage 48 stars flag that was donated to the Arleth School in Sayreville by Susanne Gala in memory of her uncle Peter Scheafer, who died on the beach at the Normandy attack.



Pictured (l-r) is Beth Ann Bulla, a teacher at Arleth School, Susanne Gala, a paraprofessional at the School, and Ed Strek from American Legion Lenape Post #211, Sayreville. Susanne is holding the flag, which she donated to the Arleth School. The vintage 48 stars flag was held onto by her uncle Peter Scheafer's sister, until she passed away 2 months ago.



On Flag Day, Friday, June 14th, 2019 American Legion Lenape Post 211 of Sayreville and the Post Honor Guard conducted a solemn service where over 4,000 American Flags were retired from service. These Flags flew over our federal buildings, municipal government buildings, parks, playgrounds, fields, schools and became worn and tattered over time. Most importantly, many of these Flags flew over the graves of our local heroes, our Veterans. It is because of them that we can fly the Stars & Stripes. It is because of their commitment and devotion to duty to defeat our enemies that allows us the many freedoms we enjoy throughout our daily activities. The Stars & Stripes are recognized throughout the world as a symbol of freedom. But remember one thing, freedom is not free. It was won by veterans who gave of themselves where "All Gave Some, and Some Gave All." (Photos/article submitted) Just because wartime fighting and battles are not in the headlines on TV or Social Media every day, our young men and women are still on those front lines risking their lives every minute of the day. When you look up at our Flag, take a minute to reflect on what it represents. There are so many more thoughts you may have on our Flag and our freedoms then the few listed here. Remember that we are still, "One Nation Under God." Submitted by: Rich Kosmoski, Past Commander Sayreville American Legion Lenape Post 211

## WWW.?



Do you know the name of this outstanding business which is either located in South Amboy or Sayreville? If you know, send your answer in to satimes@aol.com. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

### WWW.? Winners For May

The correct answer for the May WWW.? Mystery Photo Contest is Jacqueline's Florist in South Amboy. The winners were: Estelle Pluskota, Chuck Pickard, Pat & Bill Scully, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Judy Guilfoyle, Kathy & Dennis O'Leary, Marlene Letwenski, Dennis Quinlan, Joan Fulham, Lisa Bergamo, Eleanore Westerholm, Don Zrebiec, Mary Agnes Morris, Alice Walsh, Joan Gorczyca, Elizabeth Leveille, Peggy & Steve Yuhas, Jim Malkiewicz, Jackie Rooney, Laurie & Gary Loftus, Richard Schwartz, John Leo Fedorka, Mark Moniello, Ellen Burns, Pete McIntyre, Dawn Roberts, Kevin Kania, Stephen Laskiewicz

,Marianne Matarangolo, Gary Feret, Shirley Schaefer, Dane Colburn, Lisa Grankowski, Marie English, Ed English, Chelle Martin, Adele O'Hara,

\*An incorrect answer was Miklos Florist, which was located on Washington Rd., Sayreville prior to closing a few years ago.



May-WWW.? Jacqueline's Florist South Amboy

## Where in New Jersey?



This month's Where in NJ sits on the water and you can enjoy some delicious crustaceans from the sea there. Send your answers to Satimes@aol.com by June 17th.

### May Information Where in New Jersey?

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

The correct answer was Cove On The Bay Apartments located in Keansburg.

Where in NJ winners for April

The winners who correctly identified the Cove On The Bay Apartments were Chuck Pickard, Pat & Bill Scully, Elizabeth Leveille, Peggy & Steve Yuhas, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Dane Colburn.



May Where in New Jersey-Cove On The Bay Apartments, Keansburg, New Jersey



### It's a Wrap! Saris & Textiles of India

The South Amboy Arts Alliance will be presenting an exhibition at the SA Arts Gallery from Middlesex County Division of Arts & History Services. The exhibit will be a traditional Indian textiles and fabric decoration from July 14th to August 8th. This exhibition will be opening on July 14th at 2

p.m. The curators will be available to discuss the regional clothing and fabrics, along with a demonstration on how to drape a Sari. All are welcome to attend FREE OF CHARGE. Come join the festive colors and information of cloth and season! Any question please call 732-754-7913

### ARTSFEST AND STREET FAIR

The City of South Amboy will present an Artsfest and Street Fair on Sunday, September 22, 2019 from 11am until 5pm (Rain Date, Sunday September 29, 2019).

Crafters, Artists, Food Vendors, Hands on Activities and Entertainment on Broadway. Free Admission. Call 732-754-7913 for crafter, artist and food vendor information.

### Area Priests Celebrate Milestones

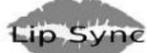
By Steve Schmid

A quartet of local priests recently celebrated significant dates in their religious careers. Sacred Heart Pastor Reverend Stanley Gromadzki observed his 30th anniversary of priestly ordination. Father Stanley served as pastor of St. Matthew The Apostle Parish in Edison and St. Mary of Ostrabrama Parish in South River. He became pastor at Sacred Heart Parish South Amboy in June 2012. Reverend Kenneth Kalibas, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Raritan Borough, observed his 25th anniversary of priestly ordination. Prior to being named pastor at St. Joseph, he served at St. Stanislaus Kostka

Parish Sayreville, and St. Bernadette Parish in Parlin. Reverend Ronald Jandernoa pastor of St. Jude Parish in Blairstown, also observed his 25th anniversary of priestly ordination. In October 1995 he was appointed parochial vicar at Our Lady of Victories Parish in Sayreville. At the same time he served as part-time chaplain at St. Mary's Regional High School, South Amboy until June 1999. Reverend Mark Kehoe administrator at St. Lawrence Parish in Laurence Harbor celebrated his 20th anniversary of priestly ordination. He became administrator in 2018.

### Alumni Lip Sync Reunion

On August 22, 2019 at 7pm Lip Sync 35 will take place at the South Amboy High School Auditorium. \$ Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place acts! This is open to Hoffman/South Amboy HS graduates from the classes of 1985 - 2009. The show will be hosted by Mr G!! Please email Jaelyn at KellyJ@southamboynj.gov for a form to fill out and be returned no later than Friday, July 26th. There will be a dress rehearsal on August 21st @ 6PM. For more information, please call (732) 525-5965 or email Kellyj@southamboynj.gov



### The SA Times

By Dennis O'Leary

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# SAYREVILLE RECREATION DEPARTMENT Summer Programs & Special Events

The Sayreville Recreation Department is currently accepting registration for all of the Summer Programs for 2019. 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 24th

**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**

**Mondays - Summer Fun** - ages 3-5 - 9:00am-11:30am - \$50.00  
**Tuesdays - All About Art** - ages 6-13 - 9:00am - 11:30am - \$50.00  
**Wednesdays - Snacks R Us** - ages 3-5 - 9:00am - 11:30am - \$50.00  
**Thursdays - Crafts Galore** - ages 6-13 - 9:00am - 11:30am - \$50.00  
**Fridays - Stations of Fun** - ages 18months - 35 months - 9:15am - 10:15am or 10:30am - 11:30am - \$40.00  
Additional \$25.00 for out of town residents

**TRUMAN SCHOOL**

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**DANCE** - ages 6-13 Wed - 9:00am-12:00pm  
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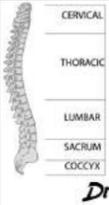
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Be aware of proper body mechanics while carrying your luggage. Imagine an invisible line that starts at your ear and continues past your shoulder to your hip. When the line is straight, your back is in proper balance.

Use luggage carts. Push the cart with both arms and keep your elbows tucked in close to your body to avoid over-reaching.

The next time you buy luggage, look for lightweight suitcases with built-in rollers. Make sure the handle allows you to stand up straight while pulling or pushing the suitcases. Rubber wheels are recommended for protection against slips and skids.

2. Beat back pain. Airline seats are not designed for comfort. From first class to economy, all passengers have the same complaints. Fortunately, you can make a few simple adjustments to protect your back. For lumbar support, place an airline pillow or a folded blanket in the small of your back. Be conscious of your posture, especially if you want to nap. Use a pillow or folded blanket to support your neck.

Gentle stretching exercises can help relieve the stress of a long trip. Try to stand in the aisle and walk a little at least once every hour.

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**THE TRUE MEANING OF LOVE**

By Joseph Zaccardi

A lion waits in his den for the heat of the day to dissipate. Then goes at dusk to where he has wanted to go all day: to the river to drink water from water, to look at the way the land and the sky divide and fit together perfectly. He decides to not bring down the lame wildebeest, not because he is not hungry, but because he feels generous and feels hopeful.

*\*Joseph Zaccardi is a 1965 Sayreville War Memorial HS graduate, who has authored several poetry books that can be found on Amazon.com. The titles are: "Render," "A Wolf Stands Alone In Water," "The Nine Gradations Of Light," "Vents," "Changing Harm To Harmony."*

**A PRAYER FOR HEALING**

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### 120th Anniversary of South Amboy Council 426



Father Dennis Weezorak and Deacon Richard O'Brien are joined with their Brother Knights following Mass at St. Mary's Church in celebration of the 120th Anniversary of South Amboy Council 426. (Photo by Cheryl Schmid)

### Harry S. Truman School Flag Day Ceremony

(Photos/info by Joe Lotkowitz)



Student Boy and Girl Scouts of the Harry S. Truman School in Sayreville are pledging allegiance to the flag during the Flag Day ceremony held at the school by American Legion Lenape Post #211, Sayreville on June 11.



### South Amboy First Aid Squad Honors Members

Members of South Amboy First Aid Squad honored their deceased members on May 25th with a wreath placement ceremony. This year the family of Gary Cottrell, who was a long time member and passed away this year was honored. (Photo/info submitted)



Richard Kosmoski provides a tribute memorial with the flag at half staff to all the military men and women killed in the wars that America was involved in.

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**Fishing Flashes**

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



**Salt Water**

Bluefish are being caught from Party Boats along with a few Striped Bass. Even though fishing isn't good all the time, it's still worth the trip. Surf fishing is particularly good at Island Beach and LBI. Some are big fish up to 16 pounds. Some big Striped Bass are mixed in. One person even caught a Cobia in the LBI surf. In Raritan Bay Bluefish are showing up on and off. I saw some Bluefish caught on the pier at High St in Perth Amboy. Barnegat Bay also has big Bluefish off some of the public docks, also Blowfish have arrived there. Fluke fishing coast-wise is good. You still have to work at it to find a keeper due to the 18 inch size limit. Sea Bass fishing off of Party Boats is very good along with Ling. Many people are getting their limits with this fishing. A few Weakfish and Sheepshead have been caught around LBI and Barnegat Inlet rocks.

**Fresh Water**

There are still a good number of Trout in rivers statewide. Stocking is over for the spring, but the rain keeps the waters high making it hard to catch fish. My wife and I tried the Pequest one afternoon during the Memorial Day Weekend. Despite the high and off color of the water we still caught 8 Rainbows in a few hours. Fishing in lakes statewide for Bass, Pickerel and assorted Pan Fish should be good. The Delaware River Shad run is over. I tried my luck in Peapack & Far Hills in mid June but only got a little throwback Smallmouth Bass, a few bites and nothing else!



**Long Ago In South Amboy**



May 15, 1943-This engine went off the end of the Powder Pier in South Amboy into the Raritan Bay, and is pictured being raised out by Merritt & Chapman Crane, which was working in New York at the time. (Photo/info courtesy of George Selover)

**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 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.

**A PRAYER FOR HEALING**

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

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**Gone Fishing**

**Local fishermen once again had another highly-successful trip to Cobourg, Ontario Canada in April, catching some huge Rainbow Trout.**

(Photos courtesy of Leo Letts)



Leo Letts



Tom Jukus



Mark Wahler



Jim Ziola



Jay Ziola



**Amboy Bank's Cyndi Bleier named 2019 Winner at General Counsel of the Year Awards**



Pictured from left to right: Frank Cannone, Gibbons PC; Lori Grifa, Archer & Greiner; Cyndi Bleier, Fred Giordano, K&L Gates; and Robert Bernstein, Greenberg Traurig, LLP.

Cyndi Bleier, Amboy Bank Senior Vice President and General Counsel accepts her award as the 2019 winner of the General Counsel of the Year Awards in the Private Company with Revenue Over \$500 Million category. Presented by NJBIZ, the awards honor the state's most dynamic General Counsels and Chief Legal Officers who are

making an impact in their field.

Gregory Scharpf, Amboy Bank President and CEO, said, "Cyndi is an integral part of the Amboy Family and her compassion, commitment, leadership and determination are unparalleled in her field. We are thrilled, but not surprised, that she is an NJBIZ 2019 winner."

**South Amboy Mayors Thru The Years**

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William Nehrkon, Joseph McKeon, John Leonard, Thorvald Olsen, William O'Leary, Joseph Charmello, Richard Schultz, Peter J. Rush, Theodore Levandowski, J. Thomas Cross, John Ciszewski, John T. O'Leary, Fred A. Henry, Jr.



**Vintage Base Ball Game**

(Photos/info by Tom Burkard)



On June 8th, The Historical Society of South Amboy in collaboration with the City of South Amboy sponsored a Vintage Base Ball game that was played by the rules of 1864. The Radford's Ferry team representing South Amboy is pictured with Historical Society members.



Historical Society members (l-r) Joyce Elyea, Jerry Pizzillo, and secretary Holly Hughes, are pictured in their vintage 1864 style clothing.



Battery mates manager/catcher Joe Szaro (l) and pitcher/Councilman Tom Reilly (r) before the start of the game.



Historical Society Vice-President George Fuller served as the official announcer/umpire.



There was a nice hometown crowd in attendance, and everyone had fun time even though the New Brunswick Liberty team prevailed



Both teams posed near home plate following the contest, and everyone showed good sportsmanship throughout.

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**JOHN J. CLARK**



John J. Clark Jr., beloved husband, father, and Pa passed away on May 8, 2019. John was born on September 7, 1951 in South Amboy, NJ to John J. Clark, Sr and Rose (Jaskowiak) Clark. He attended the University of Dayton in Ohio, but his unrequited love of the Philadelphia Phillies drove him to transfer to Saint Joseph's University. Then he met and married, the love of his life, Janet (Nealon) Clark. Together they had two daughters and seven grandchildren. John was a devoted follower of sports. His knowledge of the NY Giants and Philadelphia Phillies, was only surpassed by his extensive recollection of rock and smooth jazz bands from the 70's and 80's.

John was an avid gardener and often had the greenest lawn on the street. Even as his health began to fail, he made sure that his landscapers kept it that way! His generosity was unmatched: John grew the tastiest tomatoes and cucumbers in such abundance that all of his friends and family were able to enjoy them throughout the summer.

Most of all, John proudly loved his family and will be greatly missed by them all. He is survived by his wife, Janet, of 43 years, as well as: his brother, Mark and sister-in-law Linda Clark, his daughters Kelly and Kaitlyn, his sons-in-law, Robert Lindsay and Christian Baco, and his grandchildren, Patrick, Timothy, Nolan, Grace, Quinn, Eamon and Maggie.

If you are ever in Dyersville, Iowa, take a trip to visit him in the Field of Dreams and have a jack and ginger in his memory.



**OLV Senior Trip to Cabaret by the Sea**

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Crystal Point Yacht Club to see the show Cabaret by the Sea featuring Vincent Talarico. The trip is on August 6, 2019. The trip package is \$125 which includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, 3 course luncheon and show, all taxes and gratuities. For further questions or to reserve a seat please contact Finita at 732-721-5081.

**A Soul, My Dad**  
 By Al Gomolka Jr.  
 Times Poet Laureate  
 C.6-3-03

My dearest dad died today  
 Boy that's really tough to say  
 How I'd dread this day would come  
 Never realizing as his son  
 I'd live to experience his demise  
 Yet share a love so synthesized  
 Almost a joy, a calm, a peace  
 And through prayer although deceased  
 Feeling this of him for me  
 Dad lives on eternally  
 Our memories none can take  
 Not even death, but God can make  
 Us live again some other time  
 And with my thoughts and words  
 and rhymes  
 Although in mourning I appreciate  
 And would even like to celebrate  
 A victory of life's sacrifice  
 And Pop's new birthday in paradise  
 Hand out cigars in heaven, be glad!  
 Born a boy, a man, a soul, . . .My Dad.

**In Memoriam**

Robert "Bob" Concitis, 58, of Parlin died on May 16. He was a coach in the Sayreville Recreation Basketball League, and also coached in the Raritan Bay Babe Ruth League. Ray Stahl, 87, formerly of Sayreville died on May 25. He was a Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 2061. Douglas "Doug" LaVigne, 57, of South Amboy died on June 6. He was a good Mechanicsville guy, who previously worked for the City of South Amboy. Helen Skarzynski, 79, of Sayreville died on June 9. She was a Registered Nurse for 50 years, and a kind-hearted lady who will always be remembered. Daniel Passafiume, 96, of Parlin died on June 11. In the U.S. Army in World War II, he was wounded and received the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, 2 Purple Hearts, the Combat Infantry Badge for ground combat, and the French Liberation Medal. He was a true American hero. Jerrold "Jerry" Boychuck, 72, of South Amboy died on June 11. He was always one of the "good guys," and friendly to all.

**Mary Ann Heim Nappi**



Mary Ann Heim Nappi, 96, of Freehold died on Wednesday May 22, 2019 at home. Born in South Amboy she lived there all her life before moving to Freehold in 2016. She was a member of St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy.

Daughter of the late Albert and Nellie Nolan Heim she is also predeceased by her husband John W. Nappi, Sr. in 1999; her son John William Nappi, Jr. in 1985; her daughter Mary Ellen Nappi in 1949 and her sister Margaret Farley in 2013. She is survived by her son James A. Nappi of Red Bank; her daughters Mary Ellen Quirk of Red Bank and Phyllis Ann "Phoebe" Nappi of Freehold; her brother James J. Heim of Spring, Texas; her grandchildren Alicia Rose Loudin and her husband Guy of Red Bank and Marianne Quirk and her boyfriend David Preston of Pennel, Pennsylvania; 4 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were under the direction of The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" Donations may be made to McAuley Hall Health Care Center, 1633 US Highway 22, Watchung, NJ 07069.

**Obituaries**

Alwell, James "Jim," 72, formerly of Sayreville died on May 24.  
 Arkis, Barbara, 87, formerly of Sayreville died on May 31.  
 Balicki, Teresa Banach, 91, of South Amboy died on May 26.  
 Ballard, Robert "Dan," 63, of Parlin died on June 14.  
 Boychuk, Jerrold W., 72, of South Amboy died on June 11.  
 Chicalese, Rudolph N. "Rudy," 90, of Sayreville died on June 18.  
 Concitis, Robert J. "Bob," 58, of Parlin died on May 16.  
 Desmond, Jerald T. "Jerry," 83, formerly of South Amboy died on May 30.  
 Ferencz, Roman W., 93, of South Amboy died on June 14.  
 Ford, John J. III, 72, of Sayreville died on June 14.  
 Kedzierski, Leo, 89, formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville died on June 10.  
 Kieseling, Rose, 88, of Parlin died on May 24.  
 Kopko, Margarita H., 62, of Parlin died on May 19.  
 Kuczbanski, Joy, 38, of South Amboy died on June 11.  
 LaVigne, Douglas G., 57, of South Amboy died on June 6.  
 Lockman, Ronald E. Sr., 83, of South Amboy died on June 15.  
 McDonald, Joseph C., 85, of Parlin died on June 6.  
 Monteleone, Diogene "Gene," 62, of Parlin died on May 26.  
 Nappi, Mary Ann Heim, 96, formerly of South Amboy died on May 22.  
 Osmanski, Edward M., 52, of Sayreville died on June 20.  
 Passafiume, Daniel J., 96, of Parlin died on June 11.  
 Pelszynski, Patricia, 84, of Parlin died on May 28.  
 Servis, Joyce M., 82, formerly of South Amboy died June 5th.  
 Siurano, Peter, 68, of Sayreville died on June 8.  
 Skarzynski, Helen M., 79, of Sayreville died on June 9.  
 Smith, John A., 67, of Sayreville died on June 2.  
 Stahl, Raymond, 87, formerly of Sayreville died on May 25.  
 Stumper, Doris "Judy," V. 96, of South Amboy died on June 12.  
 Tietchen, Regina M. "Genie" Warn, 80, of South Amboy died on May 22.  
 Travisano, Raniero "Renny" M., 82, of Morgan died on June 8.  
 White, Joan M., 82, of Parlin died on June 8.



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

**J. Thomas Cross**



J. Thomas Cross departed this life Tuesday afternoon June 11, 2019 in the care of Embrace Hospice in Myrtle Beach SC. Born in South Amboy, NJ on March 7, 1936, he was the son of Martin Vincent and Alice Cross. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Barbara, his brother Walter and sister Marianne. He leaves to hold dear his memory his brother Robert, his sister Michele and husband Rick, his stepdaughter Cheryl and her son Cody, and nieces and nephews. Tom was the mayor of South Amboy from 1976-1983, Middlesex County Freeholder from 1983 to 1990 at which time he became the Director of Personnel for Middlesex County. The family extends a heart-felt Thank You to Thrive Assisted Living and Memory Care and the staff for providing Tom kind and loving care while Tom was living there. A Memorial Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in South Amboy, NJ on Sat., July 20th at 11 a.m. The family suggests that any contributions to his memory be sent to the American Cancer Society.

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