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Sayreville Memorial Day Parade-May 28

By Carmen Delikat Auxiliary President Post #4699

The Sayreville Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 28th starting at 10 a.m. on Elizabeth St., heading down Washington Rd. to Main St., and ending in front of Borough Hall. The event is run by the VFW Post #4699 this year, with the Grand Marshal being Frank Straczynski Jr., who has been active with the VFW in various activities

and holding several official titles including Commander, which he held for 8 years. If you wish to participate in the parade in any way, contact Frank at 732-742-2448 or Stan 732-254-4789, or the VFW Post #4699 on Jernee Mill Rd. at 732-713-4880. We are looking forward to see the community involvement.

Dato Receives Community Champion Award

South Amboy Councilwoman Zusette Dato recently received the prestigious Peter J. Barnes Jr. Community Champion Award for her community service, interest and involvement with the work of the YMCA,

her example as a leader for others, integrity, caring, honesty, respect, responsibility, and volunteering for many years. Congratulations Zusette on a wonderful award you so deserved!

ShopRite Renovation Complete

By Steve Schmid

Local shoppers are finally getting a more enjoyable experience now that the ShopRite expansion project is over. The Shop Rite at the Sayrebrook Towne Center at North Ernston and Washington Roads in Parlin has added 26,000 square feet of additional space. The project took about a year to execute and forced the closing of parts of the store. Business continued during the construction, but goods had to be moved to different areas. The drop ceilings were removed which makes the store brighter and more airy. The store features

a larger bakery section with more pastries, bread, and baked goods and desserts. Fresh cheese is also offered. More chef prepared meals and fresh sushi are available. The store now has self service checkout lanes and a shop at home section. Customers can shop online and a ShopRite employee will do the shopping for those customers. The area has seen two new businesses come in. Lightbridge Academy is now open and Chase Manhattan Bank will be opening soon at the former site of Pizza Hut.



The Family of the late Judge Joseph Hoffman placed the Memorial Wreath in front of the Officer Mourning Statue during South Amboy's Police Memorial Ceremony on May 14th. South Amboy Police Chief Darren LaVigne is pictured with the family. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



The Borough of Sayreville Police Dept. held its annual Memorial Service to honor all of the deceased members through the years. (Photo courtesy of Sayreville Police Dept.)

Independence Day Fireworks and the First Stars & Stripes Boat Parade



Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz (center left) and South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (center right) aboard the Cornucopia to announce the plans for the two cities plans for the celebration of Independence Day. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Boat Parade Before Raritan Bay Fireworks Spectacular on July 3rd
Celebrate our Stars & Stripes Committee's Honorary Chairs
launch the fundraising campaign

The mayors of South Amboy and Perth Amboy in alliance with the not-for-profit Celebrate our Stars & Stripes organization, recently announced an inaugural Patriotic Boat Parade to occur before the world-class fireworks spectacular begins around 9 PM on Tuesday, July 3rd.

The First Annual Stars & Stripes Boat Parade will recognize the sacrifices made by brave warriors – past and present – in the United States Army and Air Force as well as those who serve on waters close to home and around the world in the U.S. Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and local marine police. The flotilla will feature 50 or more power craft and sailboats beautifully decorated, from stem to stern, with brightly-colored lights, flags, patriotic messages, and large banners.

The announcement was made during a

news media briefing and donor-appreciation luncheon aboard the Cornucopia's St. Charles Vessel. More than 150 corporate sponsors, small business owners, and individual donors attended the event. WCTC-AM's Morning Show Host Bert Baron was the emcee.

Over 60,000 residents of the Amboys, along their families and friends, are expected to view the boat parade and Celebrate our Stars & Stripes' pyrotechnics display. World-renowned Garden State Fireworks will design and present an imaginative extravaganza featuring incredible bursts of light and booming sounds. Fireworks, which can be seen and heard all around Raritan Bay, mark the nation's birth and remind everyone that the very course of history can be changed when free, brave people unite to achieve a

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Pisar To Run For Mayor

Peter "Pedro" Pisar, has announced his candidacy for Mayor of South Amboy. Running on the Republican ticket, he is unopposed in the upcoming June primary election. Pisar, who retired from the Middlesex County Sheriff's Dept. announced a 3-point plan taking aim at improvement,

innovation, and greater involvement. Pisar requests that city residents with concerns and ideas to help South Amboy either email him at: peterfornj@gmail.com or visit his Facebook page: Peter Pisar for South Amboy Mayor.

South Amboy Cruise Nights

The City of South Amboy will be holding Cruise Nights on the third Friday of every month from 6-9 p.m., starting on May 25th. All cars are welcome to participate and join in the fun, music, prizes, 50/50's and great people with their cars. Cruise Nights will be hosted by local South Amboy businesses with

the support of Independence Engine & Hose Co. #1. All parking will be on Broadway.

The complete schedule for Cruise Nights: May 25; June 15; July 20; Aug. 17; Sept. 21; Oct. 19. For more info contact: MTOTH1@Optonline.net or 908-930-3497.

Blood Drive June 17

There will be a Blood Drive at St. Mary Church on June 17 in the school cafeteria from 8:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Please bring ID and remember to eat before you donate. Donors should be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Homemade goodies will be served, walk-ins are welcome! Please call Sue at 732-220-7077 for details.

Car Blessing June 12

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 is holding the annual blessing of the cars on Tuesday June 12 from 6:30 to 7 p.m. in the St. Mary's parking lot. Bring your car, truck, SUV or motorcycle to receive a summer blessing. For more information call 732-721-2025.



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Take your children to work day-South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (seated) poses with children of the City's workers at the Senior Resource Center on Stevens Ave. The children were taken on a tour of all the various departments throughout the City, (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Locals Win Poster Contest

The Diocese of Metuchen held its annual “Kids Look at Life” poster contest recently. Two local school children were chosen winners. Hannah Lillie Vilorio, a student at Our Lady of Victories School won 1st place in the 8th Grade Division, and Niki Patel, who attends St. Ambrose School in Old Bridge won 2nd place in the 2nd Grade Division. Congratulations Hannah and Niki!

Outstanding Poem

The poem published last month in The SA Times, “Just A Little Boy” was written many years ago by Dawn Boyer Slingerland of South Amboy. It was perfectly written for those playing baseball in the youth leagues, and their parents, and if it was ever entered in a poetry contest, it would win top prize without a doubt! According to Russell Boyer, “She actually wrote it during one of my Little League games 35 years ago.” Thank you Dawn for sharing your great work!

O’Leary Receives Award

Former South Amboy resident Tom O’Leary was the recipient of the prestigious Spirit of Ryan Award from Archbishop Ryan High School in Philadelphia, PA. The school’s website describes the honor as “Given to an individual who promotes values and traditions of Archbishop Ryan High School. Honorees have shown outstanding service to Ryan through work on alumni programs, advisory committees, activities and athletics, and other efforts that ensure the success of the school and advance the mission of Archbishop Ryan High School.” Congratulations, Tom!

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Tournament-June 23

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The single elimination Horseshoes Tournament starts at 11 a.m. First round best out of 5 games/following rounds 3 games. Entry fee is \$100 per team/2 person team. *\$500 Prize. To sign up call Keith Rybak 732-261-1025 or Eric Hausmann 908-420-5470.

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PLEASANT LITTLE TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

1.In 1995, Peterson Pharmacy in South Amboy was located at?

a.North Broadway b.South Pine Ave. c.Main St.

2.Rock ‘N Wish Sunday was held at this local establishment in ‘95?

a.Mel’s Lounge b.Connie’s Bar c.Lions Den

3.This men’s and women’s barber shop was located at 1071 Bordentown Ave. back in 1995?

a.Michael’s b.Harry’s c.Vince’s

4.South Amboy Council President in ‘95?

a.Donald Thomas b.Joseph Connors c.James Reick

5.This consulting group was located on Main St. in South Amboy for many years?

a.Sheehan b.Sherman c.Shannon

6.South Amboy Board of Education President in 1995?

a.Eileen Ryan b.Robert Kelly c.Michael Felice

7.Re-elected President of the South Amboy Board of Education in 2009?

a.Elizabeth DeLucca b.Cindy Zammit c.John Dragotta

8.Where is Teddy’s Bar located in Sayreville?

a.Morgan b.Melrose c.President Park

9.This Morgan author wrote an outstanding book called “Jill?”

a.Jack Wilson b.Tony Piazza c.George Spiecker

10.Director/teacher at Golden Rule Christian Center in Sayreville back in 2009?

a.Wendy Dennen Erickson b.Sarah Kennedy Bennigton c.Susan Milano

Answers

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



Former NBA great Brian Taylor (l) visits with Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz (c) and South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (r) at the Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes Perth Amboy & South Amboy VIP Luncheon. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Congratulations!



Paul Dehnz, who has worked for the USPS in South Amboy for 32 1/2 years will retire at the end of May. Congratulations and best of luck Paul, and thank you for all you've done for everyone in your position with the Post Office. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

OLV Senior Meeting

The OLV Senior Group will hold their June meeting on Friday, June 1, 2018 at 1 PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. After our business meeting, we will have our annual end-of-the-year celebration. Please call Mary Bouchard at 732-727-5056 if you did not sign

Flea Market-June 8

The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having their annual Flea Market on Saturday June 2, 2018 from 8 am to 2 pm. We are located at 172 Main Street, Sayreville, directly across from the Borough Hall. Our rain date is June 8th. Come out and see if you find your treasures. Check out our various vendors, have a good meal and just enjoy the day.



2018 Inductees Sayreville War Memorial High School Hall of Fame



The 2018 inductees into the Sayreville War Memorial High School Hall of Fame, who were inducted on May 5, 2018 are: left to right: Gregory Braun (Class of 1995), Commander Steven Tarr (Class of 1995), Maureen Wlodarczyk (Class of 1969), Joseph Myers (Class of 1965), Stacey Thalmann (accepting for Edward Thalmann, deceased, Class of 1962), Harry Janes (Class of 1967) and Sharyn Fisher (Class of 1998). (Photo/info submitted)

Choir Calendar Raffle

St. Mary Choir will be running a Calendar Raffle from July 1-Dec. 30, with drawings to be held every Sunday at 11:15 a.m. All proceeds will benefit the Choir. The prize of \$100 will be awarded to one lucky winner each week. Winning ticket numbers will then be placed back into the raffle, so each ticket holder is eligible to win again. The total prize money to be paid out is \$2,700. Tickets are \$20 each, and can be purchased after Mass, at the Rectory office or from any choir member. For questions or more info call 732-735-3449.

Health Screenings

Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy is having free Community Wellness Screenings, Sunday, June 10, 2018, 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. at Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main Street, Sayreville, NJ 08872. Free screenings include: Blood Pressure, Glucose, Cholesterol, Pulse, Body Mass Index (BMI), Stroke Risk Assessment. All are welcome to participate - bring your family and friends! For more information please contact Rev. Vincent Frunzi at (732)257-1084.

New Members Wanted

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

up for the June luncheon. No orders will be taken after May 27th. Payments are due for all trips. Food donations will be taken for the St. Vincent DePaul pantry. For further information contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

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Yearbook Sayreville 1978

By Tom Burkard

"Best of My Love," by The Emotions ruled the radio in September 1977, when the Sayreville War Memorial High School seniors returned for their final year. . Dr. Marie Parnell was principal, and some of the school's fine educators included: Kenneth Boardman, Elyse Gelsonon, John McCormack, Richard Brown, Christine Kwiatkowski, Kathleen Kapica, John Rupp, Kevin Corrigan. . . Jerriann Danella was President of the Student Council. . Jody Mehl was Editor-In-Chief of the yearbook. . Janie Murphy was chosen "Homecoming Queen.". SWMHS had plenty of extra-curricular activities including the following clubs: Basketball; Pep; Foreign Language; Future Business Leaders; DECA; Future Secretaries; Chess; Future Nurses; Math; Ecology. The Jazz Rock Ensemble was also popular, and the Fall Drama, "Dial 'M' For Murder" was a huge hit. . On the worldwide scene in 1978, there were three different popes in one year. . Muhammad Ali became the first Heavyweight to win the title three times when he beat Leon Spinks. . '78 was the year of the world's first test tube baby;. . Some of the '78 graduates selected randomly included; Jim Albert, Bob Albert, Jacquie Altman, Jack Ballo, Patricia Banks, Tom Behr, Ron Borup, Ted Broudy, Shelley Bunyon, Leslie Burkshot, Mark Cholowski, Kelly Clark, Patricia Comerford, Greg Connors, Marty Conroy, Ed Corvino, Tom Crummy, John Coyle, Lynn Dehnz, Diane DeRisi, Arlene Drwal, Cathy During, Greg Fallon, John Everitt, Steve Feeley, Mary Lou Fleming, Rich Gaul, Greg Giovenco, Karen Good, Gayle Grankowski, Rich Gulick, Richard Hammer, Dorothy Holliday, Ben

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Independence Day Fireworks - continued from page 1

special cause.

The Celebrate Committee's Honorary Chairs, Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz and South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry also launched the fundraising campaign for the Independence Day programs. The fireworks, boat parade, and many fun activities in both cities are free events and privately funded by donations. The Celebrate our Stars & Stripes organization also covers public safety expenses for police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technician units, and teams from the public works department.

Thanking all past donors, Celebrate Chairman Barry Rosengarten, Co-Chair Michael "Mickey" Gross, President of the South Amboy City Council, and Co-Chair William "Bill" Petrick, President of Perth Amboy's City Council, noted that expenses continue to increase. The leadership team asked supporters to make their contributions today by visiting the Celebrate website (www.celebratestarandstripes.com), clicking on the GoFundMe link (www.gofundme.com/celebratestarsandstripes) or sending donations to CPA-Celebrate our Stars & Stripes, 211 Front Street, Perth Amboy, N.J. 08861.

Speaking about the alliance between the two cities, Mayor Diaz said, "I'm grateful that Perth Amboy has the opportunity to join with Mayor Henry, Council President Gross and the people of South Amboy to celebrate our great nation's birthday. On July 3rd families, friends and loved ones can relax and have fun outdoors by the waterfront, watch the great new boat parade and then look skyward as the rockets blaze red, white, and blue. I also want to thank each of our corporate sponsors and the Celebrate our Stars & Stripes Committee - especially Yolanda Flores and Junel Hutchinson - as well as all the volunteers who devote many hours planning, organizing and creating this event."

Sign Up for the Stars & Stripes Boat Parade

Boat Parade Co-Captains Gary Rumpf and Jeff Steuber, who are volunteer representatives of the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District (BID), are contacting the area's yacht clubs and regional marinas. They are recruiting boaters from all around Raritan Bay. Boat owners can get more details at the Celebrate our Stars & Stripes Boat Parade web page (<http://www.celebratestarsandstripes.com/boatparade>).

html). or emailing Mr. Steuber at atjesteuber@celebratestarsandstripes.com.

The United States Coast Guard has approved the boat parade route. The flotilla, which will be led by Perth Amboy's Bay Keeper Bill Schultz, will gather by the Outerbridge Bridge. After cruising past Perth Amboy's waterfront, boaters move across Raritan Bay to South Amboy and proceed to the designated anchor site, which will have magnificent views of the fireworks display.

South Amboy Welcomes Guests to Enjoy Fireworks

In announcing the fireworks and parade, South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry said, "Once again we are pleased to celebrate this great American Independence Day with our neighbors across the river. We welcome all South Amboy residents as well as family and friends from near and far to enjoy everything our City on the Rise has to offer - especially our beautiful waterfront and park facilities. On behalf of myself and the entire City Council, I offer sincere thanks to all sponsors for their generous donations without which none of this would be possible. I also would be remiss not to thank Council President Mickey Gross, who goes above and beyond to make this a spectacular event."

Prior to and during the fireworks, WMGQ 98.3 FM will simulcast Americana music. The selection includes a full program of American songs that range from the patriotic - the Star-Spangled Banner, America the Beautiful, and patriotic marches - to popular hits by the Garden State's Bruce Springsteen and Jon Bon Jovi.

For many years, Mr. Rosengarten has been the driving force behind this community-focused project. He organizes, coordinates, and manages the thousands of details that go into to staging the Independence Day fireworks celebration, the new boat parade, and fun activities. Long in that role, he is the chief fundraising advocate for Celebrate our Stars & Stripes events.

Sharing his deep commitment to serving the community and honoring America's legacy of freedom, Mr. Rosengarten said, "Our patriotic boat parade and fireworks are a visual representation of this nation's core beliefs. Each brilliant burst of light and booming sound touches our hearts and resonates with our senses, a way of emphasizing that America's freedom needs to be protected and continually nurtured."

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Are You Too Young Or Too Old To Remember??

By Elaine Holton Scott

In a blink, things come and go. What we had thought would last forever, upped and disappeared without warning instead. People pass away; new buildings replace old ones; children grow up and get old...like the rest of us who had thought we'd always stay young. Somehow, even the most mundane and insignificant recollections become important to remember as the years continue passing by. The following mishmash of eclectic memories is a good example:

Keeping a road map in the "stretchy" material pocket on the driver's side of the car; paying cash for all purchases; seeing the "washed up" Lash LaRue snapping his whip as he performed at the Sacred Heart Carnival in 1961; getting the red colored, stinging Mercurochrome sponged onto a cut or scratch; using a phone booth to make a call; never having heard about vitamins; gambling and lotteries being outlawed in New Jersey; Snap, Crackle and Pop; Truant Officers; fuse boxes; large sized bags of Wise Potato Chips costing 25 cents; buying a book of stamps instead of a sheet...and licking those stamps to make them stick; heating the kitchen by turning on the oven and leaving its door open; Gaines Burgers for dogs; cords on all electrical appliances covered with fabric containing asbestos; light bulbs having a yellowish glow unlike the bright lights of today; dry cat food sold in 18 oz. sized boxes; cleaning carpets with a manual carpet sweeper; taking a sponge bath; rooms having only one outlet while the bathroom had none at all; getting coal delivered; trying to pop popcorn in a frying pan; writing a letter; stores selling only boxes of powdered laundry detergent; diaper pails; ironing sheets and pillow cases; 3-oz. sized packs of cream cheese; pushing a manual lawn mower; magnetized, plastic "holy statues" placed on metal car dashboards; ash

trays and cigarette lighters in cars; beatniks; Amos & Andy; "not worth a plugged nickel"; only gas stations opened for business on Sundays; no state sales tax; 2 cents apiece prayer cards sold to reduce time spent in Purgatory; ordering from the Popular Club catalog; Limbo where all the "unbaptized" babies were said to go; asking for a "Doggie Bag" at a restaurant; "It's 10 p.m. Do you know where your child is?"; Mexican jumping beans with live larvae inside; a rabbit foot key chain; hat pins; mimeograph machines; ladies' wallets having little change purses inside which snapped shut; washing your hair with soap "in a pinch"; Beech-Nut coffee (thanks, Bill Everhard*); Archie, Betty, Veronica and Jughead; dancing "the Pony"; Inner Sanctum TV show; buying black & white rolls of film; Cousin Brucie; Twiggy; Kukla, Fran & Ollie; ...how it had felt to be young.

*Bill Everhard, a native of Sayreville, is married to a South Amboy girl named Maria Korlath, my kindergarten classmate at St. Mary's. Bill left the Sayreville Police Force to move to Florida with Maria in the mid-'80's.

**Areal "oldie": When I was just a young child, my Polish aunt had taught me how to drink hot tea from a saucer. After the hot tea was very carefully poured into a saucer, the tricky part was lifting the saucer with both hands very slowly and very carefully until it was level with the mouth. Blowing gently to cool the tea, the liquid would ripple in little waves. Anyone else drink tea this way??

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY

O holy St. Anthony, reach down from heaven and take hold of my hand. Assure me that I am not alone. You are known to possess miraculous powers and to be ever ready to speak for those in trouble. Loving and gentle St. Anthony, reach down from heaven I implore you and assist me in my hour of need. Obtain for me (mention request here). Dearest St. Anthony, reach down from heaven and guide me with thy strength. Plead for me in my needs. And teach me to be humbly thankful as you were for all the bountiful blessings I am to receive. - P.S.

The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

As we prepare to celebrate the Memorial Day holiday, we should reflect on those military veterans who offered their lives in service to our country. It is because of their sacrifices that we can enjoy the freedoms we hold so dear. Let us also remember our first responders. Our first responders are the protectors of our communities and risk their lives responding to dangerous situations daily. No firefighter knows when he will answer his final alarm, but he is willing to give his life to save another. Firefighters do lose their lives in other ways besides actually fighting a fire. A large percentage of firefighters that die at fire scenes do so because of an unknown heart condition brought on by the stress and extremely fast pace of activities. With adrenaline flowing, blood pumping, fire showing from all windows of a burning structure, and the thought of having to rescue trapped residents, it is more than enough to cause your body and all its functions to go into overdrive. First responders and military personnel perform similar missions, the difference being the enemy they are fighting and the weapons they use in battle.

On this Memorial Day weekend, our local fire departments will honor all firefighters who have answered their final alarm. There will be wreath laying ceremonies and the placing of flags at the local cemeteries where our heroes have their final resting place. This practice is a long-standing tradition in the fire service carried out by the new generation of firefighters as a way of remembering those firefighters that answered the final alarm. We will always remember and never forget!

The Sayreville Fire Department Exempt Firemen's Association will conduct Memorial Day services at the Firemen's Monument

located on the corner of Main Street and MacArthur Avenue, at 8:00am, Monday morning, May 28th. rain or shine. During this solemn ceremony, a memorial paver will be placed in honor of each firefighter who has passed away since last Memorial Day. Each paver will be hand-placed by the family members of the individual fallen firefighter as a lasting remembrance to their devotion to duty and service to their community. This will be followed by the final roll call of those missing from our ranks, a rifle salute followed by the playing of TAPS. This ceremony is fitting for one who had risked his life to save another. This very solemn and moving ceremony is open to the public. All residents are invited to come out and pay a small tribute to those firefighters that devoted their lives to protect others, especially if you had the need to call upon the fire department in an emergency for help.

The South Amboy Fire Department will conduct a wreath laying ceremony at the Firemen's Monument and over the Memorial Day weekend, each company will place memorial flags on the graves of their departed members.

The following is a list of the firefighters who have answered their final alarm.

From the South Amboy Fire Department: George Schmidt-Mechanicsville, Robert Leslie-Mechanicsville, Walter Kozak-Chief SAFD.

From The Sayreville Fire Department: Fred Kath Jr.-Morgan Hose & Chemical, Matthew Winston-Engine Co. #1, George Bailey-Engine Co. #1, Joseph Lockwood-Morgan Hose & Chemical, Douglas Carlen-Morgan Hose & Chemical.

Spaghetti Dinner June 2

Our Lady of Victories HSA is sponsoring an All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner prepared by Carmen Spezzi at Msgr. Dalton Hall, 42 Main St., Sayreville, on June 2nd at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10-adults, \$5-children (3-12 years old), under 3 years old Free. Dinner includes bread and salad, but you will need to provide your own beverage. Tickets are

available in school and parish offices. It is recommended that you purchase your tickets in advance, as limited tickets will be available at the door. Any questions contact Vaness at: groomhilda@optonline.net or call 908-208-8598.



South Amboy Police Memorial Day Service

By Tom Burkard

The South Amboy Police Dept. held its annual Memorial Day Service on May 14th in front of City Hall on North Broadway, “To honor the departed officers of our local police department.” A crowd of over 100 attended the event, which was started with a greeting by new Patrolman Christopher Norek. He was followed with the invocation by Deacon Richard O’Brien, and then PBA President Ptl. Steve Clark gave the address, which was followed by the Call to Attention by Sgt. Brian Noble. Ptl. Norek led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the flag was raised by Sgt. Dennis McQuade and Ptl. Dane O’Grady. Francis Norek Jr. performed a great rendition of “God Bless America,” and Sgt. Richard Wojacyk did the Memorial Roll Call. American Legion #211 from Sayreville gave the Rifle Salute, and also the Sounding of Taps in memory of our deceased Police

officers. Bagpiper Courtney McQuade played a beautiful rendition of “Amazing Grace,” and then the Hoffman family, placed the Memorial Wreath in memory of the Honorable Joseph Hoffman. Sgt. Noble gave the Parade Rest command, prior to Chief Darren LaVigne’s outstanding address to all in attendance and asked the crowd to give the police officers a round of applause in thanks for all they do. Sgt. Patricia Kanecke read the “Policeman’s Prayer,” and Mayor Fred Henry praised the police and the excellent work they do for the City of South Amboy, and also asked the crowd to acknowledge the police with another round of applause. Deacon O’Brien gave Benediction, followed by Francis Norek Jr.’s acapella version of “The Lord’s Prayer. Sgt. Noble dismissed the unit, and refreshments were served at Independence Fire House.

2018 South Amboy Police Roster

Chief Darren LaVigne, Captain Joseph Matarangolo, Lieutenant Brian McCabe, Sergeant Richard Wojacyk, Sergeant Patricia Kanecke, Sergeant Brian Noble, Sergeant Jacob Murray, Sergeant Michael Kelly, Sergeant Dennis McQuade, Detective Sergeant Daniel Holovacko, Detective David Keegan, Patrolman James Charmello,

Patrolman Albert Kester, Patrolman Hector Pena, Patrolman Steve Clark, Patrolman An Wang, Patrolman Robert Besner, Patrolman Alexander Miranda, Patrolman Dane O’Grady, Patrolman John Cooney, Patrolman Christopher Norek, Patrolman Kurt Miller, Patrolman Marvin Deausen, Patrolman Walter Fuentes.

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*Tax receipts available.

St. Mary’s Class Of ‘68 Reunion

St. Mary’s HS Class of 1968 will hold its 50th Reunion on Saturday, Oct. 6th from 6-11 p.m. at Doolan’s Shore Club in Spring Lake, NJ. Cost is only \$110 per person. A block of rooms have been reserved, but not that many, so you need to make your mind up

quickly. For reservations (\$100-\$200) call 732-449-3666. Questions: cdahl13@gmail.com Carolyn Dahl (aka Mula). Send your check to: Beth Dempsey, RSM (You can trust her) 22-04 Parsons Blvd., Whitestone, NY 11357, or call 860-384-9493 cell.

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 Car Show
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Jim Charmello (l) and John Ziola (r) are pictured by Jim’s beautiful vintage truck.



All kinds of great cars showed up, and were on display for the fine turnout of spectators.



Pictured (l-r) PGK Ken Smetana, Jan Williams, and Grand Knight Jack Mieczkowski.

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These members of the Our Lady of Victories School Chorus are shown where they participated in the American Federation Pueri Cantores New York Choral Festival and Mass on Saturday, April 21st. The singers rehearsed and sang with approximately 500 singers from Catholic dioceses in the New York metropolitan area at St. Jean Baptiste Church in New York City. Mrs. Beth Lucas is the teacher. (Photos/info submitted)

Events at the Dowdell Library

Join the Dowdell Library for an Animation Workshop, Teen BBQ, Essential Oils Workshop, Adult Tea Party and an Alzheimer’s Program.

Tweens and Teens! Are you interested in movie making and video game creation? Learn to animate; attend the introductory animation workshop Monday, June 4 from 3:30-4:30 pm. To register, please contact the Dowdell Library at 732-721-6060 or email comments@dowdell.org

Stop by the library for the annual Teen BBQ on Monday, June 4 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Make a creative summer object with the 3D Pen, enjoy delicious fondue, and compete in rounds of Name That Tune for a prize!

Gather with friends and neighbors on Monday, June 18 for a fun afternoon of events for adults which starts at 4 pm with the Adult Tea Party with delicious teas and light refreshments. Also, learn how to boost your health, improve your rest, and enhance your everyday life with essential oils -- free samples and information will be provided. Lastly, at 6 pm, learn about Alzheimer’s communication tips and techniques for managing that condition.

Do you have knitting or crocheting questions? Stop by and enjoy working on your knitting projects while chatting with

friends. Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. 6 - 8 pm.

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

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

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

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

Trinity United Methodist Church June 2018

Trinity Church has set key objectives for this year. One of the most critical is to focus on our youth and growing the congregation through the eyes of our children. To begin, our Sunday School has initiated a new program which focuses on a specific topic for a few weeks and reinforces the topic through art, cooking, games, reading and acting. Additionally, our Associate Pastor and Superintendent of Schools is leading a Youth Group with various churches in the county. Recently our children along with adult in the church built a Children’s Community Garden. If you are interested in seeing the garden or participating, please stop by. And lastly, in those months when we have five Sundays – the congregation puts together an intergenerational program so engage the entire church. In April, Noah’s Ark was

presented. There was an ark, thunder, rain and 75+ stuffed animals. The animals were donated to programs that would give them to children and each of our children walked out with a new toy. Our next one is July 29, and rumor has it Jonah the Whale might show. More information to follow.

Lastly, the church is hosting a bus trip to Sight & Sound showing of Jesus on Saturday, August 25 at 7:30. The cost is \$140 per person and includes the show, dinner at Good & Plenty, and the bus trip. If interested, please call Lori at 732 763 6232.

As a reminder, church services are every Sunday at 9:15 am. Our Thrift Shop is open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9 am to 12 pm. Come and experience a fun and growing church!!



The Acelero Head Start program in South Amboy recently visited the Middlesex County College Dental Clinic for a teeth cleaning and dental education. Here, Angela Manfredo (Middlesex Borough) works on a young child. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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The women of several different South Amboy Churches met outside of City Hall by the flag pole for National Day of Prayer on May 3rd at noon. This year's theme was Pray for America - UNITY, based upon Ephesians 4:3, which challenges us to mobilize unified public prayer for America, "Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." (Photo/Info Submitted)

Hello, Remember Me?

(Submitted by Louise Roberts)

Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Star Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me, I am your Flag, the Flag of the United States of America. Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you...because it is about you and me.

I remember some time ago people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade and naturally I was leading every parade, proudly waving in the breeze, when your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that the hand was directly over his heart. Remember?

And you, I remember you. Standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat, but you were giving the right salute. Remember little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you with her right hand over her heart. Remember?

What happened? I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I have a few more Stars since you were a boy or girl. A lot more blood has

been shed since those parades of long ago.

But now I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets and I may get a small glance and then you look away. Then I see the children running around and shouting. They don't seem to know who I am. I saw one man take his hat off then look around, he didn't see anybody else with theirs off, so he quickly put his back on.

Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I've been? Anzio, Guadalcanal, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq. Take a look at the Memorial Honor Rolls sometimes, of those who never came back to keep our country free. One Nation under God...when you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So, when you see me, stand straight, place your right hand over your heart, and I'll salute you, by waving back...and I'll know that you remember me.

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Thurs. June 21	Live music by "East Brunswick School of Rock" - 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Live music by "Jernee Mill Music" - 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Fri. June 22	"ST. STAN'S SCHOOL ALUMNI NIGHT" Thunder 106 - Jersey's Best Country - Radio Station - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Live music by "Jernee Mill Music" - 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm
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MEMORIAL DAY 2018

By Sayreville American Legion Lenape Post 211 Past Commander Rich Kosmoski

Each year on Memorial Day, we pay a special tribute to those men and women who had fought and died in America's wars so that we may enjoy the freedoms that we have been accustomed to as Americans.

But this year, 2018, is a special year as it marks the 100th Anniversary, the Centennial of the "GREAT WAR" or as some refer to it as "THE WAR TO END ALL WARS" and we know it more commonly as World War I.

As a peace loving country, the United States of America attempted to remain neutral and not get involved in a war so far away on a distant continent. America was willing to send supplies and material to the battlefield, but was not ready to send our young men.

As the war progressed in Europe and the enemy was gaining victory after victory and gaining a foothold throughout Europe, it was inevitable that sooner or later, America had to be involved. So many of us had fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers, or other relatives who left their homes to fight against the German Army in Europe.

World War I provided us with historic names and locations of battles such as: the Argonne Forest, Chateau Thierry, Battle of the Somme, Battle of Verdun, and the First & Second Battles of the Marne, plus many others. Our soldiers, "Dough Boys" as they were called had to carry and use gas masks as part of their protection because the enemy was using chemical weapons in their attacks.

For the first time, airplanes were used on the battlefields to monitor movements of the enemy and drop bombs on them or to bring in supplies, and paratroopers to bolster our troops. One of our most famous aviators of World War I, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker was the "ACE of ACES" as a pilot. By war's end he had shot down 26 enemy planes, more than any other pilot and received the Medal of Honor.

In this war, for the first time the Army became mechanized using tanks as weapons and trucks for transportation of supplies, equipment, and to remove the wounded from

the battlefields in ambulances. As we look back over the last 100 years to the "War to End All Wars", let me ask you, has it really been the "War to End All Wars"? In the upcoming days, ceremonies will be conducted at these battlefield cemeteries in Europe and cemeteries all across our nation in recognition of the World War I Centennial. Sayreville had sent over 300 young patriots to the battlefields in France during World War I and not all of them returned.

The following is a list of Sayreville's young men, who gave the ultimate sacrifice for they will always be remembered and never forgotten: HARRY L. BRANKEN, JOHN GOROKI, GEORGE JENSEN, FRANK KARWATT, JOSEPH KRZYNOWEK, OTTO KUSHNETKI, FRANK J. LEWANDOSKI, PETER PERO, DANIEL SMULLEM, FRANK TOCZAK, FRANK WIECZORKOWSKI.

Please ponder this question, "Will There ever be a War to End All Wars"? And, if so, who will be the victors, how will it be accomplished and how will the survivors survive?

The Veteran's Buddy Poppy was a result of World War I. These poppies grew in Flanders Field in Belgium where many of our American soldiers were killed and buried. We now use this poppy as a symbol and tribute to all Veterans who served our country and all proceeds from the donations received for these poppies go to the rehabilitation of our wounded Veterans.

As you celebrate Memorial Day, wear your Buddy Poppy proudly and take a moment to reflect back 100 years, to those brave young men who dedicated their lives for us, for our freedoms, our liberty, and for everything you enjoy in your daily lives.



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Jerry Covell shared this great photo of his 1953 2-door hardtop Mercury which was painted black and orange. They don't make them like this anymore! This picture was taken at Duck's Nest in Sayreville, a great place for swimming back in the 1950's. (Photo courtesy of Jerry Covell/caption by Joe Lotkowitz)

South River Midshipman Completes Sea Year Training With Merchant Marines

Midshipman Erik Beshada of South River recently completed Sea Year training at the United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) at Kings Point, New York.

Beshada traveled to Hawaii, Japan, Guam, Dubai, Bahrain, Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, India, Pakistan and South Africa aboard the USNS Amelia Earhart, USS Ponce and the M/V Alliance Fairfax.

By the end of their Sea Year, midshipmen will have trained on vessels such as container ships, roll-on-roll-off ships, bulk grain and ore ships, and oil tankers.



to the rigorous academic and physical requirements for admission, applicants must be nominated by their congressman or senator; Beshada was nominated by Senator Bob Menendez.

All USMMA graduates earn both a Bachelor of Science degree and a Merchant Marine officer license, and incur an obligation to serve the country as an active or reserve officer in the U.S. armed forces.

Beshada is a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy is the son of Valerie and James

in Lincroft. He is the son of Valerie and James Beshada of South River.

The USMMA is a federal service

NYC Circle Line Trip June 14

Sacred Heart Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the New York City Circle Line on Thursday June 14. The Circle Line cruise takes passengers on a two and a half journey around Manhattan island. See the New York City skyline, Manhattan, Staten Island, Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx. You'll pass under 21 bridges and get a close up view of the Statue of Liberty. Enjoy light lunch on board and at 2:30 p.m. have early dinner at the South Street Seaport before going home. Cost of \$73 includes round trip motor coach transportation and Circle Line tickets. Motor

coach leaves Sacred Heart parking lot at 9 a.m. The SH Seniors are also planning a trip Tuesday July 24 to the Hunterdon Playhouse to see the show "Nunsense." Cost is \$90. The Seniors are running a trip Tuesday August 7 to see Vincent Talerico and the Jersey Chix at the Crystal Point Yacht Club. Cost is \$70. The Seniors also have a fall outing Wednesday September 26 at Lakeside Manor on Route 36 Hazlet for the musical show "Remembering Patti Page." Cost is \$53 and transportation is on our own. For more information on these trips call Judy at 732-727-0154.

Trip to Hello Dolly

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to NYC to see Hello Dolly on Sunday, June 24, 2018. The cost of the trip is \$250.00 which includes show ticket, dinner at Hurley's, bus transportation, bus gratuity and snacks. For further information or to reserve a seat please call Carmen at 732-254-9425 through May 20th. After that date lease call Teri at 732-727-7639.

Consumer Affairs Discussion/Q & A

New Jersey Office of the Attorney General Division of Consumer Affairs will hold a Discussion/ Q & A on June 20, 11 a.m. at the South Amboy Senior Center, 108 South Stevens Ave., South Amboy. A representative will speak about how to “Avoid Getting Scammed.” Don’t get scammed by the IRS phone scam; Lottery scam; Grandparent scam; Identity Theft; Phone Calls; E-Mails; Text Messages; Door-to-Door.

To St. Jude

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



Members of the American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #44 of South Amboy is pictured at St. Mary's Cemetery preparing to place new flags on the graves of military veterans for Memorial Day. In photo (l-r) Bill Tierney, Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak, Gary Poland, Phyllis Letteriello, and Bill Garnett. Missing from photo is Frank Campbell. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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Sunday, June 10, 2018 4pm ~ Free Admission



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Laura Toth (3rd from right) is pictured after running her first full marathon on April 29th, which she completed in 4 hrs and 1 minute . The race started in Monmouth Park and finished in Long Branch. Congratulations Laura! (Photo/info submitted by Mike Toth)

Car Show

RJC Charities, Inc will be holding their 8th Annual SWMHS Car Show on Sunday, June 10, 2018 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Each year we hold an Annual Benefit Car Show for those battling cancer. Our beneficiary this year is Michael Clarke of Parlin, NJ, who is battling Stage 3 Liver and Colon Cancer.

The event promises to be fun for all ages and the whole family! (The rain date is Sunday, June 17, 2018.) FREE Admission for spectators! The Sayreville High School is located at 820 Washington Road, Parlin, NJ.

The show will include an exhibit of Antique, Custom, Race Cars, Street Rods, Muscle Cars, Restored and Many More! Awards will be given out, recognizing the exhibitors. Vehicle Exhibitors can register on-site for the event; cost is \$5 for pre-registrants and \$15 the day of the show.

General Admission is free to the public. Sponsorship and vendor opportunities are available. For more information please visit, www.rjccharities.com or visit our Facebook webpage!

First Holy Communion

The following children from the St. Mary Religious Program who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on May 5th were: Violet Benevento, Angela Calderon, Devin De Vico, Oliver Drill, Kory Fulham, Madison Kehoe, Maisie Moran, Nicolette

Moran, James Parker, Kayla Radich, Reagan Restiano, Madison Rivera, Gianna Romano, Jazalyn Rodriguez, Leilani Rodriguez, Kylee Vazquez, Chris Yanez. Congratulations to all, and God Bless!

OLV School Fundraiser

Our Lady of Victories School will hold a fundraiser on June 4th from 5-9 p.m. at Rita's, 3310 Washington Rd., Parlin. Family,

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Middlesex County College Graduates 1480 Students May 17




A total of 1514 degrees and certificates were awarded to 1480 students by Middlesex County College Thursday, May 17 at the 51st annual Commencement exercises witnessed by approximately 3500 guests at the Rutgers Athletic Center. Heather R. Kellerman (Not pictured) of South Amboy had one of the highest grade point averages in the school.



The late, well-respected and loved Rzepka brothers, Adam (l) and Chappy (r) proudly held a Memorial Day wreath many years ago.

Sayreville Recreation Department New York Yankee Trips




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August 17, 2018
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Our Lady of Victories 2nd grade students who received their First Holy Communion and participated in the May Crowning.
(Photos/Info Submitted)



Father Ryan with OLV second grader Quinlan Kulakis who received her First Holy Communion on May 5th.



OLV second graders Quinlan Kulakis (l) and Kaila Graca (r) who received their First Holy Communion



OLV second grade students who participated in the May Crowning that was held on May 8th.



Past Commander Rich Kosmoski demonstrates to the teachers and staff the proper steps in folding the American Flag at a Memorial Day program at Emma Arleth School. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Memorial Day Program

On Friday, May 18, American Legion Lenape Post 211 Honor Guard presented a Memorial Day program to the entire third grade class at Emma Arleth School in Sayreville. The proper way of retiring old and used flags was discussed as well as answering the many various questions from the students regarding the veterans and their service time. The students were told about the meaning of Memorial Day and the Buddy Poppy, a symbol that resulted from World War I. This year is a special year as it is the Centennial of the end of World War I. A presentation about this important year was given to the class by Past Commander Rich Kosmoski

who had talked about the many battles and concluded with reading off the names of the local young men that were killed in the war. The members of the Honor Guard demonstrated how to properly fold the American flag then had all the students participate in the folding ceremony. Once all the students had their chance to fold the flag, the teachers and staff were also invited to participate in their folding of the flag. As the classes left the auditorium, each was handed a Buddy Poppy by one of the Honor Guard Members as a remembrance of the upcoming Memorial Day.

Longwood Gardens Christmas Trip

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

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



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Programs begin the week of June 25th

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Ages 4-13

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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
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DANCE – ages 6-13 Wed – 9:00am-12:00pm
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Fee is \$55.00 per class
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Stan Grzes of South Amboy plays some great tunes on the violin/fiddle during last year’s annual Middlesex County History Day Celebration at Old Town in Piscataway. (Photo/info submitted)

Pops at the Park

Arts District of South Amboy presents Pops at the Park Sunday, June 10, 2018 4PM Free Admission Raritan Bay Waterfront Park, 1 Keenan Way, South Amboy South Amboy: Arts District of South Amboy is please to present an afternoon of orchestral pops music under the open sky at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park in South Amboy/Sayreville. Concert goers are encouraged to bring a blanket and a picnic supper and relax to the music from Star Wars, Game of Thrones, Mozart classics, patriotic tunes and more performed

by the Music at St. Mary’s Orchestra under the baton of Maestro Christopher Deibert. In the event of rain, the concert will move indoors to the South Amboy High School Community Theater located at 200 Governor Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Funding for this event is made possible in part by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, City of South Amboy, Amboy Bank, and Woodmont Properties. For more information visit www.southamboyarts.org or call 732.316.0222.

SIGHT AND SOUND JESUS – AUGUST 25

Trinity United Methodist Church and the Knights of Columbus in South Amboy are co-hosting a trip to Sight & Sound to see Jesus on Saturday, August 25 at 7 pm. Costs for the tickets are \$140 per person and include

the bus, lunch at Good & Plenty, and the 7 pm showing. The bus will leave the Knights’ parking lot at 1 pm. If you are interested in going, please call Lori at 732 763 6232.

Trip to Nashville

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

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3.__ (Just Like) Starting Over	c. Pink Floyd
4.__ Crazy Little Thing Called Love	d. Blondie
5.__ Rock With You	e. Lipps, Inc.
6.__ Another Brick In The Wall (Part 2)	f. Michael Jackson
7.__ Funkytown	g. Olivia Newton-john
8.__ Magic	h. Kenny Rogers
9.__ Upside Down	i. Paul McCartney & Wings
10.__ Coming Up	j. Queen

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

Jobs for America’s Graduates



The Old Bridge Flight School in Englishtown, hosted a Job Shadowing event for students enrolled in the Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG) program from Weequahic HS. The students had the opportunity to interact with the mechanics, flight instructors, dispatchers, and airline pilots from United Airlines and Federal Express. *Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG) is a state-based national non-profit organization dedicated to preventing dropouts among young people, who have serious barriers to graduation and/or employment. In more than 3 decades of operation, JAG has delivered consistent, compelling results-helping over 1 million young people stay in school through graduation, pursue postsecondary education and secure quality entry-level jobs leading to career advancement opportunities. (Photos/Story by Alyson L. Beausoleil-Holt, Ed.D.)



Four new South Amboy Police Officers were sworn in by Mayor Fred Henry at a recent City Council meeting. Pictured (l-r) Ptl. Walter Fuentes, Ptl. Kurt Miller, Ptl. Marvin Deausen, Ptl. Christopher Norek, and Mayor Fred Henry. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (l) congratulates South Amboy Police Sergeant Dennis McQuade after presenting him with a proclamation for saving the life of a 45-year old woman who had to be defibrillated. Police Officer Dane O’Grady, who was with McQuade, also received a proclamation, but was not present for the photo. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Trip to Tomasello Winery

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to the Tomasello Winery on October 24, 2018. The cost of the trip is \$60.00 which includes the wine tasting, a delicious

lunch at the winery, stop at Smithville Inn, bus transportation, bus gratuity, and snacks. Please call 732-727-1655. Geri Steiner to reserve a seat at 732-727-1655.

School Sports

(As of May 15)
By Tom Burkard

Baseball Leaders

South Amboy (14-3)
Runs-Kyle Gasiewski 22 Stephen McLaughlin 18 Nick Charmello 16; Hits-Gasiewski 21 Charmello 17; Doubles-Charmello 7 Zac Honimar 4 Ben Henry 4; RBI-Charmello 16 Johnny Gonzalez 11; Batting Avg.-Gasiewski .447 Charmello .386 Honimar .367 Henry .361 John McCleery .318 McLaughlin .302; Innings Pitched-Gasiewski 41.2 Zach Honimar 24.2; Strikeouts-Gasiewski 54 Charmello 39 Honimar 34; Won/Lost-Gasiewski 5-2 Charmello 4-0 Honimar 4-1 Perez 1-0.

Sayreville (13-8)

Runs-Anthony Gambardella 16 Kyle Richards 14 Ethan Calcaro 14; Hits-Bryan Fernandez 24 Richards 23 Drew Zimmerman 21; Doubles-Zimmerman 6 Richards 5; Triples-Richards 1 Tyler Barreiro 1; Home Runs-Fernandez 4; RBI-Fernandez 18 Zimmerman 18 Richards 13; Innings Pitched-Kyle Lewis 38 Christian Aich 35; Strikeouts-Aich 49 Lewis 44; ERA-Cameron Carey 0.52 Aich 2.40; Won/Lost-Aich 6-1 Lewis 4-4.

Softball Leaders

South Amboy (9-9)
Jenna Makar 10 Renee Piazzolla 9; Hits-Makar 21 Taylor Russo 16; Doubles-Makar 4 Russo 2; Triples-Makar 3 Meaghan McCarthy 1; Batting Avg.-Makar .447 Russo .410.

Note: Pitching stats are incomplete and have not been updated by the team.

Sayreville (3-13)

Runs-Morgan Wehrle 15 Kayla Stvan 12; Hits-Stvan 26 Jaclyn Dzamba 16 Emma Herrick 15; Doubles-Stvan 7 Kathryn Harrigan 5; Home Runs-Stvan 4; RBI-Stvan 18; Batting Avg.-Stvan .578 Dzamba .471 Wehrle .368 Herrick .366.

Note: Pitching stats are incomplete and have not been updated by the team.

All-American



Amber Edwards (Sayreville) has had an outstanding career with the Ramapo College Roadrunners. As a senior in 2018, she has swept her end of season meets by winning championships in the NJAC, ECAC, and most recently the NCAA Division III National Indoor track & field triple jump championship with a personal best of 41-1. Amber has been selected an All-American for her incredible feats. Congratulations, Amber!

Edwards, Barreiro Win GMC Awards

Sayreville War Memorial HS senior athletes, Ashley Edwards, and Tyler Barreiro received 2018 GMC Sportsmanship Awards.

Congratulations!



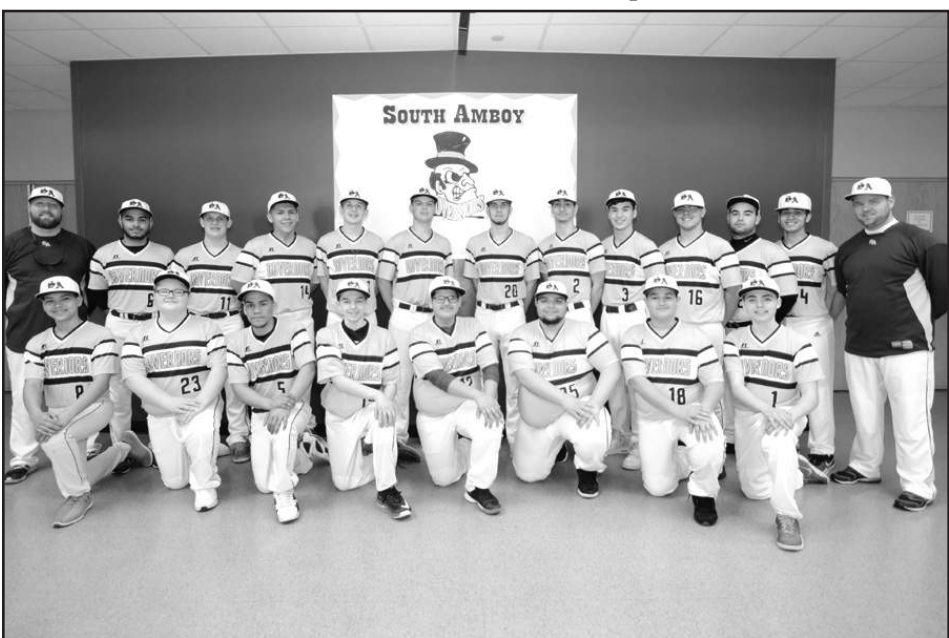
Katie Eicher a senior at Bishop Ahr High School recently signed her letter of interest with Rollins College to play softball. Last month Kaie reached the 100-hit milestone against Woodbridge. Katie is the daughter of former Sayreville Councilwoman Lisa Buchanan Eicher and Chip Eicher. Best of luck Katie. (Photo/Info Submitted)

College Notebook

Nick Krimin of South Amboy (St. Joseph's HS) has been a member of the Rutgers University football squad for 2 seasons. The talented 6-5, 308 lbs. Offensive linebacker is looking forward to a strong season in 2018. Nick was All-Area, All-County, All-State, and just about All-Everything while playing for St. Joseph's HS...

Pitcher Connor Johnson (Sayreville) is having a fine season at East Stroudsburg University (21-22). He leads the Warriors with 12 starts, 2 complete games, and innings pitched, 55.2. In addition, he sports a (3-2) record, 48 strikeouts, and a 3.72 ERA, while allowing opponents to a .248 batting avg... Pitcher Pete Soporowski (Sayreville) leads the Rider University Broncos in starts-11, innings pitched-57.2, and strikeouts-42. He is (3-5) with an ERA of 5.15, and opponents batting avg. against him is .309...Anna Agboste (Sayreville) throws for the Rutgers-Newark women's track & field team... Jacqueline Riley (Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's) had another fine season for the Kean University (26-12) softball squad, and was selected 2nd Team All-NJAC. She batted .322 with 39 hits, 11 doubles, and was #2 with 22 RBI. In addition, her pitching was great, tied for the team lead with most complete games, 13, #1 in shutouts-2, and was second with 10 wins (10-7), and innings pitched-107...Erin Fitzsimmons (Sayreville) was (6-5) with Ramapo College (26-15). She finished 2nd with 48 strikeouts, in 75 innings, and limited opponents to a .230 batting avg...Kelly Duffy (Sayreville) batted .275 with 4 doubles and 11 RBI for Rowan University (35-11-1). She was (2-1) on the mound with a 2.44 ERA, and opponents hit only .196 while facing her... Christina Misiur (Sayreville) belted the ball for a .331 avg., with 40 hits, 9 doubles, 6 homers, and 28 RBI for Caldwell University (35-18)...Ryan Brush (Sayreville) topped the College of St. Rose (NY) (13-26), in most offensive categories including batting avg. .325, hits-39, home runs-6, RBI-28, total bases-67, and slugging %-.558...Tim Kales (South Amboy) pitched for Rutgers-Newark (13-23), and was (0-1) with a 5.32 ERA, in 23 innings, while fanning 11...Danny Iannaccone of Parlin, who played for St. Joseph's, saw limited action with Rutgers-Newark, batting .250, with 2 doubles and 4 RBI...Kevin Mulvey of Sayreville, who played for Bishop Ahr is the Head Coach at Villanova University. Now in his second year, the club is rebuilding, and is (8-36).

Gold Division Champions



The South Amboy Governors baseball club was crowned the GMC Gold Division champions with a stellar (12-2) record. Congratulations!

South Amboy Guvs Win Gold Crown

The South Amboy Governors boys baseball team has had a season to remember, as they captured the Gold Division championship with a super (12-2) record, and currently are (14-3) overall. Coach Dan Poulsen has once again built a standout group of players, who are led by Kyle Gasiewski, who excels both on the mound and at bat. He leads all Purple & Gold pitchers with a (5-2) record, 41.2 innings pitched, 54 strikeouts, and a miniscule 1.18 ERA. Gasiewski is also a potent offensive weapon, leading the Guvs in batting avg. with a scorching .447 clip, runs scored-22, and hits 21. Nick Charmello is tops with 7 doubles and RBI-16, while #2 in

batting with a .386 showing. He is also a fine hurler with a (4-0) record, 39 K's in only 20.1 innings, and a 3.44 ERA. Zach Honimar is also having a great season, batting .367 with 4 doubles, and is (4-1) on the mound with 34 strikeouts in 24.2 innings, and a 3.69 ERA.

Also belting the ball over the .300 mark is Ben Henry .361, John McCleery .318, and Stephen McLaughlin .302.

Rounding out the talented South Amboy roster is pitcher Raymond Perez (1-0), Johnny Gonzalez, Jeremy Carnahan, Andrew Juhas, Josh Vuocolo, and Hunter Brown.

Congratulations Coach Poulsen and South Amboy Governors on a terrific season!

New York Athletic Conference Champions



Coach Greg Wyzykowski (Hoffman) (l) guided his Baruch College men's tennis team to the City of New York Athletic Conference (CUNYAC) championship over Hunter College, 5-2. In addition, Greg was selected 2018 Men's Tennis Coach of the Year, which was determined in a polling of the league's coaches. His Baruch team finished a perfect (6-0) in the CUNYAC, and (9-4) overall. Congratulations Greg on a job well-done!

Congratulations!



South Amboy HS seniors Steven Fusco (l) and Jenna Makar (r) proudly hold their GMC Sportsmanship Awards. Athletic Director Mr. Blekeski said that, "Jenna's athletic and academic accomplishments, and leadership have brought so much pride over the past several years, it is truly an honor to select her for this award. She has been a tremendous leader for her team, and great role model for younger students. This award goes to that person that every coach wants on their team because they are great players and teammates." (Photo/info submitted)
The SA Times wishes to congratulate Steven and Jenna on their fine accomplishments!

White Division Champions



The Sayreville Bombers boys basketball team was recently honored for winning the White Division championship. Congratulations to Coach John Wojcik and his terrific team!

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



Well it's been 2 months, but we finally tracked down all the names from this vintage 1953 photo of St. Mary's HS senior athletes. Pictured standing around the classy convertible (l-r) Dick Sullivan, Bob Walsh, Joe Creed, Jack Tabasko, Mike Tatlow, Ray Pohl, Leo Scully, Doc Hanson, Ray Smith, Bob Trinley, Andy Hrankowski, Jimmy McKeon. Inside the car is (l-r) Jack Kupcha, Tommy McNerny, Frank O'Brien, Hank Magiera, and John Kuhn. The driver is Danny Kilcomons.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1955-Woodbridge nipped Sayreville on the baseball diamond, 4-3, despite 2 singles and 2 RBI by John Marcinczyk. 1965-Hoffman's baseball team clobbered Croydon Hall, 16-8, as Hal Dennen stroked 3 hits and frosh Curt Wood notched the win in relief. 1977-Hoffman girls topped Jamesburg, 7-5, as winning pitcher Mary Chris Moskal drove in 2 runs. 1985-Sayreville's ace pitcher Chuck Frobosilo fired a brilliant no-hitter, as the Bombers downed St.

First South Amboy Little League Champs

1952-The South Amboy Little League started in 1952, and in the best-of-3 playoff championship series, PBA swept Weiss for the title. In Game #1, PBA won it in the last inning, 3-2. Ed McKeon notched the win. In Game #2, it was PBA once again, this time

Soccer World Cup Schedule

(Article submitted)

Beginning on June 15th, South Stevens Pub, home to the American Outlaws who are the USA's supporters club, will be showing World Cup soccer matches from Russia. Unfortunately the USA didn't make the cut to be in the tournament. The world's biggest sporting event however goes on. There are a total of 64 matches that will be played over the next three and a half weeks. Game times are 8 and 11 am and 2 pm. The Pub will be

Bielak Looking Good

Pitcher Brandon Bielak continues to impress with his Buries Creek Astros team in the Class A (Advanced) Carolina League. He currently leads the club with 43 strikeouts in 29 innings, has a (3-2) record, 1 save, and a sparkling 2.17 ERA. Brandon was drafted last year out of Notre Dame University by the Houston Astros Major League Baseball team.

Joseph's, 2-0. 1997-St. Mary's behind the strong pitching of freshman Jennifer Lynam swept a doubleheader from East Brunswick Tech, 12-2 and 10-9, as Lynam got both victories. Big offensive contributors were Lisa DeBernardo, Diane Unger and Kelly Rhodes. 2009-Brenton Widgeon became Cardinal McCarrick's/St. Mary's first athlete to win a state track & field championship by notching the 100, and 200 meter titles in the NJSIAA Non-Public B group.

by a 7-2 victory margin, as Tom Pristavec was the winning pitcher.

Weiss had finished the regular season with a (14-4) mark, and went (2-0) in the first round of the playoffs before bowing to the red-hot PBA club.

Mt. Airy Lodge Casino Trip

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Mt. Airy Lodge Casino on Wednesday, June 13, 2018. The price of the trip includes: Sweet Caroline Neil Diamond Show, a full buffet, \$15 in slot play, bus transportation, bus gratuity, and snacks on the bus. For further information or to reserve a seat please call Finita at 732-721-5081.

Diamond Dust

South Amboy Little League

1960-Daylight Bakery nipped Weiss 8-7. Larry Tobias drilled 3 hits for the Bakers, as Lou Zrebiec picked up the victory...Enterprise pounded PBA, 16-3 behind winning pitcher Leo McCabe...First Aid rode a beautiful 1-hitter by Tom Kelly (Not the Minnesota Twins manager), to top Protection 6-2.

South Amboy Babe Ruth League

1964-Oak View Nursing Home smashed Sacred Heart 12-2. Billy Clayton blasted 2 doubles and a triple to support winning pitcher Jerry Zapoticzny.

1970 Middlesex County Freeholders Tournament

Little Fellas Division

South Amboy AL beat Carteret Americans 6-4, as lefty ace George Bongiorno fired a 1-hitter and blasted a 3-run homer.

Junior Division

Lefty standout Billy D'Amico fired a spectacular no-hitter, and Rich Krzyzanowski blasted a home run to lead South Amboy to a 10-0 victory over the Edison Cubs.

South Amboy Little Fellas League

1979-Opening Day-Lions stopped Protection, 13-8 behind the fine pitching of Tom "Tippy" Hessner. Frank Dill unloaded a long 2-run homer...Also on Opening Day, Daylight Bakery annihilated Enterprise, 23-6. Craig Gorczyca was the winning pitcher, while Brian Nash and John Clayton hammered 4 hits apiece.

South Amboy Little Fellas League

1982-Enterprise destroyed Daylight Bakery 14-7 behind Gary Coble, who had a perfect 4-for-4 game...PBA plastered Progressive, 11-4, as Bill Holobowski chalked up the big win. Carl Nemeth stroked 4 hits for the Police.

T.H.E. Game

Year-2005

Sport-Baseball

Teams-Cardinal McCarrick vs. South Amboy in Game #1 of the City Series.

Recap-South Amboy came from behind twice to win a thrilling 6-5 contest in the 8th inning in one of the most exciting games in the two schools rivalry. The Eagles (6-0) were the only unbeaten team left in the county, but Coach George Krzyzanowski's Guvs, battled back, and won it, when Joe Tarallo ripped a base hit to drive in Kyle Blum, and pinch-runner Pat Crowley with the game-winner. Brian Seres picked up the win in relief of Joe Bartlinski who was superb for 7 innings, allowing only 3 hits while striking out 7. CM's Shane Connors also twirled a great game, and struck out 7 in 7 1/3 innings. Mike DeJoy led SA with a double and triple to drive in 2 runs.

Co-Players-of-the-Game-Joe Tarallo, Mike DeJoy, Joe Bartlinski, Brian Seres.

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20 Years Ago

Sabo Chosen Player Of The Year

1998-St. Mary's sophomore tennis phenom Matt Sabo finished with an off-the-charts (21-1) record, and was named Tennis Player of the Year by Home News Tribune.

20 Years Ago

Unkel Crowned Champion

1998-Sayreville's Dan Unkel captured the CJ Group III championship in the 110 meter high hurdles, with a spectacular 14.6 time

40 Years Ago

1978-Jim Bright fired an amazing 1-hitter to lead Hoffman to a 2-1 City Series victory over St. Mary's. Tom O'Leary belted a double in the fourth inning for the Eagles lone hit. Trailing 1-0, the Guvs scored 2 in the fifth inning when Bob Clayton and Pete Toth blasted back-to-back doubles, to tie it, and Glenn Smith drilled a single to score Toth with the game-winner.

45 Years Ago

1973-Sayreville had the best lefty/righty pitching combination in the county, if not the entire state with Billy D'Amico and Steve Makwinski. D'Amico was a perfect (7-0), 0.16 ERA, (allowed only 1 earned run in 49 innings), 45 strikeouts, and also was a fine hitter with a .381 batting avg. Makwinski finished (5-1), 0.43 ERA, and in 41 innings, struck out 48, while batting .300.

60 Years Ago

Annual Freeholders Junior

Baseball Tournament

1958-Tom Pristavec fired a phenomenal perfect game and struck out 13 to lead English Sunoco to a 16-0 wipe out over East Brunswick, in a contest halted after 5 innings because of a tournament rule (known today as the mercy rule). Bob Stader ripped 3 singles and had 3 RBI for the South Amboy entry.

80 Years Ago

Eagles Win Prep Title

1938- Left fielder Joe Crowe blasted a 2-run homer to lead St. Mary's to a 4-1 victory and the Group 2 Prep School championship over Perth Amboy St. Mary's. Ed Kowaleski was the winning pitcher for Coach John Zdanewicz's Eagles.

Remember When?

Mid 1980's-The Sayreville Recreation Dept. under Director Mickey Sedlak, ran a Summer Basketball League, and one of the exciting teams to watch was Morgan Lumber. The roster featured many familiar names including John "Duke" DiPoalo, Paul Dehnz, Mark Denhnz, Craig Biesiada, Danny DiPoalo, Rick Sabo, Larry Sabo, Mike Creange, Gary Shereyka.

Locals Played For Other High Schools

Through the years, the following South Amboy athletes starred in baseball for East Brunswick Tech; Paul Chrzaszcz, Rob Applegate, Dan Heimall, Mike Jukus, Dan DeJoy, Matt Heimall, Matt Wanko.



A group of family and friends traveled to Seton Hall University to see the Villanova University baseball team, under the leadership of Head Coach Kevin Mulvey take on the Pirates. Kevin is from Sayreville, and a former Major League Baseball player. The game was played at Owen Carroll Stadium and won by the Hall, 2-1. In photo on left, Kevin (c) goes over ground rules with the umpires and Seton Hall coach before the game begins. Pictured in photo on right, (l-r) Tom Tice, Joe DeLucia, Coach Kevin Mulvey, Susan Mulvey, Carole Mulvey, Erin Mulvey. Tom Mulvey and Jack Mulvey also attended the game. (Photos/info by Bob Paulukiewicz)



WWW.?



This month's Mystery Photo is an easy one for locals. This building held 4 or 5 businesses (with different names) throughout the years. How many can you recall? Just name 1 and your answer will be counted as correct. Send your answers to: satimes@aol.com. Good luck! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

WWW.? April Winners

The correct answer to the April Mystery Photo is the cement remains that was part of the Raritan River Railroad tracks overpass on South Feltus St. in South Amboy. A special thank you to Joanne Niestempski for submitting the picture. The following readers answered correctly and were winners; Estelle Pluskota, Pat & Bill Scully, Sheila Knudsen, Dennis Quinlan, David Reilly, Joan Gorczyca, Pat & Bill Scully, Stephen Yuhas, W.Tom Kross, T.J. Albanese, Maryanne Matarangolo, Elizabeth Leveille, Jennifer Larsen, Don Zrebiec, Chuck Pickard, G Sherry, Leon Credico, Walter Starzec Jr., Lisa Grankowski, Stan Zdanowicz, Gary Feret, Bob Martenak, Dane Colburn, Mary Agnes Morris, Stephen Laskiewicz, Marie English, Ed English.

*Note: Chuck Pickard correctly identified the WWW.? photos in Feb. & March, and was inadvertently omitted, and will be credited. Sorry for the omissions Chuck!



April-WWW.?

Raritan River Railroad Tracks Overpass
Tom,

That cement structure on South Feltus St. used to hold up the railroad bridge that was once the Raritan River Railroad Tracks. As kids we used to play Stick Ball under that bridge, the balls & strike box was on the North wall, and your cement structure is of the South wall.

W.Tom Kross

*Remember? So many local youngsters played stickball under this bridge. How about other locations for stickball or steaming in? Does anyone have a favorite memory to share about those good old days? Drop us a line.

Where in New Jersey?



We think you will really dig this month's Where In NJ! Send your answer by June 18th to satimes@aol.com.

March Information
Where in New Jersey?

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

The April winners were: Jim Malkiewicz, Gary Feret, Dane Colburn, who correctly identified the building as the Campbell-Christie House in New Bridge Landing Historic Park in River Edge, NJ. Many people thought the answer was the Aviation Hall of Fame & Museum of New Jersey.

Jim Malkiewicz said of the photo, "This one is a bit confusing. The clue includes the word "soar" and doing a little digging, it's easy to see on the internet where that picture is associated with the Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum in Teterboro, New Jersey. Digging deeper, I was only able to find that one reference only. This raised my doubts.

I believe that the correct answer is that the building in question is the Campbell-Christie House, built in 1774, located in the New Bridge Landing Historic Park in



March - Where in New Jersey?
Campbell-Christie House



River Edge, NJ. See the attached link for more info. The only difference in photos is the shrub on the left is in full bloom versus the bare shrub in the SA Times picture." <http://www.bergencountyhistory.org/Pages/cchousehistoryold.html>

* Elizabeth Leveille correctly answered the Where In New Jersey for the March issue, and was inadvertently omitted, and will be credited.

Historical Society of South Amboy
Open House

(Photos/Captions By Joe Lotkowitz)



Phyllis Letteriello (r) thanks the Historical Society of South Amboy President Mary Szaro for the check she received for the Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post #62, South Amboy to help with their building project.



The officers of the Historical Society of South Amboy are (l-r) Treasurer Joe Coakley, Secretary Holly Hughes, President Mary Szaro, Vice-President George Fuller.



Pictured are some of the members of the Historical Society of South Amboy who attended the Open House.

St. Stan's School (Photos/Info Submitted)



St. Stanislaus Kostka School 7th grade student, Maiah Marques was named the recipient of the 2018 John Garbowski Memorial Scholarship. Pictured from left to right: Carol Miara, Peggy Garbowski, Maiah Marques, and Elena Malinconico, principal.



May Fourth (May the Fourth Be With You) was celebrated at St. Stanislaus Kostka School with a Star Wars themed fundraiser sponsored by the Religion Club. The proceeds were donated to the Missionary Childhood Association. St. Stan's students and faculty are committed to accomplishing the mission of helping those in need. (Photo credit: Lisa Grover)



The St. Stan's school and parish named and honored Mrs. Amy Huff and Mr. Patrick Williams at their annual Father and Mother of the Year celebration.

HAMBURG REPTILE SHOW
Hamburg, PA (Photos by Brian Stratton)



The very interesting lizard was available for \$700.00.



This young lady is holding a very rare red phase Northern Blue Tongued Skink.

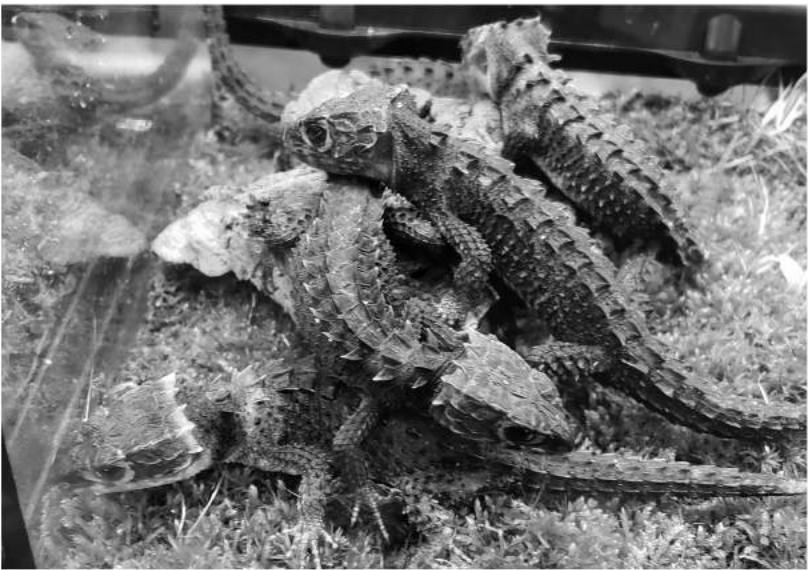


A Trio of Halmahera Blue Tongued Skinks.

Next show is June 9th
For more information go to:
hamburgreptileshow.com



This group of youngsters are NOT afraid of snakes!!



Pre-Historic looking Red Eyed Crocodile Skinks.

Sayreville Auxiliary Police Carnival
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Thunder 106.3 radio station was on hand to greet carnival goers.



The Sayreville Auxiliary Police were out in force for this fun event.



Volunteers did a great job at the carnival.

Celebration! The Year Of The Dog
With Edison Chinese School
At Sadie Pope Dowdell Library
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Young child pets one of the entertaining and costumed "dogs."



The "dogs" in their colorful and celebratory costumes entertained the youngsters.



This Chinese girl waits her turn to dance before the very large and enthusiastic crowd.



Maise was on patrol.



Chase from Paw Patrol was a huge hit!

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Photos by Brian Stratton



Christopher (l) really enjoyed the face painting.



The huge crowd had a great time.



The Rone family pose for a photo on the truck provided by Julian's Garage.



Fun for the whole family.

Sayreville & South Amboy's Finest



The Borough of Sayreville Police Dept. (l) and South Amboy Police Dept. (r) are pictured prior to their Annual Police Memorial Services in which they honored the deceased members of their respective Police Departments.



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- 15 — *New* Everything Everly—*The Best of The Everly Brothers*
- 22 - The Tuesday Morning Big Band—*Great Big Swinging Jazz*
- 29—The Jersey Polka Stars—*Polka & Variety Music*

AUGUST

- 5- The G. Krauss Memorial Band—*Movie & Musical Favorites*
- 12—The Perry Brothers—*Irish Favorites and More*
- 19 – The Hotel Excelsior Orchestra—*Tin Pan Alley to Hot Jazz*
- 26 – New York State of Mind—*The Music of Billy Joel*

THOMPSON PARK GAZEBO

Forsgate Drive, Jamesburg—Wednesdays, 2:00 pm to 3:30pm.

JUNE

- 27—Greg Giannascoli Marimba—*Gershwin, Bernstein & More*

JULY

- 11– The Perry Brothers—*Irish Favorites and More*
- 18—The Hotel Excelsior Orchestra—*Tin Pan Alley to Hot Jazz*
- 25—The Garden State Symphonic Band—*Crowd Favorites*

AUGUST

- 1 –*New* Carnaby St.—*Timeless Music of the 1960's*
- 8- Zydeco-A-Go-Go—*New Orleans style Rhythm & Blues*
- 15 -The Jersey Polka Stars—*Polka & Variety Music*
- 22—Sandy Sasso's Swingin' Big Band—*Hits from the Big Band Era*
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JUNE

- June 27—Sandy Sasso's Swingin' Big Band—*Hits from the Big Band Era*

JULY

- 11— The Tim Gillis Band - "*The Greatest in Country Music*"
- 18— Danny V's 52ND Street Band - *A Tribute to Billy Joel*
- 25— Scarborough Fair—*A Tribute to Simon & Garfunkel*

AUGUST

- 1—The Serenaders Orchestra—*Big Band & Ballroom Classics*
- 8—Zydeco-A-Go-Go—*New Orleans style Rhythm & Blues*
- 15—The Jersey Polka Stars—*Polka and Variety Music*
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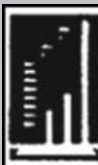
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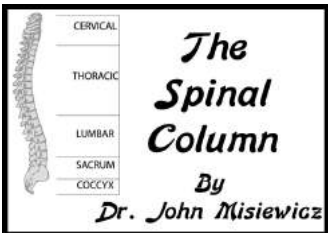


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1. Lighten your luggage load. Resist the temptation to pack everything in one carry-on suitcase or garment bag. If you want to avoid checking luggage, pack only what you can carry comfortably. If you carry a garment bag or suitcase with straps, remember to balance the load by alternating shoulders. Carrying two suitcases of approximately equal weight is an even better solution.

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, you 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 fro 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.

3. Making your back count. Learn to make choices that will protect your back from stress and strain. Leave a little extra time to get to the airport. Let the redcap handle your luggage.

By including these choices in your travel plans, you'll have a more relaxing and pain free trip!

Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



Salt Water

Striped Bass fishing in the bay has gotten better. It's pretty good if you fish from a boat. It's mostly a trolling deal. Party boats that use clams are catching some, but not as good as trolling. Shore fishing at the bay, is up and down. Shore anglers are getting mostly shorts with few keepers. One exception is a 58 pound Striper caught from the shore on an undisclosed location in the bay. A few Bluefish have shown up but if you want them, go try the Barnegat Inlet jetty, where Blues up to 9 pounds have been caught. In the LBI surf there are short and keeper Bass. A few more Black Drum appearances here make matters interesting. The first Fluke have been caught too. The Season opens May 25th. Party boat bottom fishing is slow and mostly Ling plus a few Cod.

Fresh Water

Trout stocking is moving right along with nice catches from upstate streams and lakes. My wife and I returned to the Pequest on a Sunday afternoon early in the month catching 4 at 2 apiece. I went south for a few hours after work to Spring Lake to try for some of the big Trout stocked there in early April. I didn't see or catch any Trout but caught and released a foot long Largemouth Bass. The Shad run in underway in the Delaware River. Some good catches have been made.

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Christopher Norek (l), a new South Amboy Policeman is pictured with his proud father, retired Sergeant Jamie Norek following the Police Memorial Service. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (l) presented proclamations to Firefighter Brian Tierney (c), and Police Officer Walter Fuentes (r) for saving the life of a man who was stuck in a car in freezing water near the South Amboy Boat Ramp. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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

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Slow Pitch Softball Takes South Amboy/ Sayreville By Storm-Part 5

By Tom Burkard

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

Ron Leveille was the founder of this league, which was active from the early 1970’s through 1980’s. Dave Ochat was President, and Jerry Smith-Vice-President, and years later became President. The Bold Ones were one of the most dominant teams through the years, winning multiple championships according to longtime Bold Ones star player Jerry Smith, who played in the league for almost 30 years. Other Bold Ones players through the years were Ron Leveille, Dave Ochat, Mickey Novak, Ron Kearns, Charlie Carver, Ron Reba, Huey Morris, Jim Voorhees. Another strong club was AWT, which featured the slugging Jim Thompson, Ed Pankowitz, Bill Wathington, Art Thomas, Joe Rotundo, Bob Gmadinger, Jeff Jennings, Dennis Santoro.

Some other teams and their players: The Falcons-Charlie Wiley, Hank Nausbaum, Al Gomolka, John Vicara, Pat Carney. The Federals-Bob Stary (Owner of Bob’s Barber Shop in South Amboy), Mike George, John Lynam, Tom Shirts, Del Mayhew. Texaco-Bob Yeagle, Mike Ryan, Bob Savastano, Bill Hoover; Sherwood Forest-Tom Lasko and sons, Ted Baxter, Tom O’Hara, Hank Nycz; Standiford Ave.-John Dzergoski, Frank Vona, Tom Burkard (1 season), Ed Tauber, John Zyskowski, Steve Czick; Connie’s-Tom Beris, Tom Blatt, Joe “Babe” Klosek; The Gas House Gorillas also had a team that competed.

1970’s Championship Series (Exact year unknown)

AWT took 2 out of 3 from Standiford Ave. to win the title. AWT standout performer Jim Thompson blasted a 2-run homer in game 2, and in the deciding game drove in 4 runs.

1982 Sayreville Athletic Association Men’s Softball League

Teams: The league featured 8 teams: Cavalier Inn, Our Place, Standiford Ave., P & R, Falcons, Carlisle Texaco, Tommy’s Bar, American Airlines.

Teams/Players: Cavalier Inn-Angel Cordero; P & R-Jack Feicht; Falcons-Pat Carney, Charlie Wiley; Standiford Ave.-John Dembowski, Joe Minella, Jim Pars, Don Dwyer, John Parsler, Ken Dwyer, Pete Lazzoroti, Rich Hammer, Andy Lazzoroti, Rich Dobias, Jim D., Gary D., Ray, Art. Dembowski topped the team’s offense with a scorching .569 batting avg., and also had the most hits with 29. In addition, he hit for the cycle and drove in 4 runs, as Standiford Ave. blasted American Airlines, 14-4. Minella was second with a fine .520 mark. Standiford Ave., became the legendary Gashouse Gorillas the following season in ‘83.

Champions-Cavalier Inn defeated Our Place, 6-3 to capture the league championship. Angel Cordero blasted a 3-run homer to pave the way.

South Amboy Women’s Slow Pitch Softball 1976

This was the first year of the SA Women’s Slow Pitch Softball League. The Dolphins finished the regular season and playoffs unbeaten as they breezed to the championship over the Mustangs. The Dolphins talented roster: Elaine DeFort, Ellen Hall, Ruth Read, Patty Shaluha, Colleen Tarallo, Ann Bates, Rose Pawlik, JoAnne Wojaczyk, Dawn Farrell, Janet Kern, Benita Formoso, Mag McCarthy, Terry O’Connor, Norine LoCasio. The Mustangs were managed by Al Ust and coached by Rich DeBlis. The team members were: Diane Geiger, Marilee Maliszewski, Joan Carew, Carol Kupcha, Jean Selover, Maryann Kennedy, Pat Riehl, Marilyn Tabasko, Mary Kennedy, Mary Belmont, Sharon Zrebiec, Lee Misak, Fran Hogan, Mary Lou DeBlis, Geneva Cleary, Becky Holstrom, Pat McGowan, Denise Kusie, Eileen Murphy, Barbara Ellison, Pat Kennedy, Judy Zaleski. Another team the Hawks played hard and had a fun season under manager Tom Burkard and coaches Al Smith, Jim Brinamen, Ed Schaber and Mike Zulin. The Hawks roster was comprised of Joanne Ust, Pam Purcell, Ann Juliano, Jean Smith, “Pinky” McCarthy, Joyce Schaber, Pat Brinamen, Janice Hicks, Aneka Matarangolo,

Robin Johnston, Carol Scully, Jean Scully, Carol Sullivan.

1977

Teams

Olde Towne Deli & Liquors (formerly the undefeated 1976 champions, Dolphins), Center Deli (formerly the runner-up ‘76 team, Mustangs, Dooling Electric.

Teams/Players

Olde Town Deli & Liquors- Terry O’Connor ss, Ruth Read 1b, Mag McCarthy p, Annie Bates 3b/p; Dooling Electric-Colette Kowalewski, Laurie Policastro, Joanne O’Leary, Gail Deliman, Judy Keegan, Debbie McClung, Donna Reich, Norine Croddick, Mary Ellen Donnelly, Grace Hoffman, Chris Dill, Patty Flynn, Kathy Stockton.

The Dooling Electric team swept the best-of-three championship series from the Lions Den, winning the deciding game, in 8 innings. Trailing 5-1, Dooling scored 5 runs in the top of the inning, in which a 2-run single by Colette Kowalewski was the big hit. Lions Den tied it in the bottom of the 7th to force extra innings. In the top of the 8th, Laurie Policastro singled, went to third on a throwing error, and scored the winning run on an infield hit. Dooling Electric finished the season with a superb (18-1) record.

The team was managed by Jack O’Leary, and coached by Bill O’Leary (first base), Bernie Mackiel (third base), Tom O’Leary (assistant coach), Joe Crowe (pitching coach). The championship roster: Colette Kowalewski 1b, Joanne O’Leary mgr./rf, Laurie Policastro c, Gail Deliman lf, Judy Keegan p, Debbie McClung p, Donna Reich 3b, Norine Croddick sf, Mary Ellen Donnelly 2b, Grace Hoffman capt./p, Chris Dill ss, Patty Flynn cf, Kathy Stockton lf.

Sayreville/South Amboy Fall Slow Pitch Softball League

1980-I was honored to be the founder/ Director of this competitive yet fun league, and what began with a small group of 7 teams evolved into a popular league for dedicated players who wanted to continue playing after their regular summer season ended. In ‘82, I handed the Director’s reins over to Sonny Sabine, who was in charge for a long time, and he later passed the leadership to Gary Aich. The league lasted for many years, providing fun and competition for local softball enthusiasts. A young and talented Furies team captured the first Fall League title, defeating Sanitary Fuels in the finals. Other teams were: Sayreville Home Improvement, The East Coast Toke Team, Astros, Sanitary Fuels, #451, Hideaway Lounge.

1980 Sayreville/South Amboy Fall League Teams/Players

Sanitary Fuels-Player/manager Vince Mackiel, Glenn Smith, Al Sorrentino, Bob Richardson, Marty Ratajczak, Gary Rojek, Gary Novak, Frank Norek, Alan Chodkiewicz, Phil Rainone, Petranella; Sayreville Home Improvements-Player/manager Dennis Lynch, K. Lynch, Herrick, Bartlinski, Jones, Golka, Dilone, Lecorchick, Larkman, Horvath, Hammerbinch; Furies-F. Sollecito, Pomp, P. Sollecito, Wran, Kravak, Emmons, Komo, Walsh, Jaynes, Murowski; Hideaway Lounge-Player/manager Bill Vohdin, R. Vohdin, Calorel, Mazerowitz, Jean, Ronan, Conte, Giland, Kraus, Luddy, Burris, Greco, DeGioia, Kalafor; East Coast Toke Team-Mancini, John Letteriello, Scott Douglas, Patrick Douglas, Bill Burlew, Jim Scott, Ken McCarthy, Kelly, Griffith, Jack, Luiz, Russer, Pearlmut, Ewing; #451-Brodzinski, B. Wrubel, Kultys, Wojcik, Roscoe, J. Wrubel, Cieslarczyk, Federowitz, Srowski, Kovacs, Franny; Astros-Player/manager Tom Burkard, Tom Reilly, Al Gomolka, Mark Abbatiello, Dennis Quinlan, Frank Jonason, Walt Bowerman, Bob “Zak” Sekerak, Brian Burkard, Keith Kovaleski, Bob Deuel, Paul Muller, Craig Burkard, Ron Poulsen, Mike Reilly, Bob “Hossie” Hospidor, Szatkowski, George Hubbs.

1981 Sayreville/South Amboy Fall Slow Pitch League Teams/Players

Forte Pallets-A young team, mostly fresh out of high school arrived, and could really



1977-78 Vincent’s Kitchens South Amboy Women’s League softball team, according to Manager Al Ust “Won the league in ‘77 and ‘78. They defeated Dooling Electric in a barn burner under the lights at the Little League Field before what seemed like a standing room only crowd. The highlight of the contest was Joanne Ust’s

inside-the-park Grand Slam home run to ice the game. Vincent’s Kitchens team was originally the Mustangs during the first year of the SA Women’s Slow Pitch Softball League in ‘76. Some outstanding players from the opposition were Chris Dill, Mary Kelly, Mary Chris Moskal, Carol Jankowski, Pam Purcell, Mag McCarthy, Colleen Switzer, Patti Flynn, Cassie Zulin, and many others whose names I can’t recall. There was a very well attended banquet held at the end of the season at the President Park Firehouse. These women were dedicated to their teams and all played like it was a World Series for every game. More so, than any men’s team I played on.”

Pictured top row (l-r) Mary Ann Kupcha, Eileen Soden, Dawn Weaver, Asst. Coach Walter Lucovitz, Mgr. Al Ust, Asst. Coach Jack Conlon, Coach Jim Cleary. Middle row (l-r) Geneva Cleary, Becky Holstrom, Joanne Pietraszka, Marilyn Tabasko, Lee Misak, Joan Carew, Joanne Ust. Bottom row (l-r) Mary Ann Kennedy, Judy Neumann, Coach Bob Carew, Sharon Pawlowski, Barbara Ellison, Debbie Ewtushek. Missing from photo: Mary Kay Noble, Nancy Bloodgood. (Photo/Names courtesy of Sharon Pawlowski)

1973-The Bold Ones team won many championships, believed to be 7 in a row at one point during the ‘70’s in the Sayreville A. A. Men’s Softball League Inc., where the Modified Pitch was used. Well-known locals in the team photo are Jerry Smith (Front row, 2nd from left), Ron Leveille (Front row, 3rd from left), Dave Ochat (Middle row, 1st from right), Ron Kearns (Back row, 2nd from right). (Photo/info courtesy of Jerry Smith)



1976-The Hawks, were one of the charter teams in the first South Amboy Women’s Slow Pitch Softball League. The ladies, pictured before a game, with Manager Tom Burkard (far right, writing out the lineup) had a lot of fun that season and won about half of their games. (Photo courtesy of Ann Juliano)

play the game. Forte went all the way to the championship, as Sanitary Fuels fell for the second straight season in the finals. First baseman standout Bob Nanco was selected M.V.P. in the championship series, and went on to become one of the finest softball players in New Jersey, along with teammates Chuck Prusakowski and Gary Aich. Other Forte teammates were Jim Comerford, Steve Cunha, Packer Kenny, Gary Cunha, Phil Green, Ronnie Wilson. Gamblers-Player/manager Tom Burkard, Al Gomolka, Tom Reilly, Frank Jonason, Bob Thomsen, Ron Poulsen, Paul Muller, Ron Roman, Mike Grimley, Shawn Switzer, Drew Newcomb, Dave Gomolka, John Pipala, Jon O’Connor, Bob “Zak” Sekerak, Jack Conlon, Mark Abbatiello, Andy Pipala, Shelly Gomolka.

End of Part 5. Next Month: Part 6-More 1980’s and Beyond



Bob Nanco who started his illustrious softball career as a first baseman in the 1981 Sayreville-South Amboy Fall Slow Pitch Softball League, overcame a serious injury, and switched to pitching, and became one of the top pitchers in the state.

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Sayreville Police Dept. Annual Memorial Ceremony

By Tom Burkard

The Sayreville Police Dept. held its Annual Memorial Ceremony on May 10 at Police Headquarters. The Memorial was sponsored by Sayreville PBA Local #98 and the Sayreville Police Dept. The Memorial Ceremony is "In memory of the deceased members of the Sayreville Police Dept. Their integrity, courage and devotion to duty will never be forgotten."

Detective Lieutenant Patrick Kiernan welcomed the large crowd, and Dennis Connors sang "The National Anthem." Patrolman Gabe Lugo gave a fine rendition of "God Bless America," and Father Ken Murphy, PBA Local #98 Chaplain gave the Invocation. Detective Michael Theile, President of PBA Local #98 spoke to all in attendance, and was followed by a wonderful speech by Chief John Zebrowski. Mayor Kennedy O'Brien gave a fine speech prior to the wreath presentations by Captain Jack Fitzsimmons, Captain Thomas Barbieri, Patrolman Jaime Unkel, Detective Sergeant Jeffrey Sprague. The floral presentation was made by Det. Michael Theile and Det. Daniel Ellmyer. The colors to half mast was done by Lt. Thomas Cassidy and Det. Sgt. Jeffrey Sprague. Patrolman David Wilkins and Sergeant Kenneth Davern read the deceased officers Roll Call. Sayreville VFW Post #4699 folffowed with a 21 Gun Salute and "Taps." Middlesex County Pipes & Drums came next, and Det. Lt. Patrick Kiernan, who did a fine job as emcee, concluded the program.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING


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

1958-This vintage photo shows Dieker's Farm on Bordentown Ave. in Sayreville, years before the produce market was built. The Dieker family has been in business since 1903, and is still satisfying local customers with their top-quality, fresh vegetables and fruits. Summer is right around the corner, so don't forget to stop and shop. Be sure to say hello to Jimmy Dieker and his fine staff, who are always working hard to bring you the best in vegetables and fruits. (Photo courtesy of Jimmy Dieker)

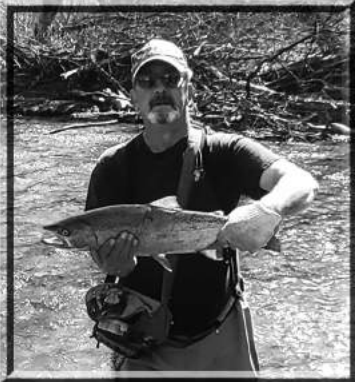
May Crowning- The Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church held a May Crowning during 12:00 Mass on May 6. Members dressed in shades of blue and white; walked in a procession; placed carnations in a vase before the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Joan Gorczyca carried the floral crown, and Jackie Bagwell placed it on the statue. Afterward, everyone at Mass was invited to the reception in Memorial Hall. Father Stanley Gromadzki, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church is also pictured with altar servers. (Photo/story submitted by Dot Benson, Secretary of Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society)

Gone Fishin'


The following pictures are of local men who went on a highly-successful fishing trip for Rainbow Trout in Cobourg, Canada. (Photos Submitted)




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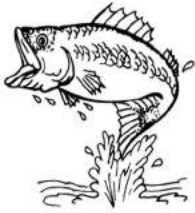



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Jim Ziola



Tom Jukus

Obituaries

Anthony, Timothy J., 71, of South River died on May 16.

Baldasare, William “Billy,” 69, of Sayreville died on April 27.

Bockus, Rose Lapa, 93, of Sayreville died on May 14.

Bowers, Katherine D. “Kitty,” 71, of South Amboy died on May 3.

Colburn, Margaret S. “Peggy” Litz, 70, of Parlin died on April 27.

Costa, Muriel C., 83, of Sayreville died on May 11.

Estrada, Manuel, 80, of Sayreville died on April 21.

Favilla, Perry, 69, of Sayreville died on April 14.

Godeski, Albert, 96, of Morgan died on May 4.

Griffiths, Jean C., 87, formerly of Sayreville died on April 23.

Grobelny, Henry “Hank,” 74, of South Amboy died on May 1.

Hufford, Nellie H., 88, of Sayreville died on April 20.

Jasovsky, Ethel F., 83, of Sayreville died on May 10.

Kern, Steven A., 35, formerly of Sayreville died on Jan. 11.

Kultys, Edward 95, of Sayreville, died on February 14, 2018.

Munck, Eleanore Krygier, 88, formerly of South Amboy died on May 10.

O'Donnell, Mercy Sister Helen, 94, formerly of South Amboy died on April 3.

Radakovich, Andree, 92, formerly of South Amboy died on May 10.

Simonelli, Barbara J., 86, of Sayreville died on April 19.

Woznica, Joseph J. Jr., 67, of South Amboy died on April 20.

Zarzyczny, Edward J. Sr., 71, of South Amboy died on April 19.

Zazenkowski, Richard M., 84, formerly of Sayreville died on May 14.

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

Katherine Bowers



Katherine “Kitty” Bowers of South Amboy died on May 3. She is pictured above, a few years ago, at one of her many, very popular yard sales on Bordentown Ave. in South Amboy, across the street from the old South Amboy Memorial Hospital. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Katherine “Kitty” Bowers, 71, of South Amboy died on May 3. She worked for many years as Office Manager for Century 21-Charles A. Smith in Morgan. She was the former Preschool Director and Board member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Sayreville; Daughters of the American Revolution State Historian, State Chaplain, two-time Local Regent, and recently made an Honorary Regent. In addition, she was a world traveler, and visited all 7 continents. From 2004-14, Kitty was a Balloon Handler in Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. She had a most interesting and amazing life and will be sadly missed.



In Memoriam

Perry Favilla, 69, of Sayreville died on April 14. He owned RPM Express Courier Service in Old Bridge, and was sponsor/manager/coach/player of teams in the Old Bridge and Sayreville Softball Leagues. Joseph Woznica Jr., 67, of South Amboy died on April 20. He was the owner of Cornerstone Builders in South Amboy. Margaret “Peggy” Colburn, 70, of Parlin died on April 27. She worked for the Sayreville Board of Education. Lois Garsick, 75, died on May 5. She was a former owner of South Pine Deli in Morgan along with her husband Joseph. Andree Radakovich, 92, formerly of South Amboy died on May 10. She and her husband were owners of Nick’s Bar & Grill back in the 1960’s and 70’s. Eleanore Krygier Munck, 88, formerly of South Amboy died on May 10. She and her husband George owned Mid-State Friendly Service on Rt. 18, East Brunswick until 1991. She was Valedictorian of Hoffman HS, and several years ago submitted some fine poems to The SA Times, which we gladly published. Rose Lapa Bockus, 93, of Sayreville died on May 14. She worked for the Borough of Sayreville Water Dept. for 25 years as a cashier.

May God Bless them all.



Sister Helen O'Donnell

Mercy Sister Helen O'Donnell, 94, formerly Sister Mary Cephas died on April 3. She entered the religious community in 1942, and taught at several parochial schools throughout the state, with one of her longest stops being in South Amboy, where she taught Business Tech courses at St. Mary’s High School from 1964-1979. She was an outstanding sister/teacher, who treated everyone equally, and certainly was a wonderful and positive influence to countless students during her lifetime. She taught so many of us how to type. Thank you Sister!

In Memoriam
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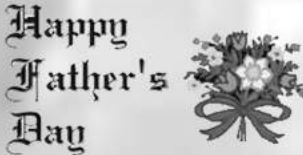
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