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## Partnership and Collaboration Pays Dividends

As redevelopment continues in the City of South Amboy, the City Government and South Amboy Redevelopment Agency have taken a major step to bring improvements to benefit all residents that would not have been possible without their collective efforts. Tuesday, June 23rd Mayor Fred Henry and Executive Director of Redevelopment Eric Chubenko presented a check in the amount of \$100,000 to Superintendent of Schools Jorge Diaz and Board of Education President Anthony Conrad to begin the process of equipping every South Amboy Public School student with a Chromebook computer. The check represents a third of the cost involved with a goal to fund the remaining two thirds of the project through impact fees collected by the Redevelopment Agency.

"This is an excellent example of how partnership and collaboration between the City, its Redevelopment Agency, and our Board of Education can enhance the academic opportunities to our children at no cost to the taxpayer!" said Mayor Fred Henry. Eric Chubenko agreed with that idea. "Gradual smart development and careful negotiations have provided opportunities for the City which under normal circumstances would not have been possible. A good example of past success is our outstanding Community Center/YMCA that was the result of one of our earliest redevelopment projects".

School Superintendent Jorge Diaz echoed those sentiments. "The level of cooperation between the Mayor's Administration, the Redevelopment Agency, and the Board of Education shows how partnerships like this can provide great opportunities where working together we can provide both a superior academic and social environment

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South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (l) presents a check for \$100,000 to Superintendent of South Amboy Schools Jorge Diaz (r). (Photo by Phyllis Stratton)



Pictured (l-r) SARA Executive Director Eric Chubenko, SARA Vice Chairwoman Camille Tooker, Council President Mickey Gross, Mayor Fred Henry, Superintendent of Schools Jorge Diaz, 3rd Ward Council Member Zusette Dato, Board of Education President Anthony Conrad, School Business Administrator Peter Frascella (Photo by Kathy Kudelka)

## Tossin' For Mike Cornhole Tourney/ Fundraiser

On Sunday August 23, 2020, the Independence Engine and Hose Company of the South Amboy Fire Department will be hosting a benefit Cornhole tournament. One of our lifelong and most active members, Michael Coman, was recently diagnosed with metastatic kidney cancer. Mike was a career firefighter for the Lyons VA Medical Center and retired as Deputy Chief. As a lifelong resident of South Amboy, he has volunteered with the fire department for over 37 years. He served throughout the ranks of several companies over that time attaining the position of Chief of the Department in 2003-2004. Mike is a NJ Certified EMT and

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## LOCAL HEROES HONORED WITH BLOOD DRIVE

The City of South Amboy & South Amboy/Sayreville Rotary Club will be hosting a blood drive with the Red Cross in honor of essential workers. The drive will help support the severe blood shortage as the coronavirus outbreak threatens the availability of the nation's supply. The blood drive will be held on Friday, August 14, 2020 at the Senior Center located at 108 South Stevens Avenue in South Amboy between 1-6pm. Online pre-registration is recommended as spaces will fill up early.

More than eighty percent of the blood Red Cross collects comes from drives like this local one. All donors will receive a \$5 Amazon e-card and a \$5 Dunkin Donuts gift card, pending early registration. Registrations are being accepted in advance online by visiting

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## South Amboy Receives \$5.3 Million Dollar Federal Grant

The City of South Amboy has been awarded 5.3 million dollars from the Federal Transit Administration 2020 Passenger Ferry Grant Program. Mayor Fred Henry was notified of the award by Congressman Frank Pallone (DNJ-06).

"South Amboy has been working to establish regular passenger ferry service

between the City and New York for almost two decades. This major funding opportunity would not have been possible without the strong support of Congressman Pallone" said Mayor Henry.

Henry continued, "This ambitious project has not been without complications.

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The official groundbreaking on the first of two phases of the Manhattan Beach Club Development in South Amboy, was held on July 24th. State of New Jersey Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin (r) along with former NJ Assemblyman John Wisniewski (l), and South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (3rd from right), are pictured with other key people involved in the project. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## Manhattan Beach Club Redevelopment

BNE Real Estate Group and the City of South Amboy broke ground today (Friday, July 24, 2020) on the first of two phases of a highly anticipated redevelopment project along the South Amboy, NJ waterfront.

South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry and

fellow municipal officials joined principals of BNE Real Estate Group to mark the start of construction of the first of two four-story buildings that will comprise over 500 luxury rental residences on Radford Ferry Road.

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Lou Seminski (l) his son William (c), and Sayreville Police Officer Kenny Puccio are pictured at the Touch-A-Truck in South Amboy last year. Lou, the owner of Sciortino's/Harbor Lights in South Amboy, sadly passed away on July 1st, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. A wonderful man, he will never be forgotten for all he has done for local communities. (Photo/info submitted)



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### Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard  
Sot Retires From DuPont

John Sot of Sayreville has recently retired from DuPont after 41 years of dedicated service. John is an avid reader of the SA Times, and we send our hearty congratulations and best wishes on his retirement.

**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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May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray us. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank You St. Jude. -E.P..

### Tropical Storm Fay and Heat Blast Area

By Steve Schmid

July 2020 will be remembered for very high temperatures plus a tropical storm. Friday July 10 saw Tropical Storm Fay come up the east coast and hammer our area with relentless rain and high winds. The storm gave us rainfall totals of about two and a half inches and flooded several roadways and caused damage to trees. It is the earliest tropical system to hit our area as these storms usually come in late August and September. The storm was followed by a heat wave that started July 18 and lasted several days. The heat wave brought in temperatures in the mid 90s with heat indexes over 100 degrees. Our heat wave developed when hot air from the Midwest came into the area and remained. The high humidity made for very uncomfortable conditions. We can only hope August will bring us cooler and more comfortable weather.

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### Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

1. What year did St. Mary's HS field its first varsity football team in many decades?  
a. 1991 b. 1998 c. 2000
2. Appointed to Sayreville Board of Education in '05?  
a. Joseph Myers b. Mary Ann Sofania c. Arthur Rittenhouse
3. South Amboy Middle School Teacher of the Year in 2005?  
a. Barbara Russell b. Stephen Hellenberg c. Joseph Donnelly
4. Selected Chairman of the Sayreville Democratic Party in 2000?  
a. John Wisniewski b. Kenneth Buchanan c. James Zagata
5. St. Mary's HS Class of 1998 valedictorian?  
a. Rebecca Kopacz b. Lisa Hague c. Jacquelyn Demer
6. Pastor of St. Bernadette Church who retired in 2000?  
a. Father Thomas O'Dea b. Father Eugene Schellberg c. Father Andrew Szaroleta
7. South Amboy HS Valedictorian in 2003?  
a. Erin Campbell b. Kiera Dorrack c. Stanley Canale
8. Named Borough of Sayreville Business Administrator in '03?  
a. John Romanowicz b. Louis Jones c. Jeffrey Bertrand
9. South Amboy Fire Chief in 1986?  
a. Tim Walczak b. Michael Toris c. Kevin Zebro
10. Where is Unique Hair Studio located in Sayreville?  
a. Pulaski Ave. b. Washington Rd. c. Rt. 9 South

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

**Business Of The Month**  
**Dieker's Farm**



Dieker's Farm has been providing local communities with the finest fresh fruits and vegetables for 117 years, since the business began in 1903. Owner Jim Dieker (3rd from left) is pictured with his hard-working and knowledgeable staff. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Dieker's Farm, located at 801 Bordentown Ave., South Amboy, is one of the favorite shopping stops for area residents from May 1st through Thanksgiving. Featuring all types of farm-fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables, as well as local honey, and more, Dieker's Farm is the place to go for the healthiest produce around.

Jim Dieker, a third generation owner said that the farm was established in 1903 by his grandfather Fred Dieker, who was later succeeded by Jim's father Harry Dieker. Jim left his job as a machinist in 1982 to work the 17 acres with his father. In 2008, Dieker's, which was the last farm in the Borough of Sayreville, was declared a Preserved Farmland by Agriculture Secretary Charles M. Kuperus under New Jersey's Farmland Preservation Program. This agreement will keep the farmland

forever, according to Jim.

Dieker's Farm is currently offering many delicious seasonal vegetables and fruits, including several new super-sweet corns, standard Jersey and Heirloom tomatoes, and new varieties of peaches and nectarines.

In late September, don't forget to bring the children out to Dieker's Pumpkin Patch, where you can pick your own pumpkin, and have some fun, as well as great photo opportunities at the farm.

Dieker's Farm is closed for the winter, and reopens on May 1st, when you can get ready for 2021, and pick up some very healthy plants, vegetables, flowers, and hanging baskets for your home.

Jim Dieker said that "I would like to thank everyone for their patronage through the years, and look forward to serving you for many more years to come."

**Local Realtor Met Top Notch Entertainers**

By Tom Burkard

Dedrah Parisen of South Amboy has had a most interesting life, with one job in particular that afforded her the opportunity to meet some very well-known recording artists.

In a recent interview, she said that she grew up in Old Bridge, and graduated from Cedar Ridge HS in 1981. She then studied at Middlesex County College and Thomas Edison University. Her degrees are in Chemistry and Culinary Arts. Her family owned a Stewart's Root Beer stand on Englishtown Rd. in Old Bridge and a vending machine business as well, and Dedrah worked in businesses.

She went on to work for Unilever in Research and Development for 25 years, holding such positions as Chemist, Product Developer, and Research Chef. "I did a lot of work on the Hellmann's and Knorr brands. I loved creating new products and the science involved in the process, she stated.

Dedrah currently works as a Realtor Associate for Green Light Realty. She said that "I decided to go into real estate for a few reasons. First, I never really lost that entrepreneurial spirit that I had while growing up and working in the family business and the real estate business certainly taps into that. Secondly, buying or selling a home is a major milestone in your life and I have that attention to detail mindset which has carried me through my previous career in R & D."

In a previous job, she was a hostess/bartender for a tour bus company. "I did many trips to Atlantic City. The buses were converted into luxury space with a bar/kitchen. I was assigned to a few local jobs where we would transport celebrities from their hotel to the gig, and wait while they performed and then return them to the hotel." Between 1982-1984, she had the opportunity of a lifetime to meet:

Kenny Rogers – "We picked him up at the Marriott (I think) and drove him to the Brendan Byrne Arena for a show. We were late and he was just sitting on a sofa near the door with sunglasses on. Nobody recognized him. He got up and walked over to us with

a smile. He wasn't even mad that we were late. He was a nice guy."

Pointer Sisters – "I had to get a background check before I was allowed to work on that trip. They were very nice and didn't ask for much so I was mostly sitting up front with the driver but I could hear them singing in the back. It was great. We were always given backstage passes and special parking for the gigs. The food and atmosphere was very enjoyable and we had speakers in the back to hear the concert."

Rod Stewart – "We drove him to the Garden State Arts Center, now known as PNC. He was just a normal guy and I was a big fan but kept calm."

Bon Jovi – "We didn't drive him anywhere with the tour bus company, but my sister and I were sitting at the bar at the Jernee Mill Inn, and Jon happened to be sitting next to us. He had just released his first hit record "Runaway," and we were big fans. He was great. We drank with Bon Jovi!"



Dedrah Parisen

Dedrah mentioned that "I love genealogy and have traced the Parisen side of the family to the early 16th century. They have been in South Amboy since the mid 1800's. She also hopes to travel in the future. "I have

plans to visit Poland and Czech Republic to search for my roots there, and I have Iceland on my bucket list to see the northern lights.

Dedrah said that her personal philosophy is to "Always be grateful for what you have in life, and if you can, help someone who needs it."

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## 50 Years Ago



The H.G. Hoffman High School Class of 1970 posed in their caps and gowns on the old school's front steps. Many of the faces should look familiar to our readers. There are lots of success stories for this great class.

## Yearbook-St. Mary Regional 1995

By Tom Burkard

In early September 1994, St. Mary's Class of '95 returned for its final year at the high school. One of the top songs at the time was "(Stay) I Missed You" by Lisa Loeb. . . John Gloss Jr. was principal. Some of the fine faculty included Nuala Farrell, Sister Miriam, Keara Gallagher, Roberto Lozzi, Kathleen Redling, Mary Beth Woolf, Lolita Trifiletti. . . Social activities were plentiful, and in addition to sports included Flavian (Power of the mind); The Senior Retreat; Talent Show; Fall Sports Recognition Day; Christmas Ball '94, which was held at the Sayreville K of C; Christmas Concert. . . The school newspaper was called the "Eagle Press." Some of the seniors selected randomly: James Bello, Janine Bloom, Cory Bacsocka, Thomas Campbell, John Celecki III, Karen Englander, Andrew Dyke, David Freeman, Suzanne James, Michele Halasz, Anthony LaFace, Stephannie Lorentz, Robert McGrane, Nicole McInerney, Michelle Merz, Erin Morey, Shannon Powell, Jessica Sandulow, Dalina Saba, Sarah Thomas, Brian Woolf, Adrienne Zappia, Carrie Zimmerman, Dana Coco. . . Eagles' standout senior athletes were: Andy Ahern, Fateisha Bess, David Blaha, Paula Bronsky, Gregory Castello, James Christie, Bryan DeYoung, Mark Giacona, Brian Knofel, Shannon Kemble, Krista Kurzawa, Kristi-Ann McArthur, Robert Neuhoff, Robyn Palomo, Patrick Rock III, Ben Zmigrodski, Noelle Connelly, Francis Coppola, Anthony Costello, Matthew Crocco, William Garnett, Aaron Gorga, Thomas Januskiewicz, Roy LaBue, Jason Lucas, Romeo Lucas, James Novak, Jeegar Patel, Elizabeth Pogirnicky, Nancy Roque, Joseph Sassine, Jose Torres, Lynn Valenty, Martin Walsh Jr., Jeff Zmigrodski. . . St. Mary's Class of '95 was certainly a fine group of young adults with fine futures awaiting them.

## St. Stan's Family Food Fest

St. Stan's Carnival has been cancelled due to so many restrictions and uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. However, it's not all bad news. In place of the full carnival, we are going to host ST. STAN'S FAMILY FOOD FEST on Thursday, August 27th and Friday, August 28th from 4pm-8pm and Saturday, August 29th from 1pm-8pm. Our carnival menu will be available to go. The menu will include our traditional Polish foods, B&T ribs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, French fries, and chicken fingers. We will have fried fish platters on Friday. We are selling tickets for the annual Carnival Super 50/50 cash raffle for \$5 each. The drawing will be held Saturday, August 29th at 11pm. Tickets are available in the Church office, at Sunday Masses, and at the Food Fest. Come out to support St. Stan's. We hope to see you there!

## Outstanding Graduates Recognized at The University of Scranton

Meagan R. Scheider of Parlin was among the 58 members of The University of Scranton's undergraduate class of 2020 honored for academic excellence, service or both. The awards were presented at a virtual Class Night on May 29. Students with the highest GPA in each of the University's three undergraduate colleges were presented Frank J. O'Hara Awards for General Academic Excellence, a memorial to the late administrator who served the University for 53 years. Scheider, recipient of the Excellence in Applied Mathematics Award, earned a bachelor's degree in both applied mathematics and biomathematics. She participated in the University's Magis Honors Program in STEM. She is a member of Pi Mu Epsilon honor society. She was a member of the Math Club, Colleges Against Cancer and the Autism Speaks Club. Scheider performed biology research with Anne Royer, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology, quantifying migration of timber rattlesnakes through mitochondrial DNA. She is a graduate of Mater Dei Prep, Middletown, New Jersey.



Meagan Scheider

## 4th Degree Knights Choose Officers

By Steve Schmid

Monsignor John F. Brady Assembly 676 of the Knights of Columbus in the fourth degree have chosen their new officers for the 2020-21 Columbian year. Faithful Navigator Jan Williams, Faithful Captain Michael Donahue, Faithful Admiral James Smith, Faithful Pilot Edward Vassallo, Faithful Scribe Scot Pampaloni, Faithful Purser Stephen Schmid, Faithful Inner Sentinel John Kobiernicki, Faithful Outer Sentinel Michael Roemer, Faithful Trustees are Dennis Keller, Peter Luccarelli, and Raymond Suchecki. Faithful Chaplain Faithful Friar Rev. Msgr. Andrew Szaroleta. Faithful Navigator Jan Williams said he's glad to continue to lead the assembly and is especially glad to welcome twelve new members into the group. They are Jordan Drevelus, Mark Fitzgibbons, John Anagnostis, Thomas D'amico, James Hoehman, Joseph Lotkowicz, Stephen Maroon, Bruce Grankowski, Noah Seals, Jose Guzman, Andrew Wojtowicz, and Nick Santos. He also announced that John Kobiernicki, and Stephen Agnone were Knights Of The Year for their contributions during the last Columbian year.

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What would summer at the Library be without a summer club? This summer, the Dowdell Library has gone virtual! Join our Virtual Summer Club by registering online at [dowdelllibrary.readsquared.com](http://dowdelllibrary.readsquared.com). Patrons of all ages can register to earn points and badges to ultimately win a chance at a gift card by the end of the summer! Patrons can also register using their mobile devices by downloading the Readsquared app and selecting Dowdell Library. Points are earned through reading books and completing activities. Keep an eye out for special events, and secret codes that will also give you extra points!

Are your children missing their friends, or looking for a way to make new ones? If so, we may have a fun solution for you! The Dowdell Library has created a Pen Pal Program. We are pairing elementary students with teen volunteers to write letters (yes, handwritten letters) and mail them back and forth! If interested, visit our webpage [dowdell.org](http://dowdell.org) and fill out a short questionnaire. All information provided will be confidential and shared only with the pen pal. Consent from parents is required.

We would like to congratulate the winner of our Art Contest, Grant Meehan! Grant's creative and colorful drawing can be viewed on our website [Dowdell.org](http://Dowdell.org) and in our summer newsletter. Congratulations Grant!

The Dowdell Library is operating on a phased reopening plan. To find out the latest information regarding our plan please call us at 732-721-6060, email us at [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org) or visit our website [Dowdell.org](http://Dowdell.org). The temporary library hours are Monday-Friday from 12:30-4:30pm.

To meet the needs of our community,

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for all of our children."

Working with various developers the City has been reclaiming former industrial sites located in prime waterfront locations to provide superior housing opportunities along the Raritan Bay. As both Board of Education President and as a Redevelopment Commissioner, Anthony Conrad has been involved on both sides of this partnership. "Strong teams make achievement possible. The synergy that occurs between the Board of Education, the Redevelopment Commissioners, and the Mayor & Council is regular, consistent, and has great value to

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a Level 2 Fire Instructor at the Middlesex County Fire Academy. He is also a married family man with two sons who have followed in their father's footsteps and joined the South Amboy Fire Department.

We are asking our community and fellow brothers and sisters to help us with our efforts to support Mike and his family in their time of need. All funds raised from this day will go directly to Mike and his family to help cover their medical costs during his long battle ahead. Anything you can provide to help us make this day possible would be immensely appreciated.

**Donations can be made out to:** Independence Engine & Hose Co #1 and mailed to: c/o Mike Toth, 14 Haven Terr, Parlin, NJ 08859

If you prefer to provide goods or services please reach out to our president Mike Toth at 908-930-3497 so arrangements can be made for pickup or delivery of your goods, services, gift cards, etc.

If you wish to participate in the tournament, teams of two players are \$100

the Dowdell Library offers a large variety of digital materials free to all our patrons through the summer. Visit our website, [Dowdell.org](http://Dowdell.org) to access the following websites.

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Don't forget to follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram! We will be sharing the most up-to-date information surrounding our opening process and all of the fun summer activities! You might even see a few familiar faces!

The last few months have been challenging. And while things are far from normal, the Dowdell Library is excited to begin our reopening process and serve our community again! We hope everyone is well, and we look forward to seeing you all soon!

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

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org), or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org). The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School. Temporary summer hours are Monday - Friday from 12:30-4:30pm.

our community".

The City of South Amboy has been at the nexus of commercial and residential redevelopment in New Jersey. The Manhattan Beach development is currently under construction in anticipation of the imminent construction of a Passenger Ferry Terminal that will offer service to NYC.

As one of the four original State designated Transit Villages, South Amboy continues to work with various stakeholders to develop integrated Mass Transit options for City and County residents who commute to New York City.

and include two commemorative t-shirts. If you wish to show up the day of in support of Mike admission is \$20 and kids under 12 are free. Please see the included flyer for more information.

Thank you for your support and generosity in helping us with this great cause and supporting one of our own. Mike has been there for all of us over the years and now is the time for all of us to step up and show him we are there for him too in his time of need.

If you have any questions, contact Michael Toth President, Independence Engine & Hose Co #1 908-930-3497 or [Mtoth1@optonline.net](mailto:Mtoth1@optonline.net). If attending the Tossin' for Mike Cornhole Tournament: Sunday, August 23 from 10am to 5pm. Rain date is set for Sunday, August 30. Location will be at Enterprise Truck 8 firehouse, 107 George St in South Amboy. All parking will be behind the firehouse in the school parking lot. First and second place cash prize, food, soda, beer, 50/50, raffles, and a good time for a great cause.

## Customer Appreciation!



South Amboy Police Officer Jim Charmello (l) stopped to visit Hershey Patel (r), owner of Main Liquors & Wines during the store's annual Customer Appreciation Barbeque. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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Karen Jackowski (c), a Registered Nurse from Sayreville is pictured with her husband Tony Jackowski and Marcus Lemonis, owner of Camping World, standing near the travel trailer she won from Camping World. (Photo/story submitted)

### Sayreville Nurse Wins Travel Trailer

Early in April, during the height of the COVID pandemic, Tony Jackowski was reading a post on Twitter where Marcus Lemonis, owner of Camping World, asked "who is the next one to win an RV from Camping World tonight and to join the others in the winners circle?." So Tony then replied that his wife should be the winner as she is a nurse in New Jersey, busy working on a COVID unit and would be nice to go away someplace quiet after it's over. Marcus then replied that his wife, Karen, was the first winner that night.

Karen has been a registered nurse for 39 years, working at Saint Peters Hospital for

### SWMHS Class of 1960 Reunion

The class of 1960 reunion has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for next year, 2021. We will be in touch with any new details. Thank you, Suzanne (Conover) Selover and Rita (Novotny) Bates.

27 years. As most hospital nurses during this pandemic, Karen was redeployed from the comfort of her usual department, to a unit with all COVID patients, for about a month. Those nurses working on the floors had been working with COVID patients from March.

Karen and Tony recently drove to the Camping World, located in Lakewood to pick up their win, a travel trailer! They are both excited and grateful to begin their new adventures. Also among the excited are their two sons and their families that include three grandchildren, who love to give tours of the camper!

### St. Mary's High School Class Of 1970

We will be celebrating our 50th reunion on October 17, 2020. If you would like to join us please email zupsunshin@aol.com (Maripat Lauritsen Zupko) for all the details. If you're a 1970 EAGLE, this is where you need to be!

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## Main Liquors & Wines Customer Appreciation Day BBQ

(Photos/captions by Joe Lotkowitz)



Main Liquors & Wines owner Hershey Patel (l) held his annual Customer Appreciation Day BBQ recently. Also pictured, South Amboy Police Chief Darren LaVigne (2nd from left), and three of Main Liquors & Wines outstanding employees.



The chefs/cooks did an excellent job cooking and grilling tasty food for all the customers who attended the great celebration.

## South Amboy Knights Of Columbus #426 News

(Photos/captions by Joe Lotkowitz)



Members of the Knights are putting on the finishing touches to a sign they were refurbishing in front of the Hall on North Stevens Ave. and Fourth St. Pictured (l-r) Bruce Grankowski, Mike DeJoy, Jan Williams, Grand Knight Gary Lattanzi, Jim Hoehman.



South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 Knight of the Year, Bruce Grankowski (l), and Grand Knight Gary Lattanzi (r) are pictured near the sign.

## The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA, MS

While reading an article in one of the many first responder publications, I came across an interesting article that pertains to the majority of us that drive motor vehicles. It sparked my interest when the headline stated, "His Keyless Car Killed Him While He Slept". What in the world could this mean? After digging through mounds of reports and documentation on keyless vehicles I was stunned to read what had happened.

When keyless ignition first started to appear in our vehicles, it was the greatest thing. We were all amazed that now we could start our cars from inside our home on those cold winter mornings and have it cozy/warm when we entered it. This also worked in the summer when we wanted the interior cooled down, when the vehicle started so did the air conditioner. There was also the benefit of not needing a key to open the doors especially with our hands full or in the dark. To accomplish these tasks, all we needed to do was to get close enough to the vehicle with the key fob and a radio wave would send a signal to the car and the doors would unlock. This was one of the greatest innovations to be added to our vehicles. But would this new idea turn out to be an "Achilles Heel"? For those of you that have the keyless start option and must depress the start button on the dashboard, have you ever forgot to push that button to shut off the vehicle when you parked? I know that I did on numerous occasions. With the quiet running engines of today sometimes it becomes difficult to hear if the motor is still running as you walk away from the vehicle.

When a gasoline engine is running it is producing Carbon Monoxide. There I go again mentioning that deadly gas! Since its inception, keyless cars HAVE killed many people. Where do we place the blame, on the

vehicle owners or the vehicle manufacturers? A common occurrence of carbon monoxide poisoning with these vehicles would be in a residence with an enclosed/attached garage. Picture the scenario where someone returning home from a day of shopping, pulls into their garage and starts to unload their groceries, especially if those items need to be refrigerated or kept frozen. Your concentration may be on those groceries that need quick refrigeration and not on the vehicle that you left running and could not hear. You go into the house with your groceries, close the garage door and forget all about the running car. During the time that the vehicle is running it is producing Carbon Monoxide, the odorless, colorless, deadly killer. You do not hear the vehicle running and therefore never think about it again. If it is evening, you retire to bed and fall asleep, never to wake up because you are being asphyxiated by that forgotten running vehicle leaking deadly carbon monoxide into the living areas.

Data from the Safety Research & Strategies Inc. has reported 37 of these incidents. There is not one brand of car to blame because all manufacturers have installed keyless starting mechanisms in their vehicles. There is help on the way. But it took the U.S. Senate and the House to propose a law "That automakers be required to provide an automatic shutoff for keyless internal combustion engines when a car has been idling for a designated period of time?"

That is great news for new car buyers but those of you with the earlier versions of keyless start must be aware of the hazards that still exist in your vehicles. A good way to determine if your car is still running, attempt to alarm the vehicle. If it is running, you will not hear the alarm activate.

## South Amboy Elementary Academic Achievement

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<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time> an entering zip code 08879 to locate the South Amboy Senior Center event.

Red Cross employees always follow thorough safety protocols to help prevent the spread of infection at all blood drive locations. There is no data or evidence that coronavirus can be transmitted by blood transfusion, and there have been no reported cases of transfusion transmission for any respiratory virus including the current coronavirus worldwide.

The South Amboy/Sayreville Rotary Club-sponsored high school student Interact Club members will also be collecting socks in front of the Senior Center to benefit Knock, Knock, Give a Sock efforts to support homelessness.

Rocco Cuoco, Rotary Club President, said "we are so grateful for the essential workers that are local heroes during this ongoing pandemic. We are hosting this blood drive in their honor to show our respect for their dedication to our community. We invite everyone to help donate our goal of 25 pints of blood to show our appreciation for their

service."

"We are grateful to the City of South Amboy for their support with this and other upcoming events we are hosting to benefit South Amboy and surrounding towns. The club will also host an upcoming Classic Car Parade and Food Drive in early Fall to benefit local food pantries. Upcoming events will be shared on our social media Facebook page so follow us there." shared Greg Wyzkowski, club member.

The South Amboy/Sayreville Rotary Club also sponsors several outreach programs including a high school student-sponsored Interact Club, Dictionary Project for all third-graders in both school districts, Daddy-Daughter Dates, Polka Dances, and scholarships for South Amboy and Sayreville college-bound students with a focus on community service. Sponsors are needed for these programs as fundraisers have been cancelled due to the pandemic. Please contact Rocco Cuoco, Club President at [SASYRotary@gmail.com](mailto:SASYRotary@gmail.com) with any sponsorship or club membership inquiries..

## Flea Market Rescheduled

The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville has rescheduled their June Flea Market to September 13, 2020. It will be held in the church parking lot at 172 Main Street (across from Borough Hall) from 8am to 2pm.

There are still spaces available for vendors also. For more information please contact us at 732-257-6353 or [churchoffice172@optimum.net](mailto:churchoffice172@optimum.net). You can also find information on our website at [FPCSAYREVILLE.org](http://FPCSAYREVILLE.org).



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They are the first of a multi-phase project dubbed the Manhattan Beach Club that will ultimately bring 1,875 new residences to an underutilized 55-acre property located between the South Amboy train station, and the Raritan Bay.

The \$500 million redevelopment effort will also include the construction of a long-awaited ferry terminal, making it the only state-designated transit village offering both rail and ferry service. Earlier this week, U.S. Rep. Frank Pallone, D-6th Dist., announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation will grant \$5.3 million to South Amboy for the proposed 20,000 square-foot facility which will operate up to three ferries between the city's Raritan Bay waterfront and downtown Manhattan. Located adjacent to The Manhattan Beach Club, the terminal will also include 700 parking spaces and a second story space ideal for a restaurant to take advantage of the views. City officials believe the ferry operation, which will accommodate hundreds of commuters to New York City, will also draw more visitors to South Amboy's growing downtown district.

"Smart, well planned growth is a tremendous asset to our City," said Mayor Henry. "The Manhattan Beach Club will transform vacant industrial land into a bayfront destination providing stable long-term revenue to benefit our residents, both new and old, for decades to come."

BNE Real Estate Group expects to deliver this initial phase of 291 residences in Summer of 2022, according to Jonathan Schwartz, a partner at the Livingston, NJ-based development and management company.

"South Amboy's current and previous administrations have done a remarkable job in revitalizing the city's waterfront over the past two decades, delivering a mix of residential, commercial and recreational uses throughout the city," said Mr. Schwartz. "We share their vision for unlocking the value of this critical waterfront asset and transforming it into a thriving, well-connected neighborhood that will also benefit downtown South Amboy."

BNE's residential buildings will introduce studio, one- and two-bedroom luxury rental residences with covered onsite parking walkable to the train, ferry, and downtown. Sophisticated finishes and appointments will include open-concept

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However, we are finally able to move forward with construction of this major transportation improvement that will benefit our residents, and the residents of Middlesex County."

The City of South Amboy has been at the nexus of commercial and residential redevelopment in New Jersey. The Manhattan Beach development is currently under construction and is adjacent to the Ferry Terminal site. Using a design conceived by French and Parello Engineering and USA Architects, the ferry facility will offer a state-of-the-art terminal building, over 700 hundred parking spaces, and convenient dock facilities to provide safe and easy boarding.

Mayor Henry said, "Working closely with our team of professionals, our partners at the New Jersey State Department of Transportation, The Department of

kitchens, plank flooring throughout, nine-foot ceilings, stainless-steel appliances with gas cooking, custom modular closets, and in-unit washers & dryers. Private outdoor space will be available in select residences.

A full complement of indoor and outdoor lifestyle amenities will foster a live-play atmosphere coveted by today's residents. They will include a dramatic double-height lobby, multiple entertainment lounges, a co-working lounge complete with private offices and conference rooms, kids playroom, coffee café, commercial grade fitness center, dedicated yoga & spin rooms with virtual fitness programs, game lounge, golf simulator, movie theatre, and more. Residents will also enjoy an outdoor swimming pool with cabana seating, indoor and outdoor bars, barbecue grills, private and communal outdoor dining areas, firepits, lawn and garden lounge areas and outdoor TVs. Packages will be securely delivered to Amazon® package lockers. The pet-friendly community will also include a dog spa.

Located in suburban Middlesex county, where the mouth of the Raritan River empties into the Raritan Bay, South Amboy is a tight-knit community of about 9,000 residents. The city's main commercial avenue, Broadway, is home to a variety of shops, restaurants, and family-owned businesses, as well as the South Amboy train station. The city is also home to Raritan Bay Waterfront Park, a 114-acre county park with athletic fields, walkways, a playground, a nature study area, gazebos, and a landmark pavilion with sweeping views of the bay.

Nautical-minded residents of Manhattan Beach Club will appreciate the selection of marinas nearby. NJ TRANSIT commuters will have a ride of about 50 minutes to New York Penn Station. For motorists, the entrances to the Garden State Parkway, Route 9 and Route 35 are all about a mile away.

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Environmental Protection, and the State Historic Preservation Office, the facility will feature historical artifacts recovered from the site of the Amboy & Camden Railroad which operated from the waterfront location in the 1800s. While we always have to look to accommodate our needs for the future, we don't want to neglect the role the City has played as a transportation hub in the past."

As one of the four original State designated Transit Villages South Amboy will be the only site in New Jersey to offer rail and ferry services within walking distance of each other. Over the next few months, the Mayor's staff will be finalizing some remaining governmental approvals and expects to be able to advertise for bids before the end of 2020.

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# Flag Retirement Service In South Amboy

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



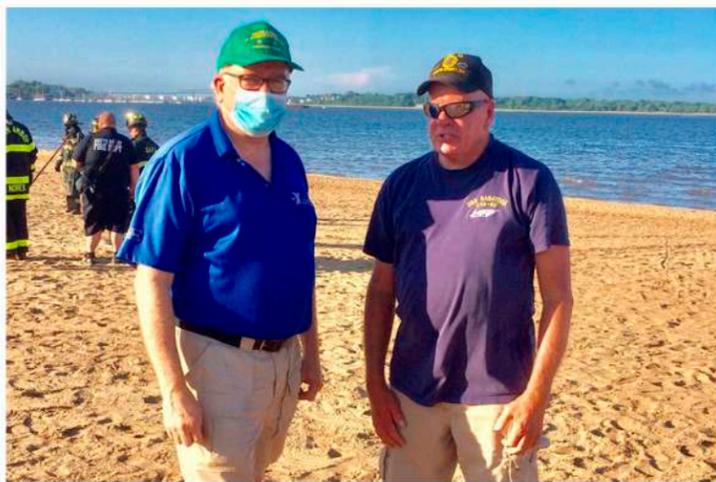
American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy held its Annual Flag Retirement Service at the South Amboy Beach. The members pictured proudly hold the largest American flag to be retired at the service.



Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak (l) and South Amboy Fire Chief Bob O'Connor, discuss safety measures prior to the fire for the old and worn American flags that were to be retired.



A South Amboy firefighter tosses some worn-out American flags to be retired, onto the fire.



Mayor Fred Henry (l) and Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak are pictured following the Flag Retirement Service at the South Amboy Beach.



The Boy Scouts were on hand and participated in the American Flag Retirement Service.



Rail and cobblestone from many years ago are visible in this photo being unearthed recently, by the milling which was done on Stevens Ave. in South Amboy. (Photo/info by Bob "Rex" Paulukiewicz)

## It's Not Nice to Fool Mother Nature

By Elaine Holton Scott

If you're "somewhat" up in age, you'll remember the commercial for a very popular margarine...possibly made popular for its very memorable commercials. In the years 1970 to 1979, a woman supposedly being Mother Nature was irritated over Chiffon margarine tasting like butter. "It's not nice to fool Mother Nature," she would always say. She was right...it's really not nice to fool Mother Nature or anyone else, especially when it comes to saving our world for future generations. The United States keeps getting a bad rap, but the truth is our country ranks as the 8th lowest pollution causing country... and there are 195 countries in this world of ours. China, India, and Russia are the highest polluters for emissions, while countries like Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Qatar, Kuwait, Bangladesh. Saudi Arabia is considered to be the most toxic of all. Just try getting any of those countries to lower their pollution, and see how successful that attempt can be.

There is another polluter of our world which seems to be growing faster than the most invasive cancer. Yet, this polluter seems to be basically ignored.. For example, just check out photos or video coverage of people marching in protest of coal mines where our hard working miners dig our prolific store of coal trying to feed their families. Look closely and you'll see this cancer. It's called plastic... plastic bottles of water being held by people protesting the mining of coal... plastic bottles which may end up smothering the marine life in our oceans as it attaches itself to other pieces of non-biodegradable man made material. How could this happen? How could this be ALLOWED to happen?? Every single day there are more products being made of plastic. Our lives have literally been permeated with it. Knowing what plastic is doing to our oceans and every other water body, manufacturers continue producing more of this killer, as that's exactly what it is becoming. Some months ago I saw photos online of flattened plastic items all packed neatly into large bundles

for delivery to Vietnam where it was to be destroyed. According to the article, much of that plastic, or being a pragmatist, I think a lot more than "much" of it, was just thrown into the nearby South China Sea. I'm also sure Vietnam wasn't taking these plastic bundles to destroy from the kindness of their hearts. Amazingly, this plastic overload was helped along in the 1970's by groups trying to save the trees using plastic bags instead of the brown paper bags. Did it help? No. Foresters are still cutting down the trees, especially in the Rain Forest where the trees are the main supplier of the very air we breathe. If this destruction of our world continues, there won't be any world at all, just an empty, uninhabitable planet. On the positive side, there is still time to go back to the way it used to be...a world with very little plastic, the kind of world we, Baby Boomers, and those before us had known. Waxed cardboard containers to hold edible products and the use of glass for soda and jars would help save our environment and our environment needs saving desperately. Scientists have even found a way to make containers from plant-based materials. Just think how wonderful life would be if those plastic bags at the grocery stores upped and disappeared. Now, about those coal mines. Coal is the main supplier for electricity. Without coal, most of America would go dark. Windmills could never generate enough power to supply our needs...besides, birds keep dying just by flying into their blades. So much for saving the environment unless you think birds aren't important. Aside from water power that leaves nuclear power plants. Would you want one in your town? Yes, they are basically safe but just not always. Check out what happened on April 26, 1986 at Chernobyl when their nuclear power plant exploded. So, as environmentalists pursue mine closings here in the states, 5.95 million tons or almost 12,000,000,000 pounds of coal, that's 12 billion pounds, had been imported to the U.S. in 2018 alone from 15 different countries.



Sayreville veterans organized a grassroots non-political assembly on the 4th of July to pray for and support America and its institutions at a time when many are disparaging our nation and its institutions. The assembly was held behind the Sayreville Borough Hall, and despite the last minute planning, well over 100 citizens showed up, many waving US Flags. The simple patriotic ceremony included a prayer led by Ken Kelly (Sayreville VFW/American Legion) for our police, fire, EMS and other first responders, our military, and our country. Ed Streck (Sayreville American Legion) led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Carmen Delikat (American Legion/VFW) led in a group singing of "God Bless America". Stanley Drwal(VFW/American Legion) provided opening remarks. Sayreville Fire Department provided a large US Flag flown from its ladder truck. Sayreville police provided security, water and masks for the event. (Photos/story submitted)

**WWW.?**

**WWW.? June Winners**

The WWW.? for June was 404 Bar & Liquors located on Washington Rd. in Sayreville, previous business names were XXX Bar and Shot In The Dark. Those who answered correctly were : Paul Conlon, Dennis Quinlan, Don Zrebiec, Mike Gressman, Joyce Medvar, Judy Guilfoyle, Lisa Grankowski, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski, & Lorraine Krauss, Betty Levielle, Peggy and Steve Yuhass, Mark Moniello, Lynn Loy, Marie and Ed English, Joan Fulham, Eleanore Westerholm, Gary Feret, Bridget Bourke. \*Incorrect answers were: Morgan First Aid, and Club 35.

This business is located in South Amboy or Sayreville. Do you know the name of it? Send your answers in to: satimes@aol.com. By August 17th. Good luck!



June WWW?  
404 Bar and  
Liquors  
Washington  
Road, Sayreville



**WHAT IS IT?????**

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

**WHAT IS IT? Winners**

What Is It? for June was a wooden sock darning. These were standard equipment in most households. When items like gloves, socks or sleeves had a hole, this darning could be placed inside to hold the ends of the items while making the repair. Unfortunately these items are not really used as often today in our disposable society.

Our readers that correctly identified it were: Judy Guilfoyle, JoAnn & John French, Chuck Pickard, Madge Powis, Leon Credico, Mary Agnes Morris, Chelle Martin, Lynn Loy, Marie and Ed English, Eleanore Westerholm, Steve Laskiewicz, Dane Colburn.

Several readers had incorrect answers including: A gourd; a pestle; a shoe horn and a shoe form.



Does this item look familiar? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by August 17th.



June What is it? Wooden Sock Darning Cigarette/Cigar Lighter

**LETTERS**

Dear SA Times,

The What Is It? Photo contest from last month was a wooden sock darning. This shape is more unusual. They are usually egg shaped with a handle. Some come in plastic, bakelite, and even glass which are harder to find and very pretty. I collect sewing notions, and they can always be found in old sewing boxes.

Madge Powis, Trenton, NJ Formerly of South Amboy (sister of Joanne Niestempki)

**Who Is It?**



This is a more recent photo, and a bit easier than the first contest. Get 5 points for each person you can identify, and another 5 for what the event was. Send your answers to: satimes@aol.com. By August 17th.

**Who Is It? WINNERS For June:** In our first-ever Who Is It contest, in which contestants were awarded the following for correct answers: 5 points for each person in the photo correctly identified; 3-the place photo was taken; 5-for the event or reason the photo was taken; 10-for the year the photo was taken.

Our June issue was a photo taken at the old Raritan Diner on Bordentown Ave. in South Amboy during the filming of the movie "Purple Rose Of Cairo," which was filmed in 1985. There were 6 people in the pic, and only 4 were identified, and 2 remain a question mark. The 4 identified were Woody Allen, SA Police Officer Bob Kelly, Mayor J. Thomas Cross and his wife Barbara. A perfect score on this contest would be 48 points. The following points were awarded to submissions: Peggy & Steve Yuhass 33, Dennis McCloud 23 points, Janet Piscatelli 23, Marlene Letwenski 20, Joan Fulham 20, Chuck Pickard 20, Mary Agnes Morris 20.

**The Vintage Car Contest**



Can you identify this car? Let us know the make, model and year. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by August 17th.

**June's Vintage Car**

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

The vintage car in our June issue was a 1966 4-door Chevrolet Corvair. This particular Corvair was purchased new by my mom Marlene (owner of Marlene's Beauty Salon, and that is her in the photo). It was a very interesting little car, engine in the rear (air cooled) and the transmission selector was located on the dashboard. Chevrolet made the Corvair available as a 4-door sedan, 2-door coupe, convertible, 4-door station wagon, passenger van, commercial van, and pickup truck body styles in its first generation (1960-1964) as well as 2-door coupe, convertible and 4-door sedan in its second (1965-1969).

Those who identified last months car were: Michael & Irene Kilcomons, George



June Vintage Car  
1966 Chevrolet Corvair

**Historical Society Gallery Break-In**

By Jerry Pizzillo

On April 29, 2020, the historical society was notified that their gallery located at 141 North Broadway had been broken-into and was vandalized. President Mary Szaro and several members went to the gallery to assess the damage and to verify if any of their items had been stolen.

Upon arrival it was observed that entry was gained by forcing the rear door open. There were pry marks on the outside and inside of the rear door. A quick assessment showed that a person or persons took up residence in the gallery. A leather couch belonging to the SARA which is in the next office space from the gallery had been moved into our gallery. Numerous coffee cups and water bottles had been placed around the couch on the floor for the occupant's convenience. The small kitchen and bathroom also displayed signs of usage and damage.

After an inventory was taken it appeared that several items were missing. Some are

owned by the historical society, but most are from members' private collections. An exceedingly rare "Mummers String Band" costume on loan to the society was vandalized and hopefully it can be repaired and placed back on display. Some books and photographs from the 1930's and 1940's were removed and dumped into the dumpster at the rear of the building. The items were recovered, sanitized and replaced back where they belong. Several days later the society was notified by the South Amboy Police that employees of Dunkin Donuts had discovered additional items in their dumpster that were taken from the gallery. The items were recovered and placed back into the gallery.

After the South Amboy Police were notified of the break-in, a quick arrest was initiated. The name of the person arrested is being withheld pending court procedures. The quick action and diligence on behalf of our city police department is paramount in

detering this type of behavior. On behalf of the Historical Society a heartfelt thank you goes out to the South Amboy Police and Dunkin Donuts employees for their diligence.

It should be noted that most of the historical items on display at the gallery belong to members of the historical society. The members are proud and honored to display their personal items which are mainly family heirlooms depicting the history of South Amboy which can never be replaced if vandalized or stolen. Its sad to think that people would vandalize such treasured items for the mere pleasure of just vandalizing. After speaking with the mayor and business administrator it was determined that greater security measures must be installed at not only the historical gallery but the Arts & Culture Association and SARA offices which we share in the building.

When things get back to some sort of normal the Historical Society of South Amboy

is planning to have a Grand Reopening in the new space at the gallery location. Also, the HSSA is in the planning stages of the Most Popular "Cemetery Tour" at Christ Church Cemetery in late October 2020. Read the SA Sayreville Times for updates on the Grand Reopening and the cemetery tour.

**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 -B.S...

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## Harold "Hal" Dennen Recalls South Amboy In The 60's

By Tom Burkard

Harold "Hal" Dennen was born and raised in South Amboy, and went on to a highly-successful career as a teacher for the Sayreville schools system. He was so gracious to share his memories of The 1960's in "The Pleasant Little City."

In a recent interview with The SA Times, he said "Back in the 50's and 60's, like most kids, our summer days were filled with hanging with friends and playing ball. We always played baseball, and had a pickup game going. I had several cousins living in town, the Dennens and Nemeths, and we played baseball everyday. One of our favorite places to play was on the rocky, Star Field on lower Augusta St."

Hal played on the First Aid baseball team in the South Amboy Little League for 4 years, and was a huge contributor to two championship teams. He said that his coaches were John Hayden, Wilbur Schmidt, Stan Jankowski and Mr. Kelly. "My best memory of those days was the way all of us kids had enjoyed playing sports, with a friendly competitiveness." His favorite teams/players were the Yankees/Mickey Mantle, and Knicks in basketball with Bill Bradley his fave player. In '58, while on vacation in Florida with his family, he was thrilled to meet Yankee players Don Larsen and Bob Turley.

Dennen went on to play 4 years of varsity baseball under legendary Coach John Zdanewicz, and in the winter, a combination of varsity/jayvees basketball under the great coach Jim Croddick. Hal's favorite teammates were the late John Jankowski and Ed Szatkowski. When asked what his best baseball game was, he said, "As a senior in my first varsity pitching victory, I had 3 hits against Croydon Hall Academy." Also in his final year of basketball, he poured in 20 points against Union Catholic.

Hoffman H.S. had some terrific teachers back in the 60's, and Hal's favorites were "Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Moran, Mr. Poll, and Mr. Croddick." His closest friends in school were John Jankowski, Ed Szatkowski, Dave Parsons, his cousins Paul Kosovich and Bobby Nemeth.

Following high school graduation in 1965, Hal attended Glassboro State College (now Rowan University). He graduated in '69 with a degree in Junior High School Education. He went on to an outstanding career at Sayreville Junior High/Middle School, where he taught Math for a total of 39 years until retiring in 2008. "My best memory of teaching is having worked with such a wonderful staff, and fellow teachers, and playing in the annual basketball, softball and volleyball games against the students."

Since his retirement, he has "taken an interest in gardening, reading, watching my favorite sports on TV, but my favorite "hobby" of all is my grandchildren. My father, Harold Dennen II, was "my biggest inspiration. He taught me to always try my best in life. He enlisted in the military at the young age of 17 to serve in World War II, and later the Korean War. He was also a longtime firefighter and baseball coach in the South Amboy Youth Leagues." Hal also praised Mr. Jim Croddick, who "was a huge inspiration in my life as coach, mentor and



Harold "Hal" Dennen

friend." Dennen said that "I am proudest of my children, grandchildren, and my 39 years of teaching and tutoring those children who needed a little help."

How would Harold "Hal" Dennen like to be remembered someday? "After I'm gone, I would like to mostly be remembered for always sharing a smile and good word about everyone."

## 66 Years Ago - Melrose Family Was First On The Parkway Bridge

July 30, 1954-Theodore Laskiewicz, his wife and 5 children, plus a niece and nephew were the first people to drive over the new Garden State Parkway Bridge over the Raritan River, that ran from Sayreville to Woodbridge, and parallel to the Edison Bridge. At the time, Theodore said, "We were thrilled to be the first."

Mrs. Laskiewicz said, "We had watched the bridge grow. The toll gate is right next to our backyard in Melrose, but we never thought about being the first to go over it." In the Laskiewicz station wagon at the time were Thaddeus 14 years old, Stephen 9, Gailann 13, Linda Marie 4, and Mirlyn 2.

## Sacred Heart R.C. Church To Offer Spanish Masses

Bishop James Checchio of the Diocese of Metuchen has requested that Sacred Heart Church (SHC) begin exploring the needs for a Spanish Ministry.

Pastor Stanley Gromadzki has assembled an exploratory committee in an attempt to minister to the Hispanic Communities of South Amboy, Sayreville, Old Bridge and surrounding communities. Fr. Stanley said "we will begin offering Spanish Masses once a month on Sunday at 2 PM and gradually assess the spiritual pulse of the Spanish Parishioner."

In compliance with the Governors Executive orders, all Masses offer a socially distant environment, hand sanitizer used and masks must be worn at all times by all, except when receiving communion after completion of the mass.

August 2 and August 30, 2020 at 2 PM will be the "first of hopefully many," Father Stanley said. The Parish will also attempt to celebrate other Religious Spanish holidays that are normally celebrated.

For more information, please visit [sacredheartsa.org](http://sacredheartsa.org)

## From The Parade Archives

(Photos/info courtesy of Dennis Quinlan)



In the top photo, that is Joe "Scoop" McCarthy with the American Flag (l) and it looks like Leo Ryan (r) carrying the Enterprise flag in a South Amboy parade. The building is the old City Hall/Police Station on the corner of John St. and South Stevens Ave. In the bottom photo the Enterprise Fire Company marched in a parade, which looks like Rt. 35 in Laurence Harbor. It could possibly be the Laurence Harbor Fire Company's 25th Anniversary in 1949. Dennis Quinlan said, "The only person I can recognize in that photo is my father "Osh" Quinlan, he is second in line on the left side. Back in those days each Company marched by themselves, not as the whole South Amboy Fire Department."

## Remember This?



It wasn't too long ago when almost every local family had one of these Blockbuster Membership Cards? Remember the one in Sayreville Shopping Center? Those were the days, my friends! LOL (Photo by Tom Burkard)

# The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

## From The Sports Archives



1965-The St. Mary's Eagles varsity baseball team held a split-squad game at Veterans Field. Pictured (l-r) Brian George, Tom Kelly (backing up the play), and the always hustling Joe Crowe sliding into second. Was he safe or out?

### Diamond Dust

**1982**  
**South Amboy Little Fellas League**  
 English Association 16 Daylight Bakery 10-Dennis McKim blasted a grand slam and also solo home run, and Mark Lewis also orbited a homer in this slugfest.

**1979**  
**South Amboy Little Fellas League**  
 Daylight Bakery 5 Progressive 0-The unbeaten Bakers made it 13 wins in a row, behind winning pitcher John Clayton's 2-hitter. Craig Gorczyca hammered a single and triple.

**1970**  
**South Amboy Babe Ruth League**  
 Raritan River Railroad 15 Komars 1-Winning pitcher Wayne Kreiger twirled a 1-hitter and drilled 3 hits. Teammates Steve Makwinski and Steve Boychuk stroked 3 hits apiece.

**South Amboy Slow Pitch**  
 English Chevron 11 Enterprise 2-Dave Stolte was the winning pitcher. Bob Kukulski and Gary Kosovich ripped 3 hits apiece. J & B Trucking 16 Fritz's Tavern 7-Mark Felice and Bill Wozniak rocketed home runs to support winning pitcher Ed Witkowski.

**1967**  
**Carleton League**  
 South Amboy 10 Old Bridge Colts 3-Fred Henry was the winning pitcher, and Vince Zebro ripped 2 doubles and a single for Manager Danny Lewis' county powerhouse. Sayreville Senior Little League Division Economy Auto Body 12 Our Lady of Victories 5-Joe Gabel blasted 2 triples and a single to drive in 5 runs, as winning pitcher Bob Smith struck out 15.

**South Amboy Little Fellas League**  
 Modern Trans 15 Protection 1-Bob Jerome was the winning pitcher, and Stan Kowaleski rocketed a home run for the Moderns.

### 60 Years Ago

**Opening Day Baseball Sayreville Wins 37-0**

**1960-** The weathermen didn't postpone the Sayreville High School-Rutgers Prep Opening Day baseball game, but by the third inning, the Prepsters were undoubtedly wishing it did rain. Coach John Wortley's powerhouse scored 24 runs in the bottom of the third inning in route to an unbelievable 37-0 triumph. Wortley and his players used every conceivable method to hold down the score, but to no avail. The game was finally halted after 5 innings (This game was years before the 10-run mercy rule). Jerry Kabara hurled a no-hitter for the Bombers, while striking out 9.

\*Note in its second game, Sayreville blasted St. Mary's Eagles 12-0, so in two games the Bombers had outscored opponents, 49-0!

### Player Identified

In last month's team picture of the 1991 South Amboy Little Fellas League championship team, Sanitary Fuels, one player was unidentified. Through a dedicated reader, we found out it was Mike Piperato.

### Favorite MLB Teams

The following are the Top 10 All-Time favorite Major League Baseball (MLB) teams of members of The SA Times staff:

**Tom Burkard**  
 1-1961 NY Yankees 2-1969 New York Mets 3-2003 Florida Marlins 4-1987 Minnesota Twins 5-1991 Minnesota Twins 6-1998 NY Yankees 7-1986 New York Mets 8-1977 NY Yankees 9-2000 NY Yankees 10-1973 Oakland A's.

**Brian Stratton**  
 1-1969 NY Mets, 2-2003-Florida Marlins 3-1986 Mets 4-1987 Minnesota Twins 5-1991 Minnesota Twins 6-2019 Washington Nationals 7-2016 Chicago Cubs 8-1974 Oakland A's 9-1947 NY Yankees 10-1948 Cleveland Indians.

**Al Gomolka**  
 1-1961 New York (NY) Yankees 2-1955 Brooklyn Dodgers 3-1998 New York Yankees 4-1969 New York Mets 5-1927 New York Yankees 6-2003 Florida Marlins 7-1987 Minnesota Twins 8-1991 Minnesota Twins 9-1955-New York Yankees 10-1960 Los Angeles Dodgers.

**Steve Schmid**  
 1-1986 Mets 2-1961 Yankees 3-1969 Mets 4-1998 Yankees 5-2015 Mets 6-1978 Yankees 7-2000 Mets 8-1927 Yankees 9-1973 Mets 10-2009 Yankees.

**Readers: Send your Top 10 favorites in to: satimes@aol.com. We would love to hear them and share with our other readers!**

### 15 Years Ago

**Scarillo Wins Triple Crown**

**2005-**South Amboy High School's talented sophomore catcher, Nicole Scarillo won the rare and most elusive Triple Crown, in Middlesex County softball for 2005. Scarillo captured the incredible feat with a .611 batting average, 10 home runs, and 52 RBI. She also had an unbelievable on-base percentage of .644, and an incredible 1.222 slugging percentage to top the county in both categories. Nicole drilled 44 hits (#1 in county) in 72 at-bats. For her fine efforts, she was a Group 1, 3rd Team All-State selection. What a season!

**Connors Triple Wins All-Star Game**  
 Shane Connors, Cardinal McCarrick's power-hitting slugger, and the GMC Gold Division "Player Of The Year," blasted a 10th inning RBI triple to break a 4-4 tie, and carry the Red & Gold team to a 7-4 triumph over the Blue & White in the 14th Annual GMC Senior All-Star Baseball Game. Pat Hackett, star catcher for the Eagles, hammered a two-base hit and scored the tying run in the 9th inning.

**Heimall Stars For Tech**

South Amboy's Dan Heimall excelled in 2005, both on the pitcher's mound and also at the plate. The big lefthander hurled an outstanding game to lead East Brunswick Tech to the Tech state championship by defeating West Hampton Tech, 3-2. Third baseman, Rob Applegate, also from South Amboy made a terrific play to save the game.

## Glory Days In Local Sport

1954-Rumson halted Hoffman 4-1 in baseball play. Steve Malkiewicz drilled a single and double, while Roger Lambertson added 2 hits...1962-St. Mary's slaughtered St. James of Newark, 16-2 in baseball action. Winning pitcher Ray Riddell fired a 1-hitter and struck out 15. Art O'Donnell belted 2 singles, a double and triple, while Joe Pohl laced 3 singles...1971 Hoffman junior second baseman Ron Croddick won the Middlesex County batting championship with a sizzling .500 batting avg., going 28 for 56, with 30 RBI...1987-Sayreville upset Edison, 7-5 in baseball action. Ed Fischer hit a sac fly to break a 5-5 tie in the bottom of the 6th. He

also rocketed a solo homer for the Bombers. John Drawl added an RBI triple to aid winning pitcher Matt Muroski.

1993-St. Mary's softball team nipped Hoffman, 12-11 in Game #2 of the City Series. The Saints stole 14 bases in the contest. Winning pitcher Jen Silvestri smacked a single, double, and triple. Kristy Parfianowicz drilled 4 hits for the Purple & Gold...2006-The Sayreville softball team was shocked in the 1st round of CJ Group IV play, bowing to Hillsborough, 5-4. Stephanie Zrebiec and Chrissy DeLeto blasted home runs for the Bombers.



1974-The St. Mary's Eagles varsity baseball team is pictured at Veterans Field. Bottom row (l-r) Kevin O'Brien-manager, Robert Jankowitz, Gary Linderoth, Paul Guidone, Ray Linderoth, Dan Wilusz, Kevin Davies, Mark Kenny. Top row (l-r) John D. O'Toole, Mike Dempsey, Rich Murphy, Coach Olson, Jim McSorley-captain, Jeff Sprague, Billy Becker, Larry Carter, Ray Scupp, Joe White-scorekeeper.



2000-South Amboy High School's first tennis team since 1974. Standing (L-R): Jon Bouchard, Jan Kmiecik, Brian Fallon, Dan Nuzzie, Chris Glomski, Coach Tony Gonsalves. Kneeling (L-R): Jay Ziola, Randy Fallon, Tim Ricablanca, Jared Gonsalves, Chris DeLucca. Missing from photo: Neil and David Abadie, Mauricio Cuba.

### 20 Years Ago

#### Guvs Win 1st Tennis Match In 24 Years

**2000-**Coach Tony Gonsalves' South Amboy Governors boys tennis team defeated Spotswood, 3-2 for its first win of the season, and the Guvs first tennis win in 24 years. South Amboy, (it was then Hoffman High

School) fielded its last tennis team way back in 1974, and decided to bring the sport back for the year 2000. Victorious for the Purple & Gold in singles, Dan Nuzzie; Jan Kmiecik; doubles, Jared Gonsalves & Randy Fallon.

### T.H.E. Game

**Year-1993**  
**Sport-Baseball**  
**Teams-St. Mary's vs. Hoffman in City Series Game #2.**

**Recap-**With the score tied 2-2 in the 5th inning, John Rios singled in the go-ahead run for the Eagles, who went on to a 6-2 victory over the Governors. Mike Reddan fired a 2-hitter for his second win over Hoffman. Chris Gulick lined an RBI single in the 5th to break up Reddan's no-hitter. Reddan fanned 9, while losing pitcher Jeff Moskal struck out 12 Blue & Gold batters.

**Player-Of-The-Game-**Mike Reddan, St. Mary's.

### Back In Those College Days

Rich McCutcheon (Sayreville) and Mike McSpadden (Sayreville) starred for the Middlesex County Colts baseball team.

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 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. -H.S. & L.S.

### 50 Years Ago...

**1970-**South Amboy Little Fellas League Top 5 Final Batting Average Leaders in the American League were: Joe "Moose" McCarthy .558; Scott Douglas .500; Mike Grimley .456; Bob Stillwagon .405; Vanni .400. National League-Tom Harland .521; Fred Beaudry .439; Ed Dooling .425; Greg Gasiewski .414; Ray Akerman .400.. McCarthy topped the AL with 24 hits, and Harland led the NL with 24 hits...Modern Transportation won the NL pennant with a 13-3 record, and Progressive won the NL with an 11 -5 mark. Modern Trans copped the playoff championship.

### 105 Years Ago

**1915-**South Amboy High School's baseball team featured Newell "Punk" James who was expected to be the club's catcher, but was severely burned in a lab explosion, and instead became the manager. Captain Dick Lewis was the catcher, Russ Hardy-pitcher, "Curly" Furman-2b, Ed Shaw-1b, Lefty Kerns, Norman Scully-3b, John Thorpe, Clarence Thorpe, and Milton Fox-of. Willie Forgotson, mascot of the 1910 and 1911 teams was the utility man.



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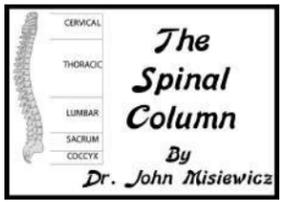
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“When the heat and humidity both rise above 90 degrees, about four to ten cases of heat-related illness show up each day in the emergency room at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston,” says Stephen Bohan, M.D., clinical director of the department. “That’s as high as any other single complaint.”

Heat exhaustion is the most common syndrome complicating physical exertion in warm or hot weather. Both the degree of outside temperature and the intensity of physical activity play important roles. Intense physical exertion in moderately warm weather may be as dangerous in this regard as moderate exertion in hot weather. Heavy sweating resulting in dehydration, excessive hyperthermia, and failing cardiovascular functions causes symptoms of heat exhaustion.

On average, 371 people die each year in the U.S. of “excessive heat exposure” according to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention statistics from 1979 through 1997, the most recent available. The death rate among people aged 65 and older is three times the average.

The age groups most adversely affected by the heat are small children, the elderly, and those infirmed and bothered by mental illness. Among people who are not elderly or impaired, the most common heat emergencies occur when people exercise at midday, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on hot humid days, and don’t drink enough fluids.

The body’s cooling mechanism depends on evaporating perspiration, but if the humidity is really high that can’t happen and those people become rapidly hypothermic.

As always, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure! Drink plenty of fluids before, during and after exercising; wear lightweight, light-colored clothing. If you feel not only hot, but lightheaded or weak as well, it may be time to seek help.

**Fishing Flashes**

By Teo “Weebles” Weber

**Salt Water**  
The bay beach fishing that I have seen is slow at Keansburg and Cliffwood Beach. I also checked a beach in Morgan, and had the same result. I could see some people getting bites and someone losing a fish, most likely a small Bluefish. Fluke fishing in the bay is not that much better. It’s mostly shorts with a few keepers. It’s better down in Barnegat Bay and Inlet. A friend in a private boat had his 3 fish limits with up to 4 pounds with some other people. Surf fishing for Fluke is good at LBI. Bucktails with gulp are doing the trick. Some Bluefish, Kingfish and the usual junk fish are being caught. Cow Nose Rays are there too. Party Boats are catching a variety of fish due to the water temperature in the 70’s. Bonito, Bluefish, Chub Mackerel, Sea Bass, Fluke and Ling, among them are Spanish Mackerel and Triggerfish moving into the mix are in the catch. 30 miles offshore, Charter Boats are catching small Bluefin and Yellowfin Tuna are being trolled along with some False Albacore.

**Fresh Water**  
Largemouth Bass, Carp Catfish and a variety of panfish are being caught in most statewide waters. The Passaic River has Pike and Smallmouth Bass are active in the Delaware River. Trout fishing is slow, but you may want to try the Mulhockaway Creek near Spruce Run of Rt 78. It runs cold in the Summer and it’s lined with overgrowth, difficult to fish, but it holds Trout all year round.



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## CLASSIC ROCK SHOW SCHEDULED IN DUNELLEN

By Clem Skarzynski

The Dunellen Rec Dept./Arts Council, at Washington Memorial Park, on North Washington Road, in Dunellen, on Thursday Aug.6th at 7PM., is sponsoring their 4th Annual Free Music in the Park Series, featuring "The Paul Nagy Project" with an eclectic mix of Classic Rock. With Paul Nagy on the guitar, Scott Bishop on the Keys, Roger Blake on the Fender Bass, and none other than Dave Lippencott on the Drums, they do an extensive mix of the rarely heard "Listening Music" Classic Rock from the 60's thru the 80's. The Beatles...King Crimson...

The Zombies...The Animals..Mike and the Mechanics...The Moody Blues, make up a small portion of their sets of the songs you haven't heard in quite awhile. Take it from me, the writer, these guys got it down for the stuff a lot of other classic rock bands just can't do. They did a great show to an appreciative crowd 2 weeks ago at the Dowdell Library in South Amboy. Give 'em a listen, you won't be disappointed. Bring your own chairs, and please maintain "Social Distancing". See you there.

### Top 10 Hits

50 Years Ago

1970-The Top 10 Hits/Performers for the year in Billboard Magazine were: 1.Bridge Over Troubled Waters-Simon & Garfunkel 2.(They Long To Be) Close To You-The Carpenters 3.American Woman-The Guess Who 4.Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head-B.J. Thomas 5.War-Edwin Starr 6.Ain't No Mountain High Enough-Diana Ross 7.I'll Be There-The Jackson 5 8.Get Ready-Rare Earth 9.Let It Be-The Beatles 10.Band Of Gold-Freda Payne.

### You Tube-In

Stuff to check out on You Tube: "The Fourth Of July" by Shooter Jennings; "The Fourth Of July" by a band called X...Two different songs with the same title. Also for all you Johnny Cash fans: "Johnny Cash His Final Live Performance 2003." He played at the Carter Ranch on July 7, 2003. "Johnny Cash's last interview (final)" was also interesting to see.

### #1 Country Hits July 31

- 2001-I'm Already There-Lonestar
- 1997-Carrying Your Love With Me-George Strait
- 1980-Bar Room Buddies-Merle Haggard/Clint Eastwood
- 1972-It's Gonna Take A Little Bit Longer-Charley Pride
- 1969-Johnny B. Goode-Buck Owens
- 1956-I Walk The Line-Johnny Cash



Frank Sinatra impersonator Johnny Dru sings a great version of "My Way" during his show, which is called "I'll Be Frank," at the Brick House in Sayreville recently. All in attendance had a night to remember with this talented performer. (Photo submitted)

### #1 Pop Hits July 31

- 2009-I Gotta Feeling-Black Eyed Peas
- 1994-I Swear-All-4-One
- 1983-Every Breath You Take-The Police
- 1977-I Just Want To Be Your Everything-Andy Gibb
- 1960-I'm Sorry-Brenda Lee
- 1955-Rock Around The Clock-Bill Haley & The Comets

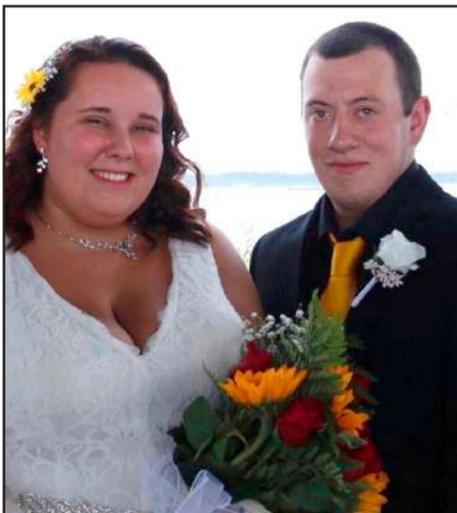
## Congratulations! Richter-Coyle

It is with great pleasure that Tom and Debbie Richter would like to announce the marriage of their son, Jesse M. Richter to Brandi Coyle of East Brunswick on June 28, 2020, in a small backyard ceremony.

Kyle Paganelli brother-in-law of the groom was the officiant. Michael Steigler, brother of the groom was best man and Nicole Paganelli, sister of the groom was matron of honor. Gabriella Paganelli was junior bridesmaid, Kylee and Harper Paganelli were flower girls, Kane Paganelli was ring bearer.

Jesse is a 2016 graduate of South Amboy high school and one of the youngest in the state of New Jersey to receive his Eagle Scout award, Jesse is employed by Old Bridge Chemical.

Brandi is a 2016 graduate of East Brunswick High School, is a self



taught, up-and-coming artist, and plans to go to culinary school in the future! (Photo/Info Submitted)

## Knightly News

By Steve Schmid

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 have selected their officers for the 2020-21 Columbian year. Grand Knight Gary Lattanzi, Financial Secretary Deacon Rich O'Brien, Deputy Grand Knight Jan Williams, Chancellor Mike DeJoy, Recorder Kevin Scupp, Treasurer Steve Schmid, Advocate Peter Luccarelli, Warden Ed Vassallo, Inside Guard Bruce Grankowski, Outside Guard Brian Bolla, First Year Trustee Les Wilson,

Second Year Trustee Ray Suchcicki, Third Year Trustee Jack Mieczkowski, Chaplain Rev. Stanley Gromadzki, Outgoing Grand Knight Les Wilson announced that Bruce Grankowski was chosen Knight Of The Year for his hard work during the last Columbian year. Grand Knight Gary Lattanzi said he's honored to go from the chancellor's position to Grand Knight and looks forward to serving our churches and our community.

## Yogi-isms

Legendary New York Yankee, Yogi Berra expressed some very smart things in the funniest ways. Here are some more Yogi-isms:

- "Congratulations! I knew the record would stand until it was broken."

- "Don't get me right, I'm just asking."



The Sadie Pope Dowdell Library in South Amboy, held an outdoor concert in front of their building recently. The Paul Nagy Project band provided excellent entertainment with a great mix of classic rock. Even though many viewed/listened to the concert as they sat in their vehicles, everyone had a great time. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## Elvis Show At The Brick House

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Richie Santa turned in excellent vocals on many of Elvis Presley's hits, and his popularity as one of the top Elvis tribute artists around continues to soar.

Elvis tribute artist Richie Santa is pictured prior to his performance at the Brick House in Sayreville. Mary Ann Spisso, owner of the establishment looks on approvingly. Santa played two sold out shows during a great summer evening outdoors, with outstanding food. Everyone had a great time!



Pictured prior to the Elvis Show at the Brick House in Sayreville is owner Mary Ann Spisso (l) and Borough of Sayreville Councilwoman Donna Roberts.

## MUSIC TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

1. Photograph
2. You Belong To The City
3. Truly
4. Centerfield
5. My Eyes Adored You
6. Imagine
7. Thriller
8. Say Say Say
9. Boys Of Summer
10. Cruisin'
11. My Sweet Lord
12. Ain't No Mountain High Enough
13. Life's Been Good

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

## Stars Gone Solo

- a. John Fogerty (CCR)
- b. Michael Jackson (The Jackson 5)
- c. Glenn Frey (The Eagles)
- d. Ringo Starr (The Beatles)
- e. Smokey Robinson (The Miracles)
- f. Frankie Valli (The Four Seasons)
- g. Lionel Richie
- h. Don Henley (The Eagles)
- i. John Lennon (The Beatles)
- j. Joe Walsh (The Eagles)
- k. George Harrison (The Beatles)
- l. Diana Ross (The Supremes)
- m. Paul McCartney/Michael Jackson (The Beatles/Jackson 5)

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**Locals Played In GMC All-Star Game**

The GMC Baseball Coaches Association Frank Gavigan Senior All-Star Game was played on July 11 at North Brunswick Community Park. The event featured a doubleheader to benefit Ray Fantel, an 11-year old boy living with an incurable and terminal genetic disease.

Locals selected to play were from Sayreville Memorial HS-pitchers Ryan Ament, Nick Lodzinski; outfielder James Ryan. South Amboy HS-Coach Dan Poulsen, and infielder/pitcher John Gonzalez. The Sayreville players were on the South All-Star roster, while the South Amboy coach and player were on the East All-Star roster. The game featured recently graduated senior baseball players, and was their initial action in an official game, due to the canceled season because of COVID-19.

**Oh Deer!**



We've been getting a lot of reports on deer sightings in South Amboy recently. This one was spotted at Pupek Road on June 30th. Through the years, there were very few deer living in "The Pleasant Little City," but the times are changing, and more and more are starting to come into town. (Photo by Joanne Rivers)

**Perfect!**  
By Al Gomolka Jr.  
Times Poet Laureate  
C.1994

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When our spirits hold their place  
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Sacred Heart Rosary Society  
Congratulates Fr. Marian Drozd  
We love you and we will miss you!  
God bless you!

Sacred Heart organizations recently met in the church parking lot to say farewell to Father Marian Drozd before his permanent return to Poland. (Photo by Steve Schmid)

## Baseball Then and Now

By Joe Jaskowiak

A few weeks ago I had the great pleasure of watching a replay of the seventh game of the 1952 World Series on the MLB network when the New York Yankees played the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field on October 7th.

Both lineups were stocked with future Hall of Famers: Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra, Phil Rizzuto, and Johnny Mize for the Yankees and Pee Wee Reese, Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella, and Duke Snider for the Dodgers. What a thrill it was to see these great players in action! The Yankees were attempting to gain their fourth consecutive world championship under Hall of Fame manager, Casey Stengel, while the Dodgers were still trying to best the Yankees after failing in 4 previous World Series appearances.

In watching the black and white broadcast, there were quite a few things that I noticed compared to how baseball is broadcast today. The first thing that you discover is that no one is wearing a batting helmet or batting gloves. That meant that the batters did not need to step out of the batter's box after almost every pitch to adjust their gloves. Secondly, in some cases, the fielders left their gloves on the field of play after the end of an inning!

What really jumped out at me was that there was no square in the upper right hand corner of the screen which showed the score, the balls and strikes count, the pitch count, the speed of the last pitch, what inning it was, and if runners were on base. In fact, you had to depend on the announcers to occasionally tell what the score was and what the inning was. It really brought back a lot of fond memories to hear two Hall of Fame announcers, the Ol' Redhead, Red Barber, the voice of the Dodgers and Mel Allen, the voice of the Yankees, call the game. I can remember watching the Yankees on TV in the late '50's and early 60's and listening to these greats explain some of the nuances of baseball, like the Infield Fly rule, as if they were talking to me directly. I'll never forget it.

Since there were no video tape replays, you really couldn't leave the room for a moment because you could miss a spectacular play, which would not be shown again. In

fact, the only technical innovation that I noticed was a split screen shot, that showed the pitcher on the mound and the runner leading off of first base.

The Yankees won the contest 4 to 2 with Mickey Mantle knocking in the go-ahead run and later adding a solo home run off of Joe Black. Gene Woodling, the left fielder, who later followed Casey Stengel to the Mets years later, added a home run in the 4th inning. Bob Kuzava, a left-handed relief pitcher, pitched 2 2/3 innings of hitless relief to save the game for Allie "Big Chief" Reynolds. Billy Martin made a spectacular running catch of a wind-blown pop-up off the bat of Jackie Robinson, which the rest of the infield had lost in the sun, to end the Dodgers last major threat with the bases loaded in the 7th inning.

There were also some oddities that occurred during the game such as "Yogi" Berra being announced as "Larry Berra" before he came to the plate. One of the Dodger pitchers, Ralph "Number 13" Branca, the man who gave up the Giants' Bobby Thompson's pennant winning "shot heard round the world" the year before, was ejected from the bench by the home plate umpire late in the game. Ralph Houk, who was a journeyman catcher and ultimately the Yankee manager in 1961, grounded out as a pinch hitter. But the strangest sight that I ever saw was that Casey Stengel had 3 relief pitchers warming up on the sidelines next to the left field foul line at the same time. Normally, that area could only accommodate two pitchers and catchers, but Casey had one pitcher and catcher warming up closer to the Yankee dugout. Finally, the Dodger manager, Charlie Dressen, coached third base instead of directing his players from the dugout. I know that Leo Durocher used to do it, but this was something new for me.

As I look back on this game, it reminded me about how complicated life has become. In those days, things used to be much simpler, as if to say that they were in black and white like the television screen. Today, our world is so complicated that everything seems to be gray. I wish I could bring back the simpler good ol' days. I am very thankful to have been able to watch this game and reminisce about that time.

### Clearing/Clearance

By Dennis O'Leary

There is a Hawaiian Saying for Clearing / Clearance or Ho'oponopono.

It goes:

" I am Sorry. Please Forgive Me.  
Thank You. I Love You."  
You say it or any part of it  
to someone, really.  
Or you Project it or say  
it mentally to someone.  
I say it to myself,  
the one who knows me closely, and  
who knows the things  
I should have done,  
and the things I shouldn't have done.  
" I am Sorry. Please Forgive Me.  
Thank You. I Love You."

### Essence Of A New Day

Author Unknown

*This is the beginning of a new day.  
You have been given this day  
to use as you will.  
You can waste it or use it for good.  
What you do today is important  
Because you are exchanging  
a day of your life for it.  
When tomorrow comes,  
this day will be gone forever.  
In its place is something that  
you have left behind.  
Let it be something good.*

*\*This poem was submitted by the late and beloved John "Bing" Miller many years ago.*

### Out With The Old, In With The New!



Construction is underway on Main St. in South Amboy, at the site which was previously Dr. Younes' office, and prior to him, it was the location of longtime South Amboy physician, the late Dr. Jonap. (Photo by Joe Lotkowitz)

## St. Stan's Rib Sale

(Photos by Ron Madeira)



St. Stan's alumni, Gillian Rispoli ('16) and Jenna Huff ('16) help at the rib sale by selling St. Stan's Family Food Fest tee-shirts.



Happy customers holding their three racks of ribs. Pictured (l-r) Erin McGowen, and Katie, Aria and Matthew Colgan.



Rich Poplowski getting the ribs ready before the big rush.



Excited customers waiting for the chance to purchase delicious ribs.

## MCC Athletes Soar Academically

Middlesex County College athletes performed in the classroom as well as on the playing field this year. Sixty-five received academic honors for the 2019-2020 year.

Three MCC squads—softball, volleyball and golf—averaged a 3.0 grade point average or higher, making them All National Junior College Athletic Conference teams. Twelve

athletes were named to the national academic team including Thomas Evans, basketball (Parlin). Each of them were also named to the All-Academic Garden State Athletic Conference team and the All Academic Region 19 team. Rachel Erla, volleyball (Sayreville) was named to one or both of those teams during the season.

## Signs of Summer



Using casting nets to gather bait on the Raritan Bay shoreline in South Amboy. (Photo by Phyllis Stratton)

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Robin eggs in a nest spotted in Morgan. (Photo by Ed English)

**Remembering Dr. "Pep" Bennett**

By Bill "Biff" McKeon

Robert Bob Bennett known to his teammates/ friends and basketball opponents as "Pep" Bennett is now one of the starting forwards on Our Lord's basketball team.

"Pep" passed away July 1st, after years of fighting that cancerous disease leukemia.

Robert Bob "Pep" Bennett was one of the finest athletes born and raised in South Amboy, displaying his basketball talent for the St. Mary's High School Eagles / South Amboy AAU basketball team- Zall's, and St. Louis University on a basketball scholarship.

Bob "Pep" Bennett, the soph Eagle was the key player for the 1949/50 basketball team, where his Bob Cousy style of basketball helped the Eagles advance within the New Jersey State Basketball State Finals. "Pep" Bennett was a basketball player that every basketball player wished they were, as he understood the game from the depths of a player/coach.

Bob "Pep" Bennett had eyes both in the front of his head, as well as the back of his brain whereby "Pep" could throw a pass to a player going to the basket, all the time looking in the opposite direction. "Pep" was a basketball general on the basketball court,

directing his teammates, as he observed the game from the coach's eyes. "Pep" was a player who could score from under the basket, or from anywhere on the basketball court. He was an exceptional offensive player.

Robert Bob "Pep" Bennett was also an outstanding gentleman and professional doctor (dentist) earning his doctorate from St. Louis University. "Pep" Bennett served his country as a US. Navy Officer where he also had the opportunity to exhibit his basketball skills, while executing his medical skills as a dentist.

After "Pep's" discharge he selected South Amboy, NJ. to open his dentist office off Bordentown Ave/ Feltus Street across the street from the Progressive Fire Co. building. Dr. Bennett was the same "Pep" Bennett that grew up in the "Pleasant Little City of South Amboy, friendly/ courteous and gentleman all the time.

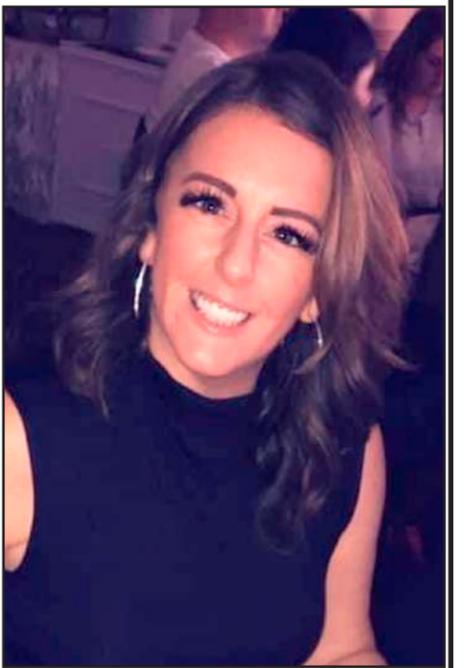
Bob "Pep" Bennett had a Doctors degree, but to all South Amboy, New Jersey ( Doctor Bennett was still "Pep" Bennett, that boy that grew up on lower Henry Street in the city he loved. God Bless.

**Jessica Lynn Vinsko**

Jessica Lynn Vinsko, 35, of South Amboy died on Friday July 17, 2020 in a motor vehicle accident. She lived in South Amboy, where she resided all of her life. She was employed as a Mortgage Closer for MLB Residential Lending, located in Springfield, and considered all of her coworkers family. She was a beautiful human being that loved her friends and family unconditionally. Her strength had no boundaries and was triumphant in her success within herself. She had such zest and love for life. She will forever be missed.

Daughter of Mark and Alice Vinsko Noble she is also survived by her sister Katie Rose Noble of South Amboy; her aunt Catherine Vinsko of Woodbridge; her cousin Christopher Waresk; her uncle Daniel Vinsko and his wife Chrissy of Pennsylvania; her Grandmother "Nan" Irene Vinsko and her best friend Gizmo.

Visitation was held on Monday July 20, 2020 from 4 to 8pm at The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy. Cremation was private. In lieu of flowers



donations may be made to Sammy's Hope Animal Welfare & Adoption Center, PO Box 7281, North Brunswick, NJ 08902, www.sammyshope.org.

**Middlesex County College Announces Fall Instructional Plans**

Middlesex County College is planning a fall semester with most classes being offered remotely.

"So that students can continue their education while mitigating the risks of exposure to COVID-19, we are modifying our fall 2020 schedule of course offerings to reduce the number of on-campus classes," said College President Mark McCormick. "We anticipate a 90/10 percent split, with about 90 percent of classes offered online and 10 percent on campus."

Linda Scherr, vice president for Academic Affairs, said MCC is offering classes in different formats to provide flexibility for students.

"The formats give students choices about

their learning, while emphasizing health and safety practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19," she said.

Many of the courses will be converted into what the College is calling "Remote Live," which are classes held at a scheduled day and time using video conferencing. Students interact with the professor and fellow students in real-time, although some sections may include assignments for students to complete on their own instead of meeting for every scheduled class session.

"The second half of our spring semester was conducted using Remote Live, and it was very successful," Dr. McCormick said.

Traditional online courses will also be offered. In these, the student works when it

is convenient, and completes assignments by the due date. There are no required weekly meeting times and course materials and assignments are submitted online.

"This mode is a good option for students who prefer a flexible schedule and have effective time management skills," Dr. McCormick said.

Some programs—such as nursing, dental hygiene, fine arts, radiography, engineering, and culinary arts—include courses that require in-person instruction and those courses will be offered in a hybrid format, with about half of the sessions online or Remote Live and half in person.

"All on-campus instruction will adhere to strict health and safety protocols in

compliance with state and local guidance," he said.

For all fall courses, students will need access to a computer or tablet with microphone and the internet. For students without access to a computer, the College has laptops available for loan. Please contact student\_services@middlesexcc.edu for details.

"We want to ensure that students receive the education they need and deserve while at the same time protecting their health and safety," Dr. McCormick said.

Prayer to St. Therese  
St. Therese, the little Flower, please pick me a rose from the Heavenly Garden and send it to me with a message of love. Ask God to grant me the favor I thee implore and tell him I will love him each day more and more. -B.S.

**Obituaries**

Baszak, Arlene E., Eck, 57, formerly of Sayreville died on June 17.  
 Bennett, Dr. Robert "Don" "Pep," 85, formerly of South Amboy died on July 1.  
 Bielak, Joseph "JB," 94, of Sayreville died on July 3.  
 Brown, Marie F., 91, of Sayreville died on June 23.  
 Cannon, Nadja, 83, of Parlin died on July 17.  
 Cavallaro, Paul, 96, of South Amboy died on July 14.  
 Cohan, Bernard T. "Bernie," of Old Bridge died on June 27.  
 Corvino, Agnes Jarusiewicz, 82, formerly of South Amboy died on July 16.  
 Dill, David D., 82, of Parlin died on July 4.  
 Fruehwirth, Claire M. Pasterak, 84, of Sayreville died on July 14.  
 Gawron, Victoria "Vicky," 88, of Sayreville died on June 27.  
 Hartman, Ronald J., 77, of Parlin died on June 20.  
 Kawalec, Jan, 96, formerly of Sayreville died on July 3.  
 Malek-Boyce, Kathleen A., 65, of Sayreville died on June 25.  
 Marzella, Melissa, 40, of South Amboy died on June 30.  
 O'Hare, Patricia, 72, of Sayreville died on June 25.  
 Radich, John J., 80, of Sayreville died on June 21.  
 Rondeau, Arlene A. Bukofsky, 76, of Sayreville died on April 11.  
 Rondeau, Matthew J., 72, of South Amboy died on July 7.  
 Schwarzenberg, Ethel "Fran," 88, of Sayreville died on July 7.  
 Seminski, Louis T. "Louie," 65, of Sayreville died on July 1.  
 Silensky, Mary C. Kerr, 89, of South Amboy died on July 11.  
 Skutnik, Regina Zdanowski, 88, of Parlin died on July 17.  
 Sohayda, Paul Jr., 81, of Sayreville died on June 17.  
 Switzer, David W., 81, formerly of South Amboy died on June 18.  
 Tierney, Robert S., 44, of South Amboy died on June 27.  
 Toscano, John, 76, of South Amboy died on July 10.  
 Vail, Joseph M., 73, formerly of South Amboy died on June 23.  
 Vinsko, Jessica, 35, of South Amboy died on July 17.  
 Wisniewski, Kenneth A., 65, of Parlin died on July 6.  
 Wisniewski, Thomas, 68, formerly of Sayreville died on June 28.  
 Ziemba, Josephine, 94, of Sayreville died on June 22.

**In Memoriam**

David Switzer, 81, formerly of South Amboy died on June 18. He retired from IBM as a computer engineer. David was a good guy from the Mechanicsville section of South Amboy. Josephine Ziemba, 94, of Sayreville died on June 22. Before retiring, she worked as a School Nurse for the Sayreville Board of Education. Marie Brown, 91, of Sayreville died on June 23. Prior to retirement, she worked for the Sayreville Office on Aging for 30 years, starting as an omnibus driver, and then continued in transportation scheduling, eventually becoming Medicaid Counselor. "Bernie" Cohan, 89, of Old Bridge died on June 27. He was a window clerk for the South Amboy Post Office, and also at Laurence Harbor. In addition, he was also a Special Police Officer with the Old Bridge PD for 50 years. Bernie served as Fire Chief for Cheesequake Volunteer Fire Dept. from 1970-72. A devout and observant Catholic, he was a charter parishioner at 2 new parishes, St. Ambrose, and then at Catholic Community of Most Holy Redeemer Church, where he served as a Eucharistic Minister. Both churches are in Old Bridge. Victoria "Vicky" Gawron, 88, of Sayreville died on June 27. She was Past President of the Union of Polish Women, and also the Sayreville Seniors Thursday Club. Robert "Bob" Tierney, 44, of South Amboy died on June 27. He was a member of the Sons of American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy. Lou Seminski, 65, of Sayreville died after a long and courageous battle with cancer, on July 1. He was the owner of Sciortino's Harbor Lights in South Amboy since 2004. He was well-respected throughout the community, always helping out with charities, and had a terrific personality and great sense of humor. Lou will always be remembered by those who were honored to know him. Joe "JB" Bielak, 94, of Sayreville died on July 3. He was a U.S. Navy veteran who served in World War II and also the Korean War. "JB" was in the Berlin Conflict and also was Flight Crew Chief for the Blue Angels. He was a life member of Sayreville VFW Post 4699. David Dill, 82, of Parlin died on July 4. He was a Past Master of South Amboy St. Stephen's Lodge #63, and also Past Commander of American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy. In addition, he worked for USPS for 35 years prior to retiring. Matt Rondeau, 72, of South Amboy died on July 7. He was a Class 2 Special Officer for Old Bridge Twp., and also a coach for the SAYAA. Ethel "Fran" Schwarzenberg, 96, formerly of Sayreville died on July 7. She was an Office Dispatcher for E.I. DuPont, Parlin for 39 years prior to retiring. John Toscano, 76, of South Amboy died on July 10. Our first memory of John was when he began his illustrious teaching career at St. Mary's H.S. in the mid-1960's. Back then he taught Latin and also English. In addition, John coached the Eagles JV's basketball team for a couple of seasons. After leaving St. Mary's, he went on to an outstanding career in the Woodbridge Twp. school system, first as a teacher, then a guidance counselor, and retired after 46 years, in 2012 as Director of Guidance at Woodbridge H.S. In addition to teaching, he refereed high school basketball games for years, and also occasionally would ref in the South Amboy Men's Senior Basketball League. John was a great man who touched many lives in a positive way, and will be sadly missed. Regina Skutnik, 88, of Parlin died on July 17. She worked in retail for 35 years at Fashion Bug in Woodbridge and Hazlet. Regina was a Den Mother for the Boy Scouts, and also worked the concession stand for the Sayreville Little League many years ago.

**Louis T. Seminski**

Louis T. Seminski, 65, of Sayreville died peacefully on July 1, 2020 with his loving family by his side after a long battle with cancer.

Born in Perth Amboy, he was a union laborer with the Laborers' International Union of North America Local 72, like his father, before retiring in 1995, when he took over his family business Sciortino's P i z z a in Perth A m b o y which he re-opened in South Amboy as Sciortino's H a r b o r Lights in 2004, and ran until recently with his children. He enjoyed daily swimming and playing basketball at the Club in Woodbridge, and was an avid fan of the New York Yankees, and the NY football Giants. Other than his extraordinary love, pride and admiration of his family, he also loved his horse racing. He was predeceased by his mother,



Mary Margaret (Sciortino) Seminski, and father, William Seminski. He is survived by one sister, Mary Frances Seminski, five children: two sons, William Dubois Seminski, and Louis Seminski, Jr., three daughters, Sheri Seminski Marcelo, Sandra Zeleniak and Sarah Seminski, three son in laws, Francis Raymund Marcelo, Sean Zeleniak, Brett Badolato, his ex-wife Mary Monica Nolan Pierce, and four grandchildren: Zoe "Peppers" Zeleniak, Isabella Seminski, Gavin Zeleniak, and Kyra Zeleniak. He was a friend to all and will forever be missed.

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# A Tribute to Kathy Bailey and Buddies Tavern



Ralphie's Communion Party in the hall. cc 1977 top row - Karen, Kathy and Ralph Sr. bottom row - Janice and Ralph Jr.



Ralph E. Bailey Jr. and his daughter Leanne not long before his death on April 18, 2009.



Kathleen Anne Anderjack Bailey, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and business woman. Job well done Momma!



The bar room after renovations by Jay Seyglinski and Wayne Bebert.



The classic knotty pine banquet hall.

On behalf of the Bailey family, past and present, we would like to extend a very special THANK YOU to the many families, patrons, groups/organizations and our amazing staff who supported us throughout the generations and years! You know who you are and we miss and love you! God bless the Sayreville PBA, The Junior Bombers, The Lions Club, The Democrat and Republican Organizations of Sayreville, and the many dart teams, pool teams, bowling teams, baseball teams and even shuffleboard teams from days gone by! A sincere and heartfelt thank you to our neighbors and community, the Sayreville DPW Division of Parks, Senator Thompson, Lucille Panos (MCGOP Chair), Arthur Rittenhouse, South Amboy Knights of Columbus, Sayreville and Morgan EMS personnel, and all who were present on June 8th in front of Buddies during mom's funeral procession. What an incredible send off! We love you and may God bless you on your journey!

Karen Bailey Bebert and Family



Hank Jankowski (left) and Ralph "Fufu" Bailey Sr. (right) standing in front of the shuffle board and the sailfish that hung there for 50+ years!



The original Buddies Tavern which occupied the corner of Washington Rd. and Johnson Lane. Edward Bailey behind the bar. That same bar was moved to the Johnson Lane location in 1952.



Arlene Balaskiewicz, loving sister to Kathy, dedicated employee over 25 years.



Edward Bailey and son Ralph Bailey Sr. standing in front of the "new" Buddies cc 1950-52.



Our Hill Lanes Bowling Team cc1967.



The sailfish that hung above the shuffle board table for so many years...well, this is where it came from! Ronald Bailey Sr., brother of Ralph Bailey Sr., caught it on a fishing trip!



Interior construction in the bar room. cc 1950-52.



Edward Bailey during the construction of Buddies at 277 Johnson Lane. The area outside the elevator and in front of the "pizza kitchen" window.



Josephine and Edward Bailey, the original owners, sharing a kiss on his birthday. cc1961/62.



The construction of the new Buddies on Johnson Lane cc1950.



Andgia and Leo Dzergoski, sister and brother in law of Josephine Bailey who worked endlessly by her side.



The phone booth, there for so many generations! You can still see it at the Sayreville Historical Society Museum on Main St. in Sayreville which will be reopening Sundays beginning Aug 2 from 1:30 to 4:30 pm.



THANK YOU WAYNE FOR BELIEVING! Thank you for all your hard work, ingenuity and the changes you made! You were a great manager and had things going in the right direction and we had the most amazing staff! God bless Dana, Jen M., Danielle, Bobby B., Wade, Dani, Auntie and Kenny!



Thank you all for the GOOD TIMES!