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Six Run For South Amboy BOE

Three seats are up for election this year with six candidates running. They include incumbents Anthony Conrad, Shannon Gonzalez and Patrick Walsh, in addition to former board member Raymond Perez, and newcomers Ryan Rone Moran and Brian Murphy.

Halloween Festival

The YMCA will be hosting an Outdoor Halloween Festival on Friday, October 30, 2020 at the South Amboy YMCA, 200 John T O'Leary Blvd., from 4:30 to 7 p.m. There will be pumpkin painting, games, an obstacle course and much more. The costume parade begins at 5:30 p.m., and a movie screening of "Scared Shrekless" will start at 6 p.m.

Veterans Day Memorial Service

American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy will sponsor a service for Veterans Day on Wednesday, November 11th at 11 a.m. in front of South Amboy City Hall. All are welcome to attend and honor our veterans.

Eight Run For Sayreville BOE

Eight candidates are seeking three seats, The candidates seeking the terms are Christopher Callahan, Danielle Pieloch, Syed Muhammed S. Ali, Jessica Esposito, Eloy Fernandez, Zoe Katsilis, Alison Napolitano and Eileen Pabon.

South Amboy native, Michael "Mike" Deitche grew up in "The Pleasant Little City," attended St. Mary's Grammar School, graduating in 1970, and St. Mary's High School in 1974. During his grammar school days, he enjoyed going to high school basketball games, but his favorite sport to play was football, with the South Amboy Sabres Pop Warner football team, under coaches Russ Hahn and Bob Eppinger. A fine athlete, Mike, an offensive end, was selected Offensive Lineman of the Year in 1970. He said that "I'll never forget the thrill of playing with the Sabres at the Buffalo Bills Stadium in upstate New York."

A very friendly and popular person throughout his life, he said that his "best buddy" in grammar school for 8 years was John Connolly, who following graduation went to CBA. Mark Clark, Joe Kolakowski and Austin O'Malley were his closest friends and teammates on the Eagles varsity basketball team. John Scordinsky was the coach during Mike's junior year, but he gives a lot of credit to Charles "Chuck" Nuziale (now a Guidance Counselor at Bayonne HS), who coached during the 1973-74 season. "Without Charles Nuziale's discipline and physical fitness demands, I would never have been able to graduate from the NJ State Police Academy," said Deitche.

Mike was first bitten by the law enforcement bug, "During the riots in '68, when Col. David B. Kelly, the Superintendent of the NJ State Police was my neighbor, and



Sayreville Borough Councilman Vince Conti cuts the ribbon at the recent grand opening ceremony for Total Hardware at their new Sayreville location at 5 Fisher St. near the South River causeway (Photo/info by Steve Schmid)

Total Hardware Celebrates New Home

By Steve Schmid

Under partly sunny skies and mild temperatures, Total Hardware held its grand opening October 10 to celebrate its new Sayreville location. The store recently moved from 347 Washington Rd., and is now at 5 Fisher St. by the South River causeway. Sayreville Borough Councilman Vince Conti performed the ribbon cutting and Our Lady of Victories Administrator Reverend Robert Pinnisi gave the blessing and offered his

best wishes. Plenty of hot and cold food was available to all customers. Alessandra Conte co-owns the store with her husband Alfonso Petrozzino, and said she wanted to thank all her loyal customers who have supported their locally owned business for the last six years. She loves the Sayreville community and is looking forward to serving customers at their new location for years to come.

Mike Deitche: A South Amboy Success Story

By Tom Burkard

Troopers would come up to his house, and we played basketball together. I was only 11 years old at the time, but noticed how loved and respected they were as state police officers."

Capt. Trpisovsky, also a South Amboy neighbor, saw something special in Mike regarding his obvious interest in law enforcement, and recommended Deitche to attend NJ State Police Trooper Youth Week. Mike said, "I was very fortunate to go to Trooper Youth Week at the end of my junior year in high school." Under his senior class picture in the '74 yearbook his nickname was "Trooper Deitche," and his dream to make a career in law enforcement continued to grow.

Following graduation, he attended Biscayne College in Florida, majoring in Criminal Justice. His desire to pursue this field was inspired by college professors who "were retired cops and lawyers."

Mike Deitche's dream was fulfilled in 1978 when he was sworn in as a New Jersey State Police Officer. He said that "My biggest accomplishment was graduating from the New Jersey State Police Academy, which started with 103 candidates and ended with 60." Deitche worked his way up through the ranks to Lieutenant, and retired in 2004. "My number one priority was always to help people," he stated.

During his 26-year career, he had different assignments, starting at Bordentown then Fort Dix, Edison, the NJ Turnpike, and went to the prestigious Governor's Security

Unit, in 1981, where he provided protection for Governors Byrne, Kean, and Florio. Mike along with the Governor's Security Unit went to Brussels when the European Union was in its infancy, and Morocco with Gov. Kean for Malcolm Forbes 70th birthday, where he got to meet acting legend Elizabeth Taylor. When President Jimmy Carter was in New Brunswick in 1978-79, Lt. Deitche led the motorcade to the administration building, and was on duty for President Ronald Reagan and Vice-President George Bush when they were visiting New Jersey.

Since retiring, Mike has kept busy, and was active in Big Brothers, where he was inspired to go into teaching, because he wanted to give back to society. He taught reading and math to first and second graders for 3 years in Linden, in the summers. He began working as a private investigator, and would eventually start his own business in the investigation field. He has traveled all over the country while working for pharmaceutical companies, while providing security for corporate executive meetings and conferences for numerous companies.

For younger people hoping to enter the law enforcement or the military as a career, Mike said, "Law or military are noble jobs to help the citizens of our country."

Congratulations Mike on your outstanding career, and thank you for your service!

Mike Deitche Notebook:
Mike has been married to his wife Robin

South Amboy Family Displaced By Fire

By Steve Schmid

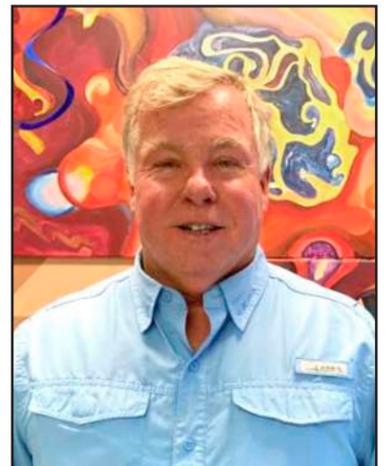
A house fire gutted the home of a Second Street South Amboy family leaving them temporarily homeless. According to South Amboy Fire Chief Bob O'Connor, the fire destroyed the three story structure, but firefighters were able to save the neighboring Everlasting Ministries Church at 239 Second Street. Neighbor Genevieve McCreary is attempting to arrange for gift cards and other donations for the family of five, that includes a couple, their son, brother-in-law, and father-in-law. Authorities say the fire broke out around 11:30 p.m. October 8, at the 231 Second Street home. Residents tried to put out the blaze with a fire extinguisher, but had to leave the home along with the family dog, and escaped injury. O'Connor said the home sustained heavy damage to the first and second floors and water damage to the basement.

Virtual Halloween Parade

The South Amboy Arts Present a "Virtual Halloween Parade" Take pictures of your little ones, family and pets in your costumes and email them to southamboyartsalliance@gmail.com (please include your name, address, phone number and email when submitting. All photos must be submitted by November 1st, 2020. For more information visit <https://www.southamboynj.gov/Departments/arts-alliance>

for 33 years, and is proud of his son Ryan 30, living in Florida, and his daughter Ali, 27, in California.

Mike's parents were Howard Deitche, who was a USPS mailman in South Amboy, and Blanche Dooling Deitche. His brother Howard is a retired USPS mailman in South Amboy, and former owner of the Halfway House...Mike said that "My uncle, Frank Dooling, a retired Sgt. Major from the U.S. Army, was my mentor. I was going to join the Navy or Air Force if I didn't graduate "The Triangle Gang" of the New Jersey State Police... He was the player-coach for the Halfway House Men's Senior Basketball League championship team in South Amboy, many years ago.



Mike Deitche
(Photo by Tom Burkard)

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White Decorated Crosses, \$10 each or 2 for \$18. All proceeds benefit Sacred Heart Church.

Order forms are available in the Parish Office and on the Sacred Heart Church website. Please call Virginia at 732-721-1521 with questions or for assistance with placing an order.

Thank you, in advance, for your support!

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Pictured (l-r) are Mike Corbin President of the Sacred Heart Holy Name Society and Anne Szatkowski President of the Love Life Group, who led a recitation of the rosary, in a special prayer service September 12th, in observance of the 8th annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. About 70 people attended the program held in front of Sacred Heart's Memorial Hall. (Photo/Info by Steve Schmid)

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Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- Selected 2000 Business Person of the Year by the Pete Kenny Association?
a. Donald Rzepka b. Hershey Patel c. Bob Heiser
- Who was the principal of Our Lady of Victories School in 2000?
a. Miriam Quakavozzi b. Duane Post c. Charles Westmuller
- South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 Knight of the Year for 2000?
a. Leo DiGuilio b. Steve Schmid c. Mike Mooney
- In 2010 this person was selected by the Sayreville Police Dept. as Sayreville Crossing Guard of the Year?
a. Stan Gianaelli b. Jane Lavery c. Elaine Ciecko
- In 2007, where was Polish Specialty Deli located in Sayreville?
a. Main St. b. Jernee Mill Rd. c. Pulawski Ave.
- Where was Corner Pub & Grill located in South Amboy back in '10?
a. North Feltus St. b. North Stevens Ave. c. South Broadway
- In 2010, who did Fred Henry defeat for Mayor in South Amboy?
a. Vince Mackiel b. Mary O'Connor c. Russell Pate
- South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 Grand Knight in 2000?
a. Rick O'Connor b. Fred Whiteley c. Gene Chodkiewicz
- Where was J. O'Neill's Place located in Sayreville?
a. Bordentown Ave. b. Cecilia Pl. c. Thomas St.
- She was President of the Sayreville Lady Dems for many years?
a. Gina Jones b. Shirley Dill c. Lucinda Hershowitz

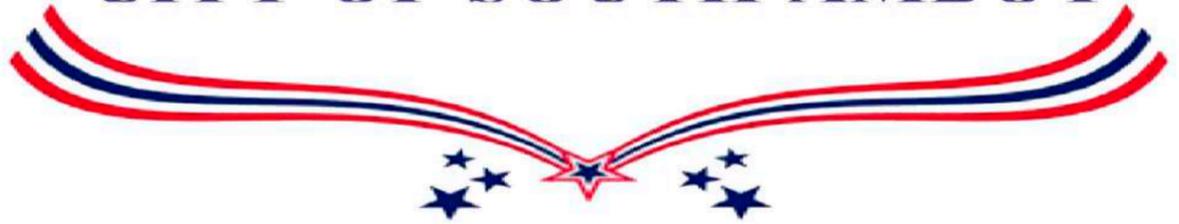
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- added to the City’s web site to allow residents easier access to county assistance programs;
- created the Government Week program to educate the public on City government and services;
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- established a co-op student program to allow high school seniors to work various City departments;
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Yearbook-Sayreville 1980

By Tom Burkard

The Sayreville High Class of 1980 returned for their final school year in September '79, and more than likely had their radios cranked up with "My Sharona," the top hit at the time, blasting... Some of the faculty consisted of; Loretta Lamprecht, Susan Mills, Kevin Corrigan, Karen Joseph, Elyse Gelsinon, Ellen Shur, Robert Szabo, Richard Tewell, Connie Jardula, Arlene Dusel, Caryl Comeforo... Activities were plentiful, such as the popular "Anything Goes," the Fall Drama-"After Magritte," and "The Real Inspector Hound." "LaTuna" performed Spanish folk music on Columbus Day...The first Olympics of the Mind team was started in 1980 at SWMHS...On October 25, 1979, the Sayreville Marching Band played for President Jimmy Carter at New Brunswick... The 13th Olympiad was celebrated when a 52-year old man from Georgia carried the Olympic flame to Sayreville... Remember the Christmas Festival, and the rock band, "Schmeg?" How about the Acappella Chorus? 3 members were selected to All-State Chorus... Don Ferenci was editor of the school newspaper...Anthony Matagrano was Chess Club president... Veronica Spolowitz was Homecoming Queen...Carol Durrua was the Twirling Capt... Managing Editors of the yearbook were Sandra Check and John Lynch... Some of the Class of '80 picked randomly included; Audrey Allman, Judy Amato, Steve Bukovec, Cynthia Connors, Kelly Conover, Jerry Covell, Jim Coyle, Joan Crummy, Cheryl DeLucia, Lisa Downes, Jim Dolan, Dawn Fallon, Lisa Falls, Sue Firestine, Ricky Garbowski, Tammy

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Two members of the Class of '80 have become very successful and highly-renowned public figures. John Bongiovanni (Jon Bon Jovi), better known worldwide as the leader of the Rock and Roll Hall-of-Fame band Bon Jovi, has also had much success in acting and also business ventures. John S. Wisniewski has been an outstanding attorney/ elected NJ State Assemblyman for many years.

Big Events In The World in 1980-Eric Heiden of the U.S. won 5 gold medals in speed skating in the Olympics..."Grease" became the longest running show in Broadway history...Genuine Risk became the first filly to win the Kentucky Derby in 65 years...

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RIP, Halloween

By Elaine Holton Scott

The much awaited days of Trick or Treating are becoming but a memory for those of us who had held Halloween as the most exciting day of the entire year. When I was growing up in the '50s, as soon as the darkness came, the streets would be filled with kids dressed in Halloween costumes both store bought or homemade. On our faces were masks, heavier in weight and usually almost suffocating, but those masks were the most important part of the Halloween outfit. Each child, of course, would be carrying some kind of shopping bag or pillowcase to hold all the hoped for candy. Oh, and how we had to work to get that candy, hustling from one house to the next as fast as we could go. Slowpokes we weren't. At that time, trick or treating in America, was just becoming the rage all over the country instead of being for just small gatherings as it had been in our country since the 1920s. Now, one hundred years after it all began, Halloween as we had later known it back in the '50s, seems to be taking its last gasp...at least in the way it had been celebrated...the way we had thought it would always be.

Trick or treating is nothing "new" in Europe. As far back as the 16th century writers had told of people of all ages knocking on doors to get a "handout"...and threatening a "trick" if no treat was given. Often, they disguised themselves so they wouldn't be recognized later, afraid of being punished for the threat. Sadly, in the first half of the '80s, 1984, I believe but I could be off by a year, the first deadly blow to this American tradition was dealt when Halloween was canceled in Sayreville and possibly other towns nearby due to the very real fear of children getting tainted candy and apples hiding razor blades inside. Sickos seemed to have always been around but that year they seemed to all come from the sewer where they belonged in order to destroy the happiest day of the year for most kids.

Ever since that time in the 1980s, kids going trick or treating kept reducing in

number in most places but not everywhere. In Magnolia, Arkansas, where I had lived for 10 years, the poor kids used to come to my development packed together in the back of pickup trucks. My house was on the corner so they'd run right to my front door as soon as their feet touched the ground. Usually carrying old sacks and no Halloween masks or outfits, they took their free chocolate candy and left within seconds. They were on their own "Mission from God"...and candy was their goal.

As we wait with our bowls overflowing with Halloween treats, those of us who remember what a great time it was for us when we were young, fewer and fewer children come trick or treating. Instead, I heard they go to private parties or to gatherings sponsored by a church. Last year, the first Halloween I spent in a 55+ community, no kids came at all. So, I packed a tote bag with all of my candy, put the leash on my little dog, and went door knocking myself...handing out candy instead of getting it. In return, I made new friends that day. When the recyclable truck pulled up, I ran out with my bag to them too and joined in their happy laughter as I kept saying, "Take some more, please!" When the mailman came, he reached in and pulled out a bag I filled with candy for him too.

Halloween will never be the same as it once was. This unrelenting Covid-19 will put a stake in the heart of this wonderful tradition. No matter how much costly advertising we see on TV trying to convince us to buy their candy, costumes, and decorations, the day will Never Ever be the same.

So, this year, I just may make myself some popcorn with lots of butter and sprawl on the couch covered with a soft afghan.... and watch the 1968 movie, The Night of the Living Dead once again....of course, I'll watch it before the sun goes down and after I go around my development handing out treats to my neighbors.

****RIP****

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Past Business




Chet's 90's on First St. in South Amboy, was previously The Gay 90's, and before that, way back when, it was known as Borbely's. Through the years and different ownerships, the bar was famous for its delicious thin-crust pizza pies, which back in the 1950's were called "tomato pies." Countless customers would park at the rear of the bar on Church St., to pick up their tasty food orders at the establishment's kitchen. (Photos submitted)



1948-Braney's Gay 90's Bar on First St. in South Amboy is pictured at Christmastime. Pictured behind the bar is Ed Braney Sr., Gert Higgins (Ed's sister), and Vince Higgins Sr. (Photo/info courtesy of Ken Olchaskey)

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The Vintage Car Contest



Can you identify this vehicle? Send your answer makeandmodeltosatimes@aol.com by November 9th.

September Vintage Car

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

The Vintage Car for September was a 2006 Ford GT (Heritage Edition)

September winners are Mike & Irene Kilcomons, Edna Mazur Pilch, David McCleery, Marie English and Ed English.

Some incorrect answers were 1964, 1966 Ford GT/40, and special kudos to Edna Mazur Pilch also identified that this was a Heritage edition!



September Vintage Car
 2006 Ford GT (Heritage Edition)

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WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

The What is it for September was a 45 RPM record adapter. It was used to allow for a single 45 RPM record to play on a phonograph (record player). Some were made of plastic usually yellow in color and

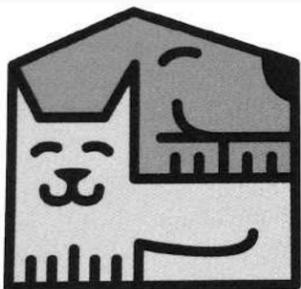
some were made of metal. There was also an adapter that went directly on the player that allowed multiple 45's to be stacked at once. Those who correctly identified the item in September were:



Lynn Freyer, Judy Guilfoyle, Mike & Irene Kilcomons, Janet Au-Krug, Joe Tortora, Dennis Quinlan, Jeanmarie Podolak, Marlene Letwenski, John & JoAnn French, Eleanore Westerholm, Rita Adamecs Sheehan, Leon Credico, Pete McIntyre, Bruce Grankowski, Edna Mazur Pilch, Lynn Loy, Joan Fulham, Drew Cross, Steve Laskiewicz, Joe Gabel, Jack Piskorski, Keith Piskorski & Lorraine Krauss, Mary Agnes Morris, Adele O'Hara, Pat & Bill Scully, Chelle Martin, Betty Leveille, Gary Feret, Maryanne Matarangolo, Vince Farina, Don Zrebiec, John Arden, Mark Moniello, Dane Colburn, Steve Villig, Marie English and Ed English, Chuck Pickard.

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September What is it?
 45 RPM Record Adapter.



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Does this structure look familiar to you? It is located in either South Amboy or Sayreville, so if you think you know, send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com. This month, you can get extra credit, and an extra point, if you know the original name of this business in addition to the current name.



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Posing proudly with his grandchildren at the Fishing Derby in 2019.



Pictured (l-r) Jerry, Emerson Jones, and Clem Skarzynski at the Independence Day Celebration at Kennedy Park.



Jerry was on the scene in a golf cart, while overseeing the thousands of people in attendance at the 4th of July extravaganza.



Youngsters show the great prizes they received at the Fishing Derby from Recreation Director Jerry Ust (back right).

Thank You

The family of Manvel Edward "Ed" Semoneit would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers, during our difficult time. A special thank you goes out to the U.S. Naval Reserves of Perth Amboy, who held a beautiful service at the cemetery.

Any remembrance donations can be made to the South Amboy First Aid Squad or Dreams Come True Benefit for seriously ill children at www.dreamscometrue.org.

Sincerely,
Anita Semoneit and Family



The Smoke Column

By ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA, MS

In past articles I had discussed the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) the firefighters must wear while performing their duties. But just wearing their PPE may not be enough to adequately protect the firefighters if the PPE is not worn properly. During recruit training firefighters are taught how to properly don and doff their PPE. They are made to don their PPE many, many times over until they become proficient. They demonstrate this procedure in a timely manner so that when they must don their PPE to respond to an actual fire, they will do so safely and quickly. As they train on donning their PPE, they go through a step-by-step process as to which part of the PPE ensemble goes on first and which follows. The procedure for donning their PPE goes something like: hood first followed by boots, pants, coat, SCBA, mask, helmet, and finally gloves.

The most important thing about donning the PPE is that the entire ensemble fully encapsulates the firefighter. Meaning that there is NO exposed skin. This is absolutely necessary because the firefighter is entering hot toxic atmospheres at temperatures that can approach 1000 degrees or more. Any exposed skin will burn immediately upon entering that atmosphere. The temperature of your home hot water heater is approximately 120-130 degrees and you know how it feels when you do not have the right mix of hot and cold. Imagine the heat and temperatures inside of a burning structure.

Over the years I have seen a common oversight that many firefighters make. After donning their SCBA which has two shoulder straps and a waist strap, they only tighten the two shoulder straps and let the waist strap dangle. This places all the weight of the

SCBA (about 40 pounds) on the shoulders and back of the firefighter. If the waist strap was also connected it would place half of the weight of the SCBA on the waist and hips and relieve the strain on the upper back. Whether they fail to connect the waist strap because it looks "cool" or because they forget could lead to a tragic outcome. As these straps dangle down alongside the firefighter, they have the possibility of getting caught on obstacles on the fire scene especially in deteriorated structures under fire. The buckle on the strap can get caught in a 1/2" crack in the flooring, under a door, or any other small opening and be impossible to extract. Picture yourself in the process of removing a trapped person from a burning structure and being so close to safety only to have this strap get caught on a hidden obstacle and you and the victim succumb to the fire. Yes, this scenario has occurred over and over. If you do not wear your PPE properly and the way it was designed to be worn, you are setting yourself up for a tragic ending. The same can be said for the helmet you wear. It comes with a chin strap to keep it on your head if you get hit from a falling object. Once your helmet falls off your head in a fire structure, you may never find it. The helmet also comes with flaps that go around your ears and neck. Its purpose is not to keep your ears warm in the winter. NO, it is there to protect those areas when you enter high heat atmospheres, use them. I can go on and on with instances that have occurred in the past due to the improper wearing of PPE. I would rather remind you to THINK when wearing your PPE and to wear it as it was designed for. Do not become a statistic and be the focus of one of my future articles. Stay Safe, Stay Healthy.

Who Is It? Winners For September



The photo is Kindergarten Orientation Day at South Amboy Elementary School around 1982. The teachers pictured were Mrs. Tanchyk and Mrs. Butieb. The children were the Smith girls from John St. and Holly Horvath?

Congratulations to Winner-Laura Toth with 25 points.

LETTERS

Hey Tom,

Just wanted to share some thoughts with your readers out there on how impressed I have been on how South Amboy and Sayreville have responded to charitable events that I have witnessed over the last few years. The outgoing love and support for the Bialoblocki/ Leonard family and the Coman/Sverada family has been truly remarkable. There have been many events previous to these but because of personal affiliation to both, I was able to witness first hand, the love and support that everyone displayed. I also want to say how proud I am with some of my fellow classmates, teammates from both towns, that have dedicated their time and energy in helping families through their most difficult times. I have stated many times in the past, how blessed I have been to have spent my early years growing up, going to Grammar school at Sacred Heart, playing Little League/Babe Ruth in South Amboy, and then going on to attend Sayreville High School. Memories from both towns are so cherished to this day. Thank you, to all Township officials, Firemen, Police, EMT and all the members of the communities, that have helped make these two towns a wonderful place. In the tough times we are in, let's continue to support them in any way we can.

Stephen Makwinski
(Formerly of the Melrose Section of Sayreville)

Tom,

Congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of your very "first professional article" published in the old South Amboy Citizen in the September 24, 1970 issue."

For me personally, it was my extreme pleasure to meet you and talk with you these past few years. Thanks for all the memories!

Keep doing what you're doing. You have a ton of fans in and around South Amboy and Sayreville!

I still don't know why we didn't meet when we were kids?

Joe Gabel
(Formerly of Sayreville)



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Dowdell Library

It's hard to believe November is almost here! Maybe it's because the fall temperatures have been so mild, or because of how busy we've been staying at the library. Either way, everyone here at the Dowdell Library is excited to bring you all the fun events we have planned for the month of November!

The Dowdell Library is still operating on a modified schedule, as well as providing staff-assisted services. These changes have helped us ensure the safety of our patrons and staff. Walk-in service is available Monday-Friday 12-5 pm and Thursday 12-5 pm and 6-8 pm. We offer a Grab-and-Go Curbside service Monday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Wi-Fi access is also available inside and outside the library. Contact us at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org with any questions.

Test Kitchen is back with an all-new video on the library's YouTube Channel! It's the day after Thanksgiving, and you open your refrigerator to leftovers, what do you do? You make a delicious day after Thanksgiving sandwich with turkey, stuffing, gravy, and cranberry sauce! Learn how to create something yummy with Thanksgiving leftovers!

The Dowdell Library will post two new virtual Storytime YouTube videos in November! Join Ms. Maryanne as she reads a book that teaches us all about being thankful. For Celebrity Storytime, Sergeant Major Adam Smith, USMC, will visit the library and explain the importance of Veteran's Day and also read a story.

If you love a great picture book, then November is the month for you! Celebrate Picture Book Month by participating in our Picture Book Scavenger Hunt. Solve the clues on the scavenger hunt board to find the title of the picture book! Each box will have a different clue to a different book, fun for the whole family! Once you solve the scavenger hunt, stop by the Dowdell Library to check out some of these classic picture books!

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Teens! Celebrate National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) by creating your own MIY Video Game Journal! Pick your favorite video game character and give them journal entries telling a story of their week in your own way.

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Meaghan Taylor, third grade student at St. Stan's School, cuts the strings on her disposable mask before throwing it away to help save the wildlife from harm. (Photo/Info Submitted)



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Informal gathering of St. Mary's class of 1974 at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park (formerly the "Extraback") Left to right: Roberta Wertz, Mike Giunta, Loretta O'Connell Sobin, Mike Klimchek, Angie Cassidy Putnam, Paul Delaney, Karen Delaney (class of 1969), Frank Norek, Mike Deitche. (Photo/info submitted)

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Outdoor Show At the Brick House Bar & Grill

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



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(Submitted by Linnea Friberg Stevenson)

Jesse Selover School, Class of 1960

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The SA Times in PA



South Amboy's Barbara Bottko (l) and Sister Mary Gomolka of Mount St. Mary's, who was born and raised in South Amboy are pictured relaxing and reading The South Amboy-Sayreville Times while on vacation in Dixon City, PA. (Photo by Al Gomolka)



Oliver Miazga, eighth grade student at St. Stan's, is challenged to keep an ice pop as cold as possible for two hours. (Photo/Info Submitted)

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(Author Unknown)
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let no harsh word mar
The good
we may do here.
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to the little child;
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soft and mild;
It may not long remain.
Speak gently to the young,
for they
Will have enough to bear;
Pass through this life
as best they may.
And full of anxious care.
Speak gently
to the aged one,
Grieve not
the careworn heart
Whose sands of life
are nearly run.
Let such in peace depart.
Speak gently
to the erring,
know they must have
toiled in vain;
Perchance unkindness
made them so;
Oh, win
them back again!
Speak gently;
it's a little thing
Dropped in the heart's
deep well;
The good, the joy
that it may bring,
Eternity shall tell.

R.I.P. Eddie



The music world lost one of the most influential guitar players of all time when Eddie Van Halen died at the age of 63 this month. Van Halen along with his brother Alex formed the band Van Halen in the 1970's along with bassist Michael Anthony and lead singer David Lee Roth who was later replaced by Sammy Hagar. RIP Eddie, you will be missed. (Photo by Brian Stratton c.1978 at the Palladium in NYC))

Prayer to St. Gerard
O good St Gerard, powerful intercessor before God and wonder worker of our day, confidently I call upon you and seek your aid. On Earth you always fulfilled God's designs, help me now to do the holy will of God. Implore the Master of Life, from whom all paternity proceeds, to render me fruitful in offspring, that I may raise up children to God in this life, and in the world to come, heirs to the Kingdom of His Glory. Amen.. S.P. & M.W.

ST. JUDE
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. -R.S., A.S., H.S., L.S., L.P.

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In The Movies

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The Doorman-Starring Ruby Rose. An action-packed thriller with many unknown actors. **Rating: 7.**
Hubie Halloween-Starring Adam Sandler, Ray Liotta, Kevin James, Shaquille O'Neal, Mya Rudolph. Perfect timing for Halloween. This movie has some funny moments and zany scenes, good for a few laughs. **Rating: 7.**

#1 Country Hits Oct. 24

- 2002-Somebody Like You-Keith Urban
- 1991-Keep It Between The Lines-Ricky Van Shelton
- 1983-Lady Down On Love-Alabama
- 1972-Funny Face-Donna Fargo
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- 2007-Stronger-Kanye West
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- 1980-Another One Bites The Dust-Queen
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- 1964-Do Wah Diddy Diddy-Manfred Mann

Fall Jam Session

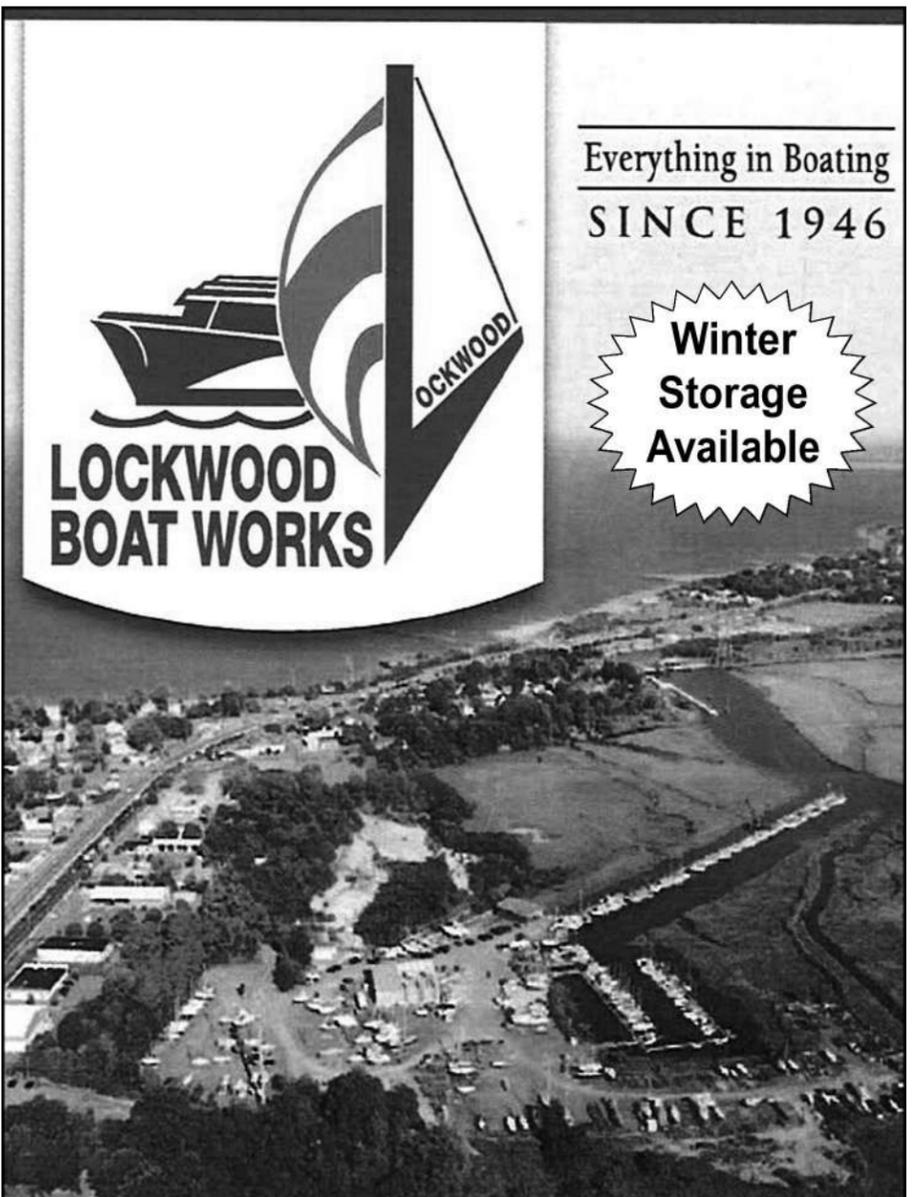
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Clem Skarzynski (r) of Parlin wanted to have "music to soothe the soul" for friends and neighbors, so he set up tents in his driveway and invited this group of very outstanding musician friends to jam on a recent early Fall afternoon. "There was a nice turnout, and people really appreciated the music," said Skarzynski. Pictured (l-r) Scott Bishop-keys, Craig Hoek-sax, Dave Silva-drums, Matt D'Esposito-guitar, Fran Fee-guitar, Clem Skarzynski-guitar.



One of Sayreville's all-time great musicians, Clem Skarzynski plays some cool lead licks to a hot song--"Light My Fire" by The Doors, during a recent backyard jam session.



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By Tom Burkard

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8. Bad To The Bone
9. Bad
10. I Feel Good

- a. Paul Revere/The Raiders
- b. Led Zeppelin
- c. The Young Rascals
- d. James Brown
- e. Billy J. Kramer/The Dakotas
- f. Michael Jackson
- g. The Beach Boys
- h. George Thorogood/The Destroyers
- i. Creedence Clearwater Revival
- J. Ennio Morricone



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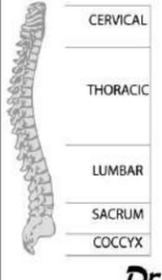
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The Spinal Column
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Smile – Live Longer

Americans are living longer than ever. Over the past century the average American lifespan has increased a whopping 27 years. What's the secret to a long and healthy life? Good genes help. You get them from your parents. Since you can't pick your parents, this avenue to a longer life is out of your control. Besides, the value of good genes is in question. New research from Yale University found that genes contribute only 25 % to the length of your life. This seems to mean other factors, such as, health behaviors, and mental health, play a role in longevity too.

The Yale study claims that a good attitude and tapping your feet helps keep your heart pumping, and can add an additional 7.6 years on average. An optimistic outlook adds more years to your life than; low blood pressure, 4 years or less, low cholesterol 4 years or less, a healthy weight, 1-3 years, and regular exercise 1-3 years. The study also suggests that people who believe negative stereotypes about growing old may face a reduced life expectancy. If you think old people are frail and sickly, you will probably see yourself as frail and sickly when you get old.

- Put On a Happy Face
- ☺ Realize that setbacks are a part of life
 - ☺ Look for a positive outcome
 - ☺ Reject negative messages about aging
 - ☺ Find examples of people who have aged gracefully
 - ☺ Develop a strong social network

If you dread the thought of growing old, work now on your attitude to change your perceptions, and develop a more optimistic outlook! Zig Ziglar the world-renowned motivational speaker said, "An optimist is someone who goes after Moby Dick in a rowboat and takes the tartar sauce with him", 1980. As always an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!



Fishing Flashes
By Teo "Weebles" Weber

Salt Water
With Fluke season now closed, Party Boats are switching over to Porgies and Sea Bass. Beach fishing in the bay is still slow. The beaches I checked in Keansburg and Cliffwood had not produced any fish-at least not yet. Surf fishing in the ocean especially the beach at Island Beach and LBI is much better. It has been the same litany for several weeks. Many Kingfish, small Bluefish, Sharks and Rays are showing up at night. I heard of a monster Pompano caught on LBI well over 3 pounds that may be a state record if that species was listed as a record. Party boats that fish for Bluefish are now catching some big ones up to 12 pounds. False Albacore are still around along with a few Bonito. Barnegat Bay still has lots of Blowfish along with many short Seabass and some Weakfish. A few winter flounders have been caught in Shark River. A few big Kingfish are mixed in but more Flounder will show up.

Fresh Water
Fall Trout fishing is now in full swing due the State stocking lakes and streams beginning on October 6th. My wife and I fished the Pequest on Columbus Day weekend and found low water conditions everywhere. She only caught one Rainbow about 14 inches. Now that fall has arrived along with the Trout stocking, you can go fishing in any body of water statewide. Fishing in general should improve.

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The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Youth League Archives



1969-This talented Robert E. Lee team captured 2nd place in the Morgan Little League. Pictured bottom row kneeling (l-r) Mike Cannon, Louis Salvaggio, Tom Kravendek, Rod Guilke, Jeff Holan, Ross Buckalew. Next row standing (l-r) Randy Bruhn, Walter Holt, Jeff Carver, Glenn Cannon, Jack Kopystecky, Joe Bartlinski, Steve Topolancik, Jr. Top row (l-r) managers Steve Topolancik, Sr., and Mr. Holt. Does anyone know the bat boy's name? (Photo/names courtesy of Danny Salvaggio)

Cuomo/Kovaleski Were Roommates

1952-South Amboy's John Kowaleski (who changed the spelling of his last name to Kovaleski) was playing professional baseball in the Pittsburgh Pirates farm system on their Brunswick Class D team in the Georgia-Florida League. It just so happened that his teammate/roommate was Mario Cuomo, who years later went on to become a three-time Governor of New York. They were both rookies in pro ball, and became very good friends, and kept in touch throughout their lifetimes.

In '52, Kowaleski (as he was called back then), easily topped Cuomo in batting average .296 to .244; hits 136-62, and games played 127-81. Due to some serious injuries,

Cuomo hung up his spikes towards the end of the '52 season, trading them in for good, and went on to attend law school. John played a little over a year longer, advancing to the Pirates Class C team, but decided to return to NJ and pursue other avenues. He went on to graduate from Seton Hall University, and became a physical education/health teacher/coach for many years at Hoffman H.S. He was also a longtime basketball official, and in the summer, worked construction in local unions. Kovaleski is believed to be the only baseball player from South Amboy in history, to have been selected to the All-State Baseball team for 3 consecutive years.

T.H.E. Game

*Dedicated to the late Rev. Thomas Triggs, who died on his 73rd birthday, September 17th.

Sport-Basketball Year-1965

Teams-St. Mary's vs. Hoffman in City Series Game #2

Recap-Tom Triggs had the greatest game of his career, by setting 3 school records, and tying 2 others, to lead the Saints to an 80-61 romp, and City Series sweep over archrival Hoffman. Triggs poured in 34 points to eclipse the City Series record of 28, established by Eddie O'Brien in '48. The 5-7 southpaw shooting guard scored 21 points in the first half, to break the school record of 20, which was tied earlier in the season by Triggs' co-captain Jim Doyle. Prior to that the mark was shared by Jack Kreiger and Tom Farrell. Triggs pumped in 14 field goals to set a new record, breaking the previous mark of 13, which was held by Kreiger, Joe Chodkiewicz, and Jim Smelas. Tom's 34 points tied the record for most points in St. Mary's gym, which was held by Farrell and Sayreville's Jeff Osowski. Triggs also tied the mark for most points in a game by an Eagle.

The Boxscore:

St. Mary's 80
Triggs 34 Tom Zalewski 13 Fran Fitzmorris 10 Ed Suchcicki 8 John Quigley 7 Ricky Jarusiewicz 4 Dennis Bratus 4.

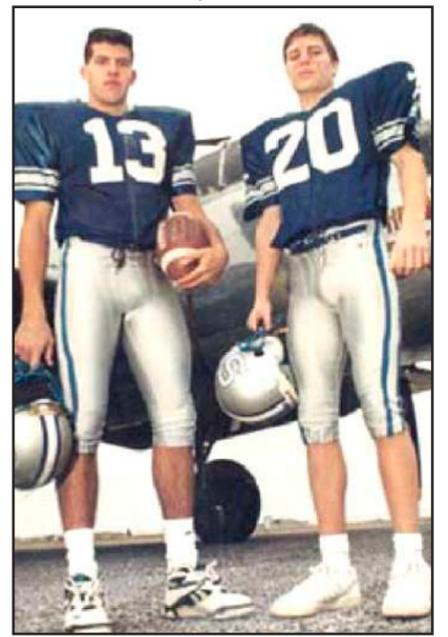
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Curt Wood 19 Billy Clayton 16 Edwin Witkowski 14 Richie Gunther 4 Bob Keegan 4 Leo Dohan 2 Ed Szatkowski 2.

Player-of-the-Game-Tom Triggs

Note: The Eagles finished the season (9-8), and Tom was the leading scorer with 226 points, 13.3 avg. After graduating from St. Mary's in '65, he went on to the University of Notre Dame where he graduated in 1969, and later entered the priesthood. He became pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Cinnaminson, NJ for 15 years, and was named pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Colts Neck, NJ, where he served from 2007-2013 prior to retiring.

Two Bomber Greats: Harry & D.J.



Two of the greatest Sayreville Bombers football players in history, quarterback Harry Nakielny (l) and wide receiver D.J. Cleary are pictured in 1992. (Photo submitted)

We have to add two more Sayreville football legends to add to the All-Time Greatest Bombers players list, Quarterback Harry Nakielny and wide receiver D.J. Cleary tore the county apart back in 1991 and 1992.

A loyal Bomber fan said that, "Harry and DJ sure boosted ticket sales for Bombers football, and brought back to Sayreville a pride in its football team that still continues today."

Nakielny was a 1st Team All-County and 3rd Team All-State Group IV selection, while Cleary was 1st Team on both All-County and All-State teams. They were both named Co-Players of the Year in 1992 by The Home News Tribune. The '92 team under Coach Sal Mistretta went to the State Championship for the first time in over 22 years.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1968-In the 1st round of CJ Group IV state tourney play, Sayreville won its 14th straight game by belting Westfield, 7-3. Winning pitcher Rich Schreck tossed a 5-hitter and struck out 8. Fred Poli laced a 2-run single, Frank Fallon belted a single and double for 2 RBI, Bob Rodziewicz ripped a single and double and drove in 1...

1976-Winning pitcher Tom Geant fired a beautiful 5-hit shutout to lead St. Mary's (9-10) to a 1-0 upset victory over Sayreville (16-7). Mike Grimley drove in the only run, while Tim Cannon tripled for the Bombers.

1985-Sayreville's baseball team finished (20-6), and tied for the Conference title. Chuck Frobosilo was (5-5) and incredibly pitched 3 no-hitters...1999-In boys cross country, St. Mary's stopped St. Peter's, 15-50. Tom Boychuk took 2nd place, Charles Riccardi-3rd, Gerard Pizzillo-4th, and Anthony Valdivieso-5th...

2004-South Amboy nipped Dunellen, 3-2 in girls tennis. Liz Gray, and Michelle Tomaszewski, won in singles, while the doubles team of Megan O'Connell-Kelly Fitzgerald were winners...2010-Brian Carpio blasted in 3 goals and added an assist, and John Giuliano scored a goal to lead the Guvs to a 4-2 boys soccer victory over Piscataway Tech.

MIRACULOUS INVOCATION TO ST. THERESA

O Glorious St. Theresa, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind, I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a "prodigy of miracles, the greatest Saint of modern times" Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses, henceforth, Dear Little Flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen. Say prayer every day for 9 days. By the 4th day ask for a sign, if prayer is to be answered between 4th and 9th day you will see a rose in a magazine, tv, picture or receive roses. Must promise publication. M.L.L.



1965-Co-captains Tom Triggs (r) and Jim Doyle (2nd from right) present the City Series championship trophy to Principal Sister Mary Madeline, as Athletic Moderator Father George Brembos (l) proudly looks on.



1965-St. Mary's top scorer Tom Triggs (21) drives in for another basket, as teammates Bob Knight (11) and Paul Jankowski look for a rebound.

Bielak Finishes (3-3)

Sayreville's Brandon Bielak recently finished his first season of Major League Baseball (MLB) with the Houston Astros. In 12 games, he worked 32 innings, struck out 26, had an ERA of 6.75, and was (3-3). He should definitely improve in 2021, and be a huge help to the Astros.

10 Years Ago

2010-Sayreville mauled Monroe, 51-7 in football, as quarterback Joe Geiger fired 2 touchdown passes of 61 and 25 yards to Syd Holt, Alex Yanuzzelli scored 2 TD's on runs of 1 and 3 yards, and Davon Jackson scored on a 6-yard run, and Perkinson broke loose for a 19-yard 6-pointer.

15 Years Ago

2005-Tom Szatkowski headed in the game-winning goal in overtime, as South Amboy boys soccer club nipped cross-town rival Cardinal McCarrick, 3-2, with the Governors reclaiming the Mayor's Cup.

50 Years Ago

1970-The Morgan Midget Firemen, sponsored by the Morgan Lions defeated Laurel Park Little League, 7-5 to capture the Mayor's Trophy. Danny DiPoalo was the winning pitcher, and catcher Mike Creange cut down 4 runners trying to steal. Third baseman Mark Evaldi and Ben Jasionowski also excelled on defense. Laurel Park took a 3-0 lead in the first inning, but the Firemen battled back, and scored 2 in the third on hits by DiPoalo and Choma, 3 runs in the 4th, and 2 more in the 5th inning on hits by Evaldi, Jasionowski, LaBlanc, Creange, Dunn, Saunders and Weinman. The trophy was presented to manager R. Creange, and coaches J. Saunders, R. LaBlanc and Dan DiPoalo. The players roster consisted of Danny DiPoalo, Mike Creange, Mark Evaldi, Ben Jasionowski, Don Hewins, Rich Saunders, Robert Choma, Tom Weinman, Gary Jaskowiak, Rich Dunn, Roger LaBlanc. J. Fuller was the League President.

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Memorial Service



Pictured (l-r) Ex-Chief Rich Kosmoski SFD, Rev. Gromadzki, Ex-Chief Mike Geraltowski SAFD. (Submitted by Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS)

During the 4pm Mass at the Church of The Sacred Heart on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, a solemn Firefighter Memorial Service was conducted. Chaplain Father Stanley Gromadzki, Pastor of Sacred Heart, graciously allowed firefighters from the South Amboy and Sayreville Fire Departments to conduct a joint Memorial Service to remember those firefighters that both departments had lost in the past year. A discussion on Line-of-Duty Deaths was presented by Ex-Chief Rich Kosmoski SFD followed by the reading of the names of the deceased firefighters. Ex-Chief Michael Geraltowski SAFD conducted the "FIVES," a tolling of the fire bell as a tribute and final alarm to those we have lost. Chaplain Father Gromadzki SAFD conducted the Benediction and closing words to an eloquent and meaningful ceremony. Co-Chairmen Kosmoski and Geraltowski would like to thank Chaplain Gromadzki for allowing the fire departments to conduct these memorial services, the parishioners of Sacred Heart parish for joining with us, and a special thank you to the firefighters and their families for making this special event a success.

South Amboy City Officials 15 Years Ago

2005-Mayor-John T. O'Leary; Council President-James Reick; Councilman-At-Large-Joseph Connors; Councilman-Fred Henry, Councilman Russell Stillwagon, Councilman John Szatkowski; City Clerk-Kathleen Vigilante; Director of Law-John Lanza; Engineer-James Cleary; Chief of Police-James Wallis; Municipal Court Judge-Joseph Hoffman; Public Works Superintendent-Gerald Garnett; Finance Director-Terance O'Neill; Tax Collector-Joanne Katko; Fire Chief-Kevin Zebro; Fire Official-Edward Szatkowski; Library Director-Elaine Gaber; Recreation Superintendent-Mary Lou DeBlis.

Drive-Thru Pancake Breakfast Oct. 24

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold a drive-thru pancake breakfast Saturday October 24 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the K Of C parking lot on 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. You can stay in your car as members take your order and deliver it to your vehicle. Cost of \$8 includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, and home fries. For reservations call Gary at 732-512-8923 or call 732-721-2025 and leave a message. Proceeds help the Knights support charitable organizations.

Soup to Go Sale

Sponsored by St. Bernadette Columbiettes Sunday, November 8, 2020 12:00-2:00 p.m. Contact Information: Kathy Jessen 732-721-2522/kjessen5@optonline.net. t. Bernadette Columbiettes is Sponsoring a Homemade Soup To Go Sale. Take out quarts will be available of freshly made hot Chicken Noodle (\$6.00) and Beef Vegetable (\$8.00) soup. Soup can be ordered in advance and will be ready for pickup on Sunday, November 8 at St. Bernadette Church, O'Dea Hall, 20 Villanova Rd., Parlin NJ between 12:00 pm and 2:00 p.m. Please order in advance. Payment may be made at pickup. Cash or checks only. Please contact Kathy with any questions at (732) 721-2522 or Kjessen5@optonline.net. The Columbiettes thank you in advance for your support.

School Sports

By Tom Burkard

Bombers Drop First 2 Games

The Sayreville Bombers football team dropped an 18-9 season opening contest to North Brunswick. Sayreville's first score of 2020 came in the opening quarter with 4:44 remaining, when linebacker Jimmy Johnson tackled the North Brunswick quarterback in the end zone, for a safety to make it 2-0 Sayreville. The Bombers scored their only touchdown on a 1-yard plunge by Giovanni Colon, and Santana Fonseca booted the extra point...

In game #2, the Edison Eagles under former Cardinal McCarrick Coach Matt Fulham, came back to nip Sayreville, 16-14. Janiel Taveras scored both Bomber touchdowns on runs of 30-yards, and 4-yards. Santana Fonseca booted both extra points.

Sayreville, who finished (3-6) last year, returned only 3 starters on offense, and 5 on defense.

50 Years Ago

1970-St. Mary's fielded its first soccer team, and finished (2-9) under Coach Tom Rooney, with victories coming against Hoffman and CBA. The roster included Capt. Bob Zlotnick, Tom Mulvey, Mike Luczkow, Rich McDonald, Andy Kuziemski, Rich Kommando, Jim Phillips, Jim Graff, Tony Mauro, Jerry LaDay, Bob Weissman, Bill Weissman, Dan Ballance, Dan Toye, Bernie Tabasko, Rick Sciora, Tom Boychuk, John Mawson, Jim Pearson, Greg Sciora, Gary Buckalew, Matt DeGerelomo, Caesar Valdivia, Jim Fitzmorris, Leroy Kurtz, Dave Margaretta, Jim Morrison. Team managers- Ida Viglionese, Rick Uhrig.

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. -L.F.

Kaczmarek Honored BY MAAC

Former SWMHS swimmer and Iona College graduate Elizabeth Kaczmarek (2014-2018) has been named to the MAAC 40th Anniversary Swimming and Diving Team. She is a four-time MAAC Championship gold medalist and was voted Iona Rookie of the Year in 2014 and MVP in 2018. Other career highlights for Kaczmarek include record-setting performances in the 800-free relay in back-to-back years and the 400-free relay. Elizabeth is the Iona's third-highest MAAC Championship point scorer.

The Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) celebrates its 40th Anniversary throughout the 2020-21 academic year, continuing its mission to provide student-athletes the opportunity to succeed in both academics and athletics.

The 40th Anniversary Swimming and Diving Team highlights some of the best student-athletes in MAAC history. MAAC Swimming and Diving traces back to 1984.

Final Leaders 20 Years Ago

2000

Girls Soccer

South Amboy (14-4, Gold Division Champs) Regan Rone finished second in the county in scoring with 91 points, and 2nd in goals 41. She saw her reign as two-time County scoring champion halted by East Brunswick soph, Heather O' Reilly (who went on to play for the U.S. Olympics Team). Kiersten McCarthy notched 57 points, (6th in county), and 23 goals (6th in county). Heather Letts dished out 26 assists, and tied O'Reilly for the county title.

Sayreville (17-4-1) Leah Craig topped the team with 17 goals and 43 points. Kristen Hubela was the leader with 11 assists.

St. Mary's (8-6-1) Kara Kurzawa led the club with 19 goals and 47 points. Jessica Furey was the assist leader with 11.

Boys Soccer

Sayreville (12-7) Josh Lacko paced the team with 12 goals and 29 points.

St. Mary's (7-11) Dan Szatkowski's 13 goals and 31 points were team highs, and Greg Symbor notched 8 assists most on the Eagles.

South Amboy (5-11) Rafael Moura tied for 9th in the county with 18 goals, and was 12th in points with 45. Marcelo Santos passed off for 12 assists to lead the Guvs.

Field Hockey

Sayreville (9-9) Laura Lasko tied for 5th in the county with 33 points, and was 5th in goals with 16.

The Miraculous Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favors. This time I ask you this my special one (mention favor). Take it, Dear Jesus, and place it within your own broken heart, where your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become your favor, not mine. Amen. C.P.

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..



Elizabeth Kaczmarek

10 Years Ago Piscataway Shocks Sayreville In Battle Of Unbeatens

The mighty Sayreville Bombers football team had its dream for an unbeaten season shattered by a powerful Piscataway, 14-7, in a real heartbreaker, that was decided on a 3-yard TD jaunt by Brandon Stout with only 58 seconds left. The Blue & Gray saw its perfect run of 8 consecutive wins come to an end at

the hands of the fired up Chiefs. Stout also scored the first TD of the game in the first quarter, but the Bombers battled back and scored on an unbelievable 86-yard TD dash by Delon Stephenson with 35 seconds left in the opening stanza. Stephenson had an outstanding game, rushing for 144 yards on 12 carries.

Guvs Sweep Eagles

The South Amboy Guvs boys soccer squad nipped Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's Eagles, 4-3 in a game between cross town rivals. SA raced out to a 2-0 lead in the first half on goals by John Giuliano and Mike Ramirez. Bryan Carpio led the Purple & Gold with 2 goals and an assist. Matt Giuliano notched 28 saves

for Coach Tony G's club. The Blue & Gold was paced by Shaun Park with 2 goals, and Jeremy Cruz 1 goal. Ryan Smith garnered 8 saves for the Augusta St. contingent. In the Mayor's Cup contest, South Amboy won again, 2-1 on goals by Joe Smith and Bryan Carpio. Tony DeMaio and Steven Herdman notched assists for the Guvs.

Eagles Notch Biggest Win

Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's Eagles football team won a thrilling, come-from-behind, 27-21 overtime contest over Metuchen. Trailing 21-13 with 0:41 left, quarterback David Whitfield found wide receiver Casey Fennessy for a 39-yard touchdown strike, to cut the lead to 21-19. Highly-touted football prospect, John Appiah then raced in for the 2-point conversion to tie it up, and force OT. On the first play of the extra stanza, he forced

and recovered a fumble, and four plays later, star tailback, Jose Ruiz broke loose for his third TD of the game on a 6-yd. jaunt. His other TD runs were 6, and 34 yards. Ruiz finished the day with 200 yards rushing on 29 carries, and Whitfield garnered 114 yards on 16 attempts. Appiah registered an unbelievable 15 tackles! It was a great win for Coach Bob Kearns' Eagles, marking the first time in over 10 years that they defeated a GMC foe.

Coach Gonsalves Wins 300th

South Amboy Governors boys' soccer Coach Tony Gonsalves joined the very elite 300-win club, when he guided his Purple & Gold squad to a 5-1 victory over Piscataway Tech. Bryan Carpio led the scoring with 2 goals, Tony DeMaio scored a goal and had 2 assists, Steve Herdman 1 goal and 1

assist, and Mike Ramirez 1 goal. "Mr. G." as Gonsalves is affectionately known by his players and students, is currently the second longest tenured soccer coach in Middlesex County with 34 years. Congratulations on a great accomplishment and truly outstanding career.

50 Years Ago South Amboy Swept Sayreville

1970-The South Amboy (SA) Sabres Pop Warner football teams, both Pee Wees, and Midgets swept the season opener over the Sayreville Leprechauns. Coach Bob Eppinger's Pee Wee squad romped 19-0 over Sayreville behind the standout play of Ronnie Stillwagon and John "Jeep" Connors. On the first play from scrimmage, Stillwagon circled the Leprechauns right end and raced 42-yards for a touchdown, to make it 6-0 SA. Stillwagon broke loose for another 40-yard TD in the second quarter, as SA held a 12-0 lead at halftime. Neither team scored in the third stanza, but a 28-yard reverse by Pete Szaro was exciting for the overflow crowd. In the 4th quarter, Connors racked up 24 yards

rushing on 2 attempts, and Stillwagon found a hole up the middle and bolted for an 8-yard score. He also raced on an end run for the extra point. **Final Score: South Amboy Sabres 19 Sayreville Leprechauns 0.**

The Midgets game turned out to be a real defensive struggle, with the Sabres scoring the only touchdown, coming in the second quarter, when the Spiecker brothers, Darryl the quarterback, connected on a 15-yard touchdown pass to Kevin, to make it 6-0. The defensive units of both teams excelled in the second half and there was no further scoring. **Final Score: South Amboy Sabres 6 Sayreville Leprechauns 0.**

20 Years Ago



October 2000-St. Mary presented its Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner/Induction ceremony. The proud inductees, standing (L-R): Tom Kelly, Jack McKeon, George Krzyzanowski, Tom Scully, John O'Brien, Allie Clark, Ed O'Brien, Jack Kreiger. Seated (L-R): Eileen Fallon Seitz, Kathy Redling, Ellen Eppinger Eichele (daughter of Charlie Eppinger), Jean Ryan Zdanewicz (wife of John Zdanewicz). There were 12 athletic greats inducted that included 2 posthumously. The school gym was packed, as 368 people attended, and an estimated 150 more were turned away at the door. Jack McKeon and Ed O'Brien were guest speakers and delighted the crowd with their great stories. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY

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



St. Stan's eighth grade student, Elizabeth Bera, accepts an award from Bishop James F. Checchio, for placing in the Annual Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) Christmas Artwork contest. The contest was offered nationally and Elizabeth was the winner for the Diocese of Metuchen. St. Stan's School also won second place in the diocese for their donations to the MCA for the 2019-2020 school year. Also pictured is Rev. John Hillier, Director of the Office of Pontifical Mission Societies. (Photo by Lisa Grover)

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In Memoriam

Russell Hahn, 90, of Sayreville died on Sept. 24. He worked for Sayre & Fisher, and then for JCP&L. Russell was a past Scoutmaster for Troop 69. Margaret Hahn, 96, of Sayreville died on Sept. 25. She was the Borough Clerk from 1979-89 until retiring. Hahn worked a total of 28 years with the Borough at various positions in the Municipal Clerk's office. Margaret was a longtime Democratic Committeewoman for Sayreville. Ronald "Ron" Burkshot, 87, of Parlin died on Sept. 27. He was a member of the '49 Sayreville HS football champs, and from 1972-95, was the owner/president of Burkshot Excavating in Sayreville. In addition, he was Commander of Sayreville American Legion Lenape Post #211 in 1972, and also Commander of Sayreville VFW Post #4699 in 2008. Joseph "Joe" Storrs Jr., 73, formerly of Sayreville died on Oct. 1. A VietNam War veteran, he was a member of American Legion Post 211, Sayreville and Sayreville V.F.W. Post 4699. He was Commodore for many years at the South Amboy Boat Club, and was voted in The SA Times Slow Pitch Softball poll as one of the All-Time Top 10 Power Hitters in Sayreville. Edward Losiewicz, 99, formerly of Sayreville died on Oct. 2. He was a former Safety Supervisor at Hercules for many years. Christopher Dunne, 65, of Parlin died on Oct. 4. He was an advocate for fostering puppies and saved over 100, and helped them find their forever homes. Mary Dieckman, 71, of Parlin died on Oct. 8. Prior to retiring, she was the owner/operator of Mary D.'s Deli in Sayreville for 5 years. Before that, she worked 25 years as District Manager for Krauszer's

Edward J Rappleyea

Edward J. "Red Rapp" Rappleyea Sr., age 91 of Sayreville, passed away Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Sayreville, he was a lifelong borough resident. Before his retirement, Ed worked as a Patrolman for the Sayreville Police Department for 30 years. He was a member of the Sayreville PBA 98 where he was a delegate for 22 years. He was also a member of the Sayreville First Aid Squad. Ed was a delegate for the retired Police and Fire in NJ for many years. He was a US Army Veteran of the Korean War and a Life Member and Past Commander of the Sayreville American Legion Post 211. He ran the Legion baseball league for many years, and was an umpire for over 20 years with the Sayreville Recreation Department. Ed was a member of the Sayreville Lions Club. He also proudly served his community as a Councilman. Ed was a communicant of Our Lady of Victories RC Church in Sayreville. "Those who knew me, knew me well and those who didn't, can go to hell."



He is predeceased by his parents Wilbur and Amelia, his brothers Warren, Joseph and William Rappleyea, his sister Marie Blaszka and his nephew William Rappleyea Jr.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, the former Beverly Lehman, his children Michelle Rappleyea and her partner Nita Frazier, Cheryl Mozdzen and her husband Steven, Edward Jr. and his wife Sharon, his grandchildren Patricia Battles and her husband Jerad, Mary and Amanda Mozdzen, his great-grandchildren Kearney and Blair Battles, his sister Gail Smalley and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were handled by the Carmen F. Spezzi Funeral Home 15 Cherry Lane Parlin.

Michael P. Haberman

Michael P. Haberman, 81, of South Amboy died on Sunday October 4, 2020 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. Born in Teaneck, New Jersey he lived in Staten Island before moving to the South Amboy area in 1984. Before retiring he was employed by the New York City Sanitation Department and as supervisor of plant operations at Staten Island University Hospital - South Site. A member of St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy, he was also a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, South Amboy and the South Amboy Elks Lodge 784. An avid fan of the New York Yankees, he was named Irishman of the Year in 2007.

Son of the late George and Genevieve Beagan Haberman, he is also predeceased by his siblings George Haberman, Mary Lou Kleiner and Judy Haberman. He is survived by his wife Dee-Dee Haberman; his children Michael P. Haberman, Jr. and his wife Lynn, Kenneth Haberman, Christine Haberman, Jimmy Haberman and his wife Donna, Debbie Haberman and Victoria Noon and her husband DJ; his siblings Charles Haberman and his wife Rose, Gen Anderson and her husband Charlie, Adele Haberman and Terry Marcello and her husband Al; his sister-in-law Madeline Haberman; 18 grandchildren; 3 great-granddaughters; his brothers-in-law Victor Murgolo and his wife Myla, Joseph Murgolo and his wife Susan and Salvatore Murgolo and his wife Colleen and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Friday October 9, 2020 at 9:15am from The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by a 10am Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church, South Amboy. Cremation will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alfie O'Connor Memorial Scholarship, 395 Division Street, South Amboy or Friends of South Amboy, 329 Cedar Street, South Amboy.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Michael P. Haberman, please visit our floral store.

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..

Remembering Matthew "Skip" House

November 3, 1937 August 14, 2020
By John "Flip" Phillips

Skip was born and raised in South Amboy. He graduated from Hoffman HS, served in the U.S. Army and graduated from Rutgers University with a Degree in Mathematics. I remember Skip, he was truly a nice guy. And I am sure his classmates and friends would agree.

Skip and I shared a moment in time way back in the late 1940s. We were neighbors on lower David Street, the Bowery. He lived right across the street from me. We played together, and then went our separate ways: me to the Housing Project while Skip "moved up town" to Feltus Street, across from Veterans Field. We met up again over the Internet several years ago. He read my stories about growing up in South Amboy in The South Amboy-Sayreville Times and liked them. He got my e-mail address from the paper and contacted me to let me know. We then began to communicate by e-mail sharing lots of stories and laughs about "our" South Amboy. I loved his sense of humor, and the way he remembered more about our hometown the way it was than I did. He always joked about his "fastball" when we discussed baseball. He pitched for Hoffman HS and the joke was he did not have one, he always said he could not break a pane of glass when he threw one. We always planned to meet to share a brew or two, and share some old-time stories and memories about the "Way it Was" growing up in the Pleasant Little City many, many years ago. I regret I missed that opportunity. However, I am happy that we had the chance to share memories and laughs, even though we never shared that brew. Oh, I never knew his name was Matthew, to me and I am sure to his classmates and friends, he was and will always be remembered as "Skip."



Obituaries

Buckalew, Irene, 95, of Parlin died on Sept. 28.
Burkshot, Ronald, 87, of Parlin died on Sept. 27.
Costello, Thomas J., 77, of Parlin died on Sept. 12.
Daley, Michael J. Jr., 95, of Parlin died on Sept. 18.
Dieckman, Mary D., 71, of Parlin died on Oct. 8.
Dunne, Christopher P., 65, of Parlin died on Oct. 4.
Gadmowski, Frances, 98, of Morgan died on Oct. 4.
Gotti, James A., 76, formerly of Morgan, died on Oct. 16.
Grecco, Ronald T., 86, formerly of Parlin died on Sept. 28.
Hahn, Margaret V. Weber, 96, of Sayreville died on Sept. 25.
Hahn, Russell J., 90, of Sayreville died on Sept. 24.
Kapica, Walter T., 75, of Sayreville died recently.
Kreiss, Walter R., 90, of South Amboy died on Sept. 23.
Kuhn, Francis, 88, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 30.
Kupcho, Helen Januszewski, 86, formerly of Sayreville died on Oct. 6.
Ligato, Rachelle "Shelly," 68, of Sayreville died on Oct. 8.
Losiewicz, Edward E., 99, formerly of Sayreville died on Oct. 2.
Medvets, John Jr., 84, of Parlin died on Oct. 13.
Moran, Gloria, 94, of Parlin died on Oct. 5.
Olsvary Sarah, 87, of Morgan died on Sept. 27.
Pawelek, Joseph, 78, of Sayreville died on Oct. 4.
Peters, Stephen 63, of South Amboy, died on Oct. 15.
Podleski, John W., 92, formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 8.
Rappleyea, Edward J. "Red Rapp" Sr., 91, of Sayreville died on Sept. 30.
Spiegel, Shelley, 70, of South Amboy died on Sept. 22.
Storrs, Joseph "Joe" H., Jr., 73, formerly of Sayreville died on Oct. 1.
Triggs, Rev. Thomas J., 72, of Sayreville died on Sept. 17.
Ust, Gerald J. "Jerry," 66, of Sayreville died on Oct. 5.
Wiater, Sylvia, 87, of South Amboy died on Sept. 27.

Gerald J. "Jerry" Ust

Jerry Ust, 66, of Sayreville, NJ passed away unexpectedly October 5, 2020 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

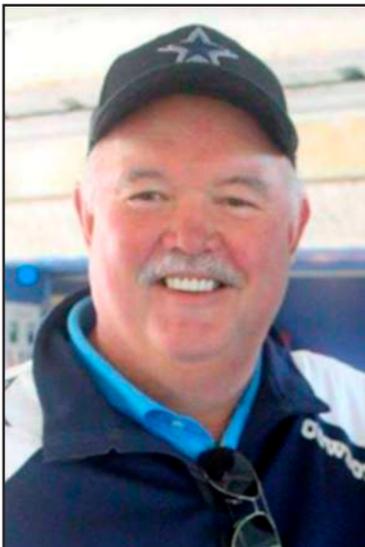
He is survived by his wife of 40 years Eileen, his daughter Janet Cook (Billy), son David (Jessica), his grandchildren Jackson and Ella Cook and Benjamin Ust. He is also survived by his brother Jack (Pattiann) and many nieces and nephews.

He was a graduate of Sayreville War Memorial High School and TCNJ. After many years operating his own business, he became the Recreation Director

for his hometown. He was always an active member of the Sayreville Athletic Association, coaching both his son and daughter through their many years of sports as well as being a proud spectator at his grandson's foray into baseball and soccer.

He took great pride in Sayreville and enjoyed every minute of planning and executing the many events throughout the years and expanding the number of programs each year.

Always one to enjoy people, this job



was his true calling. He could be found at high school games all the way down to t-ball just to ensure things were going smoothly.

Jerry was a lover of all sports and was a diehard Cowboy and Yankee fan, spending countless hours "coaching" from his recliner, loudly criticizing all that was happening. He also took up the sport of golf when his softball game wasn't up to par. He was a member of Glenwood Country Club and Forsgate Country Club where he made friends easily and enjoyed every moment of golf.

Jerry had a heart of gold and sadly, it was his heart that could not keep up with everything he wanted to do. Please, with his story, take the time to love your family, be true to your friends, and spread kindness wherever you may be. Due to Covid19 precautions, services were private, held under the direction of the Carmen F. Spezzi Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Sayreville B.I.C. Letters of condolence to the family may be left by visiting www.spezziFuneralHome.com.

There is truly only one thing that can be done once.....your loved one deserves the best!



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