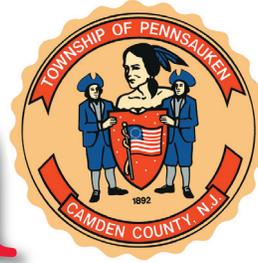


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Phifer Eighth Graders Promoted To High School Class Of 2023



Board of Education Vice President Diane Johnson accepted the Class of 2023 during the Eighth Grade Promotion Exercises on June 14.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

On June 14, family and friends gathered to celebrate the new Class of 2023 at the Eighth Grade Promotion Exercises, held at Pennsauken High School. Over 400 students processed into the main gym among cheers and applause, as they ended one part of their academic careers and prepared to make the next step to high school.

"I'd like to give special congratulations to the graduating class of 2023 for their hard work and determination. We have officially completed middle school," said Cassidy Clark, co-president of the National Junior Honor Society, who gave the customary welcome to attendees. "However, our job is not done. We are entering high school, where our choices and actions can define our future and open up new opportunities."

"This class is an amazing group of students. The experiences we had this year

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Killion Steps Down From Pennsauken Township Committee

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Effective July 1, Pennsauken Mayor Jack Killion will step down from office, after faithfully serving the Township community for over 19 years.

"Serving on Township Committee has been one of the great honors of my life," stated Killion in his column in the June edition of All Around Pennsauken. "When I first moved to Pennsauken in 1979, I had no aspirations at all of playing a role in local government. But life provides you with some amazing opportunities when you're not expecting them; and serving this community certainly fits into that category."

Killion is retiring as coordinator of buildings and grounds with the Pennsauken School District, a position he has held for 26 and a half years. Because he is

enrolled in the Public Employees Retirement System for both the District and Pennsauken Township as a member of Committee, Killion must retire from the two positions, per state pension retirement rules.

At the June 20 Township Committee meeting, Killion received a proclamation in recognition for his many years of service.

"Whereas, a life of service is a life well spent, Jack Killion has been an active member of our community for many decades," read Deputy Mayor Rick Taylor. "We celebrate the

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At the June 20 Township Committee meeting, Pennsauken Mayor Jack Killion received a proclamation, read by Deputy Mayor Rick Taylor, in recognition for his many years of service. Killion steps down from Township Committee effective July 1.

The Class Of 2019 Graduates From Pennsauken High School

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

"Good evening to all friends and family. Thank you all for coming out to celebrate this huge milestone we have all accomplished. This year has been a roller coaster, consisting of many new changes. I want to congratulate my classmates for making it here today. I wish you all the best for wherever life takes you."

The words Keyoura Smith, president of the Class of 2019, helped to open the graduation ceremonies of the newest alumni of Pennsauken High School, held at Temple University's Liacouras Center, in front of a large multitude of loved ones and distinguished guests.

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Last month, the Class of 2019 celebrated their graduation from Pennsauken High School during a special ceremony at Temple University's Liacouras Center.

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Held on Tuesday, July 2, and Tuesday, July 16, Pennsauken's new Farmer and Food Market offers a retail marketplace where attendees can shop a variety of produce, crafts, and more. The market runs from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Township's Municipal Complex, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. For more information, visit "Pennsauken Farmer & Food Market" on Facebook.

PASA

The Pennsauken Alliance on Substance Abuse (PASA) meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 10, 7:00 p.m., at Temple Lutheran Church, 5600 N. Crescent Blvd. Pennsauken. PASA works to increase community awareness about substance abuse, as well as provide prevention programs. The public is invited to attend.

Town Watch

Pennsauken's Town Watch hosts its next meeting on Wednesday, July 10, 7:30 p.m., at the Pennsauken Police Department, Second Floor. Come learn how to make our community safer. For more information, call (856) 488-0080 ext. 2417.

PHS All Years Alumni Lunch Get Together

PHS Alumni from all years are invited to a monthly lunch at the Penn Queen Diner, 7349 Rt. 130, Pennsauken. This month's lunch is on Wednesday, July 17, at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Norma at (856) 220-5597.

Dinner/Financial Seminar

"How to Reach Your Financial Goals," a complimentary dinner and financial seminar, will be held on Thursday, July 18, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Pennsauken County Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd. Vincent Ragusa of Legg Mason and

James Maniciso of Lincoln Financial will discuss a variety of topics, including compound interest, long-term retirement strategies, and more. For more information and to reserve seating, call (856) 910-1100.

Bunco

Athene Chapter #201 O.E.S. of New Jersey is hosting a Bunco event on Saturday, July 20, noon to 3:00 p.m., at the Merchantville Masonic Lodge, 6926 Park Ave., Pennsauken. Bunco is a social dice game traditionally played with 12 or more players divided into groups of four trying to score points. Donation to play is just \$10 per person. Lunch and dessert provided. For reservations, call (856) 952-9319.

Church Concert

The Choir at Mary Queen of All Saints Parish, 4824 Camden Ave.,

Pennsauken will be hosting a celebration of sacred music on Sunday, July 28, at 2:00 p.m. The concert is free and the public is invited to attend. For more information, visit "Mary Queen of All Saints Parish, Pennsauken, NJ" on Facebook.

Half Century Jets

This senior group meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. in St. Cecilia's School Hall, 4851 Camden Ave., Pennsauken. This month's meeting will be on July 23. For more information, call (856) 662-2721.

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The Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund holds its 27th annual golf outing on Monday, Sept. 30, at the Pennsauken Country Club.

The event features on-course contests and challenges, raffle prizes, and more. The \$125 entry fee includes lunch, green fees, cart, refreshments on the course, dinner, and prizes. In addition, various sponsorship opportunities are available. Proceeds from golf outing support the children of local heroes killed in the line of duty.

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EDITOR'S **Maybe There Is A Cure For The Summertime Blues**

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By Frank Sinatra,
AAP Editor

Time seems to move at a progressively faster pace as we get older. And for me, there's no faster time of the year than the summer. It's a far cry from my childhood days, when summer seemed to go on forever. Back then, July 4 marked the half way point of summer vacation. Today, it seems to be a reminder that summer will be done before you know it. I'm reminded of waking up after forgetting to set your alarm clock, hurrying out of bed, mildly panicked due to the valuable time you've lost. In a way, it's kind of depressing.

Having a slew of activities doesn't alleviate the issue. Don't get me wrong,

I'm grateful that the kids have access to summer enrichment programs, theatre camps, and everything in between. It just seems that the days of exploring the woods behind the middle school or playing street hockey on Pettit Court are no longer in fashion in today's play date, coordinated Google Calendar world.

So how can you get the summer to slow down and maybe have some fun by accident? One trick I've discovered is to share a few of things that I enjoyed as a boy with my kids. Heading to the pool for a few hours, splashing around and cooling off. Listening for the iconic jingle of the Mister Softee truck, chasing it down the street. Riding bikes to the playground. For others, it might be fishing at Tippin's Pond, taking a trip on the Delaware River using the boat ramp on Derosse Ave., or walking around

Cooper River Park while enjoying the wildlife. There are a lot of destinations, right here in town, where you can make some great summer memories for the young or the young at heart.

On the flip side, one of the many perks of Pennsauken is that it's in close proximity to a lot of great places. This time of year is perfect for traveling right over the bridge to Philly and enjoying the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, and the National Constitution Center. Stopping by the Pennsauken Library and grabbing a museum pass is a great way to put together a day trip to the Academy of Natural Sciences, Battleship New Jersey, Grounds for Sculpture, and many other interesting locations. And I'm sure I'm not the only person who's had a craving for Manco and Manco's pizza, hopped in the car with the family, and

spent an evening on the Ocean City Boardwalk.

So maybe Eddie Cochran and The

Who got it wrong. Maybe there is a cure for the summertime blues. It just so happens, it's right here at home.



Christmas In July Luau Benefits Worthy Causes

The Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Christmas in July Luau on Thursday, July 25, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Inglesby and Sons Funeral Home, 2426 Cove Rd. For a \$20 donation, participants will enjoy food, drinks, and entertainment.

A portion of the proceeds from the luau benefits Pennsauken's Angel Tree program, which collects new, unwrapped toys for families in need. Last year, a record number of Pennsauken families were helped during the holidays thanks

to generous community and business donations.

Also this year, the Luau will use part of the proceeds to help the Tony Chaplain Life Line Ministry. The Ministry provides compassionate support for first responders and their families, by helping them cope with crises they face, resulting in a positive impact on their lives and their community.

Attendees are asked to R.S.V.P. to Nancy Ellis at (856) 438-0833 or pmaclteam@gmail.com by July 22.

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Cherry Hill - Fabulous Colonial

This home features a formal L/R with hwd/flrs, gorgeous, updated kitchen w/updated flooring, cabinetry & counter tops. Next to the kitchen is the Breakfast Bar with recessed lighting. There is also a first floor Family Room. The 2nd floor features 4 nice sized bedrooms with ample closet space and an updated main bathroom. This home also features a nice big full basement with high ceilings. Owner started to finish it but plans changed. You can easily finish it up for additional living space. \$269,900



Gibbstown - Bungalow

Adorable bungalow in Gibbstown with low taxes and No Money Down USDA eligible! Well landscaped home with enclosed front porch with tons of windows. Nice sized L/R and large D/R. Kitchen, mudroom and first floor laundry. Large fenced in back yard with a great garage for storage or that favorite car or woodshop. A full basement for more storage. More storage in a floored attic which you could also finish. Endless possibilities don't let size fool you. Such a Great home in a great town. \$127,500



Pennsauken - Multi Family

Great Investment Opportunity!! Check out this great corner property! First floor features a nice 2 bedroom unit with inside access to the basement. Upstairs features updated kitchen and bath and nice wood laminate flooring. Each unit has separate utilities. \$144,900



Pennsauken - Way Cheaper Than Renting!!

This Cute & Cozy two bedroom rancher is super affordable and the perfect starter home. All the major systems have been updated. Partially finished basement with bonus room and bathroom. Low taxes. This would also work great as an investment property with positive cash flow. \$87,900



Pennsauken - Collins Tract

Beautifully remodeled Stone Front Rancher. Refinished hard wood floors, Open floor plan with 23' x 16' family room off of the brand new kitchen with stainless steel appliances, self closing drawers. Attention to detail as with new baseboard trim, 3 bedrooms with new interior 6 panel doors. The bathroom has new ceramic tile bath and shower door. There is a full basement with high ceilings, a french drain, and new gas heater. Located on a dead end street, this one won't last! \$189,900



Merchantville - A Must See!

Desirable property located within historic Merchantville. The property features 4 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms & 2 half bathrooms, wood flooring throughout, marble tiled floors, granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, an original wood burning fire place that has been converted to gas. A gorgeous spiral staircase to an oversized very master bedroom with a master bathroom that, runs the entire length of the bedroom. This bath has marble tiled floors & walls, gold fixtures & skylights. This outdoor oasis, which features a nice size inground pool & patio. This is no drive by. Fannie Mae Homepath property. \$229,900



Cinnaminson - Meadowview

This Braeburn model features a beautifully landscaped front yard, grand 2 story foyer, spacious L/R & D/R with hwd/flrs and chair rail/molding. The 2 story F/R w/wood burning fireplace. The kitchen features stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, center island and breakfast area. The perfectly manicured backyard features an in ground pool w/built in spa. There are 4 spacious bedrooms, 2 full baths and plenty of closet space. The master bedroom has 2 walk-in closets and master bath. The basement has been finished and features spacious seating and entertaining spaces as well as a separate office/gym room. \$489,900



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WAGSWORLD She May Be Down, But The Bride's Not Out

By Bob Wagner,
AAP Columnist

I am leaving the bride home while I reminisce with my fellow helicopter crew members down in Georgia. She usually helps me navigate the highways, critiques my driving, and picks out our motel accommodations. Not this year. This trip, she will be perched on the couch, foot ensconced in a honking, big, black boot.

Last week, she stepped off the back step right on the hose I had used to wash the car. I was, as usual, down at the garage with Jones, working diligently on the old Jeep. We were halfway through "Who hit Nellie in the belly with a flounder," when the phone rang.

The bride knew it was broken. She's been down this road before. In fact, orthopedic docs have been known to call her for consults on ankle, foot, and leg injuries. We drove the iced up foot to the

usual visits, winding up back at Casa de Wags in time for my semi-annual lessons in laundry, cooking, cleaning, and for the upcoming trip, packing.

The bride convinced me to fly instead of drive by myself to the reunion.

As I write, I have been instructed as to what I will wear, when to wear it, and how to unpack, unroll, and hang up my meager outfits. If, at any time, she hears from wives in attendance that I wore the same shirt twice, or wore the wrong shirt with the incorrect pants, there will be consequences. In this era of FaceTime, I believe I will have a few calls with the camera on. Not because of the great love between us, the last of the big romantics. More so because of FaceTime, the bride can check up on my outfits before I can embarrass her, many miles away in Georgia.

The book is still open on whose fault this is. Generally speaking, everything is

my fault. But the bride did move the hose where it was, as I staggered into the house with arms filled with graduation party items.

None of this will matter soon. Before we figure out how to put the straps on the gigantic monster, she will be up and driving again. Just in time for beach umbrellas and soaking in the sun alongside the mob who will vacation together. I'm usually carrying my rod, sand spike, and bucket of fish stuff. This year, I fear I will be carrying the bride's load of umbrella, chair, cooler bag of sandwiches, etc., beach bag of books, lotions, towels, and occasionally, a jug of adult beverages. In-

terviews for Sherpa duty will be held as soon as I return from my reunion.

As an aside from my serious reporting duties, I must add the latest note regarding Jones. As my friend Jones was leaving an event last week at the Griffith-Morgan house, a man stopped him, complimented his fine skill on the banjo, then asked his name. Jones replied, of course, "Jones." Then the man asked his first name. Jones replied "Joe." The man clapped his hands on his face, and exclaimed "Not the Jones from the stories about the garage and the Jeep! I thought you were a myth!"

Sometimes, a myth is as good as a hit.

National Night Out In Pennsauken Held On August 6

Pennsauken's first responders are holding a special event during National Night Out, Tuesday, Aug. 6, an annual community-building campaign that is designed to make neighborhoods a safer, better place to live.

Held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Township Police Department and PYAA softball complex, 2400 Bethel Ave., Pennsauken's police, fire department, and EMS are joining forces to present a variety of displays and activities, specialized unit demonstrations, giveaways, and more. Free bottled water, water ice and soft pretzels will be given out while supplies last.

According to the National Night Out website, NATW.org, "Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military



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bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August (Texas celebrates on the first Tuesday in October). Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more."

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Zoning Board of Adjustment
7:00 p.m. Monday, July 1,
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Planning Board
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 2 and 23

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Pennsauken's Town Wide Yard Sale Returns September 28

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken's annual town wide yard sale returns on Saturday, Sept. 28. Running from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the event is a great opportunity for residents to clean out their homes while making some cash in the process.

"Last year's yard sale was a big success; we're looking forward to seeing how it grows this fall," says Pennsauken Deputy Mayor Rick Taylor. "We encourage residents to clean out their closets, basements, and attics and participate."

Sign up for the town wide yard sale begins Monday, July 29, and occurs at the Pennsauken Township Municipal Building,



Pennsauken's town wide yard sale will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28, with a rain date of Oct. 5.

ing, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., during normal business hours. There will also be a special registration event held at the Municipal Building on Wednesday, Aug. 28, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The donation per household is \$15. Participating homes will need to fill out a simple form available in the Clerk's Office; these addresses

will be inputted into a customized, printable Google map, which will be made available just prior to the yard sale at the Pennsauken Township Municipal Building, the Pennsauken Free Public Library, and other locations to be determined. The map will also be available online at the Township's website, twp.pennsauken.nj.us, as well as AllAroundPennsauken.com. During the week prior to the yard sale, participating residents – those who donated \$15 – can pick up a yard sign, balloons, and map.

The deadline for registering will be Friday, Sept. 6. Checks can be made out to Pennsauken Township, with "Town

Wide Yard Sale" written in the memo section. Any proceeds made from yard sale participants who register their properties will go to support Pennsauken Township community events. The rain date for the Yard Sale is Saturday, Oct. 5.

For more information, visit the Township's website at twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

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Both children and adults can add more fun and excitement to the summer months with entertaining and educational programs offered through Pennsauken's Department of Parks and Recreation.



FOR CHILDREN

Summer Fun Camp—6.5 Hours, 7 Weeks

This is a program for children in kindergarten through grade six. They will enjoy weekly field trips and visits to the Pennsauken Municipal Pool. Camp is seven weeks from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., now through Aug. 9 at Franklin Elementary, 7201 Irving Ave. Cost is \$135 per week and includes materials, trips and snacks. Attendees must bring a packed lunch.

Bowling

This exciting camp will be at the amazing Pinsetter Bowling Center on Maple Ave. in Pennsauken. Basic bowling instruction will be provided by qualified instructors and skills competitions for prizes will be held the last day of the camp. The program runs from 10:30 a.m. to noon on July 8-12 and is for kids ages 7-13. The fee is \$45 for the week and includes shoes and ball.

Football

The Diggs Football Camp is open to ages 6-18. Held July 22-26, 9:00 a.m. to noon, at the Pennsauken Football Field, 4250 Burwood Ave., attendees will enjoy five days of instructive and competitive football. Appropriate attire is shorts and a t-shirt; campers should bring football cleats, but sneakers are also acceptable. This is a NON-CONTACT camp. Each camper will receive a t-shirt and medal upon completion of the camp. The cost is \$30 per camper. Registration deadline is July 15.

Ice Skating

The Youth Learn to Skate camp will be held at the Philadelphia Flyers Skate Zone on River Rd. in Pennsauken. Children ages 2-17 will learn basic skating techniques for figure skating or hockey. The program is offered from 8:45 to 10:00 a.m. Aug. 12-16. Cost is \$35 per child. Skates are available for free if needed. Helmets are mandatory for all children 17 and under.

Junior Fire Academy

The Junior Fire Academy will be held at the Bloomfield Fire House, 5301 Lexington Ave. Children ages 12-16 will be introduced to the work of a firefighter and develop the skills of teamwork, time management, and responsibility in a fun and education environment. Attendees will participate in short classroom sessions and complete multiple hands-on activities and field assignments. The academy will be held from July 15-19, 9:00 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday; and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Cost is \$30 per child and includes t-shirt, hat, all required materials and safety equipment, as well as water, snacks, and refreshments.

Karate

Pennsauken Township and Hwa-Rang Warriors Taekwondo Studio present summer karate at 5043 Westfield Ave. in Pennsauken. The objective of this camp is to use martial arts as a vehicle to build character, self-control, as well as respect for others. Children will receive a white belt on the last day of class. This camp, for children ages 5-13, is from July 22-26. Times are 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. for ages 5-8 and 11:00 a.m. to noon for ages 9-13. Cost is \$30 per child.

Multi-Media Art Creations

Explore an array of mediums in this art class that includes clay, fiber, paper, jewelry, and found objects. We will pick a theme for the week upon which our works will be created. Individual expression will be highly encouraged. This class is all about thinking outside the box. Class will be held at the Pennsauken Municipal Building Meeting Room July 22-26 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The fee for this one week program is \$45. For kids ages 7-13.

Sports

The Ike Willis Sports Camps are sponsored by the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Depart-

ment and will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Camps are open to all Pennsauken and Merchantville children ages 7-14. The dates for each program are as follows: Basketball – July 8-12; Tennis – July 15-19; Baseball and Softball – July 22-26. Cost is \$35 per week and each child receives a T-shirt at the end of each camp. Basketball Camp will be at Carson Elementary School, 4150 Garfield Ave. Tennis Camp will be held at the Green Top Tennis Court on River Rd. Baseball and Softball Camps will be at the Softball Complex behind the Pennsauken Police Station on Bethel Ave.

Theater

The annual and very popular Creative Theater Class returns again from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on July 29-Aug. 2 at the Burling Elementary, 3600 Harris Ave. Children, ages 7-14, will learn stage movement, vocal projection, character study and improvisational games. They will create their own story and perform it on video for friends and family on the last day of class. The cost is \$50 for the week; the program is operated by the Pennsauken Youth Summer Theater Program.

FOR ADULTS

Adult Horseshoe Program

This is not a club, no dues, just friendly competition. All Pennsauken residents are welcome to participate from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays behind the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. For additional information call Mike at (856) 488-5325, Al at (609) 220-0596 or the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department at (856) 665-1000 ext. 151.

Free Adult Tennis Lessons

Tennis lessons for Pennsauken adults 18 and up will be held at the green top tennis courts on River Rd. The classes will be from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. during July. Exact dates are to be an-

nounced. Instruction will be provided by a qualified tennis instructor. Space is limited, so don't delay. Call the Parks and Recreation Department for details.

Learn-To-Swim

If there is enough interest, there will be an adult learn-to-swim program for beginners and those who would like to work on breathing and stroke. Call the Parks and Recreation Department for details.

FOR FAMILIES

Join The Municipal Pool

The Parks and Recreation Department is accepting membership applications and fees for the 2019 pool season. The Municipal Pool, located at 6100 River Rd., is open to Pennsauken and Merchantville residents only and all applicants must provide a photo ID, current utility bill and birth certificate and report card for children. The pool is open noon to 8:00 p.m. on weekdays, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekends. Pool fees and other information are available through the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department.

TO REGISTER

Registration for most summer programs is ongoing at the Pennsauken Municipal Building, Rt. 130 and Merchantville Ave. Forms are available at the municipal building from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Program listings and downloadable registration forms are available at the Township web site: www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/summer-programs. For more information, contact the Department of Parks and Recreation at emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us or (856) 665-1000 ext. 151.

Food Bank Of South Jersey Announces Kathleen Horton As CFO

The Food Bank of South Jersey (FBSJ) has announced Kathleen Horton as CFO.

"I'm pleased to welcome Kathleen to the executive team," said Fred Wasiak, president and CEO, Food Bank of South Jersey. "Her strong financial background and experience with nonprofits will be a great asset to the Food Bank as we continue to expand our reach and help more people in need."

As CFO, Horton will be responsible for all aspects of financial planning, reporting, strategically managing accounting and financial products, and overseeing the information technology activities for FBSJ.

Since 1990, Horton provided leadership to nonprofit and for-profit compa-



Horton

nies on the East Coast. She has extensive experience in fiscal procedure and internal control assessment, risk management, reporting and regulatory compliance. Horton co-founded Holisticare Hospice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, with the mission to provide a higher level of hospice care to the patients served. She was responsible for managing the finance, human resource, information technology and compliance departments and sold the

companies in 2018.

A Cinnaminson resident, Horton holds a bachelor's of science degree in accounting from Rutgers University and

has an inactive CPA license, which will be active in two years. She is a member of the PICPA.

Pennsauken Farmer And Food Market Continues In July

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken's brand new Farmer and Food Market is continuing for the month of July. Held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, the Farmer and Food Market offers a retail marketplace where attendees can shop a variety of produce, crafts, and more.

"During the next few months, residents and visitors to our Township will be able to purchase a variety of fresh food items and other unique product offerings in an open market setting," says Elwood Martz, director, Pennsauken Township Parks and Recreation Department. "It's a great way to highlight local businesses and bring our community together."

The market will be held on both July



Pennsauken's Farmer and Food Market will be held on July 2 and 16 this month at the Township's Municipal Building.

2 and 16, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the Township Municipal Complex, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd.

For more information, visit "Pennsauken Farmer & Food Market" on Facebook.



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Pennsauken Native Supports Critical Navy Mission Half A World Away

By Mass Communication Specialist
1st Class Robert Zahn, Navy Office
of Community Outreach

Petty Officer 2nd Class Christopher Thomas, a native of Pennsauken, New Jersey, wanted to join the Navy like his father and grandfather did before him. Now, seven years later and half a world away, Thomas serves with Commander, Naval Forces Japan, supporting the Navy's mission in one of the world's busiest maritime regions and supporting U.S. 7th Fleet.

"I think it's great living here in Japan," said Thomas. "It can get busy sometimes but I have no complaints because everyone is so positive. I'm grateful to be here."

Thomas, a 2008 graduate of Pennsauken High School, is an operations specialist forward-deployed at a Navy installation in Yokosuka, Japan, 43 miles south of Tokyo.

"I am the building manager and fire warden at the command," said Thomas. "I also monitor messages for port visits in Yokosuka as well inform people of ship movements."

Thomas credits success in the Navy to lessons learned in Pennsauken.

"Hard work pays off," said Thomas. "It took me a long time to get into the



Thomas

Navy because I was overweight but to be here in Japan serving in the Navy, I'm grateful. I put the hard work in to get into the Navy and also to get back to Japan."

Commander, Naval Forces Japan, Navy Region Japan acts as the Navy representative and coordinator in the area of responsibility stretching from the southern tip of the Kamchatka peninsula to the northern tip of Taiwan and promotes operability and liaises with the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force. CNFJ/CNRJ delivers vital shore readiness capabilities to the fleet, fighter and family throughout the western Pacific and Indian Ocean by optimizing available resources.

"I like being in Japan and the fact that I'm living in a foreign country is great," said Thomas. "The base itself is great also because I feel like they provide a lot more services than other bases."

With more than 50 percent of the world's shipping tonnage and a third of the world's crude oil passing through the region, the United States has historic and enduring interests in this part of the world. The Navy's presence in Yokosuka is part of that long-standing commitment.

"The Navy is forward-deployed to provide security and strengthen relationships in a free and open Indo-Pacific. It's not just the ships and aircraft that have shown up to prevent conflict and promote peace," said Vice Adm. Phil

Sawyer, commander, U.S. 7th Fleet. "It is, and will continue to be our people who define the role our Navy plays around the world. People who've made a choice, and have the will and strength of character to make a difference."

Yokosuka boasts some of the largest and best of everything the Navy has to offer, according to Navy officials. More than 50 forward-deployed commands in Yokosuka support crucial operating forces, including military units from the United States Seventh Fleet, Commander Destroyer Squadron 15 and the only permanently forward-deployed aircraft carrier, USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76).

The challenge of providing extended service to the fleet overseas is met in a high operating tempo thanks to an exceptional U.S. and Japanese workforce, Navy officials explained. Yokosuka's strategic location and support capabilities allow operating forces to be 17 days closer to locations in Asia than their counterparts based in the continental United States.

Serving in the Navy means Thomas is part of a world that is taking on new importance in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of the National Defense Strategy.

A key element of the Navy the nation

needs is tied to the fact that America is a maritime nation, and that the nation's prosperity is tied to the ability to operate freely on the world's oceans. More than 70 percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water; 80 percent of the world's population lives close to a coast; and 90 percent of all global trade by volume travels by sea.

"Our priorities center on people, capabilities and processes, and will be achieved by our focus on speed, value, results and partnerships," said Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer. "Readiness, lethality and modernization are the requirements driving these priorities."

There are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community, and career. Thomas is most proud of accomplishing his first sea tour at his previous command.

"It was the most memorable, both positive and negative, experience but definitely worth it," said Thomas. "It makes me appreciate my job here and being in Japan."

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied upon assets, Thomas and other sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes contributing to the Navy the nation needs.

"I want to serve in the Navy to continue a proud family tradition," added Thomas.

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SENIORCORNER Keeping Cool: Summer Safety For Seniors

By Sonny DiSabato,
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Summer fun is finally here, but it also can pose some challenges for seniors.

Excessive hot and humid weather can be extremely tough on older people. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 61 percent of heat related deaths occur in Americans 55 years or older. Normally, the body has several ways to keep itself cool. Sweating is the most important of these; but as people grow older, their ability to sweat decreases. Seniors also tend not to get as thirsty, so they drink less water, which decreases sweating even further.

In addition, older people often take medications that interfere with sweating,

such as antihistamines, certain tranquilizers, and heart and blood pressure medications. It's important to speak with your physician about how medications can affect your ability to stay cool.

Seniors can protect themselves during hot weather by following some common sense tips to help keep cool:

- Stay hydrated; drink plenty of non-alcoholic and non-caffeinated beverages
- Eat a light, but well-balanced diet
- Wear appropriate clothing (lightweight, light-colored, and loose fitting) when headed outside; also make sure to put only plenty of sun block
- Pace yourself with both outdoor and indoor activities
- Stay cool indoors; find an air condi-

tioned place to stay for a few hours

- Take a cold shower or bath
- Schedule outdoor activities carefully; the sun's rays are the most damaging

between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

- Use the buddy system while working in the heat; keep a good eye on your "buddy" to make sure they don't get

overheated

I wish you good health and happiness. Keep our men and women serving in the Armed Forces in your prayers.

Local Baseball Team Donates Grill To VFW Post 1270

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Right before Memorial Day weekend, VFW Post 1270's grill took a walk. Regardless of the fact it was on it was its last legs, the Post relied on it for their annual barbeque with their fellow veterans, commiserating about their fellow soldiers that never made it home.

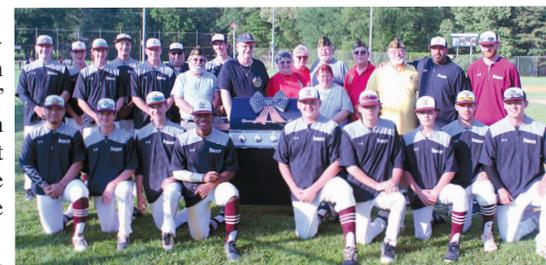
"It was kind of old. We think a scrap guy came by and just took it out of the cage," says Dan Brown, post commander, VFW Post 1270.

Enter the King's Christian High School baseball team, who plays regularly at the Walt Nigorski Sports Complex in Pennsauken. When word got out about the Post's problem, they stepped up to the plate, purchasing a brand new

grill for the veterans.

"We decided to donate a grill as a team and a high school," says Coach John Scanzano. "It's just a token of gratitude for everything they've done for us."

The Post's Memorial Day cookout was a home run, thanks to the donation from King's Christian. The vets plan to continue to put the grill to good use on Independence Day, cooking up hamburgers and hot dogs for first responders who are working that day. They've also invited the King's Christian



King's Christian High School's baseball team donated a brand new grill to VFW Post 1270 in Pennsauken

baseball team to join them, as a thank you for their generosity.

"It was very nice what they did for us. We loved it," says Brown. "We're very grateful!"

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GRAYMATTERS An Ongoing Ode To The Fabulous Jersey Tomato

By Judith Kristen,
AAP Columnist

This column is dedicated to one of my favorite summertime passions: Jersey tomatoes! One could say I have a propensity to lean toward the Jersey tomato, since I was born here... but that's not true!

I have travelled all over this beautiful planet and no other place has yet to match my official taste test: one big slice of tomato with salt, pepper and mayo on a sandwich. It is heaven for me... even if I hadn't been born a Jersey girl.

Now, I realize California and Florida, whose weather is warm enough all year round for a 365-day growing calendar, have nice tomatoes too. And, tomatoes in Europe, from Spain, Italy, and Belgium, are also lovely, but they still do not compare – not even close – to a good old tomato direct from my backyard here in Pennsauken.

This year, I'm growing them in huge pots, instead of in the ground as I usually

do, since I have a dog who likes to do a little "gardening" of her own out in the backyard.

Speaking of the gardening season, my dear friend, Shelly, is flying in for a visit from Los Angeles late next month; and in truth, I think it's as much to get an "up close" visit with a few of those fabulous reds from my garden as it is to see me.

As to why our tomatoes are so yummy? If you peruse the internet, you'll see that some people believe it's the soil here in New Jersey that creates the best tomatoes in America; others say it's our weather. So, what's the real deal?

Even though we live in the most populated state in the country, we have virtually no large commercial vegetable farmers – none who could come close to matching those huge commercial farms in Florida, California, or even down in Mexico.

I just read that Florida tomatoes are always picked green and then gassed with ethylene to give them that "normal" looking red color, right before

being shipped out across the country. In some cases, they're picked after a longer vine-ripening time-frame, but then they have to be refrigerated before they get shipped, which degrades some of the taste and nutrients from tomatoes every single time.

Our beloved local farmers can afford to allow for a longer ripening on the vine period, which will always lead to a juicier, yummier, and tastier tomato.

My mother often told me that IF I had to buy a store tomato, I was to close my eyes and give it a good whiff. And, if it didn't have that heavenly tomato fragrance, don't buy it!

So, lucky for us, our local farmers deliver the goods in more ways than one. And when they do make those much anticipated deliveries, keep these two things in mind: do not refrigerate your tomatoes and do not set them out on a sunny window sill when you bring them home. They only require sun while they're on the vine.

And, now that I'm bragging about all

things wonderful from the Garden State, let's add to that list actors Meryl Streep, John Travolta, and Bruce Willis. Also, our fabulously delicious Jersey corn, those mouth-watering blueberries, and on top of all that, we're the "Diner Capital of the World!"

And let us not forget Mr. Frank Sinatra ... oh, and that "other" blue-eyed kid

from Hoboken, who I believe was a singer. Ha ha.

And I certainly can't forget that we don't have to pump our own gas!

Life is good.

That said, peace and love and happy tomato-ing to one and all!

See you next month.

~Judy

Doggie Do's And Don'ts When Walking Your Four-Legged Friend

With the warm weather, more and more people are headed outside. Many of them take their four-legged friends with them. It's great exercise for both you and your dog, but taking your pooch for a trip around the neighborhood isn't always a walk in the park. Here are some important things to keep in mind when it's time for "walkies."

Regardless of how well behaved your pooch is, they need to be on a lease. The Township's ordinance states that if a dog, licensed or not, is on "any public street, avenue or highway, or in any public or quasi-public place, or upon property owned by a person other than the dog's owner, in the Township of Pennsauken," they have to a.) be led by a "chain, chord, thong, or other leash;" and b.) in the hands of a person that can lead and control the animal. It's a common sense rule designed for the safety of you and your dog, as well as other people and their pets.

When choosing a lease to walk your dog, avoid retractable leashes altogether. The length of these particular types of leashes make dogs difficult to control, especially in areas where there's a lot of traffic. They're also known to cause injuries to dogs and their owners.

If you really need a place for your dog to run around, Pennsauken Township has the Bow Wow Dog Park, located at 2601 Cooper Ave. The park has fenced in locations for both small- and large-sized dogs to run and play. Just make sure they're on a leash when you enter and leave.

If your dog does their "business" during a walk, you're responsible for cleaning up after them. There is a lot of bacteria in dog waste. If left lying around, water from rainstorms washes these pollutants directly into our waterways. Also, letting your dog poop where they want doesn't really add to the "curb appeal" of where we live, especially if folks step in the wrong place. There's an entire Township ordinance about it: 101-15, "Dogs creating a nuisance."

And with the hottest part of the year upon us, be sure to use some common sense when the temperatures reach into the 80s and 90s. A good rule of thumb is if it's too hot for you to be outside walking, it's too hot for your dog.

So the next time you're ready to go for a walk with your furry best friend, keep these tips in mind to make your trip a pleasurable and safe one.

Woman's Club Sponsoring Bus Trip To Mackinac Island

The Woman's Club of Merchantville is sponsoring a bus trip to Mackinac Island, Mich. from Sunday, Sept. 8, through Saturday, Sept. 14. This seven day, six night trip includes a stop at the Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio; as well as Frankenmuth, Mich., a Bavarian-like village, where attendees will enjoy a German, family-style dinner party. There will also be an opportunity to get dressed in aprons and learn how to make soft pretzels. And at the Ford Museum, guests will see the cars of the rich and famous; including the limo President Kennedy was in when assassinated.

Upon arrival at Mackinac Island, travelers will have lunch at the Grand Hotel, a carriage ride with a guide, and time for shopping. While there, guests have a choice of staying at the Grand Hotel or another Island hotel.

Prices vary from \$1,057 to \$2,144 per person, depending on the number of people in a room and the hotel on Mackinac Island. Money raised from this trip is used towards the Woman's Club's charitable donations.

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Carson Launches Space Day With NASA Guest

Dr. Lorraine Fesq, a former Carson Elementary student and PHS graduate, came back to her roots to inspire our students to reach for the stars! Dr. Fesq is a scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab and has worked on projects such as the Mars Rover. She shared some of her work with the students, who were thrilled to meet a NASA scientist who began her education at Carson Elementary.



Graduating Seniors Visit Schools In Cap And Gown



Graduating seniors from Pennsauken High School's Class of 2019 visited all of the District's elementary and middle school students in cap and gown to celebrate their accomplishments and to inspire Pennsauken's children.

Graduating seniors from Pennsauken High School's Class of 2019 visited all of the District's elementary and middle school students to walk the halls in cap and gown, see their former teachers and encourage young students to set goals for their own graduation.

The young students cheered on and congratulated the high school seniors in a parade-like atmosphere.

Thank you to all of the staff and students who made the annual PHS "Grad Walk" a big success!

Intermediate Students Perform "Press Start" For Classmates



The Intermediate School's cast of "Press Start," a new children's musical.

Our Pennsauken Intermediate School family was thrilled to be treated to a musical theatre production of "Press Start," a new children's musical. The cast of fourth and fifth graders portrayed their favorite video game icons on a quest to earn enough gold rings to allow everyone to get back into game play.

The heroes, sidekicks, and villains came together as never before in songs and dances to entertain the video gam-

ing world who donated gold rings to save our cast of characters.

The short production time was a challenge for our dedicated student ensemble, who brought the story to life to the amusement of their audiences and themselves; they also learned valuable lessons in acting, choreography, and music, which will migrate along their education through Howard Phifer Middle School and Pennsauken High School.



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Excelsior! Intermediate Art Students Explore The World Of Marvel Comics



Art students from the Pennsauken Intermediate School visited the Marvel exhibit at The Franklin Institute.

Students from the Pennsauken Intermediate School Art Club, led by art teacher Mrs. Ford, attended the "Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes" exhibit at The Franklin Institute. The exhibit showcased rare comics and artwork, ranging from the handmade drawings of some of the original comic books, to original fine art pieces inspired by the characters.

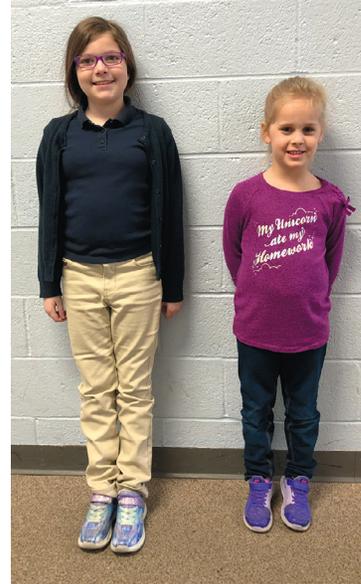
During the visit, students were asked to complete a series of drawing of things that inspired them throughout the exhibit. The students had an amazing time exploring the world and work of Marvel!

Carson Students Enjoy Buddy Day



Each month, students partnered with another class to engage in an activity to help generate community and friendship among students. Students from Ms. Kos and Ms. DeMarco's classes are shown here enjoying their "Buddy Day," playing a learning game with each other. Carson students look forward to Buddy Days and this monthly event will be extended in the upcoming school year.

Franklin Students Do A Fabulous Job With Kids Heart Challenge



Every year, Benjamin Franklin Elementary School practices and prepares for Jump Rope for Heart, now called the Kids Heart Challenge, for the American Heart Association. The students and their families have always made generous donations to this wonderful cause. This year, two students went above and beyond. Preschooler Skyler Noel raised \$557; and second grader Sophia Perez contributed \$290. These were the top two individual fundraisers, bringing the school's total donation to \$3,102!

The students were very excited to jump rope, hula hoop, hurdle, dance, limbo and raise money for kids with sick hearts! We're so proud of all of them!

Franklin students Sophia Perez and Skyler Noel did a fabulous job fundraising for this year's Kids Heart Challenge.

Delair Holds Fourth Annual Art Show



Students at Delair showcased their artistic talents during the school's fourth annual art show.

Phifer Participates In Junior Model UN Club

Phifer Middle School has just completed their second full year as part of the World Affairs Council Junior Model UN Club. In this club, students take on the roles of delegates from various countries where they debate, compromise and tackle the issues surrounding our world today!

We have seen a huge growth in student interest, as we jumped from nine

members last year to 20 this year! Students from Phifer had a tremendous showing at this year's summative conference, held at Temple University.

Phifer walked away with nine superlative awards, including four outstanding position papers (Nichole Quick, Dalia Abou Harb, Cassandra Nicdao, and Dannie Hyunh); four outstanding student delegates and delegations (Christopher Friere, Kaitlyn Thach, Dalia Abou Harb, and Zinaya Ruiz; and one outstanding traditional dress (Juliana Parilla).

We are beyond proud of our student delegates and look forward to continue



Twenty students from Phifer Middle School participated in this year's Junior Model UN Club.

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Pennsauken High School Students Receive Well-Deserved Awards

Pennsauken High School held its Senior Awards Night for the Class of 2019 on Thursday, June 13. Over 180 awards were presented to the deserving scholars. The parents, teachers, administrators, and members of Pennsauken's Board of Education are extremely proud of the accomplishments of the honored students.

45th Street Pub Award

Giovani Mateo

Administrators' Association of Pennsauken Award

Siani Gadden
Frederica Nsubuga

Advanced Spanish Award

Richard Rodriguez

All Sports Booster Club Athletic Volunteerism Scholarship

Thomas Dyer
Jason Le
Anmarie Lebron
Kamille Parker
Katlin Soriano

All Sports Booster Club Marie Giebel Scholarship

Arthur Carter
Kayla Fisher
Jada Gabri-El
Justin Gould

American Legion of Camden County Award

Annaliese DiVito
Isaiah Norman

American Legion Military Excellence Award

Anmarie Lebron

American Legion Scholastic Award

Jessica Stafford

Andrew F. Kelly Memorial Award

Bryanna Carey

Ann Dillon Memorial Fund Scholarship

Dairon Estevez

Apache Band Booster Association Award

Thomas Dyer
David Laporte

Apache Band Booster Association Cramer Award

Vincent Foley

Apache Band Booster Association Matt Henkel Award

David Laporte
Davis Tran

Apache Band Booster Association Reitz Family Award

Thomas Dyer
David Laporte

Apache Band Booster Association Rendle Willgoos Award

Thomas Dyer

Benjamin Franklin PTA Award

Kayla Fisher
Jimmy Le

Carson School PTA Award

Davis Tran
Kieu Vo

Corporal Frederick William Grigg Memorial Award

Jose Santos
Jessica Stafford

Delair School PTA Award

Jasmine Edwards
Selena Morales

Delia Ford Brown Textbook Scholarship

Samir Corbett-Parker

Democratic Club of Pennsauken

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Katlin Soriano

Dennis Armento Memorial Award

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Raymond Simmons

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Hailey Eisenhower

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Michelle Thach

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Evening Membership Department of the Woman's Club of Merchantville Sandy DeSimone Memorial Scholarship

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Thomas Dyer

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Jada Gabri-El

George Norcross III Scholarship

Jimmy Le

Griffith Morgan Committee

Social Studies Award

Joshua Notz
Frederica Nsubuga

Hope Kwochka Award

Kyana Nunez

James David Hutton Memorial Scholarship

Davis Tran

Jane B. Wellenbeck Continuing Education Scholarship

Hailey Eisenhower

Jeanne Thompson Memorial Award

Jason Le

Joe Cataldo Memorial Scholarship

David Charris

John L. Harbison Award

Dairon Estevez

John W. Partridge Spirit Award

Thomas Tran

Joseph Manghan Award

Christina Kim
Sergio Palillero

Kiwanis Club of Pennsauken

Industrial Arts Award
Lenny Nguyen

Kiwanis Club of Pennsauken

Instrumental Music Award
Davis Tran

Kurt R. Klaus Soccer Scholarship

Thomas Dyer
Erica Padilla
Vivian Uricoechea

Latin Award

Jimmy Le

Lafino Award

Dimaris Diaz
Katlin Soriano

Mark A. Lilley Memorial Scholarship

David Laporte
Jessica Stafford

Meg Snyder Nursing Scholarship

Michelle Thach

MPWC Frank Gail Memorial Award

Davis Tran

MPWC Rocco J. Maroccio Memorial Award

Tien Tran

MPWC Walter V. Kurkian Memorial Award

Kayla Weathers

MPWC William C. Davis Memorial Award

Jada Gabri-El

Park Avenue Campus PTA Award

Dairon Estevez
Frederica Nsubuga

Pennsauken Custodian, Ground and Maintenance Local 2300 Award

Nathanael Baez
Dimaris Diaz

Pennsauken High School Class of 1978 Award

Ngan Chiem
Dairon Estevez

Pennsauken High School Class of 1988 Reunion/Alumni Committee Award

David Do
Katy Kha

Pennsauken High School Leo Club Award

Ngan Chiem
Dairon Estevez

Pennsauken High School PTA Award

Lisa Do
Analitz Hernandez-Soriano
Doshjinira Love
Ashley Thomas

Pennsauken Historical Society Social Studies Award

Jamilka Cruz DeJesus

James DeMarco

Pennsauken Lions Club Award

Ngan Chiem
Kayla Fisher

Pennsauken Lions Club Lois V. Rossi Memorial Award

Kelly Luu

Pennsauken Stages Award

David Charris
Annaliese DiVito

Pennsauken Youth Athletic Activities (PYAA) Award

Jasmine Edwards
Joshua Notz

Pennsauken Zone PTA

Ngan Chiem
Katy Kha
Tien Tran

Pennsauken/Merchantville Rotary Club

Andy Andreola Award

Ngan Chiem

Pepsi-Cola Company Award

David Do
Rachel Jeff-Macauley

Phi Beta Kappa Book Award

Ngan Chiem

Raymond F. Wiggins Jazz Scholarship

Thomas Dyer
Vincent Foley

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Jasmine Edwards
Coral Martinez-Contreras
Isaiah Norman
Frederica Nsubuga
Jaelon Roman
Tony Truong

Renaissance Scholarship – 11 Cards

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Bryanna Carey
David Charris
Antony DeMarco
Dimaris Diaz
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Katy Kha
Christina Kim
Jimmy Le
Maseray Massaquoi
Selena Morales
Loc Pham
Richard Rodriguez
Gabriel Serrano
Michelle Thach
Vivian Uricoechea

Renaissance Scholarship – 12 Cards

Cyanne Alvelo
Humberto Cabrera Ortega
Ngan Chiem

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Jason Le
Felix Liu
Kelly Luu

Briana Maddah-Rafeh
Giovani Mateo
Sebastian Mercado
Kathy Nguyen
Lenny Nguyen
Jessica Stafford
Davis Tran
Kieu Vo

Retired Teachers of Pennsauken High School Award
Hailey Eisenhower
Kieu Vo

Robert D. Orr Award
Jason Le

Robert "Ike" Willis Departmental Career-Technical Education Award
Lenny Nguyen

Robert "Ike" Willis Departmental Health and Physical Education Award
Joshua Notz

Robert "Ike" Willis Departmental Language Arts/World Language Award
Dairon Estevez

Robert "Ike" Willis Departmental Mathematics Award
Isaiah Norman

Robert "Ike" Willis Departmental Science Award
Davis Tran

Robert "Ike" Willis Departmental Social Studies Award
Ngan Chiem

Robert "Ike" Willis Departmental Special Education Award
Felix Liu

Robert "Ike" Willis Departmental Visual/Performing Arts Award
David Charris

Robert "Ike" Willis Memorial Scholarship Female Athlete Award
Vivian Uricoechea

Robert "Ike" Willis Memorial Scholarship Male Athlete Award
Jaelon Roman

Robert R. Nicholson Award
Maseray Massaquoi

Stone Opportunity Scholarship
Kathy Nguyen

William Brey Memorial Scholarship
Coral Martinez-Contreras

William Sia Award
Brian Delgado

Woman's Club of Merchantville Community and Citizenship Award
Sara Farhat

Woman's Club of Merchantville Creative Art Award
Cyanne Alvelo

Woman's Club of Merchantville Education Department Award
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Delair Students Perform Spring Musical

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Freshman Orientation Held August 27-29

Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd., is holding its Freshman Orientation from Aug. 27-29. This very important program is for new ninth graders attending Pennsauken High School for the 2019-2020 school year and their parents/guardians.

Freshman Orientation is a two-part program. The first is a three-night orientation for students, Aug. 27, 28, and 29, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., designed for incoming freshman to Pennsauken High School. Students will meet and work with teachers, guidance counselors, coaches and senior leaders. Students are required to attend all three nights.

The second part of the orientation is a two-night parent orientation, Aug. 27 and 28, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., where parents/guardians will meet with teachers, administrators, and guidance counselors. They will choose workshops designed to their answer their questions and address their needs.

To register for orientation, visit <http://bit.ly/2MQ3dUE> and fill out the online form.

Congratulations To Pennsauken High School's Graduating Class Of 2019!

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Sherlin Altamirano Zamora	Kendal Davidson-Mosley	Jaylene Jaquez Valdez	Nyeisha Morris	Jose Santos
Cyanne Alvelo	Malachi Davis	Randy Jardel	Owen Muller	Gabriel Serrano
Alicia Anderson	Brian Delgado	*!Rachel Jeff-Macauley	Carla Muniz Gonzalez	Gabriel Sherry
Jocelynn Andrews	Antony DeMarco	Christian Jimenez	Sean Nanni	Raymond Simmons
Ramon Andujar	James DeMarco	Robert Jimenez	Eric Neal	Raja Simpson
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Justin Arvelo	Dimaris Diaz	Khamir Johnson	Barry Nelson-White	Amiya Smith
Kenedi Atwell	Kimberly Diaz	Larren Jones	!Jenny Ngeth	Keyoura Smith
Jose Azcona	*Annaliese DiVito	Shi-Teya Jones	Jennifer Nguyen	CallieJo Smotherman
Nathanael Baez	*!David Do	Ryan Kauffman	*!Kathy Nguyen	Dominique Sobolewski
Bryan Baldwin	!Lisa Do	Vincent Kayode	Kevin Nguyen	*Katlin Soriano
Shawn Baltodano	Nasere Dorsey	Tyler Kent	Kevin K. Nguyen	*!Jessica Stafford
Tomaya Barnes	Dainier Duncan	!Katy Kha	!Lenny Nguyen	Torrie Stewart
Jaden Barr	Alexander Duong	Harley Kilian	Sang Nguyen	Jaqwa Styles
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Pryce Bates	Ramon Duval	Christina Kim	Theo Nguyen	Darrien Tabb
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Taking A Journey To Address Abandoned And Vacant Properties

By Tracey Howarth,
Pennsauken Township

I've been told that rushing into something just to get to the good part deprives you of the value of the journey and the things you can learn along the way. Patience and flexibility will allow you to enjoy the journey and maybe teach you things that you would otherwise never learn.

Over the years, I've read many books on this topic and there are a few common messages, one of which is to always keep in mind the reason the journey began in the first place. Another is everyone needs to learn to embrace change. Lastly, every good journey needs a good plan.

Having a plan, setting a goal, identifying the obvious changes, and anticipating as many obstacles as you can, is the first place to start. Never abandon your plan. Adjust as you need to, but stay true to what you set your sights on. It will be worth it in the end.

Be flexible. As in any situation that involves change, you just don't know what adjustments may need to happen along the way. Your time line may need adjusting because of some unforeseen issue or the funding that you were counting on may no longer be available. Flexibility can get you over those hurdles.

Clear and honest communication is

critical. When people know where they stand and where they're going, they will work through the obstacles with you. When people want to be a part of your journey, they will always find a way to understand the obstacles and to make sure that you know, no matter what happens, they don't want out; they want to be a part of the journey. The plan you put in place is their plan as well; they are in this with you over the long term, no matter what happens along the way.

You're probably wondering, why this article is talking about journeys and change? It's because our program has been through a lot, with more to come. We started our journey with very defined goals. Once achieved, we reset our expectations on what this program could accomplish for the Township.

We now have an online rental registration program. Year to date, that program has generated 90 more rental registrations then we had a year ago for that same time frame.

The next step of that program is to identify all unregistered properties, either rental or vacant. Our partners at ProChamps have mailed out postcards to all "Not Owner Occupied" (NOO) properties. An NOO can be identified as: the owner's address on the deed is different than the property being identified;

the utilities for the property are being paid by someone other than the owner; and/or the property was found as a rental listing on the MLS records, to mention a few.

One of the benefits to this has been helping property owners correct the mailing address on their property deed. It has also given us the opportunity to ensure that people who are planning on selling their property have a clear understanding of what is required by the Township to ensure they are ready for closing.

We took the advice of a concerned citizen and put a new grass cut program in place. So far, so good. We have been able to control our expenses and make a bigger impact within each neighborhood. We've also started a grass cut hotline, giving our residents a direct line to getting the problem properties in their neighborhoods addressed quicker. If you would like to tell us about a problem

property in your neighborhood, please call (856) 665-1000 ext. 144.

We've started demolishing some of the town's most dilapidated structures. You may have seen the two houses that were on the corner of Chapel and Magnolia Ave. are now gone. We worked with the banks that owned those properties and negotiated the demolition at no cost to the Township. The removal of these properties has cleaned up that space and made it easier to see the oncoming traffic.

We are also working on the buildable vacant lots in town. Whether it is a business or residential opportunity, it is our goal to turn those lots into productive use.

So, the journey continues with more to come. With each step, there has been change; some small, some significant. Some easy, some more complicated; but in the end, we had the support and backing of our Committee members and Township leaders. It has taken the partnerships of almost all of the Township's departments and some great concerned citizens to get us this far in our journey. Be sure to stay tuned for the next steps.

Remember, nothing is impossible. With the right mind set, a good plan, some flexibility, clear and honest communication, and a lot of patience, anything is possible and everything will work out in the end.

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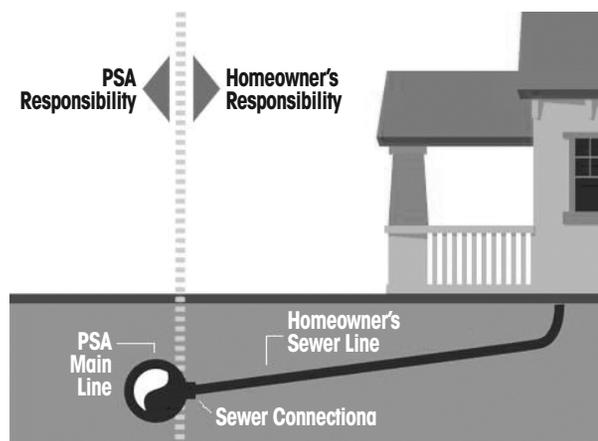
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FOOD ADVENTURES

By Rachael Shugars, AAP Columnist

For this month's column, I visited Weber's Drive In, located at 6019 Lexington Ave. in Pennsauken, which is super accessible from Rt. 38. They are open every day of the week from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 or 9:00 p.m. I decided to take my son for his first visit on a Saturday right around lunchtime. There were a ton of people there, but we found a great spot to park and enjoy our food.

We decided to order a cheeseburger,



Weber's Drive In, located at 6019 Lexington Ave. in Pennsauken, delivers great burgers, fries, and more with a nostalgic, soda shop feel.

Pennsauken's Ramos And K9 Mala Complete Training



Congratulations to Ptl. Linette Ramos and Pennsauken's first female canine, K9 Mala! After 16 weeks of training, Ptl. Ramos and K9 Mala began their first shift last month and are currently serving the Pennsauken community.

Weber's Drive In Offers Tasty Fare With A Nostalgic Feel

fries, a root beer, and an apple juice. Everything came out pretty quickly and my son was fascinated at the fact that they place a tray on your car window to hold your food. I think part of the fun of going to Weber's when I was younger was the fact that you got to have a "car picnic," as my son calls it. I also remember being nervous about the food falling off the window, but I have since learned that the tray setup is pretty secure.

The burger was simple and juicy. It comes with the basic tomato, lettuce and onion. The fries were cooked pretty perfectly and were crispy and hot. The root beer tasted just as I remember from when I was younger. I even let my son try some since it was his first Weber's visit. If you have a sweet tooth, add a scoop of ice cream and enjoy a Weber's root beer float.

Prices are pretty standard for a more

unique dining experience like this. The menu is uncomplicated and you can get hot dogs, hamburgers, fries and even a loved New Jersey staple, pork roll and cheese. There is also a fun but simple selection of milkshakes like a black cow (chocolate) or a black and white (chocolate and vanilla mixed). Service is also pretty top notch. The employees here are quick and friendly, so you won't be sitting

around waiting too long.

I recommend a visit to Weber's more than anything for that nostalgic feel you get, like you've stepped back in time to the old soda shop days, where a burger and a shake were the perfect hangout meal. This is also a stellar place to dine in these warm summer days.

Visit for the food or the fun experience, but always enjoy your Food Adventures!

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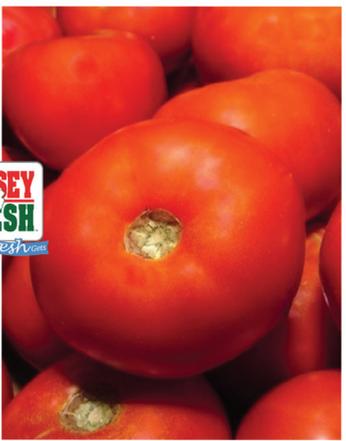
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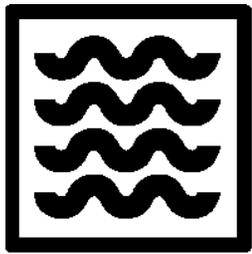
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MPWC Presents G. Burton German Jr. Award



Sophia Honigfeld, seen here with Merchantville Mayor Ted Brennan and Greg German, is the first recipient of the G. Burton German, Jr. Award.

The G. Burton German, Jr. Award is proudly presented by the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission to a graduating high school senior who is a Merchantville resident, in recognition of their character and commitment to community

services.

In 1976, Mr. German was appointed to the position of Commissioner for the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission. He served as commissioner with four others who were responsible for

maintaining the provision of safe drinking water to the Borough, the majority of Pennsauken, the western portion of Cherry Hill, and a small section in the City of Camden. He served in the capacities of secretary, vice-president, president, and then treasurer, where he served until retiring in 2018 as the longest-seated Commissioner, completing 42 and a half years of service on the Commission. He passed away in April of that year.

Mr. German could best be characterized as a gentleman, a professional, and a statesman. He spent his adulthood as the definition of a consummate public servant. This award is intended to be granted to an individual who demonstrates high moral character, integrity, and commitment to their community.

It was therefore the MPWC's distinct honor to present the first G. Burton German, Jr. Award to Sophia Honigfeld on May 28. In attendance to present the award were Mr. German's son, Greg, Merchantville Mayor Ted Brennan, and MPWC COO Michael Saraceni.

Consumer Confidence Report

We are pleased to report that during the past year, the water delivered to your home or business complied with or exceeded all state and federal drinking water requirements.

Our annual Consumer Confidence Report has been completed. This edition covers all testing completed from January through December 2018. We are proud to inform you that our compliance with all state and federal drinking water laws remains exemplary. As always, we are committed to delivering the best quality drinking water. We remain vigilant in meeting the challenges of source water protection, water conservation, and community education, while continuing to serve the needs of all our water users.

The MPWC no longer mails individual copies of the Consumer Confidence Report to customers. It is available electronically, on our website, by following the link on your water bill or by visiting www.gemgrp.com/ereports/MPWC2018CCR.pdf.

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Phifer Eighth Graders Promoted To High School Class Of 2023

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were unforgettable,” added Ms. Sandra Allen, principal at Howard M. Phifer Middle School.

During the promotion exercises, over 40 students were recognized with various awards. New this year was the Robin Goebel Memorial Award, presented in memory of Mrs. Goebel, who spent her 34-year career in Pennsauken Public Schools. The first-ever recipient of the award was Nazir Ben-Yehudah.

After the awards was the official introduction of students. Each eighth grader stood when their name was called; and each was met with cheers and applause from their loved ones. This was followed by an entertaining speech by Nicholas Bonilla. In between humorous anecdotes, Nick expressed the appreciation he and his fellow classmates for their teachers.

“The vast amount of knowledge that we hold today is due to the hard work and commitment of our teachers. Without your time, support, and dedication, this day would not be possible. So on behalf of all the eighth graders being

promoted from Phifer Middle School, we all thank you.”

Pennsauken School District Superintendent Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi then took the opportunity to recognize the parents and teachers that helped prepare these students for high school and beyond. He also encouraged the Class of 2023 to continue to work hard in order to achieve their goals.

“The last four years, we’ve put everything at your fingertips. Your future depends on you on how hard you’re planning on working. And judging by this class, they’re going to be great.”

The superintendent was followed by Diane Johnson, vice president of the Pennsauken Board of Education, who recognized the achievements of these

outstanding young people and challenged them to take a more active role in what comes next.

“Today is the beginning from where you move from youth to young adult. You are now participants in the decisions for your future.”

To close out the ceremony, the eighth grade chorus, under the direction of Ms. Dyan Conklin, sang “Man in the Mirror.” The lyrics of the song had a poignant message for the students: “If you want to make the world a better place, just look at yourself and make a change.”

Emboldened by these messages of hope and encouragement, Pennsauken’s new ninth graders processed out of the gymnasium, excited to begin high school as the Class of 2023.

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HEALTHYLIFESTYLES

By Suzette Price, RN, ASN, IKCN,
Pennsauken Township Board of Health

Depression is a mood disorder that ranges widely in severity. If you have a milder case, you may struggle with persistent feeling of sadness, irritability, anger, loss of interest, and fatigue that can last for weeks or longer. Depression can interfere with your daily life and relationships.

Depression affects how you feel, think and behave and can lead to a variety of emotional and physical problems. You may have trouble doing normal day-to-day activities, and sometimes you may feel as if life isn't worth living.

Some other intense symptoms can cause lack of appetite and weight loss, sleep problems, and frequent thoughts of death or suicide.

Dealing With Depression: Awareness, Action Are Key

Symptoms Of Depression

- Insomnia or sleeping a lot more/not wanting to get up
- Irritability
- Loss of interest in activities that used to be enjoyable/not wanting to leave the house
- Hopelessness
- Persistent thoughts of something bad happening
- Thoughts of death or suicide or suicide attempts
- In very severe cases, psychotic symptoms, such as hallucinations or delusions
- Inability to take care of oneself, such as eating, bathing, or fulfilling family or work responsibilities
- Unexplained physical problems, such

as back pain or headaches

How To Combat Depression

There's no sure way to prevent depression. However, these strategies may help.

Take steps to control stress, to increase your resilience and boost your self-esteem. For example, try walking 30-60 minutes a day, especially out in the sunshine.

Reach out to family and friends, especially in times of crisis, to help you

weather rough spells.

Get treatment at the earliest sign of a problem to help prevent depression from your physician.

Allow yourself to be angry. This can be healthy when you're depressed, even if the people around you don't like it. You can tell when the anger is healthy because it will feel good. Remember though, choosing to be angry and what you are angry about is no one else's fault,

so don't beat up others with your anger.

Pay attention to those things that feel good. You'll notice that if a problem truly requires your attention at any given time, it will feel good to focus on it.

Always consult your doctor if you are depressed or have any thoughts of harming yourself or others. The phone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 1-800-273-8255.

Pennsauken Native's Book Encourages Boys And Girls To Embrace Their Curls

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

A children's book written by Pennsauken native Evita Giron lets little boys and girls know that having curly hair is a wonderful thing.

"The Girl with the Magical Curls," written by Giron and illustrated by California-based artist Rayah James, was a story she wrote to empower children who don't come close to having straight hair, like her daughter, Tatiana, who is the basis of the main character. The book is also inspired in part by a 2015 advertising campaign.

"Dove came out with the 'Love Your Curls' campaign, highlighting a bunch of products for women with curly hair," explains Giron, who lived in Pennsauken for 30 years and is a member of Pennsauken High School's Class of 2000. "There's not many children's

books that are out that allow kids to embrace their curly hair."

"The Girl with the Magical Curls" tells the story of Tatiana, a little girl who doesn't like her curly hair, especially on "wash day," until she uses a magical bottle of hair oil that gives her curls some special "Rapunzel-like" abilities. Not only does Tatiana's opinion about curly hair change, she's inspired to be more helpful to her family and friends.

"I would love for readers to walk away with a positive self image about themselves and to know that they can be of service to others," says Giron.

Evita is hoping that this isn't her only foray into children's literature. She has plans to make this book the first in a series of stories.

"I'd love to tell some new adventures



Pennsauken native Evita Giron has written her first children's book, "The Girl with the Magical Curls." She's pictured here with her daughter, Tatiana, who is the inspiration behind the main character of the story.

with these characters."

"The Girl with the Magical Curls" is available for purchase on Amazon and BarnesAndNoble.com. For more information about Evita's work, visit CurlyVita.com.

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Camden County Honors 2019 Best Of Class



The Camden County Board of Freeholders honored 234 senior students as "Best of Class of 2019" during an awards ceremony in May.

On May 13, the Camden County Board of Freeholders honored 234 senior students who attend 34 public and nonpublic high schools throughout Camden County as "Best of Class of 2019" during the 21st annual awards presentation.

"We are proud to recognize seniors from every high school in Camden County who have demonstrated pride in academic achievement and strive to improve themselves while helping others in their communities," said Freeholder Deputy Director Ed McDonnell.

The Freeholder Board's "Best of Class" awards honor students in seven categories: most courageous, community service, leadership, performing arts, most

improved, school spirit and best overall.

Several students from Pennsauken High School were recognized during the ceremony:

- School Spirit Award: Thomas Dyer
- Performing Arts Award: David Charris
- Most Improved Student: Mostsaly Kim
- Most Courageous Student: Isaiah

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- Leadership Award: Jose Santos III
- Community Service Award: Jessica Stafford
- Best Overall Student: Ngan Chiem

Recognized students were presented with a Camden County Best of Class Medal that they could proudly wear at their high school graduation ceremonies to signify their achievement.

PYACT Performs "Disney's Frozen Junior" July 26-28

Pennsauken Youth Action Committee's performances of "Disney's Frozen Jr." will be held on Friday, July 26, through Sunday, July 28, at Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd.

Adapted for children ages 7 to 14, "Disney's Frozen Jr." is based on the popular 2018 Broadway musical and brings the memorable characters and songs from the highly popular animated film onstage.

A story of true love and acceptance between sisters, "Frozen Jr." expands



upon the emotional relationship and journey between Princesses Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood.

Performances will be at the Pennsauken High School in the facility's air-conditioned auditorium/music room. Evening performances will be held on Friday and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. Matinees will be on Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for children, \$8 for adults and will be available for purchase at the door.

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GOING GREEN Soap Making A Fun And Clean Summer Project

By Kathleen Harvey, AAP Columnist

Now that summer is upon us, we're outside playing in the sun, sand, and gardens. This outdoor play leads to sweat and grime accumulating on us and our clothing. Consider making your own soap to get clean; it's easy, frugal, creative, and fulfilling. There's something satisfying about taking a bar of your own homemade soap into the bath or shower with you.

Whether you are looking for a more natural alternative to commercial soap, which can be irritating to sensitive skin, or are a creative person looking for a new adventure, making soap is fun and not too complicated. Homemade soap has character. It smells good, feels good, and can make a nice present for friends and family.

Making soap is a basic chemical reaction between fats or oils and lye. Carefully choose a combination of quality oils, add your favorite fragrance or essential oils, swirl in a lively colorant, and your soap

suddenly takes on that charming character that commercially manufactured soap can't even begin to compete with.

There are four basic methods for making soap. The easiest is called melt and pour, which is a process where pre-made blocks of soap are melted, and fragrance is added to customize the base for personal taste. Cold processing is the most common method of making soap from scratch with oils and lye. Hot processing is a variation of the cold process method, where the soap is cooked in a crockpot or oven. Re-batching is grinding up bars or leftover pieces of soap, adding milk or water, and re-blending them.

Each method has pros, cons, and variations. Regardless of the method chosen, be sure to use utensils, pots, and pans dedicated to soap making, since ingredients are not edible. Residue leftover from soap making should never be combined with food. Second hand pots, pans, and utensils can be purchased inexpensively at thrift stores, and kept segregated

from those used to prepare food. Safety goggles and dish gloves are good precautions as well.

Reviewing the basics of the two most popular methods, melt and pour and cold process, will help to decide which approach is appropriate for you.

Melt and pour soap making with a melt and pour base is like making a cake with a cake mix. What you lose in control of your ingredients and customization of your recipe, you make up for in safety, ease, and convenience. This is a good approach for beginners, before moving on to more complex methods. With melt and pour soap making, pre-made blocks of uncolored, unscented soap base are purchased from a craft store or soap supplier. The soap base is melted in a double boiler. When the soap is fully melted, add fragrance and color. Pour into a mold, and voilà, you're done. The soap is ready to use as soon as it hardens.

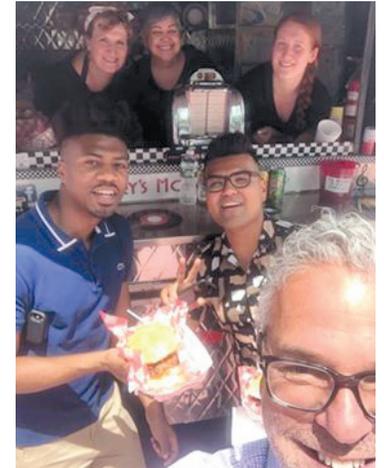
Cold process soap making is a little more complicated and requires learning

a few techniques of the craft first. Heat the oils in your soap pot until they're approximately 100 degrees, measuring the temperature with a deep fry thermometer. Slowly add a lye and water mixture and blend until it thickens. Add fragrance, color, and additives and pour it into the mold. The raw soap will take about 24 hours to harden and about four additional weeks to cure before it's ready to use. While the newly made soap is curing, wrap the pieces in scraps of material tied with bits of ribbon and tuck them into dresser drawers to provide a wonderful fragrance each time the drawer is opened.

Whichever method is chosen, you can make great soap. Work patiently and follow the instructions closely, which are readily available on the internet. Once you're familiar with the basic steps, you'll be able to let your creative inspirations flow and make all sorts of wonderful soap creations.

Have a safe, clean summer!

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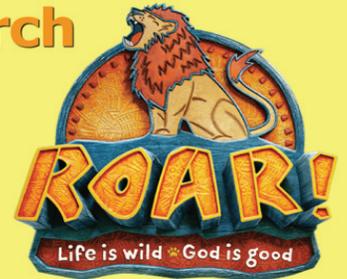
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"On behalf of the Board of Education, administration, faculty, and students, we are honored that you are here to celebrate the achievements of these outstanding young people," said Gregory T. Munford, Jr., principal of the Pennsauken School District's alternative school. "It is my privilege to introduce to you the Class of 2019."

JoAnn Young, member of the Pennsauken Township Board of Education, officially certified that the seniors had met all the requirements set forth by the District and the State of New Jersey.

"By the power invested in me, I hereby declare the Class of 2019 to be graduates of Pennsauken High School, with all honor, entitlements, and bears."

Young went on to say that the graduates had been given all of the academic tools necessary to arrive at this moment; and that when the ceremony was over,

each one of them would continue to build on that foundation. But this wonderful accomplishment was just the beginning.

"What you have already learned is just the launching point to your future. But the world is a much bigger place; and it's easy to lose focus and forget the fundamentals that will make your life truly a contented one," said Young. "There are two aspects of life that I want to share with you that I hope you take to heart and find helpful. They are being thankful and being committed to doing the right thing."

After an amazing performance of the song, "This is Me," by members of Pennsauken High School's Double Dozen, directed by Kate Brown and Dyan Conklin, the crowd heard from two student speakers: Dairon Estevez, valedictorian; and Ngan Chiem, saluto-

rian, both of whom reflected on the last four years, the future that awaited them, and the loved ones, teachers, and classmates who helped them prepare for the steps ahead.

Estevez has the distinction of following in the footsteps of his brother, Ronald, who was valedictorian of Pennsauken High School's Class of 2018. Having siblings go back-to-back as valedictorian is an accomplishment that has never happened before in the history of the District.

"To my brother, Ronnie, thank you for coming down from Hoboken to see me graduate," said Estevez, who will be attending Columbia University in the fall. "You stood in my valedictory shoes just one year before me. Thank you for being my role model, to being a friend, and for giving me really great advice."

"The last four years of my life have been memorable and the next four will be daunting, but I am sure, exhilarating. I am not the only one who has ever been scared to leave home for college, the military, or the workforce after high school. It will not be easy for us as young adults, nor will it be easy for our parents, who

will miss us when we go. After all, this is what makes graduation so intensely bitter-sweet. We are all leaving here tonight with a community, achievement, and a significant contribution to be what 'Pennsauken Pride' will be to future generations."

Ngan Chiem spoke about her experience visiting her "future home," Princeton University, and keeping the perspective on what this opportunity truly means to her.

"As a child of Vietnamese immigrants, I've grown up knowing hard work is the only currency the poor have to give ourselves a better future," said Chiem. "I've worked incredibly hard for Princeton, but never once did it escape me that a million things had to go right for me to be where I am today. That I'm not so much a smart person, though I've grown more confident in that leap over the years, than I am a lucky one to have the right people in my life, who have encouraged and inspired me to work hard and have shaped me into the woman I am today."

"To my fellow classmates, I know we've all shared the same hallways for four years; we've all asked each other for

a ride at one point; and we've all swapped jokes with our friends at the lunch table, laughing as if we'll always have another Monday together. Or maybe we laughed because we were so grateful to have this one. We might not stay in touch, but that's the beauty of friendships. They don't need to last forever to change your life, to give you the courage to walk towards the future."

Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, superintendent of schools for the Pennsauken School District, took the opportunity to recognize the students in cap and gown, as well as those who helped bring the graduates to where they are today.

"Congratulations, Class of 2019 and congratulations on your graduation being held here at the Liacouras Center. You fought for it. This will spark a new tradition for years to come for the graduates of Pennsauken High School and they have you to thank."

"Congratulations also to all the parents and all the educators who have been a brick in the foundation of who you are today and who you will become."

Dr. Tarchichi shared some advice to

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By Joe Scavuzzo, Director,
Department of Public Works

As I sit to write this month's article, it is early June and we are receiving buckets of rain from Mother Nature. This extended rain season, although great for my sprinkler bill, took a toll on our parks and basins, leaving the Public Works crews that tend to them without a dry window to cut daily. We welcome the drier weather and look forward to a "normal" cutting schedule.

Another Wet June, "Grasscycling" And More

Trash Holidays

Independence Day, Thursday, July 4, is a trash holiday. This means that Thursday's trash and recycling collection route will occur on Friday, July 5; and that Friday's collection will be pushed back to Saturday, July 6. The trash holidays each year are as follows: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day. This information is typically found in the "Talking Trash" portion of All Around Pennsauken. Our office staff changes our answering machine message the week of one of these holidays, in an effort to

pass-along information while the office is closed.

Litter, Vacant Homes Selling, And You

With the opportunity of new families seeing Pennsauken for the first time, possibly purchasing one of the dozens of previously vacant homes that have been rehabbed and are for sale around town, I offer this perspective: what will the new potential buyers see when they tour the newly-listed house? I think back to when I purchased my first home in Pennsauken. Perhaps you did the same. Aside from the house itself, I looked at the entire neighborhood for that "feel." It's a purposeful scan to see how much care each resident puts into their property. Do residents pick up those circulars thrown onto the driveway? Are there wind-blown recyclables along the curb line? These are the little things that can affect a new family's decision whether to choose to purchase in your neighborhood – or even in Pennsauken. Financial burdens, age, and disabilities are all cases where properties can begin to look tired. If you know of a neighbor struggling, reach out; pick up that stray soda can you've walked by twice this week – even though it's not your responsibility. These simple acts, taking up mere seconds of

your day, can have a positive impact on your neighborhood and work to make Pennsauken a place we and future homeowners are proud to call "home." For the big clean up jobs, a call to Pennsauken's Property Maintenance Department can begin an official process to address a problem property. Public Works will likely be dispatched to perform a "clean n' lien" once the conformance time has expired.

"Grasscycling"

Yard debris is collected by South Jersey Sanitation every week on Wednesdays, unless it's pushed back due to a trash holiday. Grass clippings should be bagged or placed in a can, weighing less than 50 pounds. I have been practicing a new routine during my weekly grass cutting called "grasscycling." Grasscycling is the natural recycling of grass by leaving clippings on the lawn when mowing. Clippings decompose quickly, returning valuable nutrients back to the soil such

as nitrogen and potassium.

I cut my lawn from April through November and I will save roughly 84 trash bags, which will equate to around \$47 for the season. I'm seeing some results in the back yard with this "natural" fertilizer and I noticed something else that I save... time! The backyard takes me about 15 less minutes to cut since I do not have to stop to bag the clippings when the bag gets full. The weekly muscle-man challenge of carrying those bags from the back yard to the curb on Tuesday evenings is also removed from my schedule. If this works out, I may continue the trend on the front yard and save more! Just make sure those clippings do not make their way into the storm sewer inlets.

On behalf of our entire department, we wish you a safe and enjoyable Independence Day! As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to our office at (856) 663-0178 or e-mail publicworks@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

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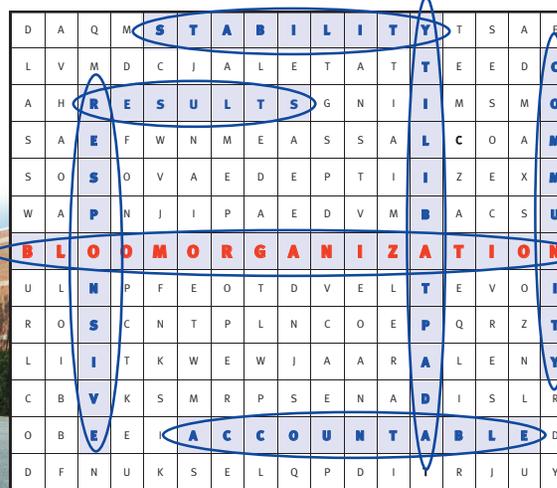
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regularly scheduled meetings held on the first and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Chosen applicants will deal with policy related to the town's Master Plan and implement that policy through site plan review and subdivision ordinances. These ordinances establish a series of ground

rules to be met by an applicant. If the applicant meets the requirements of the particular ordinance, the board shall approve the subject application unless an applicant does not satisfactorily fulfill a specific requirement of that ordinance.

Interested candidates should submit their resumes to jkneib@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

Killion Steps Down From Pennsauken Township Committee

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years of service he has given to the Pennsauken Township Committee. On the occasion of his retirement, we reflect and honor the dedication and passion that Jack has always demonstrated during his career.

"Your support, initiatives and desire to make a difference will not be forgotten. As our community moves into the future, it is in part the foundation that you have helped to lay that will serve as

a springboard for success."

"It's been a privilege, working with people like Rick Taylor, Betsy McBride, John Kneib, Bill Orth, John Figueroa, Steve Petrillo, Greg Schofield, Marco DiBattista, and Jessica Rafeh," said Killion. "It's been great. The town's great; the people are great; and the staff here is really, really good. It's been a pleasure. I wish nothing but the best for the future of the town."

As of time of publication, the new ap-

pointments for Township Committee had yet to be announced. The swearing in of the new mayor for the rest of the year; a new deputy mayor, if applicable; and a new member of Committee to serve Killion's term for the remainder of 2019, will be held at the next Township Committee meeting, Thursday, July 11, 5:30 p.m., at the Township Municipal Building, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. Township Committee meetings are open to the public.

The Class Of 2019 Graduates From Pennsauken High School

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the graduates to help them be successful: wake up with a purpose; work hard; stay focused and avoid distraction; be a leader; think outside the box; find your passion and show it to the world; seek knowledge; and find something to love.

"If you strive everyday to be better, you're going to wake up and be great one day."

"I've gotten to know a lot of you; I'm proud of the people you are," added Tarchichi. "And for everyone out there who says Pennsauken Public Schools is not a great school district, we've just had speakers who are going to Columbia, Princeton, and Penn. We are a phenomenal school district; we are one of the best districts in South Jersey. You should be proud to come from here. Parents, be proud that you brought your kids here."

Then came the moment everyone was waiting for: the awarding of diplomas to the 350 members of the Class of 2019. Each graduate had their name called; and each went up on stage to accept their well-deserved recognition. There were cheers and applause; tears of joy; and the occasional air horn. And with the last name called, tassels were moved from right to left and mortar boards were tossed high into the air. It was a moment that everyone would never forget.

And with the transfer of the class flag to Nyla Nasir, president of the Class of 2020, and the playing of the recessional, four years of hard work and accomplishment had been completed. Each member of the Class of 2019 was officially a graduate of Pennsauken High School, ready to take the next steps to wherever the future may lead them. Congratulations!

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July Library Events

- Explore On The Floor – Tuesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30; 11:00 a.m. This supervised free-play program allows for our littlest patrons to socialize and play with a puppet theater, DUPLO blocks, activity tables, and more. For ages 0-5.
- Friday Flick – Fridays, July 5 & 20; 11:00 a.m. Families are welcome to bring a lunch while enjoying films from "A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away." All ages.
- Space Storytime – Fridays, July 5, 12, 19, & 26; 10:15 a.m. Aimed at increasing children's vocabulary and attention span and teaching fine motor skills, storytime combines reading with music, dancing, multi-lingual skills, rhymes, and more. For ages 0-5.
- Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge: Owl Stories – Monday, July 8; 1:00 p.m. Learn about the basic characteristics that make owls unique! For ages 3-8.

- Luciana's Dolly & Me Tea Party – Wednesday, July 10; 6:00 p.m. Your child and their favorite doll are cordially invited to join us for tea, snacks, an American Girl space story, and more. Children who attend will be entered to win an American Girl doll bundle. Registration required. For ages 6-12.
- Cosmic Crafts – Fridays, July 12 & 26; 11:00 a.m. Please dress for mess! Registration and a \$5 fee required. For ages 6-12.
- Kosmic Kimmie's Super Solar Science Show – Monday, July 15; 1:00 p.m. Ignite your imagination with Kosmic Kimmie, as she performs simple science experiments with everyday kitchen supplies. All ages.
- Yoga Storytime: Space Stretchers – Wednesday, July 17; 6:00 p.m. Incorporate basic yoga poses and stretches

- with stories and songs. Registration required. For ages 3-8.
- Garden State Discovery Museum Presents: Extraterrestrial Explorers – Monday, July 22; 1:00 p.m. Join in on an adventure to all of the planets in our solar system! All ages.
- "Fly-In" Movie Theater – Wednesday, July 24; 6:00 p.m. We're turning the library into a movie theater for the night! Children can enjoy popcorn and a silly space show from their very own cardboard rocket ship! Patrons are welcome to enjoy the show from regular seating, but registration is required to sit in a rocket ship. For ages 3-5.
- Stoney The Party Llama's Animal Show – Monday, July 29; 1:00 p.m. Stoney the Party Llama and friends join us for an interactive show with puppets, props, activities, and live animals! For ages 3-12.

Pennsauken EMT In Need Of A Kidney Transplant

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Juan Vasquez, an EMT for Pennsauken EMS, has lived in town for almost two decades. A member of Pennsauken High School's Class of 2004, he married his high school sweetheart, Kelly, and has two boys, ages 10 and 1.

He's also in need of a kidney transplant. Vasquez has lupus, an autoimmune disease that attacks tissues and organs in the body. The disease has severely affected his kidneys, which are functioning at only 5 percent.

"Throughout time, the lupus took my kidneys away," says Vasquez. "I've been on dialysis since December of 2018."

Juan was a very active husband and dad and trained in Brazilian Jujitsu as a black belt before his kidneys failed. He's currently on disability, as he underwent surgery to switch over to home he-

modialysis, which will perform the job his kidneys can't do now: purify his blood. His family has been tested to become live donors for him, but they haven't passed for various reasons; one of which is that Vasquez has an O positive blood type, which is difficult to match.

"To get a live donor, that would be the best case scenario," explains Vasquez. "A kidney from a live donor will last about 15 years. One from a cadaver lasts from eight to ten. A live kidney donation gives you a longer life expectancy. I get to be with my family longer."

Those interested in pursuing the donation process can contact Lourdes at (856) 796-9370, press 4, and ask about donating to Juan Vasquez. To directly donate to Juan, individuals will need to have an O positive blood type. There's also the option for a paired kidney exchange, or "kidney swap," where a living kidney donor is incompatible with a re-



Pennsauken's Juan Vasquez, an EMT for the town's EMS, is in need of a kidney transplant. Vasquez has lupus, which has reduced his kidney function to only five percent.

ipient, but they can exchange kidneys with another donor/recipient pair.

"I appreciate anybody who would take the time to consider donating a kidney. It means a lot," adds Vasquez. "If not for me, then maybe they can help someone else in need of a donation."

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Pennsauken Resident Strives To Be Miss New Jersey USA

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Ever since she was little, Felisha Nation has had aspirations of competing in the Miss New Jersey USA pageant. In fact, the 21 year old has been selected from hundreds of applicants as a state finalist for the competition, held in Atlantic City this November. But in order to make her dream happen, the Pennsauken resident needs some help.

"As a small girl, I always watched the Miss USA pageant and I thought that it could be me," explains Nation, a member of Pennsauken High School's Class of 2016 currently studying for a degree in Exercise Science at Rutgers University, New Brunswick. "I really want to inspire young women, change the perception of pageants, and be of service to my community."

Felisha is actively looking for sponsors to come up with the funds necessary to compete in Atlantic City. The deadline for the sponsorship fee, July 22, is rapidly approaching. She's put together a GoFundMe page so that potential donors can learn more about her journey.

"I greatly appreciate each and every donation," says Felisha. "Pennsauken is one of the most diverse and welcoming



Pennsauken resident Felisha Nation is hoping to compete in this year's Miss New Jersey USA competition in November. She's asking for the community's help in meeting the sponsorship fee, which is due on July 22.

communities. If I can compete for Miss New Jersey USA 2020, I know I'll represent our town well."

We wish Felisha the best of luck as she works to make her childhood dream a reality. To view her GoFundMe page, visit <https://www.gofundme.com/miss-new-jersey-usa-2020-pageant>.

DEATHNOTICES

Jack Weiss, Pennsauken Native And Longtime Deputy Fire Chief

Pennsauken native and past deputy fire chief Jack Weiss passed away on June 8, 2019, at the age of 90. He was surrounded by family and friends.



Weiss

Weiss was born in Pennsauken on July 28, 1928, to the late Oswald and Naomi Weiss. Jack was a corporal in the US Army and a veteran of the Korean War. He worked as a regional director for the aviation supply office in Philadelphia for the federal government. He was a member of Merchantville Masonic Lodge #119. He was a deputy chief of the East Pennsauken Volunteer Fire Association, No.1. Deputy Chief Weiss was immensely loved by his family, friends, and decades of members of the Pennsauken Fire Department, where he maintained a constant presence at member meetings, drills and on the fireground throughout

his 74 years of service to the Township of Pennsauken. Outside of his family, his happiest hours were with his Lord Jesus Christ and friends outside and his Methodist Church in East Pennsauken and Morrestown.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Peggy and his brother, Charles Weiss. Jack is survived by his sister, Arlene Santarpio; his sons, Robert Vandy and his wife Debbi, and Pat Vandy and his wife Linda; grandchildren, Sean Vandy, Jennifer Vandy, Kevin Vandy and his wife Angela, Scott Vandy and his wife Wendy, and Tim Vandy and

his wife Jennifer; many great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was a proud grandfather, great grandfather and great-great grandfather.

Jack's viewing and funeral service were held at Inglesby & Sons Funeral Home in Pennsauken. Burial with military honors followed at Bethel Memorial Park, also in Pennsauken.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to East Pennsauken UMC, 3700 Haddonfield Rd., Pennsauken, N.J. 08109, or to the First UMC of Moorestown, 446 E. Camden Ave., Moorestown, N.J. 08057.

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Pennsauken's Historic Houses Bring Liberty Home On Independence Day Weekend

By Robert Fisher-Hughes,
AAP Columnist and Amateur Historian

When the Continental Congress declared American independence in 1776, Pennsauken's historic houses, Burrough-Dover House and Griffith Morgan House, were homes to families who would live that change in their own lives. In fact, for decades the Burrough and Morgan families had lived here as subjects of the British crown. Now, through the colonies' struggle for independence, they would leave Britain behind and become truly American. What could be

better for your Independence Day weekend than to visit the homes of these your neighbors and consider the lives of the farmers, servants, innkeepers, merchants and other ordinary people who lived in your community in those extraordinary times?

Both Burrough-Dover House and Griffith Morgan House will be open for free visits and tours on Sunday, July 7, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Guided tours of the colonial homes and their museums tracing history in our community from early to later days, with all the customary

hospitality of our volunteer staff and the run of the beautiful grounds for recreation, picnics and relaxation are yours, courtesy of Pennsauken Historical Society. So, come out for a visit and declare this history your own!

And be sure to mark your calendars for the first Sunday in August! On Sunday, Aug. 4, the Empire strikes back! The British are coming — to Griffith Morgan House! More details to come in the August issue and on Facebook.

At both the historic houses of Pennsauken, admission is free and there is

plenty of free parking too! Memberships and volunteer opportunities are available and donations are always welcome to help Pennsauken Historical Society sustain its own mission in our community.

Burrough-Dover House is located at 9201 Burrough-Dover Lane, off Had-donfield Rd. near the Wyndam Rd. traffic light. Griffith Morgan House is located at 243 Griffith Morgan Lane, off

River Rd. between Delair and Rt. 73.

Visit the Griffith Morgan House or Pennsauken Historical Society pages, or the group "Pennsauken History Forum" on Facebook for more details and directions; or e-mail pennsaukenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

Both Burrough-Dover House and Griffith Morgan House are also open for tours and research by appointment.

Saint Peter's Students Recognized For Academic Achievement

On May 23, St. Peter School inducted 11 eighth graders into its chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. In addition, nine students received national recognition for achievement on the National Latin Exam. One of the nine, AnaMaire Muller of Pennsauken, received national recognition for outstanding achievement, which indicates a near perfect score on the exam.



Pennsauken Police Recognized By MADD



Several officers from the Pennsauken Township Police Department were recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

On June 13, members of the Pennsauken Township Police Department were invited to the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Law Enforcement Recognition Program. Congratulations to Ofc. Timothy Mireles, Ofc. Jody Pasquale, and Ofc. Ryan Hurley for receiving the 2018 Distinguished Service Award. A huge congratulations goes out to

Ofc. Joseph Kuchmek, who was awarded the 2018 New Jersey Top Cop Award for having the most DWIs in the state.

The mission of MADD is to end drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes, and prevent underage drinking. For more information, visit www.madd.org/new-jersey.

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PHS Student Athletes Sign National Letters Of Intent

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

In the weeks prior to graduation, several student athletes from the Class of 2019 signed their national letters of intent to take their academic and athletic talents to the collegiate level. Tanaysia McLean made her commitment to attend Penn State Abington; and both Jenny Ngeth and Katlin Soriano are headed to Quincy University in Illinois.

"These outstanding student athletes have signed their national letters of intent and are furthering their education. We're extremely proud of them," said Eric Mossop, athletic director at Pennsauken High School. "We'd like to thank the friends, family, teachers, and everybody who helped guide these students to the success they now enjoy and will continue to enjoy in their college years."

Tanaysia McLean was a three-sport athlete at Pennsauken High School. She'll be majoring in Nutritional Science, inspired to help others after having family members with diabetes and heart disease. She'll also be playing volleyball for the Nittany Lions.

"I'm very excited to attend Penn State Abington," said McLean. "My journey isn't done at high school. I'll bring hard work and dedication to both the class-

room and the volleyball court."

Tanaysia is a legacy student, as her father is an alumnus of Penn State.

"It feels good. I get to carry the family tradition on."



Soriano and Ngeth

Indian lacrosse teammates Jenny Ngeth and Katlin Soriano were in the top 25 in their class and both graduated with GPAs above 3.9. The two are excited to be the newest Hawks at Quincy University.

Lebron And Vazquez PHS Athletes Of The Year



Congratulations to this year's Female and Male Athletes of the Year: Anmarie Lebron and Claudy Vazquez!

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PYAA Basketball would like to thank all of its players, coaches, volunteers, and parents for a successful season!

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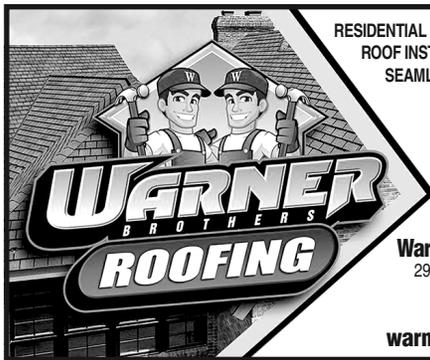
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