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Pennsauken Fire Department Celebrates 100 Years Of Service



Firefighters past and present: Pennsauken's Fire Department celebrates 100 years of serving and protecting our community.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor and
Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

In 1913, 52 dedicated residents of East Pennsauken banded together to help serve and protect their community from the threat of fire. One hundred years later, their foresight and vision continues to take shape, inspiring men and women to rush from their homes, speed towards burning buildings and car accidents, and fight back the flames.

From Humble Beginnings

Getting the East Pennsauken Volunteer Fire Association, No. 1 off the ground wasn't easy. Funds were difficult to come by. Purchasing a second hand motorized fire engine in 1916 left the group with just \$7.11 in their treasury. Members mortgaged their own homes and pulled from their savings. Ham dinners and raffled off chickens, a significant

fundraiser back in the early 1900's, did much to get this worthwhile endeavor off the ground.

Fast forward to 1926, this small group of residents barely scrapping two coins together grew into seven fire stations placed throughout Pennsauken. Neighborhoods such as North Merchantville, Bloomfield Park, Delaware Gardens, Delair Park, Bridgeview, and Highland were protected

by Pennsauken firefighters.

Today, Pennsauken's Fire Department protects the town round-the-clock with both full-time firefighters and dedicated volunteers.

A Family Tradition

A man who was encouraged by his
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Ed and Betsy McBride Selected As Citizens Of The Year By Lions Club



Betsy and Ed McBride are the 2013
Lions Club Citizens of the Year.

The Pennsauken Lions Club is pleased to present its Citizen of the Year award to Betsy and Ed McBride. For over twenty years, the McBrides have been a part of the Pennsauken community, giving of their time and talent in dedication to the improvement of the Township.

"The Pennsauken Lions Club tries to find people in Pennsauken who show their love for our town by their volunteer work on its behalf," says Mary Anne McFarland, president-elect, Pennsauken Lions Club. "We are so pleased to honor Betsy and Ed

McBride this year. Their efforts and stewardship of Pennsauken's resources will keep Pennsauken the lovely community it has been all these years."

Since moving to Pennsauken in 1990, both Betsy and Ed have been active in the local community. Betsy first got involved with the New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Clubs, Junior Membership for 12 years, serving as president of the Merchantville Area Juniors, District Advisor, and Southern Assistant Director, all the while working on many local fundraising efforts.

Elected to Pennsauken's Township Committee in November 2011, Betsy reinvigorated both the Shade Tree and Environmental Commissions and is part of the Pennsauken Green Team, a group of residents and municipal employees who have a strong interest in the environment, and who work towards making Pennsauken Township more sustainable. In addition, she began efforts to clean up and beautify the Rt. 130 corridor in Pennsauken, establishing the Clean and

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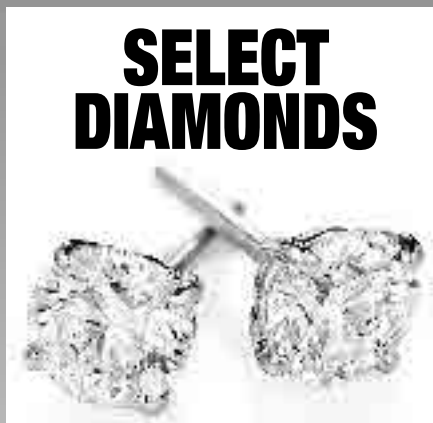
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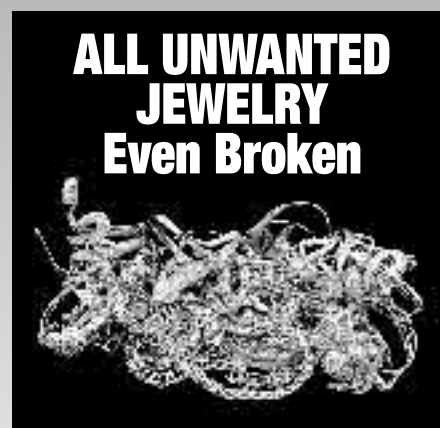
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MAYOR'S**Enjoying The Kick-Off Of Summer In Pennsauken****CORNER**

Mayor Rick Taylor

By Rick Taylor,
Mayor of
Pennsauken
Township

Before I begin with the topic of my column, I wanted to take an opportunity to wish all the fathers in our town a very Happy Father's Day. My dad was one of my heroes. Now that he's no longer with us, there's not a day that goes by that I don't think about him, or remember something that he said. Fathers sometimes forget how much of a role model they are for their children. I certainly hope that all the dads out there work to be a truly positive influence in their kids' lives.

While the actual start of summer is

later this month, Pennsauken has already begun to see warmer days that signal the start of a great time of year. A lot of people, myself included, hurry over to the thermostat to turn on the air conditioning when the temperature starts to rise into the upper 70s. But it's also a wonderful opportunity to get outside and enjoy all the things Pennsauken has to offer during the summer.

I don't think people realize how great our Municipal Pool is. The facility is clean and very well maintained and is the perfect place for a family to splash around and cool off in the summer heat. It's quite a bargain too; you certainly get a lot for a very reasonable price. To register for Pennsauken's pool, visit the Township's web site to download a form or stop by our Parks and Recreation department in the Municipal Building.

Pennsauken is filled with many parks and playgrounds for our residents to enjoy. The Township's Public Works department has been very hard at work making sure that every swing, slide and see-saw is in good working order. And it's not just a great place for kids to play. We have tennis courts, roller hockey rinks, a skate park, basketball courts, and more. Even your dog can get into the act with our Bow Wow Dog Park on Cooper Ave. And when you're not having fun working up a sweat, you can spread out a blanket under a tree and have a relaxing picnic at the Pennsauken park of your choosing.

For lovers of the great outdoors, the nature trail by Pennsauken's historic Burrough-Dover House takes you for a serene walk in the woods, with a great view of the Pennsauken Creek. It's the

perfect place for bird watching or to just get away from the hustle and bustle of our fast-paced world.

And then there's golf. Many of our residents love to hit the links. I'm one of them. In Pennsauken, we're fortunate that we don't have to go far for our tee times. The Pennsauken Country Club is a golfing oasis, a perfectly manicured course with fast greens and challenging holes. For weekend golfers, it's a great destination; and for the everyday enthusiast, there are plenty of difficult par 3s to test your skills. And after you're done with your 18 holes, you can stop by a grab a bite to eat at Marco's, which offers a great menu of food items throughout the day.

So when it comes to getting out of the house and enjoying the warmer weather, there really is a little something for everyone right here in Pennsauken. I

hope all of our residents regularly take advantage of all our town has to offer during this time of year and have a great and safe start to their summer.

PENNSAUKEN JUNE PUBLIC MEETINGS**Township Committee:**

5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 5, 19 and 26

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 5 and 19

Planning Board:

6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 6 and Tuesday, June 25

Meetings are open to the public and are held at the Pennsauken Municipal Building 5605 Crescent Blvd. (At the corner of Route 130 and Merchantville Avenue)

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**Merchantville - A Gem waiting for restoration!**

You must see this home to appreciate it's potential. As-is condition property and appliances. Gorgeous woodwork, stained glass windows, iron fence, main roof 6 year old. Full attic with potential for 3 more bedrooms. Dressing room w/great closet space off master bdrm, beautiful entrance way, unheated chapel room, sitting room off of lrg bdrm. 2 cedar closets, small porch off of rear entrance. Second flr laundry, fantastic front door entrance. A project partially completed for the Victorian lover! \$299,900

**Merchantville - Triplex**

This is a Great investment opportunity or for the owner occupant. The 1st floor unit has a wrap around porch. Eat in kitchen with newer ceramic tile floor, D/W, Refrigerator, washer, and dryer. Rear deck. 2nd fl. unit has Large LR, an eat in kitchen, washer, dryer hookup. (presently leased \$1050 per mo.) 3rd floor has 1 bedroom, LR, Kitchen & Bath, presently rented \$625 per month. Tenants pay electric. Owner pays for the gas heat, hot water, sewer, & water. Two blocks to down town Merchantville. \$259,900

**Pennsauken - Gorgeous Property!**

Pride of ownership shows all over this property. Impeccably maintained cape in COLLINS TRACT section of town. Beautifully maintained front and back yards. Front entry porch w/carpeted flr in L/R hrwd in D/R and kitchen. Master bedroom complete w/two closets and full bath just steps away. Spacious lower level F/R w/custom bar and granite counter top. Two car detached garage with tons of additional driveway to park 3+ cars. Brick & aluminum siding w/newer roof and replacement windows. \$184,900.

**Cherry Hill - Bungalow**

Located on quiet dead end street in Kenilworth Estates. This home needs some TLC. Heater approx 2 yrs old. roof approx 6 yrs old. Replacement windows everywhere but front porch. Eat-in-kitchen features self-cleaning oven, built-in dishwasher and garbage disposal. Hardwood floor under carpets. Full basement. 4 yr old deck off of kitchen. \$169,000

**Pennsauken - This one will not last long!**

Enjoy 3 bedrooms and a full bath on the main floor a large eat in kitchen and spacious formal L/R. This home has a full finished basement that is complete with a family room, game room, bar area, laundry room, and cedar closet for storing your seasonal clothing. The back yard is fenced for your privacy, a nice size deck for parties or just relaxing; a shed to store all your outdoor supplies. Roof, Electric, Windows, have been updated and lawn care made easy with a sprinkler system. \$149,900

**Pennsauken - Brick front Two Story**

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**Pennsauken - Lovely Rancher**

This home features an open layout on quiet street w/2 BR's w/extra room can be computer rm or office; now is 3rd BR. Rehabbed everything new installed w/deco steel entry door, 6-panel doors, Anderson vinyl tilt-in windows, ceiling fans in all rooms, & wood laminate flooring. Kitchen has cherry wood cabinets, laminate countertop, glass tiled backsplash, appliance package is stainless steel. Bathroom is tiled w/marble threshold, granite sink top vanity, & high efficiency Frigidaire Affinity washer & dryer. Nice size backyard. Basement w/plenty of room for storage. \$129,900



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JUNE CALENDAR

Farmers Market

Merchantville's Farmers Market kicks off its second season on Saturday, June 1, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Centre St. and Chestnut Ave. This community market supports and promotes local farmers, growers and producers of agricultural products and focuses on natural, organic and sustainable foods and goods. Market held on the first and third Saturday of each month, rain or shine. For more information, visit merchantville.com/shop/farmers-market.

Strawberry Festival

Athene Chapter O.E.S. of New Jersey is holding a Strawberry Festival and Lite Lunch on Saturday, June 8 from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Merchantville Masonic Temple, 6926 Park Ave., Pennsauken. The requested donation is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. For more information, call Eva at 856-662-2118.

Swim Club Open House

Woodbine Swim Club, 7025 Maple Ave., Pennsauken, will be hosting an open house on Sunday, June 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. The club will offer refreshments for guests, who will be able to ask questions, enjoy the snack bar, and of course, swim! For more information, visit woodbineswimclub.com or e-mail woodbineswimclub@hotmail.com.

AARP Luncheon

AARP Chapter 2861 holds its Spring

EDITOR'S PICK:
Community Meeting on Alcohol and Drug Awareness

The Pennsauken Alliance on Substance Abuse (PASA) will hold a community meeting on Wednesday, June 19, 7 p.m. at the Pennsauken Public Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., to hear and discuss ideas on how to address the problem of alcohol and drug misuse and abuse in our communities.

Rohn Hein, chair of PASA states, "The State of New Jersey has asked PASA to survey the community to develop effective programs to educate citizens about drug and alcohol abuse in the Township. We know this is a problem and we want community involvement to decide upon a plan of action."

Religious leaders, community activists, senior citizens, as well as business and labor groups have been invited to participate.

For further information, contact Rohn Hein at rohnh@netzero.net.

Luncheon on June 10, 12 p.m. at The Pennsauken Country Club. Open to AARP members in good standing. Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling Helen at 856-662-0508.

Flag Day Open House

The Pennsauken Historical Society will celebrate Flag Day on June 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Burrough-Dover House, 9201 Burrough-Dover Ln., Pennsauken. Enjoy a relaxing day with a glass of cool lemonade while viewing many flags, past and present. The 12th NJ Civil War re-enactors will be demonstrating their maneuvers on the grounds. Take time to view the Nostalgic Museum and take a stroll along the Nature Trail and Pennsauken Creek. Tours and parking are FREE. For more information, call Jack Weber 856-283-1665 or e-mail Pennsaukenhistoricalsociety@yahoo.com.

Health Awareness/Community Day

The Save Shirley Project is hosting a health awareness and community day, Saturday, June 22 at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex, Bethel and Westfield avenues, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event features family-friendly entertainment and workshops that promote the importance of a healthy, organic diet. For more information, e-mail saveshirleyproject@gmail.com.

Senior Club

Browning Road Seniors holds meetings at Temple Lutheran Church, Rt. 130 and Merchantville Rd., on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 1 p.m. Refreshments are served. For more info, call Virginia at 856-661-1055.

Merchantville Hosts 15th Annual Car and Bike Show

Merchantville's 15th annual car and bike show will take place June 29 from 12 to 5 p.m., two weeks earlier than in previous years.

The car show features its popular 50's sock hop theme, with over 800 cars and motorcycles competing for hundreds of trophies, including 26 best in show categories. This show also features a unique "Combination Class," where participants can enter any combination of two different vehicles: bike, truck or car.

Famed Elvis Impersonator Mark Reno will be returning to the car and bike show for another repeat performance. In addition, live entertainment can be found throughout the event, including the rock-a-billy band Full Blown Cherry, as well as other talented vocalists and

musicians. DJs will also be stationed at various locations, and dance contests will be held at the main stage.

One of the main highlights of the day is veteran's ceremony. At 2 p.m., entrants and attendees gather at the gazebo, as Bob Paterson performs a moving and emotional rendition of The National Anthem. Bagpipers, the Mummies, Marine Color Guard, and a food drive round out the day.

Registration of cars and bikes will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The first 800 cars and bikes to show up will get a free commemorative dash plaque. The event's rain date is July 6.

For more information, visit MerchantvilleCarShow.net.

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Pennsauken Police Collect DVDs For Soldiers Overseas

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Throughout the month of April, the Pennsauken Police Department collected new and used DVDs as part of a special fundraiser to help soldiers serving in remote outposts overseas.

Movies in Theatre is a locally-based non-profit started by Patrolman Joseph Marietta of the Pennsauken Police Department. Marietta, who served as a military police officer in the Army from 2004-2009, deployed multiple times to Iraq; he and his fellow soldiers frequently turned to movies to help them step away from the pressures of serving in a war torn country.

"While over there, you see a lot of bad things, experience a lot of tragedies, so a lot of soldiers look for an escape" explained Marietta. "I found that watching movies over there gives you about 90 minutes of escape. You and your friends



Pennsauken Police Patrolman Joseph Marietta is the founder of Movies in Theater, a non-profit that sends DVDs and DVD players to soldiers serving in harm's way. A recent donation drive helped collect over 250 movies.

can kind of block out what's going on in that crazy world over there."

Returning home, Marietta turned those experiences into an opportunity to give back to those still serving in hostile parts of the world. "I wanted to help support our troops overseas," says Marietta. "A lot of soldiers in Afghanistan now are in remote outposts, so they don't have easy access to DVDs and DVD players, which are referred to as luxury items over there. So I put together this effort of collecting DVDs [to] ship them to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan."

Initially, Marietta and his wife turned to neighbors, family and friends to collect movies for soldiers. But to grow the Movies In Theater program and expand the volume of DVDs collected, he turned to his fellow police officers, who rallied behind this worthy cause.

"Officer Marietta submitted a memo through the chain of command, requesting permission from the Chief of Police to give back to the community in a way that we really hadn't had much experience with up until this point," explained Captain Thomas Connor. "We thought it was a great idea. As soon as I mentioned it to the Chief, he authorized that Officer Marietta be able to use any and all capabilities of the police department."

The DVD donation drive, with a special collection day held on Saturday, April 27, was a dramatic success. Over 250 DVDs were collected; and with monetary donations from the commu-

nity, Officer Marietta was also able to purchase two portable DVD players to ship overseas as well.

Building on the success of April's donation drive, Movies In Theater and the Pennsauken Police Department will be

hosting a special card signing event on Independence Day, Thursday, July 4 in the lobby of the Police Department, 2400 Bethel Ave. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., children and adults will be able to make and sign personalized thank you cards for

soldiers serving in harm's way overseas. There will also be a collection bin for those who wish to donate additional DVDs for servicemen and women. All donations are greatly appreciated.

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When Pennsauken Premiered The Drive-In Theatre

By Robert Fisher-Hughes,
AAP Columnist and
Amateur Historian

Eighty years ago this month, one of the great American innovations in pop culture was born right here in Pennsauken

LOOKING BACK IN HISTORY

Township. The truly big screen of the drive-in movie theatre first glowed with projection on June 6, 1933, on Admiral

Wilson Boulevard in Pennsauken, near Central Airport.

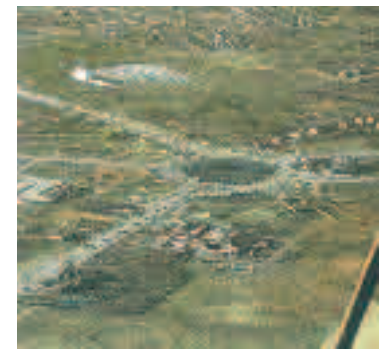
Richard Hollingshead, Jr., was a businessman with an innovative and sometimes whimsical outlook. He was the President of the R. M. Hollingshead Co. of Camden, a major local employer and

maker of automotive and household lubricants and cleaners under the Whiz brand. Hollingshead introduced a number of novel ideas in his business through the years, such as employing the hypnotist Gerald Fitzgibbon as a company ambassador, and installing a public address system with music and programming produced in the plant and piped into work places and offices throughout.

Perhaps his greatest inspiration came when his mother-in-law complained of the narrowness of theatre seating, and remarked that they should be more like car seats. Hollingshead tried out the idea by projecting a movie on a screen outdoors, on the driveway of his home in Riverton. Soon, he worked out the idea into a plan for a large-scale "automotive theatre," and even filed for, and received a patent for his design.

Hollingshead's patented design, filed on August 6, 1932, included carefully worked out dimensions to allow drivers to pass down aisles and into designated parking spaces, angled upward and fanning out before the large screen. He even provided for fans and a funnel structure to create a small wind-tunnel effect, to keep flying insects away from the front of the projector. The patent was granted on May 16, 1933. Hollingshead transferred the patent to Park-In Theatres, a corporation formed to build and run the first drive-in. The corporation partnered Hollingshead with his cousin, Willie Warren Smith, owner and operator of a parking lot; Edward Ellis of Merchantville, a road contractor who could provide paving; and Oliver Willets, also of Riverton, an executive of Campbell's Soup.

The next job was the construction of the new drive-in theatre. Architect Howard Hall of Merchantville was



Taken from a biplane above Central Airport, this photograph shows the Airport in the foreground and the world's first drive-in theatre in the upper left. Photo courtesy of the Camden County Historical Society.

brought in. In the midst of economic depression, construction work was undertaken by Pennsauken men who were unemployed and receiving public relief. Difficulties arose with union representatives, who protested the use of non-union workers at rates of 40 cents per hour for skilled workers and 20 cents per hour for unskilled labor. Despite an ensuing brawl resulting in a few injuries, this problem reached a negotiated settlement and the project was rapidly completed.

The new drive-in theatre featured a large screen set in a 60-foot stage and set back in the style of a shadow box to avoid moonlight interfering with the projection. Sound was projected back to the cars from the top of the screen using specially designed loudspeakers from RCA. The theatre could accommodate up to 400 automobiles.

The Camden Drive-In Theatre, actually located in Pennsauken Township, held its opening night on June 6, 1933, less than a month after construction began.

It would be nice to report that opening

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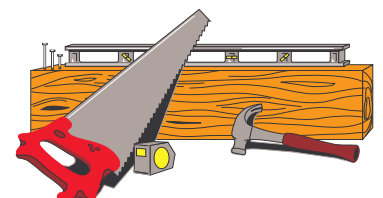
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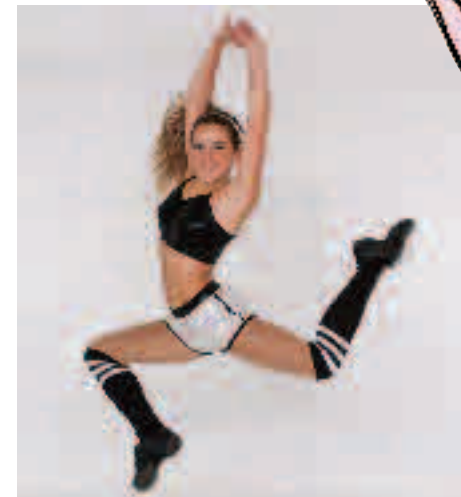
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Imagine Lifestyles Offers A Taste Of The Good Life

By Alan Gibson,
AAP Correspondent

Recently, Pennsauken Mayor Rick Taylor cut the ribbon to open up Imagine Lifestyles Luxury Rentals. Although Imagine Lifestyles, located at 3501 Haddonfield Road, is new on the scene here in Pennsauken, its roots stretch back into the community over fifty years.

You can't buy happiness at Imagine Lifestyle rentals, but you can rent a con-

vertible Aston Martin for a weekend Shore getaway with that special someone. The luxury isn't limited to cars either. Real estate, concierge service, even a chauffeur; the folks at Imagine can give anyone a taste of the luxury lifestyle.

The company got its start five years ago, when cousins and co-CEOs Jared Jukel and Ryan Safady opened their first office in Miami, FL. According to Ryan, his cousin noticed that his neighbor seemed to have a different luxury car every week; Ferraris, Porsches, you name it. Jared later found out that his neighbor owned a luxury car rental agency, and

thus the idea was born.

Five years later, Jukel and Safady were ready to open their Pennsauken location. While it is just down the road from the Pennsauken Country Club, it may initially seem odd for a company like this to be in town. Not so, according to Safady. With four professional sports teams just across the river, and New York and Philadelphia's desirability as film locations, he believes he has made the right choice.

Of course, there were also family connections to consider. Imagine Lifestyles roots stretch back to another Pennsauken company, J&O Fabrics. J&O was started in 1962 by Safady's grandparents, Morris and Mayna Junkel; that's where the J in the company's name comes from.

At the time, Mayna was a recent immigrant; she arrived in America with no money, just a great deal of knowledge and experience within the fabric industry. Safady speaks about his grand-



Pennsauken Mayor Rick Taylor helped cut the ribbon of Imagine Lifestyles, a company based on Haddonfield Rd. that specializes in exotic car rentals and more. Pictured here with Mayor Taylor are the Safady family, owners of Imagine Lifestyles who have also run J&O Fabrics for over 50 years.

mother with obvious admiration and respect, calling her "a woman ahead of her time." And her business acumen put J&O on the map.

Ryan Safady took the business over from his father Stan. Ryan stepped in while his father was recovering from an

illness; after Stan's recovery, he asked Ryan to stay on. Ryan credits his father's purchase of a Porsche when he was a young man with planting the seed that brought forth Imagine Lifestyles.

Safady was proud to talk about the kind of experiences his company can offer their customers, including their Ultimate Driving Experience. They'll be at the Wells Fargo Center from July 25-28. Customers will be able to drive any of the supercars on site around the track, or be driven by a professional driver. Details are available on the company's web site, imagine lifestyles.com.

B.I.G. Moments



At the B.I.G. Council's May meeting, Jeff Wild, director of wellness for WORKNET Occupational Medicine in Pennsauken, spoke to members about the new Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare," as well as how wellness programs can provide benefits for businesses.



Congratulations to the 45th Street Pub on celebrating the 10-year anniversary of their Pennsauken location. Located at 2545 45th St., the "Four Five" offers a wonderful atmosphere to grab a bite or watch the game.



The Pennsauken Welcome Wall, located on the corner of Maple Ave. and Haddonfield Rd., was recently completed, as workers from Mesa Signs finished applying the letters to the structure. The Welcome Wall was sponsored by the B.I.G. Council and was made possible through donations by local businesses.

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Canal's In Pennsauken Celebrates 50 Years In Business

Since 1963, The Original Canal's Discount Liquor Mart has been a staple in Pennsauken, evolving from a small mom and pop bar and restaurant into a popular discount liquor store and one of the most recognizable landmarks in town with their giant yellow building.

As part of their 50th anniversary celebration, Canal's, located on 5360 Route 38, Pennsauken, will be hosting a classic

car show on Saturday, June 8 from 12 to 5 p.m. The event features complimentary food and drinks as well as a performance from an Elvis impersonator. For more information, call 856-665-4202.



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Business Networking: Being InterestED vs InterestING?

By Chris Owens, Owner
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Many businesspeople join groups and associations or attend special events in order to find more business through this sometimes seemingly mystical dance they call "networking." Some people are masters of it. Others think they are, while being completely unaware that they are driving people away in droves. Most are rookies, making the best go at it they know how, and hoping something good comes from it.

It might be a surprise to hear that the key factor that determines which of the above three categories you fall into, is not whether you happen to be a particularly outgoing person or not. Being an outgoing networker is merely an amplifying factor to whatever you are doing. If you are a friendly person with a caring demeanor, being outgoing will truly be an

asset. But if you're a jerk, well... it just makes it more noticeable.

No, the far more important attribute to monitor in your overall networking attitude is whether you are trying to be interestED or interestING. An interested person is looking outward at the person or thing they are dealing with. A person who is being "interesting" is too busy looking at themselves.

When you are truly interested in the person in front of you, their goals, their ambitions, what problems they are running into in their business, and really want to know how you can help them in some way, you have really started to wear the hat of "networker." When you walk around the room passing out cards, and shooting off your 30-second spiel with no real interest in your heart for the other people you are talking to, but only for what they might be able to do for

you, you are being "interesting," or at least you are trying to be, and failing miserably. The real joke is that the networker who is truly interested in the other guy and not focusing on himself so much, is the one people find much more memorable and interesting. So these two items of interest seem to work in reverse.

If you really want to see the differences between these two approaches, here's a little experiment with a camera I'd like you to try: Have someone take your picture and do your best to smile for the shot, but while they take the shot put all your attention on making sure your facial muscles are all in place and your eyes are squinted just right to really convey how happy you are at that moment. Then have them take another picture of you, but this time, disregard completely how you look, and instead look at the camera and pretend that it is

your best friend and they just told you a great joke, with you just smiling or chucking in reaction to it. Then look at the two photos side by side.

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When Pennsauken Premiered The Drive-In Theatre

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night of the world's first drive-in theatre featured one of the great films of 1933, such as "King Kong" or "42nd Street." However, Hollingshead now experienced one of the problems that would plague him as the operator of his new concept in movie theatres: film distributors did not know him and did not trust his idea. They only offered the Camden Drive-In

Theatre older films and second tier features at higher rental charges.

The debut film of the world first drive-in movie theatre was the forgettable "Wife Beware," starring Adolphe Menjou, based on a British stage play and released in Britain the previous year under the title, "Two White Arms."

Nevertheless, the novelty of the drive-in concept resulted in as many as 600 peo-

ple paying the fee of 25 cents per person, up to a maximum of \$1.00 per car to view a movie from their own private, mobile theatre box. The innovative theatre was even the subject of a write-up in Popular Mechanics in August 1933.

Succeeding feature films included some better fare, though still no masterpieces. Some of them are still remembered and watched today by film buffs: "A Shriek in the Night," with Ginger Rogers; "The Vampire Bat," with Lionel Atwill; or "On the Waterfront," with Claudette Colbert, for example.

Soon, Park-In Theatres began licensing its concept to others eager to open their own drive-in theatres. Collecting licensing fees from these, sometimes more experienced theatre owners, began to be

the basis of the business. Theatres opened in Los Angeles, New England and North Jersey.

Tiring of the struggle to obtain first-rate films for the Camden Drive-In, the owners closed the venue in 1936 and dismantled the site to furnish the materials for a new drive-in in Union, NJ. Some of the wood from the structures is said to have been scavenged for firewood in the continuing hard times.

Still, the business of Park-In Theatres did not go smoothly. Licensees chafed at the payments they made and began to default. Court cases began on both sides to enforce or invalidate the agreements. Finally, the Hollingshead patent was overturned, based on a ruling that the concept was not sufficiently novel and

only applied the established principals of indoor theatres to an outdoor venue.

Nevertheless, the drive-in theatre was not yet near its height in popularity. From the first opening in 1933, the number of drive-ins reached about 10 by 1939; with post-war prosperity and the burgeoning of our automobile society, there were 5,000 drive-in theatres by 1950. Today, one drive-in theatre remains in operation in South Jersey: The Delsea Drive-In in Vineland. It is well worth a visit.

While few drive-in theatres remain in business today, in their heyday they dotted the American landscape and became an icon of our culture. Founded on the personal mobility of the automobile, they became a celebration of the private prerogative of one's own automobile in a temporary community of patrons sharing the Hollywood experience, while parked before the big screen. In its time, going to the drive-in became family outing, a teenage rite of passage and courtship experience. And to think, this quintessential American institution of its era got its start right here in Pennsauken.

Sources for this column include contemporary newspaper accounts and ads, "The World's First Drive-In Theatre," by Harry M. Potter, *South Jersey Magazine*, Fall, 1974; "Park-In Theatres, Inc.," licensing sales brochure, reprinted by *The Drive-In Theatre Fanatic Fan Club*, 1995.

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The Camden Riversharks recognized the most-improved students from many of the local area school districts, including Pennsauken. Students had an opportunity to walk onto the field and high-five players before the start of the game.



Dr. Eugene Richardson, a retired 2nd Lieutenant from the Army Air Corp, spoke to Pennsauken High School students about the Tuskegee Airmen, the group of African-American pilots who fought in World War II.



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Celebrating Love With A "Daughter" Come Home

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

June conjures up thoughts of a year half spent. We're also reminded that the last school day is soon upon us, we're anticipating a summer vacation, or going to a wedding or a graduation. My columns are generally not steeped in tradition time-wise and this one is no exception.

Well, it IS about a wedding... just not a June wedding.

This one took place on Tuesday, April 16 of this year.

My granddaughter, Kristen, who I raised as my own for the first 10 and a half years of her life, married her best friend, Mr. Edward Beisel, in a small but lovely ceremony in Philadelphia's City Hall on a day as lovely as any April can get.

It was a joyous occasion for more than just the wedding, especially for me and Krissy. I am her grandmother, but I'm also the only person she ever really knew as "Mom."

Kris and I were separated off and on over the years after her father decided he wanted her back, but it never really kept us apart. The circumstances were sad at times, but when you have a strong bond of love forged by years and years of kindness, compassion, and care, you find a way. And, while you're finding that way, memories and the knowledge you will see each other again keep the home fires burning.

Kris came back into our lives last year when she was over 21, feeling safe on her own, and working her way toward finally being her own person once again.

Sometimes we rob our own selves of that "person;" other times people steal it away for us. Either way, it's a tough road back, but doable when you have the heart for it. And Krissy does.

After our long-awaited reunion, the time that parted us drifted away and it was as if we never skipped a beat.

We talked and talked, and laughed and laughed; we remembered old times; we shopped, cooked, baked; found great restaurants to go to, new books to read, etc., etc. It's been wonderful.

The joy of going with her to pick out her wedding gown, and doing all of those other girly things we used to do together, kept quite a smile on both of our faces. And, I suspect we'll always have many a good reason to smile at each other for a long, long time to come.

Life is good, when you allow it to be so.



Judith Kristen with her granddaughter, Krissy, who married Edward Beisel on April 16.

My wishes, hopes, and prayers for Kris and Ed are these, and the words come from a passage in one of my books that more than applies and they are truly and genuinely most heartfelt.

"You are now taking into your care and keeping the happiness of the one person in all the world whom you love best. You are adding to your life not only the affection of each other, but also the companionship and blessing of a deep trust as well. You are agreeing to share strength, responsibilities, and love.

"May you always need one another, not so much to fill the emptiness as to help each other know your fullness. May you want one another, but not out of lack. May you embrace one another, but not enclose one another. May you succeed in all-important ways with each other. Look for things to speak well of. Often say 'I love you' and take no notice of small faults. May you have happiness, and may you find it in making one another happy. May you have love, real love, and may you find it in loving one another."

Dear readers, may you all be blessed with joy and happiness for the rest of your lives.

See you next month!

Happy June!

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~Judy

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June Brings Great Events, Opportunities For Our Students

By Marilyn Martinez, Superintendent, Pennsauken School District

As the school year is winding down, NJASK testing has been completed, and our Positive Behavior Incentive Plan (PBIS) has set high standards for increased student attendance, academic performance, and decreased discipline incidents in our schools, we now look forward to the many highlights of June.

We are excited to again host the Learn to Swim Program, which is held at the Pennsauken Pool for all sixth grade students at the Intermediate School the first week in June. PTA and teacher volunteers will monitor this event, giving many students their first experience with swimming and water safety lessons. Our high school students serve as instructors for this worthwhile program.

Elementary school students look forward to their field day activities, and fourth grade students participate in their promotion events. The eighth graders at the Howard M. Phifer Middle School will celebrate their promotion to high school on Monday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Pennsauken High School Stadium.

Franklin School Celebrates Earth Day

Third grade students in Mrs. Bell's class took part in a clean-up activity at Franklin School to celebrate Earth Day.

Each student was equipped with gloves and trash bags and made the

PHS Seniors will participate in their annual awards ceremony on Thursday, June 6, and their graduation will take place on Friday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Pennsauken High School Stadium.

Summer School will once again be offered for second grade through twelfth grade students, beginning July 1. Information will be sent home at the individual school level from your building principals.

I challenge every parent to encourage their children to continue their intensive, personal 20-minutes a day of reading during the summer months. This effort will ensure that individual student reading levels will remain constant for their return to school in the fall.

I am very proud of the efforts our parents and community organizations have made in supporting student academic achievement in Pennsauken Public Schools.

Be sure to visit our website at www.pennsauken.net for the latest information about our schools.

rounds of the school picking up litter. The students were very interested in helping the school along with the environment.



Mrs. Bell's third grade students smile after a successful Earth Day clean up.

YoJo Visits Carson School Students

A large, friendly, nine-foot character named YoJo, and his friend named Phillip, visited the Carson School Students in April. The key message of the show was "Treat Your Body Right."

Children were introduced to YoJo, a character that enjoys his junk food binges. He also sees no problem with being a couch potato and hates to exercise.

Through an interactive show that involved many of the students, YoJo quickly learned that being physically active every day is not only important, but lots of fun, too! The show also stressed the importance of getting a good night's sleep.

Also featured was the new USDA "My Plate" program that illustrates sensible and well balanced food choices. Stu-

dents learned that half of every meal plate should be fruits and vegetables, a quarter should be protein, a quarter should be grains, and one serving of dairy. In addition, Phillip and YoJo talked about avoiding tobacco, cigarettes and drugs.

The show concluded with the entire student body and staff, including Principal Matthews, getting up and dancing to YoJoRobotics! The show was enjoyed by everyone.

As an extension activity in health classes, the students later created their own My Plate meal using a paper plate and choosing and coloring food choice illustrations.

Thanks to Pennsauken Alliance for Substance Abuse (PASA) for providing



Students participate in the interactive show with YoJo during the Treat Your Heart Right assembly.

grant funds in order for Carson School to enjoy this special show with such an important health message.

Intermediate School Student's Poetry Wins Awards, Heads To National Competition

Ngan Chiem, a sixth grade student at Pennsauken Intermediate School, has won at the local, regional, and state levels at the National PTA Reflections, the organization's cornerstone arts program. Her winning poetry is now moving on and will be judged at the national level in Washington, D.C. Ngan is an exceptional student and talented writer.

The program was developed in 1969 by Colorado's PTA President Mary Lou Anderson to encourage students to explore their talents and express themselves. Since then, the Reflections program has inspired millions of students to reflect on a specific theme and create original artwork. Each year, students in grades pre-K through 12 are recognized for bringing the theme to life through dance choreography, film pro-

duction, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts.

This year's PTA theme was "One Magical Moment." Through free verse poetry, Ngan captured a magical moment and reflected on her journey back to her native land, Vietnam.

Congratulations to Ngan and best of luck at the national level.

I Still Remember

By Ngan Chiem

I remember seeing my aunt with her outstretched arms. I ran to her.

I remember my grandma's exploding happiness, her wise, midnight eyes gleaming like the stars.

I remember my swelling excitement as I helped my mom look for our luggage.

I remember my cousins grinning their mischievous smiles. Their playfulness never got lost after all these years.

My aunts and uncles tried to squeeze many unsaid things



The poetry of Ngan Chiem, a sixth grade student at Pennsauken Intermediate School, will be judged at a national completion in Washington D.C. as part of the National PTA Reflections program.

into a warm, welcoming hug; I understood. I missed them too.

They've all seemed to change just as I've changed.

When I first left my home, I was a shapeless shadow, hidden from the world. Take a good look at me now. I feel like a new person. That rare, blissful moment of seeing my kin again stays with me as I stroll down memory lane.

I can still remember that magical, summer day.

Middle School Students Of The Month

Phifer Middle School's faculty and administration is proud to recognize recent students of the month:

7th Grade – Marcos Cantor, Aaron Chester, Meghan Flaherty, Eric Hoang, Amanda Lor, and Taysa O'Reilly.

8th Grade – Vincent Acevedo, Isaac Amato, Zoe Dillard, Cherrie Kim, Sandra Kunchick, Christian Perez, Jack Tran, and Tuong Tran.

Congratulations!

Student Of The Month Award Ceremony

EACH MONTH, THE PENNSAUKEN BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNIZES STUDENTS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUCCESS IN OUR SCHOOLS. THESE STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING FOR AN INFORMAL AWARDS CEREMONY.



Adonijah Clarke, Elementary Student of the Month Recipient, accompanied by his family, seen here with Board of Education President Mr. Matthew McDevitt.



Phifer Middle School Student of the Month Taylor Johnson, seen here with her parents, and Board of Education Member Mr. Rick Brown.



Ashley Diaz, Student of the Month Recipient, with her family proudly by her side, and Board of Education Member Mr. Danny O'Brien.



Board of Education Member Mr. Carlos Raul Rodriguez, with PHS Student of the Month Alaina Cruz. Standing with Alaina is her mother.



Lamar Smalls, PHS Student of the Month, seen here with his family and Board of Education Member Mr. Michael Stargell.



Alaina Martin, PHS Student of the Month Recipient, accompanied by her family, with Board of Education Member Mr. Bernhard Kofoet.



PHS Student Suong Doan, with her family proudly by her side, and Board of Education Member Mr. Rick Brown.



Hendrickson Tineo, PHS Student of the Month Recipient, accompanied by his family, with Board of Education Member Mr. Matthew McDevitt.



Yasin Ahmed Robin, PHS Student of the Month, seen here with his family and Board of Education Member Dr. Allyson Meloni.



Trae Steed receives a Certificate of Recognition and is accompanied by his mother, Teacher Mrs. Eisenmann, and Superintendent of Schools Mrs. Marilyn Martinez.

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Phifer Middle School student Taylor Johnson receives a Certificate of Recognition and is seen here with her parents, Principal Logan and Superintendent of Schools Mrs. Marilyn Martinez.



Superintendent of Schools Mrs. Marilyn Martinez with Giselle Cortes and N'Dea Irbin-Choy, members of the First Team League All Stars, Fall Sports.



PHS students Brianna Roberts and Eric Butler are recognized for making First Team League All Stars, Fall Sports, seen here with Superintendent of Schools Mrs. Marilyn Martinez.



Zaire Harris, PHS student, is recognized as a member of the Second Team League All Stars, Fall Sports, seen here with Superintendent of Schools Mrs. Marilyn Martinez.



PHS students Alivia Bates and Miranda Jordan are recognized as members of the Second Team League All Stars, Fall Sports, with Superintendent of Schools Mrs. Marilyn Martinez.



Isian Ingram and Jessica Bello, PHS students, are recognized as members of the First Team League All Stars, Winter Sports, with Superintendent of Schools Mrs. Marilyn Martinez.



Tanel Lewis and Hendrickson Tineo, PHS students, are recognized as members of the Second Team League All Stars, Winter Sports, with Superintendent of Schools Mrs. Marilyn Martinez.



PHS Student of the Month David Genao-Nunez, seen here with his family, and Board of Education Member Dr. Allyson Meloni.



Min Qing Lin, PHS Student of the Month Recipient, with her family proudly by her side, and Board of Education Member Mr. Dung Nguyen.



Board of Education Member Mr. Danny O'Brien and PHS Student of the Month Reginald Boateng, seen here with his family.



Taylor Ursino, PHS Student of the Month, seen here with her mother and Board of Education Member Mr. Carlos Raul Rodriguez.



Vanessa Arroyo, PHS Student of the Month Recipient, accompanied by her family, with Board of Education Member Dr. Allyson Meloni.



PHS Student of the Month Omar Khan, with his family proudly by his side, and Board of Education Member Mr. Rick Brown.



Meisja Lemon, PHS Student of the Month Recipient, accompanied by her family, with Board of Education Member Mr. Bernard Kofoet.



Korey Mitchell, Isiah Ingram, and Marlin Finley were recognized as First Team All Stars, Fall Sports, with Superintendent of Schools Mrs. Marilyn Martinez.



Elvin Polanco, Elementary Student of the Month Recipient, accompanied by his family and Board of Education Member Mr. Rick Brown.

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Special Improv Presentation At PHS



Andy and Sandy from the National Theatre for Children, in partnership with Dow Chemical, held a special improv presentation at Pennsauken High School to get students excited about careers in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Upcoming Events...

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| June 3 | Intermediate School Band Concert at Phifer Middle School – 7:00 p.m. |
| June 6 | Senior Awards Night – 7:00 p.m. |
| June 13 – 17 | Half-Session Day |
| June 13 | High School Graduation – 6:30 p.m. |
| June 17 | Last Day of School |
| June 17 | Middle School Promotion at Pennsauken High School – 6:30 p.m. |
| June 20 | Pennsauken Board of Education Conference Meeting – 7:00 p.m. |
| June 27 | Pennsauken Board of Education Business Meeting – 7:00 p.m. |



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WAGSWORLD Daydreaming Of Cars, Car Shows, And More Cars

By Bob Wagner
AAP Columnist

I am sitting on the veranda, overlooking the golf course's eighth hole, and the edge of the lake that leads to the pool and hot tubs. The sun is just peeking over the live oaks. A light mist is wafting off the lake, and two white egrets are wading on the edges of the lily pads, looking for a birdie breakfast. I am sipping my second cup of coffee, comfortable in my bathing suit and t-shirt, letting the morning unfold around me. The sound of car

engines in the parking lot snaps my attention back to semi-normal! Not just any old car engine sounds, mind you. Well tuned, V8 engines, mixed with the slow cough of old six volt sixes, and the whirr and putt of vintage Volkswagens.

The car show guys are off to a day of car show sunshine, and I am stuck in this hell hole, a thousand miles from my newly finished '63 VW, with only a Toyota station wagon to drive.

All winter long, I agonized over seat covers, chrome pieces, and paint colors. I ordered parts like a man possessed, beg-

ging the delivery guys to send the stuff anywhere but to my house, where the arrival of large brown boxes would catch the attention of my lovely bride, causing her to use strange and unfamiliar words to describe my condition. Now, the finished car sits at the garage, while I watch strangers drive off in shiny vehicles, leaving me to languish here in paradise with only my new Mickey t-shirt to occupy my mind.

While families load their SUVs with children for a day at the parks, I can only chafe until the Wagner family wagon heads North again, to the start of car

show heaven. Where middle-aged men and envious youngsters stroll up and down aisles packed with cars of all colors, shiny with chrome. Where the smell of oil, car exhaust, and anti-freeze caress the nostrils of true car nuts. Wives sit in the shade on folding chairs, talking about the strange men they live with, while guys talk excitedly about carburetion, horse power, and whether or not Mother's car waxes are better than Maguire's.

I have this delightful mental picture of pulling into Weber's drive-in with the grey VW, to the stares and envious finger pointing of the patrons and passers-by. But my thoughts turn paranoid; as I picture dropping a ketchup-covered french fry on my new seat covers. Maybe just a root beer with extra napkins. But what about that tray on the window? Will it scratch my new paint? Good Lord, I wonder, have I lost my mind?

My good bride suggests that the mind ship has sailed so long ago that I shouldn't miss it at all by now. "Put on your flip flops, pack up your man purse, and get in the car," she quips. "We'll drive up to your friend Tom Rose's house in Longwood, and you can look at all the toys out in his shop. By the time you see the sixth or seventh car you don't already own, you'll forget about what's at home, and start planning on a new one."

As we drive off into the warm morning sun, I am once again amazed at how smart the good wife is.

In a few days, I'll be back home, putting around town in the VW, waving out the window. If you see me, just wave. If I stop to talk, you could lose a whole morning. And don't ever ask if I took any pictures on the trip! You could lose a whole day!

'Till then, I'll see you around town. Happy Father's Day.

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Friends Of The Library Art Show A Success

This year's annual Friends of the Library Art Show was a great success. We had a number of first-time participants, in addition to many returning artists, and the quality of the work was better than ever. Thank you to all of the artists who shared their talents. Also, a big thank you goes to the art teachers who encouraged our student entrants. A few artists sold their pieces and donated 20 percent of the sale to the Friends.

In addition, the Friends of the Library offered several workshops that were free to participants. Our workshop leaders, Jim Mitchell, Fran Bennett, Jean Roward, Justine from NTS Glass Works, and Martie Burton, were excellent and we thank you for volunteering your time and expertise. If you missed out on the workshops this year, keep an eye out for our show next year.

Any undertaking like the Art Show relies on a great group of volunteers.

Huge thanks to the Friends of the Library members who gave time to act as hosts/room monitors, as well as Pat and Betty (and family) who handled refreshments at the reception; Barb Piperno and Carol Ramchandani, for many hours of organizational work; and the Library staff, who are always helpful and supportive. The Friends would also like to thank Christie DeCarolis, PHS Honor Society advisor and Julia Kozuhowski, PHS Leo Club advisor, for recruiting a super group of student volunteers who handled some of the typing and also assisted in setting up the show. They're always a pleasure to work with.

Again, thanks to Fran Bennett, PHS art teacher, who not only led a workshop, but personally delivered all of the high school entries and arranged for the use of some display boards.

Be sure to join us next year for another great show!

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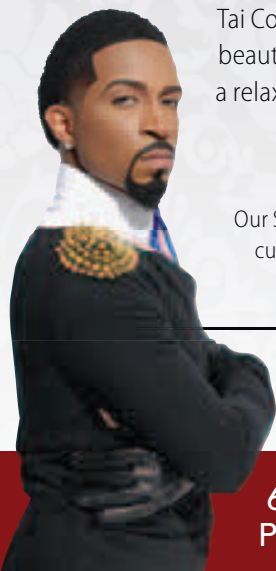
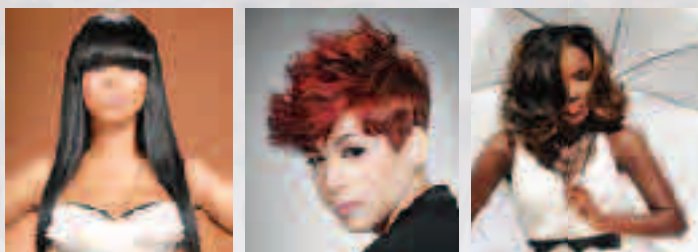
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Work Zone Awareness Creates Safety For Drivers, Workers



By Bernie Kofoet, Public Works Superintendent

According to the Federal Highway Administration, there were 587 work zone fatalities in 2011. In 2010, there were over 37,000 work zone injuries nationwide. On average, there are four work zone injuries every hour.

Interestingly, most of the fatalities and injuries are to the driver or passengers in the vehicle, not the road workers.

What causes these accidents? Driver error, such as speeding, use of cell phones, inattentive driving, aggressive driving, and failure to maintain a safe following distance, are some of the main causes.

Whether it's on the Turnpike, the interstate, or your neighborhood street, there are several tips to follow to avoid being a statistic.

Always expect the unexpected. Conditions change. You may drive a particular route every day, but things can change overnight. Lanes may have been changed, closed or diverted to accommodate construction.

Speeding is a major cause of work zone accidents. Pay attention to posted speed limits. There are severe penalties for speeding in work zones.

Maintain a safe distance between you and the car in front of you. Thirty percent of work zone accidents are caused by rear end collisions.

Obey posted signs and follow the direction of road crew flaggers. Don't drive around barrels or cones. They are placed there for your safety as well as that of the workers.

Stay alert and minimize distraction. Pay attention to the road, don't text or use your cell phone, don't look down to change the radio, avoid looking at newspapers or written directions while in a work zone.

Plan ahead. Check your route on the web or listen to traffic updates on the radio. This will allow you to be prepared to take an alternate route if there are de-

lays on your route.

If you come across a work zone, be patient, be calm. Yes, we've all been in the situation where we are late for an appointment and get slowed by traffic. It is frustrating, but remember: it is better to arrive alive late than not to arrive at all.

Be sure to wear your seat belt. It is your best defense in case of a crash. Lap/shoulder seat belts, when used, reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by 45 percent and the risk of moderate-to-critical injury by 50 percent.

Remember: that worker you see along the road is someone's father, mother, brother, sister, son, or daughter. By keeping safe, you're helping insure that both you, as well as the workers on the road, come home to their loved ones.

A Reminder About Yard Waste

Please do not blow yard waste into the streets. If you pay someone to maintain your yard, please ask them not to blow yard debris into the street.

Grass clippings, when blown into the street, are actually considered a form of litter. They can clog storm drains and potentially cause flooding.

The Township provides collection of yard debris every Wednesday, 52 weeks a year. There is no limit to the amount of yard waste you may place out for collection each week. Please do not use the yellow recycling buckets for yard waste. Those buckets are strictly for single stream recycling. Waste Management will not empty recycling buckets that contain yard waste.

While not mandatory, I would encourage residents to consider using paper yard waste bags for your grass and leaves. They are environmentally friendly. They also reduce the cost of disposal by eliminating the need for the disposal site to cut open and dump the plastic bags.

Once the fall leaf collection program ends on Dec. 31, we no longer collect leaves in the street. Please place all leaves in containers for pickup.

Have a safe summer!

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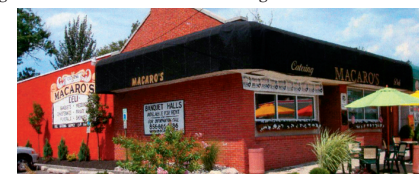
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Summer Fun From Pennsauken Parks and Recreation

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., June 24 through Aug. 9 at Delair School on Derousse Ave.. Cost is \$135 per week and includes materials.

Beading and Jewelry

Children ages 7-13 can learn the popular craft of beading and jewelry making. Make a bracelet, earrings or whatever you want. The program will be from 10 a.m. to noon on July 15-19 at the Pennsauken Municipal Building Meeting Room. The fee is \$45 per week.

Bowling

This fun camp is at Pinsetters Bowling Center on Maple Avenue 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 a.m. to noon on July 8-12 and is for kids ages 6-13. The fee is \$50 for the week and includes shoes and ball.

Boxing

Kids ages 7-16 can get in a regulation-size boxing ring at R & B Boxing this summer. Certified instructors from the facility off Haddonfield Road will introduce students to the basics of boxing and fitness. No experience required. The camp will be offered from Aug. 5-9, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

for ages 7-11, and 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for ages 12-16. The fee is \$35 per child. Make checks payable to R & B Boxing, 2309 Haddonfield Road.

Dancing Like the Stars

Kids ages 6-14 can learn the basics of theatrical dancing from skilled dance instructors. Classes run June 24-28 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and are held at Ronnie McLaughlin Dance Studio, 198 Church Road, Merchantville. Cost is \$30 per student.

Hip-Hop Dance

Come and join the fun for an introduction to Hip Hop Dance. Learn basic movements in the style of today's popular music for kids ages 6-12. The camp will be from 11 a.m. to noon on June 24-28. Wear comfortable clothing and sneakers. Instruction is by a qualified dance instructor from Ronnie McLaughlin Dance Studio. Cost is \$30 per student.

Ice Skating

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

Karate

Pennsauken Township and Shaw's Karate Institute present summer karate at 6704 Route 130 N., 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. For children ages 5-12, from July 22-26. Times are 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. for ages 5-7 and 11 a.m. to noon for ages 8-12. Cost is \$30 per child.

Sports

The Ike Willis Sports Camps are sponsored by the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department and will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at Pennsauken Middle School on Park Avenue. Camps are open to all Pennsauken and Merchantville children ages 7-15. The dates for each program are as follows: Field Hockey or Soccer – June 24-28; Tennis – July 8-12; Basketball – 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.

Swimming

Pennsauken Township will offer a learn-to-swim program for all children ages 5-11 at the municipal pool. Dates are June 18-20. Morning sessions are 9 to 11 a.m., evening sessions are 7 to 9 p.m. The fee for this program is \$20 per child for all three days, morning or evening sessions. All instructors are certified lifeguards and CPR certified.

Theater

The Creative Theater Class returns again from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 5-9 at the Delair School on Derousse Ave. Chil-

dren, ages 7-15, 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 per week and is operated by the Pennsauken Youth Summer Theater Program.

Multi-Media Art Creations

Explore an array of mediums, including clay, fiber, paper 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 a.m. to noon. The fee for this one week program is \$45.

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 library. For additional information call Mike at (856) 488-5325, Bill at (856) 663-2606 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 Road. The classes will be from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. during July. Exact dates are to be announced. Space is limited so don't delay. Instruction will be pro-

vided by a qualified tennis instructor.

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

Parks and Recreation accepts membership applications and fees for the 2013 pool season beginning on May 6. The pool 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 opens 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends only beginning May 25. Starting June 15, the pool will be open from noon to 8 p.m. daily. Pool fees and other information are available through the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department.

To Register

Registration for most summer programs begins on May 6 at the Pennsauken Municipal Building, Route 130 and Merchantville Avenue. Forms are available at the municipal building from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. A program listing and downloadable registration form is available at www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us. For more information, e-mail emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us or call (856) 665-1000 x151.



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Ed and Betsy McBride Selected As Citizens Of The Year By Lions Club

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Green 130 initiative in 2013 to establish a long-range plan. Betsy was also pivotal in the development of Pennsauken's Community Garden, working with interested residents, as well as Pennsauken's Public Works and Parks and Recreation departments to help transform the garden from concept to reality.

Betsy serves on the board of Pennsauken Neighbors Helping Neighbors and is a member of the Brownfield Development Area Steering Committee. She teaches basic computer classes at the Pennsauken Library and implemented that program in 2010.

Ed McBride has been a committed member of the Pennsauken community, serving as a past commissioner on the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission, as well as a solicitor for the Pennsauken Sewerage Authority. Ed

previously worked in state government for many years, serving in the offices of four New Jersey governors. He now is a Superior Court Judge in Camden, a job he started in 2010.

Ed oftentimes works behind the scenes, supporting many of Betsy's efforts, doing everything from carting coolers to cleaning up after events.

A dinner in the McBrides' honor will be held on Monday, June 17, 6 p.m. at Macaro's Catering on Westfield Ave. Anyone interested in attending should contact the Lions Club at Pennsauken-Lionsclub@gmail.com or call (856) 617-1630. The cost for dinner is \$12.00 per person.

As part of the presentation, the Lions have made a donation to the Lions International Foundation in Betsy and Ed's honor.

Pennsauken Fire Department Celebrates 100 Years Of Service

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neighbors to join his local fire company in the 1950's is now oftentimes the patriarch of a long line of firefighters, with a third or fourth-generation family member currently serving in the department. Fathers, sons and daughters; brothers and sisters; cousins and best friends; these family connections continue to make up the largest part of the Pennsauken Fire Department's membership base.

Traditions developed by the bonds of firefighting extend far beyond the firehouse. Lifelong friendships are formed during their many years of service, with members of the firefighting "family" taking part in the special moments of their lives, including weddings, births, and baptisms. They are also there for each other during the tough times, particularly as it pertains to the job. In its 100-year history, three Pennsauken firefighters have paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to the town: Edward Pomroy, Franklin Dennis, and Herman Blank; their brothers and

sisters-in-arms remember their passing and honor their memory to this day.

Reflections From Firefighters

As part of the 100th anniversary celebration, which culminates during a special ceremony on June 1 at Fire Station 1, 8362 Stockton Ave., Pennsauken from 1 to 4 p.m., the Pennsauken Fire Department assembled firefighters past and present together for a series of special

photos. Former members traveled across the country to come back and be a part of this special 100-year memento.

During the photo sessions, several members of the Pennsauken firefighting family shared their thoughts with All Around Pennsauken's Judith Kristen. Here are her observations from the event:

Jack Weiss is a dapper, beautifully-spoken man who looks like a well-main-

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SENIORCORNER Focusing On Senior Safety

By Sonny DiSabato
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors.

While we've all been around the block a few times, and we generally know when the wool is being pulled over our eyes, there are always a few people who want to take advantage of seniors. Whether it is people pretending to be contractors or utility workers looking to gain access to your home and steal your valuables, or someone calling on the telephone trying to get information about your credit cards or bank accounts, seniors are being targeted and we all need to be very careful.

The National Crime Prevention Council offers some helpful, common-sense tips that can help make seniors safer.

Be Alert When Out And About

Try to go out with families and friends. Traveling in groups makes you less of a target. Carry your purse close to your body and place your wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket. Also, don't carry credit cards you don't need or large

amounts of cash. When traveling by car, lock your doors and keep them locked. If you use public transportation, be sure to sit close to the driver or near the exit of the bus, train or subway. And most importantly, if someone around you makes you uneasy, trust your gut and leave.

Safe And Secure At Home

A lock on a door or window is only effective when you use it. Be sure that locks are sturdy and are in good repair; replace older locks that can make it easier for thieves to break into your home. Don't hide keys under a rock or in your mailbox. Instead, keep an extra set of keys with a neighbor or friend.

If a repairman, utility worker or delivery person knocks on your door, ask for identification before letting them in. Call the company they work for to confirm they sent someone to your home.

If you don't have one already, you may also want to consider installing a home alarm system that provides emergency monitoring for burglary, fire and medical emergencies.

Watch Out For Cons

The initial rule of thumb is, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is." Don't be fooled by someone offering free vacations, prizes, medical breakthroughs, or low-risk, high-reward investment schemes.

When it comes to your personal information, keep it to yourself. It's illegal for telemarketers to ask for credit card numbers, social security numbers, etc. to verify a prize or gift.

Read over contracts carefully; even have someone you trust look it over. Don't let anyone pressure you to signing anything without looking at it.

Protect Against Identity Theft

It can't be stressed enough: do not give out any personal information over the phone, through the mail or over the Internet unless you have initiated the contact or know with whom you're dealing. Shred discarded documents such as bank statements, pre-approved credit card offers and insurance forms. Never carry your social security card, birth certificate

or passport unless necessary.

When ordering a new credit card, make sure it arrives within a reasonable time. Cancel all credit cards you have not used in the last six months. Also, be sure to order your credit report at least twice a year and correct all mistakes with the

credit bureau.

Wishing you good health and happiness. Remember to pray for our men and women serving in the Armed Forces, as well as our sisters and brothers in Boston, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Inaugural Taste of Pennsauken A Success

The Women's Club of Merchantville, the General Juniors and Evening Membership Department hosted the first ever Taste of Pennsauken on Monday, April 29 at Marco's at the Pennsauken Country Club. Over 140 people attended to sample fare from a variety of local food purveyors, while supporting area non-profit Pennsauken Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

The members of the Woman's Club would like to thank everyone who attended the event and made it a huge success. They would also like to express their gratitude to all of the food vendors who gave of their time and their delicious food items to support this event. It is their hope that local residents will sup-

port and patronize the following vendors: H&H Deli; Hing Far Chinese Restaurant; Peking Gourmet Chinese Restaurant; Penn Queen Diner; Tortilla Press Cantina; Pinsetter Bar and Bowl; Cabbanna Water Ice; John's Water Ice; Macaro's; McFarland's Market; and Marco's at the Pennsauken Country Club.

Monies raised from the Taste of Pennsauken were donated to Pennsauken Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a non-profit organization that offers one-time-only grants payable directly to a service provider for repairs, services, purchases or arrears accounts. For more information, or to request assistance, visit PennsaukenNeighbors.org.



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Caring For Roses, Garden Prima Donnas

By Kathleen Harvey, Owner, Plant Artistry, LLC

Spring is almost gone and the heat of summer is upon us. While summer isn't my favorite season, it brings out one of my favorite flowers, tea roses. Hybrid tea roses include those long stemmed red roses some of us are lucky enough to receive on special occasions. While cut roses won't last much longer than a week in a vase, with some care and attention, you can grow your own beautiful roses.

To begin, select a well-drained site where roses will receive full sun for at least half the day. Early morning sun and good air circulation are critical to allow foliage to dry in the morning, which will discourage diseases.

Spacing of the plants will vary with varieties. Most teas are best with 3' to 5' between each plant. Climbers and ramblers need more space to develop to their potential. Eight to 10' is appropriate for most. Bare-root plants should be set out as soon after receiving them, as weather and time allow. If a delay of more than a few days is necessary, remove plants from the shipping bag and "heel them in" by covering the roots and part of the tops with loose soil. Bare root plants should be pre-soaked in water for 24 hours just prior to planting. Container-grown plants may be set out at any time. However, avoid the hot summer months when extra irrigation and care may be necessary to ensure success. Prune tops



Be sure to catch Kathleen Harvey on her new show, "Going Green" which can be found on Channel 19, Pennsauken Television.

back an inch or two to just above a live and healthy bud on each cane. Also, cut back canes or roots damaged in shipping or handling to healthy tissue.

Dig each hole large enough to accommodate the natural spread of the roots, at least 12" deep and 18" wide. Plant rose plants with the bud union an inch below the surface of the ground. Mix about one-third organic material, such as compost, with some of the soil from the hole, along with rotted cow manure, if available. A half-cup of bone meal thoroughly mixed with the soil is a good addition. Soil preparation can be done just prior to planting, but is more effective if completed several weeks before planting.

Firm the soil around the roots, and water thoroughly to remove air pockets and settle the soil around the root system.

Roses are heavy feeders and require frequent application of fertilizers; think teen-aged boys' appetites. Do not apply fertilizers until 8 to 10 weeks after planting, or when buds first appear for established roses. Work the fertilizer into the soil, then water thoroughly, so the fertilizer soaks down to the roots. The time-honored fertilizer for roses is well-rotted cow manure. Since manure is not always available, commercial fertilizers have become popular. There are good granular fertilizers, often combined with insecticides or fungicides, made specifically for roses. Fertilizers may be applied every 4 to 6 weeks until about Sept. 1. Application after that time can promote soft fall growth that may result in freeze damage.

A constant moisture supply is vital to successful rose culture. Starting in early spring, roses require a minimum of one inch of water per week. Apply this amount at one time. Sandy soils will require more frequent watering. Especially water your roses during hot, dry weather. Try to keep the foliage dry; wet foliage, especially at night, will promote fungal disease that can be difficult to eradicate. Good rose culture that includes sun, careful pruning, disposal of diseased leaves, good air circulation, water, and fertilizer will bring years of beautiful blooms.

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Library Motivates Young Learners Through Summer Reading Program

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- To motivate children to read
- To develop positive attitudes about reading and books
- To help children maintain their skills during summer vacation
- To encourage regular use of the library
- To attract new users

The ultimate goal is to encourage children, not just to read, but to enjoy reading, so that they may become lifelong learners.

Motivation is usually achieved by giving out prizes for the amount of books or time spent reading. This year, we will be giving away t-shirts to six lucky participants. Will you be one of them? Come

into the Library with your school's summer reading packet. Once you've met your goals, you will be eligible to receive a prize. If you stand out from all the rest by making great improvements, or going above and beyond, you might just get something extra!

Developing a love of reading is often the hardest goal for us to achieve. If children are not enjoying reading or feel "forced" into it, it just won't happen. The key is to find a "just right" book. Try using the "Five Finger Rule." When your child picks out a book, scan a page and have them put up a finger for each word on the page her or she does not know. If there are more than five words on a page they don't know, or less than two words they don't know, then try another book. The book with two to three new words

is the right book for them. Also, let your child pick books they want to read. You can require that they also read something from an approved list, but let them at least choose one item of interest to them. You never know if it is that book that is going to get them hooked on reading for the rest of their life!

Another way to encourage a love of reading is to make it fun. The Reading Buddies program strives to do just that by giving kids an older kid or adult to spend time reading with. This year we will be accepting kids on a first come, first served basis to maximize the number of kids who can be involved.

Access to materials is a crucial element and the Library is here to help. We do like to think that we have something for everyone. We are always happy to

make recommendations and suggestions for good books. In addition to books, you can check out videos and educational games that promote literacy and math skills. Our Early Literacy Stations have more than 60 programs for children ages 2-8 focusing on reading, writing, math, science, geography, music and art.

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For Ages 3-5

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For Ages 6-12

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For All Ages

- Friends of the Library Poetry Awards Ceremony - Wednesday, 6/5 - 7:00 p.m.
- Morning Movie - Wednesday, 6/19 - 10:30 a.m.: "Arthur and the Invisibles"
- Wednesday, 6/26 - 10:30 a.m.: "Holes"
- Lego Club - Wednesdays at 12 p.m.

For Adults

- Arcade Action - Thursday, 6/20 - 6:30 p.m.
- Book Club - Thursday, 6/6 - 10:15 a.m.

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- Basic Computer Skills 1 - Wednesday, 6/5, 6/19 - 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.
- Basic Computer Skills 2 - Wednesday, 6/12, 6/26 - 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.
- Microsoft Word: Part 1 - Monday, 6/17 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- Microsoft Word: Part 2 - Monday, 6/24 - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

- Friends of the Library - Wednesday, 6/12 - 7:00 p.m.
- Graphic Novel Society - Wednesday, 6/26 - 7:00 p.m.
- Library Board Meeting - Monday, 6/24 - 6:00 p.m.
- Yoga - Sunday, 6/2 - 4:00-4:45 p.m.

FOODADVENTURES Just Steaks Holds Its Own Against Philly Counterparts

By Rachael Rivera, AAP Columnist

Pat McConney recently opened Just Steaks at 177 S Centre St., in Merchantville, offering "A Philly taste on a Jersey Plate" to local residents. This is McConney's second Just Steaks location, after opening the first in Riverside, NJ in November of last year.

Growing up, McConney religiously took the 45-minute drive from his home town to get Pat's or Geno's Steaks in South Philly. With his new Merchantville location, Pat commented that area customers can get Philly food without the "attytood."

Pat enjoys what he does and strives to bring his customers a fantastic product. The menu is not overwhelming; instead, it has a perfect simplicity, while featuring unique offerings.

Once such dish is the deep-fried hot dog! Just Steaks uses the same brand of hot dog used at Ruts Hut, a popular hot dog joint in North Jersey. Pat wanted

something similar to a famous dog they have there called, "The Ripper." The outside is crispy, but the inside is juicy and patrons can get the dog plain or with ketchup, mustard, cheese and chili. The chili cheese dog is by far one of the best I've ever had. The chili they use also comes from McFarland's Market right down the street. They also offer kids chicken finger platters with large, juicy chicken fingers,



Pat McConney, seen here with his cook, Orlando, offers "A Philly taste on a Jersey plate" at Just Steaks in Merchantville.

fries and a juice box, as well as a larger platter of chicken fingers for adults.

When it comes to the cheese steaks, Pennsauken and Merchantville residents are most likely to order the more traditional "Wiz wit." But regardless of your cheesesteak inclination, Just Steaks cooks your sandwich fresh to order, serving lightly chopped steak on delicious, soft Liscio's rolls. Additional toppings are

only about thirty-five cents extra.

All of the cheese steaks offered are almost three dollars cheaper than steaks available across the bridge. I was lucky enough to try both, and found that Just Steaks ended up exceeding my expectations. I could see myself becoming a loyal patron of this place and never looking back. Even the wiz they use is great quality. This is the perfect place to grab a bite

and fuel up before heading out to Top Dog or Connie Mac's.

In addition, there are different daily specials between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m. They also plan to offer lunchtime delivery in the near future.

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Pennsauken Fire Department Celebrates 100 Years Of Service

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tained sixty-five-year-old; not the eighty-five years he actually is. Starting out as a firefighter during World War II at the tender age of 16, he has put in all of his heart and soul into a way of life he has dearly loved for the last sixty-nine years.

Jack comes from a long line of firemen and a family who always believed in giving back and serving the community in any way they could. His advice to those in their youth without direction or a clue as to what to do with their lives? "Learn that life is bigger than just yourself. Think of others, give back, serve your community. It's the only real way to live life to the fullest."

Gerald Manley is a happy thirty-year-old who has dedicated his life and followed his dream to become a proud member of Station 1. Gerald's voice echoed the sentiments of many of the firemen I spoke to, "Life is much, much more than all about you. Give back to your community, do well in school, live an inspired life."

Cassie Anderson is eleven years old and obviously not a firefighter, but her Dad Jim was. Now retired, Jim Anderson still lives an exemplary life and his daughter is very, very proud of her father.

"Dad has helped me in so many ways. He taught me things even without telling them to me directly. I learned from watching him, and I understand the importance of being a good friend, how much it means to be kind and thoughtful

to others. Giving back and helping other people is what life is all about and it brings out the best in who you are too."

Cassie is certainly on the right track, thanks to Jim. And whether she becomes a firefighter herself, she has learned tremendously valuable lessons from her Dad.

Mike O'Brien has spent the last twenty years as a fireman. You can find him at Lexington Ave. at Station 3, where he serves as Captain. I asked Mike, "Just how many of you see yourselves as heroes?" Mike smiled and said, "All we're doing is our job." I then mentioned, "But your job is saving lives." Again, Mike smiled and said, "It's an honor to serve and aid our community. That's what we're all here for. That's not being a hero. That's just doing our life's work. It's our calling."

Norm Figueroa is a wonderfully happy soul who has worn his firefighting uniform with pride for forty years. His dad, Norm Sr., now deceased, was a past Fire Chief and full-time fireman; and Norm's son and daughter-in-law, Kim, are also members of the department. The Figueroa family is devoted to their community. Now a retired firefighter, Norm has never retired from his sense of community and he had a lot to say about it.

"No one really thinks too much about their local fire company until they need us. We are there for them 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every single day of the year. We're dedicated to our neigh-

borhoods and everyone in them.

"When anyone chooses to abandon their sense of community, their lives become less and less meaningful. My advice to children, as well as to the adults in their lives, would be this: live a life that

is respectful of everyone, donate some time to the place where you live, do what you can, know your neighbors, become more aware. Serving and giving with an open heart makes for happier individuals and a better, safer, and more close-

knit community for all to live."

Special thanks to Pennsauken Fire Chief Joseph V. Palumbo, who provided invaluable information for this article. To view a graphic highlighting milestones of the Pennsauken Fire Department, visit www.facebook.com/AllAroundPennsauken.

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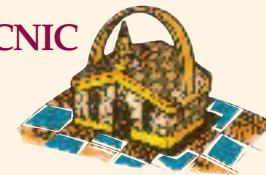
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By Gene Padalino, Township of Pennsauken Clerk

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District 3	Pennsauken Intermediate School, 8125 Park Ave. (Gym)
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District 7	Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 Crescent Blvd.
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District 9	Delair School, 850 Derousse Ave. (Cafeteria)
District 10	Homestead Youth Center, 4771 Willow Ave.
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By Spot, Faithful Dog of
AAP Editor, Frank Sinatra
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And the money you pay for your dog license, a real bargain by the way, doesn't just go to process the application. A portion of the fee goes to Pennsauken's doggie "trust fund," which helps pay for things like free vaccination clinics and supports the Almost Home Animal Shelter.

It's still not too late to get a dog license. Your furry kid, as well as other dogs in need a home, will thank you for it.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS **Revenge Is Sweet For Indians Boys Volleyball**

By Billy Wright
Pennsauken High School Athletic Director

The Washington Township Minutemen boys volleyball team was greeted at the door of the PHS gymnasium by a throng of 40 PHS JV team members, who engaged in loud, boisterous chants and assisted the Indians to an impressive 2-0 victory. It was power volleyball at its best, with Jermaine Drennon slamming home 10 kills set up by 24 assists from Peter Tran. Jacob Henderson had 20 digs to keep the ball alive in the back and forth contest that PHS wanted badly after losing to the Minutemen 2-0 several weeks ago.

As the season closed, the Indians qualified for the NJSIAA State Tournament, earning the tenth seed, and travelled to Bridgewater-Raritan for a first round contest. The team qualified for the state tournament for the fourth time in five years, the most prolific advancement of any of PHS team sports.

Butler, Dickerson Shine

The boys track and field team continues to show why it is one of the most respected programs in South Jersey. At the BCSL Division championships, Eric Butler ran a strong straightaway to out-lean several opponents, claiming the 400 meter dash. Senior stand-out Antwan Dickerson won the superfecta, claiming titles in the long jump, high jump, triple jump, and 110 high hurdles.

Three-peat For Boys Track & Field

For the fourth consecutive year, the boys track and field team took the long

ride up the Garden State Parkway to compete in the Long Branch Relays, once again coming home with the first place trophy. The Indians won six of the 15 events that were contested, two running events and four field events.

On the track, the quartet of freshman stand-out Marquan Jones, Eric Butler, Antwan Dickerson, and Charles Brewer won the sprint medley relay. With Zaire Harris replacing Antwan on the 4x400 relay, the group ran a scorching time of 3:24.36, the sixth best in the state Group IV rankings.

The Big Red won the long jump relay with Antwan Dickerson and Dimiri Griffin and the triple jump with Antwan and Justin Hernandez. Also in the field, Hendrickson Tineo was on two winning throws relays: the shot put, with Thang Ngo; and discus, with Dakota Ganasi.

Phifer Middle School Wins At Penn Relays

For the second consecutive year, the Phifer Middle School girl's 4x100 meter relay quartet came home first during the 118th annual Penn Relays. The team, coached by Chad Pierce and Dave Corson, consisted of eighth graders Asia Davis and Toni Glatz and seventh graders Brianna Bryan and Ziani Smalls.

PHS Wins Border Battle

Every so often, friends and neighbors get into a little tussle, looking to press their cause home. Such was the case with the annual PHS-Woodrow Wilson baseball match-up, as the Tigers visited PHS looking

to pull off the upset. The Indians escaped with a narrow 8-7 victory; Marc Ramirez got the win, Angel Rodriguez the save. Manny Camacho had two hits and Josh Hawkins had a two out, two RBI single.

Good Week For Anne Marie Reed At The Plate

A revamped lineup that took Ann Marie Reed from centerfield to catcher led to a hot bat for the 2012 Olympic Conference all-star. Ann Marie had two home runs, four RBIs and hit .445 at the plate with four hits in nine at bats in the three-game week. The line-up shuffle was the result of a broken finger to short-stop Taylor Ursino, causing wholesale changes in the infield and moving Ann Marie behind the dish.

Free Sports Physicals

The Pennsauken Board of Education provides free sports physicals each June and August. The June schedule begins with Phifer Middle School, eighth grade students on Thursday, June 6 and then seventh grade students on Friday, June 7, both at 9:00 a.m. On June 10, we will double up with the girls Intermediate School scheduled for 9:00 a.m. and the high school girls scheduled for 11:45 a.m. On Tuesday, June 11, the boys at the Intermediate School will start off at 9:00 a.m., followed by the high school boys at 11:45 a.m. Physicals are conducted in the nurse's office at the scheduled school. A signed permission form and pre-participation health history and physical form are required. All forms can be picked up

at the school office, at the nurse's office, or can be downloaded from the school website at pennsauken.net.

If you want to keep up with all of the athletic happenings, the school district website, sports button is the place to be.

Contest schedules for the fall 2013 season can be found at www.pennsauken.net, as well as information about the Varsity Club, All Sports Booster Club, college recruiting, and a wealth of other athletic related information.



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inSports Pennsauken Residents Swim Bike And Run For Charity

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

For months, two Pennsauken residents have pushed their bodies and spirits to the limit in preparation for the ultimate test of endurance and physical conditioning: the triathlon. While both Kristin Brammell and Ryan Wachter of Pennsauken are definitely doing it for the challenge, they're also inspired by the worthy causes they've championed as part of this journey.

A Birthday Present Turning Into Something More

Kristin Brammell wanted to do something special to commemorate her 30th birthday this June 21. Rather than do something frivolous, Brammell thought a triathlon would be a fun way to celebrate. As she began thinking about her unique birthday celebration, she received a timely phone call from the Leukemia

and Lymphoma Society about their Team In Training program, a fundraising initiative that enables walkers, runners, triathletes, etc. to support this worthy cause through their athletic pursuits.

"I happened to get a call from Team In Training, right about the time I was considering a Philly triathlon, which happens to be my birthday weekend," explains Brammell.

"I thought it was fortuitous that they called at that time; [I] signed up and have been moving on since then."

Kristin's birthday celebration continued to transform itself into something much more meaningful after a special conversation with one of her co-workers.



Kristin Brammell and Ryan Wachter of Pennsauken are participating in triathlons this summer to raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the Children's Tumor Foundation.

"A woman approached me the first day that I announced I was doing this; her seven-year-old daughter had passed away from leukemia a couple of years ago. She was really touched by my efforts to raise \$3,500 for the Leukemia and

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Pennsauken Residents Swim Bike And Run For Charity

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Lymphoma Society," says Brammell. "It came at a hard time for her; it was the anniversary of her daughter's diagnosis that same week. So right off the bat I kind of saw how other people had been affected by leukemia, lymphoma and other blood cancers in a way that I hadn't been affected. So my mission really changed at that point, to help patients and their families."

To date, Kristin has raised approximately \$2,500 to help fight leukemia, lymphoma and other blood cancers. As for preparing for her upcoming Olympic

triathlon on June 23, she's been squeezing in her training whenever her busy schedule will allow. And while Brammell's experienced some tough days in the pool and on the road, there's no doubt in her mind that she'll finish the race.

"I'm racing in memory of several people now, the people who made donations on behalf of friends and family who have passed away and I'm racing in honor of people who have survived. That will be my inspiration to carry me through the whole triathlon."

To sponsor Kristin's efforts and help

her raise the money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, visit <http://pages.teamtraining.org/nj/philtri13/kbrammell>.

Doing It For Hannah

As Township Director for Pennsauken Television, Ryan Wachter already does a lot of running around, shooting video for content on Channel 19 and PennsaukenTV.com. But what you may not know is that running and endurance events are a true passion for this lifelong Pennsauken resident.

"I have three goals at this point in my life when it comes to athletic endurance: qualify for [the] Boston [Marathon], complete a 100-mile road race, and become an Ironman," explains Wachter.

Ryan often combines his passion with charitable pursuits, competing in marathons for organizations such as Alex's Lemonade Stand and Team In Training. And when he saw that the Children's Tumor Foundation offered an opportunity for fundraisers to participate in an Ironman, the ultimate in triathlon competitions, Wachter jumped at the chance.

"When I saw that the Children's Tumor Foundation was raising funds as part of an Ironman, and the amount wasn't crazy, I felt this was my best chance of doing it."

Ryan came up with some creative fundraising ideas, including yard sales and flea markets, to help raise the \$5,000 needed to reach his goal. Local residents have also been particularly generous, giving to donation jars located at places such as Meadowbrook Food Center and McFarlan's Market.

Throughout his journey to the Ironman competition in Lake Placid, NY on July 28, Ryan has been in contact with Hannah, a brave, young girl battling neurofibromatosis, a genetically inherited disorder of the nervous system. As Wachter's "NF Hero," Hannah sends him encouraging letters and drawings. It goes a long way as he trains for an event so demanding, race officials eliminate participants throughout the competition when it is apparent they won't make the 17-hour cutoff.

"Failure is absolutely not an option. When you're training to raise funds for a non-profit, it pushes you. It helps you. This is more important than my goal of completing an Ironman. I'm doing this for Hannah and other children like her and their families."

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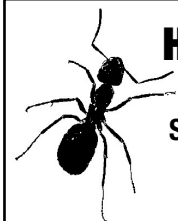
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