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Pennsauken Honors The Town's Best Mom and Dad

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor



Students throughout Pennsauken wrote about why their moms and dads were the best in town as part of the "Best Mom and Dad in Pennsauken" contest.

A hard-working mom who takes care of 11 people – including the cats – and a dad who takes time off from work to spend time with his children were selected as this year's Best Mom and Dad in Pennsauken.

Sponsored by the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee, Best Mom and Dad is an essay contest that enables children in grades three, four, and five in any Pennsauken public, parochial, or private school to submit a letter stating why they believe that their mom or dad are the best. Letters were judged by a panel based on originality, content, and ability to express feelings or ideas.

The winning Best Mom essay was written by Lakyra Lassiter. "She is the sweetest, most generous, most hard-working person I know. She cooks us a hot meal every night; and what I mean by us is my two sisters, two brothers, aunt, uncle, dad, three cats and I. That's 11 people she has to care for, including the cats."

Lakyra spoke about how her mom
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Pennsauken Celebrates Graduating Class Of 2015

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

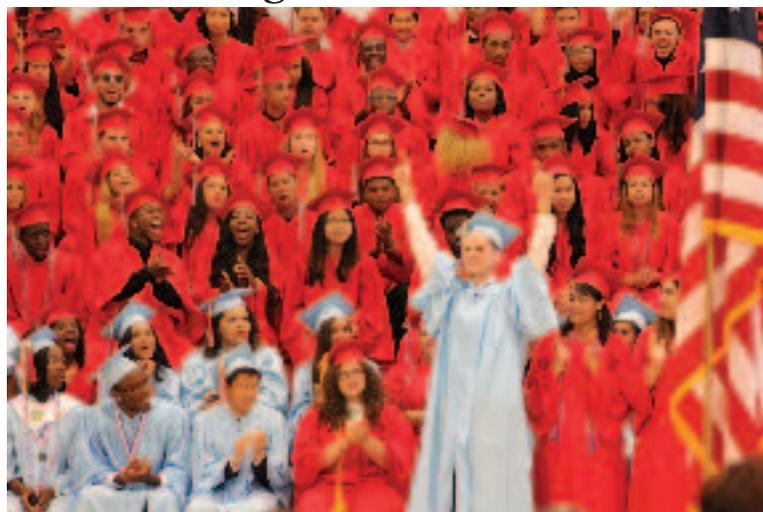
Two very significant rites of passage took place on two consecutive nights.

On Thursday, June 18, 2015, came the arrival of Howard M. Phifer's Middle School eighth grade promotion exercises; and Friday, June 19, delivered our own Pennsauken High School's graduation program – celebrating the Class of 2015.

Both schools had high hopes for a sunny outdoor procession, but Mother Nature had other plans. However, even Mother Nature knows there are certain kinds of inner sunshine over which she has no control at all.

Phifer's eighth grade graduation was a delight to behold. A packed gymnasium filled with friends and family watched as all 395 students walked by in a carefully-paced procession, leaving their early youth behind and taking that giant leap of joy and faith moving on into four years of high school life.

"Pomp and Circumstance" filled the air. Students smiled and their families and



Austin Gilliss and 330 of his closest friends from the Class of 2015 celebrate during Pennsauken High School's commencement. Photo credit: Adam C. Gilliss, Sr.

friends smiled right along with them. Pride was wall to wall.

Mr. Michael Kaufman then led the orchestra in "The Star Spangled Banner,"

which was immediately followed by president of the National Junior Honor Society, Ngan Chiem, leading the audience and
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Meadowbrook Park Undergoes Massive Renovation



Pennsauken's Meadowbrook Park, located along Cooper Ave., is currently undergoing an impressive face lift, thanks to New Jersey's Green Acres Program. Phase I of the project is scheduled to be completed by the end of this month.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken's Meadowbrook Park, located along Cooper Ave. across from Franklin Elementary School, is currently undergoing an impressive face lift, thanks to New Jersey's Green Acres Program.

"There's going to be something for all ages. It's going to become a very active park," says Elwood "Duke"

Martz, director of Pennsauken Township's Parks and Recreation Department. "You can make a family day out of it."

According to Martz, there are two phases to the renovation of Meadowbrook Park. Phase I entails the repair and replacement of damaged playground equipment, as well as the expansion of the current "boundless" playground with new pieces that will be added to the current structure, enhancing the ability of those with special needs to play and interact with

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Town Watch

Pennsauken's Town Watch hosts its monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 7:30 p.m. at the Pennsauken Police Department, 4800 Bethel Ave., second floor. Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings to learn how to keep our community safe. For more information,

call 856-488-0080 x2417.

Hoagie Sale

AMVETS Post 101 Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a hoagie sale on Saturday, July 11 at 519 June Rd. in Delair. The sale begins at 11:00 a.m. until all hoagies are gone. American and Turkey hoagies are

available for just \$5 a piece. For more information, call (856) 663-8950.

Friends Of The Library 20th Anniversary

The Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library celebrate 20 years of supporting the Library with a special celebration on Saturday, July 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Featuring cake,

refreshments, live music and more. For more information, visit the Friends of the Pennsauken Library's Facebook page.

Charity Bridal Event

Brides Against Breast Cancer is hosting a charity bridal event and trunk sale on Sunday, July 19 at the Camden County Boathouse, 7050 N. Park Dr., Pennsauken. A VIP event will be held

from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; for \$20, attendees can try on and purchase wedding gowns before the event opens to the public. Free general admission runs from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit programs for cancer patients and their families. For more information, visit bridesagainstbreastcancer.org.

Fundraiser For Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital

On Tuesday, July 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., 25 percent of the proceeds from sales at Mister Softee of Pennsauken, located at 3605 Haddonfield Rd., will benefit Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, one of the world's premier centers for research and treatment of catastrophic diseases in children.

Comedy Night

The Event Center, 1444 Rt. 73, Pennsauken, hosts an open mic comedy night every Saturday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, or to find out more about other ongoing events, visit 73eventcenter.com.

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Township Committee
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Zoning Board of Adjustment
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 1 and 15

Planning Board
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 7 and 28

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By Rick Taylor,
Mayor of
Pennsauken
Township

Before I begin my column, I and the entire Township Committee hope that everyone has finally cleaned up from last month's storm. While I've seen my fair share of heavy rains and lightning, I don't think I've ever seen wind like that in my entire life. I'm very thankful that no one was seriously injured during the storm. Property can be replaced. People cannot. I'd also like to thank all of our first responders and our Department of Public Works. These hard working men and women put in hundreds of hours and worked round-the-clock to help our res-

idents and business owners during the storm's aftermath.

While I'm hopeful we won't see another storm like that anytime soon, these fast moving thunder storms are just another sign that summer is upon us. Extreme weather aside, this is a great time of year. The warmer weather offers opportunities to enjoy the outdoors – from visiting one of Pennsauken's many parks to cooling off at our Municipal pool. There are plenty of barbecues, family gatherings galore, and trips down the shore to enjoy the beach or a favorite slice of pizza on the boardwalk.

Living in the United States of America really affords us many opportunities that you can't get anywhere else. There's no place like our country anywhere else in the world. This month, we especially take time to honor the birth of our na-

tion and celebrate the many freedoms we enjoy.

We also are mindful of the saying, "freedom isn't free." There are many men and women who have sacrificed much – even their own lives – to insure our freedoms. During the Independence Day weekend, many take pause to honor those who gave much to the cause of liberty.

Now this begs an interesting question, what can we do – right here in Pennsauken – to help preserve our freedom? When you think about it, you don't have to be a Founding Father to exercise your right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Sometimes it's as easy as allowing people to speak their mind. Even if you don't agree with what they're saying, they still have the right to voice their opinion. You could also become more

informed about local government. Our Township Committee holds several meetings each month at the Municipal Building. Every meeting is open to the public; there's also time allotted at each meeting to hear concerns and answer questions from residents.

Perhaps the easiest thing to do is to treat people with the respect they deserve. Sometimes we have issues with our neighbors. Other times we can argue with those closest to us. But the moment we cross the line and stop treating them like people, we begin to do damage to the American dream. We all are in pursuit of happiness. How much easier would that be if we all treated each other with decency and respect? Now that's something truly worth pursuing.

On behalf of myself and the entire Township Committee, I wish you and

yours a very happy Independence Day and a wonderful summer.

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Cherry Hill – \$Price Recuced!!!

Move right into this spacious split-level. Living Rm, Dining Rm, Kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. New carpet throughout, a fully finished basement with a powder room and laundry room. Also a beautiful addition off the updated kitchen which makes a great family room. Central air, gas heat, newer water heater, newer windows. Big backyard with a nice storage shed. Property is in a prime location where you have access to all major roads within minutes. This house is a MUST SEE!!! \$189,900



Riverside – You'll fall in love immediately!!!

Charming Colonial on a corner lot in the highly desired "Avenues" section of Riverside. Beautifully maintained decor with original woodwork and columns. Eat in kitchen has 42 inch oak cabinets. Pergo flooring in D/R. Second floor has 3 nice size bedrooms, the master bedroom has custom closets and a built in window seat. Walk out back to a paver patio with a large yard perfect for entertaining. Fully fenced yard. Updated Timberline Roofing. Newer carpeting. Newer replacement windows. Vinyl siding. \$172,900



Pennsauken – Spectacular Corner Property!!!

This Meadowbrook Split is move in ready. Home features a nice open floor plan, beautiful hardwood flooring, vaulted ceilings, and neutral colors. 3 bdrms, 1 1/2 baths, updated kitchen w/breakfast bar. Lower level features a cozy F/R w/new laminate flooring, an extra bonus room that can be used as a den, media room, office, etc. Plus there's an awesome Sunroom for entertaining or relaxing. Exterior features include a nice size yard, expanded driveway, & beautiful landscaping. This one won't last long. \$154,900



Palmyra – Multi-family

Income producing multi family property. Both units are currently rented to good tenants. This building itself is well maintained and in above average condition. This property is located across the street from Palmyra public schools on a clean, quiet, peaceful street. Owner is no longer interested in being a landlord and is ready to cash out. \$143,900



Merchantville – Wonderful opportunity in Historic Merchantville!

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Pennsauken – GREAT BUY!

This Bloomfield Cape is Priced To SELL. Home features recently exposed hardwood floors, two bedrooms on the first floor, third bedroom is huge and could easily be divided into two bedrooms. Screened in porch out back overlooks the nice size yard. Full Basement that can easily be finished into additional living space. All the Certificates Of Occupancy have been obtained so a quick closing can easily happen. At this price the Seller is looking to sell "As Is". Seller will provide clear Co's & Termite Inspection. \$117,500



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Give Blood To Red Cross, Not Mosquitoes – Tips To Keep Flying Menace Out Of Your Backyard

While the New Jersey State Mosquito Control Commission and Camden County Mosquito Commission are already hard at work to keep mosquito populations down, there are steps residents can take right at home to save their blood donations for the Red Cross.

Dumping water isn't enough

The Culex Mosquito, a species of mosquito native to the United States, is in constant search of water to lay her eggs, be it a bird bath or a puddle on the

street. But eliminating pooling bodies of water won't do much to deter *Aedes albopictus*. More commonly known as the Asian Tiger Mosquito, this little blood-sucker is what's called a "container breeder." While they breed in areas such as tree holes in their native Asia, these pests have adapted their habitats to include more manmade accommodations that are small, low to the ground, and dark. The Asian Tiger Mosquito's new home of choice is a downspout extension. Even properly installed, the ridges

of the extension hold enough water for mosquito larva to transform into the vampires of the insect world. They also lay eggs in the folds and creases in tarps, canvas and even plastic trash bags. Litter and piles of trash also make great breeding grounds. Several mosquito larvae can breed in as little as a thimbleful of water, so imagine what happens with an empty can of soda discarded on the street.

A Weekend of Clean-up is Worth a Pound of Cure

Asian Tiger Mosquitoes are homebodies. They don't fly far from where they were bred. If you're getting bit up like crazy, odds are their home base is right around your property. By eliminating their habitat, you'll be stopping the mosquito's life cycle, and sending the blood-suckers to the giant bug zapper in the sky.

A good rule of thumb is to follow Pennsauken's ordinances on general property maintenance. Neglected pools can become a virtual oasis for indigenous mosquitoes. Make sure your swimming pool is in good repair and keep up with maintenance and cleaning. Pennsauken also requires that all exterior property and premises, and the interior of every structure, shall be free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage. Simply put, pick up your trash and put it out during your trash collection day in

an appropriate receptacle. Also, check underneath decks, behind sheds and in and around bushes and keep them clean and free of debris, as the Asian Tiger Mosquito prefers these types of small, dark places to breed.

In addition, be sure to shake off any rainwater off of canvas tarps or grill covers and properly store them when not in use. As for downspout extensions, some models come in a perforated version, which should allow it drain more completely. You can also use an alternative, such as a straight, sloping PVC or aluminum downspout pipe. Another option is to drill holes into your existing extension.

Remember, pesticides and repellents can only do so much. By taking matters into your own hands and keeping your property clean and free of areas to allow mosquitoes



Aedes albopictus, or the Asian Tiger Mosquito, has begun to visit Pennsauken residents during outside activities as part of their annual "blood drive."

to breed, it'll be you, and not those little bloodsuckers, which will be enjoying your family and friends this summer.

For more information on mosquito prevention, contact the Camden County Mosquito Commission by calling (856) 566-2945 or e-mailing skeeters@camdencounty.com.

Pennsauken Police Make Narcotics Arrests

On Sunday, June 7, 2015, Pennsauken Township Police responded to 5548 Woodland Ave. for the report of a disturbance. While on location, officers developed probable cause that the second floor apartment at 5548 Woodland Ave. was involved in narcotics manufacturing/distribution. A search warrant was obtained for the residence; a search revealed a large quantity of heroin, cocaine, paraphernalia to package narcotics for street-level distribution, a firearm and approximately \$16,000.00. Edwin R. Colon-Pena, 39, of Pennsauken and Rafael Colon-Pena, 41, of Pennsauken, were arrested and charged accordingly.



Edwin R. Colon-Pena and Rafael Colon-Pena, both of Pennsauken, were arrested for narcotics manufacturing/distribution.

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Recognizing The Achievements Of Pennsauken College Students



Meghan Guagenti, seen here with William Herron, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry at Chestnut Hill College, was awarded the college's chemistry award for a first-year student.

Pennsauken's Meghan Guagenti '18, an upcoming sophomore and forensic chemistry major at Chestnut Hill College, was awarded the college's chemistry award for a first-year student at the college's Honors Convocation.

Due to the difficulty of the first-year chemistry courses, the college's Chemistry Department recognizes a first-year student in the program each year who has shown superior achievement in the

first year of study. Meghan receives a copy of "The Handbook of Chemistry and Physics."

Meghan was also recently named a Clare Boothe Luce Undergraduate Research Scholar by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Consortium for Higher Education. This scholarship is a competitive \$5,000 award, enabled through the generosity of the Clare Boothe Luce Program of The Henry Luce Foundation, in support of women in the physical science and engineering fields in which women are underrepresented.

Hartson Graduates Lehigh

Stephanie Hartson graduated from Lehigh University on May 18 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering, Dean's List, spring 2015.

Stephanie graduated Valedictorian from Pennsauken High School in June 2011. Beginning in August, she will start work with Remington



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FOR CHILDREN

Summer Fun Camp

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 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., through Aug. 14 at Carson School, 4150 Garfield Ave. Cost is \$135 per week and includes materials, trips and snacks.

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 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on July 6-10 at the Pennsauken Municipal Building Meeting Room, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. The fee is \$45 per week.

Bowling

This exciting camp will be at the amazing Pinsetters Bowling Center on Maple Ave. in Pennsauken. Basic bowling instruction will be provided by qualified instructors and skills competitions for prizes will be held the last day of the camp. The program runs from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on July 13-17 and is for kids ages 6-13. The fee is \$45 for the week and includes shoes and ball.

Boxing

This summer, kids ages 7-16 can learn basic boxing techniques at American Karate System, 44 W. Chestnut Ave., Merchantville. Certified instructors will introduce students to the basics of boxing and fitness. No previous experience is required. The camp will be offered from Aug. 10-14, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. for ages 7-11, and 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. for ages 12-16. The fee is \$35 per child. Make checks payable to American Karate System.

Ice Skating

The Pennsauken Learn-to-Ice-Skate camp will be held at the Philadelphia Flyers Skate Zone on River Rd. in Pennsauken. Children ages 2-17 will learn basic skating techniques for figure skating or hockey. The program is offered from 8:45 to 10:00 a.m. Aug. 10-14. Cost is \$35 per child. Skates are available for free if needed.

Karate

Pennsauken Township and Hwa-Rand

Warriors Taekwondo Studio present summer karate at 4928 Westfield Ave. in Pennsauken, next to PNC Bank. The objective of this camp is to use martial arts as a vehicle to build character, self-control, as well as, respect for others. Children will receive a white belt on the last day of class. This camp, for children ages 5-13, is from July 20-24. Times are 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. for ages 5-8 and 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for ages 9-13. Cost is \$30 per child.

Multi-Media Art Creations

Explore an array of mediums in this art class that includes clay, fiber, paper 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 20-24 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The fee for this one-week program is \$45. For kids ages 7-13.

Sports

The Ike Willis Sports Camps are sponsored by the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department and will be held 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Phifer Middle School on Park Ave. Camps are open to all Pennsauken and Merchantville children ages 7-15. The dates for each program are as follows: Basketball – July 6-10; Tennis – July 13-17; Baseball and Softball – July 20-24. Cost is \$35 per week and each child receives a T-shirt at the end of each camp.

Theater

The annual and very popular Creative Theater Class returns again from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Aug. 3-7 at the Delair School on Derosse Ave. Children, 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.

FOR ADULTS

Adult Horseshoe Program

This is not a club, no dues, just friendly competition. All Pennsauken residents are welcome to participate from 6:30 to 9:30

p.m. on Tuesdays behind the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. For additional information call Mike at (856) 488-5325, Bill at (856) 663-2606 or the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department at (856) 665-1000 Ext. 151.

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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 provided by a qualified tennis instructor. Call the Parks and Recreation Department at (856) 665-1000 ext. 151 to reserve your space.

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The Parks and Recreation Department is accepting membership applications and fees for the 2015 pool season. The Municipal Pool, located at 6100 River Rd., is open to Pennsauken and Merchantville residents only and all applicants must provide a photo ID, current utility bill and birth certificate and report card for children. The pool is open from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. daily. The pool fees and other information are available through the Pennsauken Parks and Recreation Department.

TO REGISTER

Registration for most summer programs is available at the Pennsauken Municipal Building, Route 130 and Merchantville Ave. Forms are available at the municipal building from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. A program listing and downloadable registration forms are available at the Township Web site: www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/summer-programs. For more information, call the Department of Parks and Recreation at (856) 665-1000 Ext. 151 or send an e-mail to emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

Friends Of The Library Celebrate 20th Anniversary

By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

Even though it's summer, the Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library are holding a cool party – and we want you to come celebrate with us.

Saturday, July 18, 2015 marks the Friends' 20th anniversary – that's two decades of fundraising to help the Pennsauken Free Public Library buy new equipment, furnishings, and up-to-the-minute resources to share with the community, not to mention all those memorable programs for adults and children throughout the years.

To help us commemorate all that hard work and dedication, plan to stop by the Community Room on Saturday, July 18 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. for cake and refreshments, live music from fiddler Stephan Gribok, a "memory lane" slide show of highlights of Friends' events over the years, and the results of our Facebook "20 accomplishments in 20 years" poll – don't worry; if you're not on Facebook, you can vote at the Library that day.

Mark your calendar and don't miss the fun! And while you're at the Library, pick up a book or movie. Chances are pretty good that the Friends' efforts over the years made that book or movie possible!

Upcoming Fall Programs

The Friends of the Library are working on a variety of programs to be held after Labor Day.

For openers, how about a redux of the AARP Smart Driver Course, this one en español? The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Since many insurance companies offer a rate reduction after you've completed the course,

you might want to check with yours.

Another free program, presented by Hispanic Family Center of Southern New Jersey, highlights resources and services geared toward the Hispanic community.

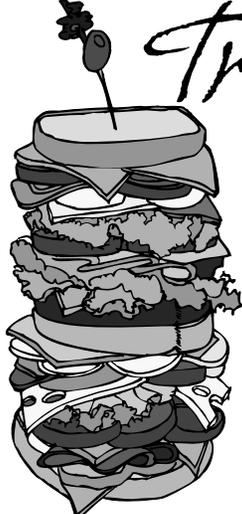
Samaritan Healthcare and Hospice plans a free, one-hour, interactive presentation on how to open conversations with family members to discuss advanced planning and end-of-life concerns and wishes. In addition, the Camden County Surrogate's Office promises to discuss why a will is vital, how to set up advance directives for healthcare, designating a power of attorney, and other legal do's and don'ts.

In this health-conscious age, the Alzheimer's Association of Greater New Jersey will discuss how to recognize the signs of Alzheimer's and give participants early detection tips at their upcoming workshop.

Have you ever wondered why there's an elephant-shaped building named Lucy in Margate, NJ? Or a concrete ship in Cape May? Our exciting "History of the Jersey Shore" program plans to tackle these puzzling questions and more, while the audience enjoys a fun tour of New Jersey's colorful coastal history – from pirates to shipwrecks, lighthouses to boardwalks.

The Friends of the Library have been working overtime to line up informative and fun programs to offer here at the Library, and these are only the tip of the iceberg. Once we have all the details worked out, you'll be the first to know in upcoming months.

In the meantime, keep your calendar free for the fall, and we'll see you on July 18 for the big anniversary bash!



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WAGSWORLD Reuniting And Opening Up With Old Friends

By Bob Wagner,
AAP Columnist

Thanks to all of you who asked about missing me last month. It does the heart good to hear from folks who take the time out of their busy schedules to read whatever foolishness I've plopped on the pages of our town's newspaper.

The reality is... I played hooky. I goofed off. I did what we all yell at our kids about: waiting 'til the last minute. Then suddenly, the lights go out, everyone goes home, and you are sitting on the bench in the dugout, with no one to play with. Not so this month. I have hours to go before my plane leaves for

Albuquerque. I will sit with my friends from 48 years ago, retelling old lies, and trying to remember what it felt like to be 19 years old, and invincible.

I have written about this before. Like veterans of combat from centuries before, we came home, shut up, and got back into life. If we opened up anything, it was a can of beer. Talk about those days was shared with guys who had also been there, done that. And not much of that, either.

Now, 40 years later, it's okay to look back. The years have dulled the aches and pains. Reunions are good for this. One of my best friends from my short

stint in our chopper unit, Tommy Bynum, summed it up best, about our reunions.

He said he checked into the hotel, unpacked, then wandered down to the lobby to sign in for the convention. He paid some dues, picked up a name tag, the obligatory t-shirt, and a can of beer. He opened the door to the adjoining meeting room and looked inside. None of his old friends were there... but all their grandfathers were.

So, for a week, I'll hang with the boys, now grandpops. We'll stay up past ten o'clock some nights. We'll retell stories of foolishness and fears, now far enough re-

moved from reality to allow us a good night's sleep afterward.

Names lost to the rolls will be added up, as more and more old soldiers fall by the wayside to advancing age.

We'll marvel a wee bit that we can even remember half the names we see, and sometimes recall a face to go with the name tag. Our wives sit off to one side, sharing their own version of combat stories, while we old men sort through memorabilia, photos, and written stories, recalling special thoughts.

I watched my dad do the same, far into his eighties. Then, near the end, there weren't enough guys left to do a reunion,

or a quarterly magazine. His memories of Germany, and the Bulge, and the Remagen Bridge were still fresh in his brain. But he shared little, if any, with his son. Even though a fellow combat veteran, I was still a generation removed. Different war, different time. I can just imagine a kid from today's army trying to explain a drone attack to a WWII vet like my dad. Sounds like "Star Wars" to me, too.

So 70 years after Dad's war, 48 years after my time, and 20 some after my kids storm in the desert, it still goes on. No matter how much it changes, it stays the same.

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Pennsauken Business Has The Inside “Scoop” On Dog Waste Removal

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Lifelong Pennsauken resident Le Ann Frost had a problem that, well... stunk.

Working as the Regional HR Manager for Macy's didn't leave a lot of time for Frost to clean up her dogs'... “deposits” in her backyard. “It was a struggle. You get home at night and it's dark,

and you have a list of things that you have to do. Getting outside to pick up the dog waste, it's a challenge.”

Le Ann, who was looking for a way to go into business for herself, figured she may not be alone. So after doing some research, she decided to start All Dogs Poop, a Pennsauken-based dog waste removal

service. That's when business began to... pile up. “A couple of months later, I said goodbye to the corporate world very happily and just focused all my energy on growing the business. And it has grown.”

Frost hired additional staff to meet demand. Her partner, Julie Woodward, joined the business a few years later after

working as the director of revenue for Westin and Le Meridian hotels in Philadelphia. Today, All Dogs Poop has hundreds of clients in four counties.

“The pet industry has seen tremendous growth from year to year. Even in a down economy, people sacrifice for their pets,” explains Frost. “We've been very, very fortunate that we can make a career out of this service and pay the bills.”

According to the company's web site, All Dogs Poop provides an “affordable, professional and reliable pooper scooper service” for time-starved pet parents, those who physically can't scoop their dog's poop, and anyone who would rather let someone else do it because it's “icky.”

“We offer weekly service and we also offer one time clean-ups,” explains Frost. “With our service, there's no contract. All Dogs Poop is a month-to-month service. Use us as long as you need.”

In addition, the business has expanded to other pet-related services. All Dogs Poop offers a pet sitting service for specific South Jersey locations; they are also an independent distributor of Life's Abundance veterinarian formulated, natural, holistic pet food, treats and supplements. And just recently, Frost and Woodward launched Pet Taxi of South



Le Ann Frost and Julie Woodward are owners of All Dogs Poop, a Pennsauken-based dog waste removal service.

Jersey, “ideal for pet parents who need to get their fur babies to the groomer, day care, even for a routine vet visit, but can't seem to get it done within the constraints of a busy schedule.”

For several years, All Dogs Poop has donated a percentage of their revenue to local animal shelters. To date, the business has donated over \$11,000 to shelters including Pennsauken's Almost Home Animal Shelter, Greyhound Angels Adoption of New Jersey, Animal Welfare Association, and Voorhees Animal Orphanage. They also sponsor a variety of animal-focused events, such as the recent Mutt Strutt in Merchantville, and offer their pet waste services free of charge to dogs being fostered for animal shelters.

“It makes me feel really good,” says Frost. “We're not just picking up dog poop; we're actually making a difference.”

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Reflection On A 20-Year Community Friendship With The Pennsauken Library



By Robert Fisher-Hughes, AAP Columnist and Amateur Historian

Unless you are a teenager, or not much past, 20 years doesn't seem to be a very historic period of time looking back. On the other hand, yesterday's news is already history. It all depends on perspective and the relative significance of events. Measured by these factors, the founding of the Friends of Pennsauken Free Public Library is historic, because of the fundamental worth to our community of the Library itself. In these years of challenge for our local public institutions, it is all the more so.

To really grasp the historic significance of the founding of the Friends of Pennsauken Free Public Library, it may be helpful to consider how much the Library has changed in those 20 years since, in the way it runs and the way people use it. In 1995, libraries still operated on the currency of printed paper. Books, periodicals, printed newspapers, even card catalogs were the standard stock in trade and tools of public information and culture which is the business of libraries.

The digital revolution had hardly begun in 1995. Google was not founded until 1998. Wikipedia was not begun until 2001. Computer use in the home was far from common as it is today and high speed internet was a fantasy.

The founders of the Friends of Pennsauken Free Public Library could not possibly foresee the Library as it is today and the new challenges it continues to face in adapting to a technologically transformed world; but the fact that change was approaching was obvious. How would the Library maintain its traditional services and go through the trial and error, the test-

LOOKING BACK IN HISTORY

ing of new technology and new ways to deliver services, as well as the expenses associated with it all at the same time?

Resources for public libraries have always had limits, even as the potential for public benefits from libraries has always been almost unlimited. The state of New Jersey has long maintained a commitment to fund public libraries and Pennsauken Township has long exceeded that required minimum so that high quality library resources and services can be provided. Especially in a time of such impending change, more resources would make a very big difference.

Also, the untimely death in 1994 of the director of Pennsauken Free Public Library for almost 10 years, Mike Phillips, and the need to seek his replacement, may have accentuated the moment when impending change called for new initiatives.

It was in late 1994 and early 1995 that a group of Pennsauken residents who believed in the potential of their Library began to coalesce around the idea of creating a "Friends" group, a supporting organization linked to an existing public non-profit or governmental entity, carrying out a function for the public good. Recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) non-profit because of its organizational commitment to support the public benefit of a non-profit or government entity, this group can allow the supported organization to focus on its main work, while receiving the expanded resources generated by its "Friends." "Friends" organizations expand the resources of an organization like the Library by recruit-

ing volunteers, raising funds to supplement the budget, carrying out programs and events that promote the mission of the Library and increase awareness of its services, and by serving as a public advocate on behalf of the Library.

The group that began meeting to find new ways to support the Pennsauken Library included citizens of a range of backgrounds, all sharing a commitment to the Library. One leader of the project, Mary Wallace Levin, had been a physical education teacher and chair of the Physical Education Department of Pennsauken High School for many years. She played a key role in the creation of the indoor guard at the high school. She had also served on the Board of Trustees of

Pennsauken Free Public Library and had taken on the role of president. Remembered for her abilities to motivate people and get things done, just like any coach, she also remained very active as a member of the Friends in later years until her passing in 2009. The annual poetry contest sponsored by the Friends, which she initiated, is now named in her memory.

Others included Ellen Eifert, who was interim director of the Library at that time; June Cardone; Nicholas Rossi, whose work with the Pennsauken Lions demonstrated his public spirit; Patricia Ward; Bernhard Kofoet, who was recruited to the Friends initiative because of his service on the Community Dis-

pute Resolution Committee and later served on the School Board and as director of Public Works; Susan Williams; and Erika Morton, who was employed at the Library.

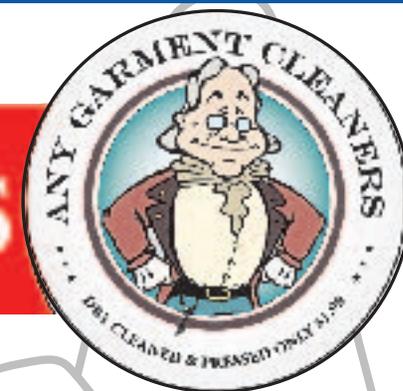
After the first meetings had begun to shape agreement, the group was also joined by Timothy Ellis, locally well known for his cooking show on Channel 19, his later work to revitalize the Business Industry and Government Council of Pennsauken Township and the formation of the Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce. Tim added his usual drive to the effort and became the first president of the Friends as a result.

After much discussion of ways to help

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the Library and about incorporation, by-laws, mission and related business of founding an organization, a Certificate of Incorporation of the Friends of Pennsauken Free Public Library was filed in July 1995, with the assistance of attorney Frederick H. Martin. By September, the Friends of Pennsauken Free

Public Library were in business.

The first public event sponsored by the Friends was a reception in October to welcome and get acquainted with the new director of the Library, Susan Briant. Tim Ellis, as president of the Friends, welcomed everyone and spoke of a vision for the Pennsauken Library. Also speaking and welcoming the new direc-

tor was Pennsauken Mayor Rick Taylor. Ms. Briant was soon enlisted as a great supporter of the Friends of Pennsauken Free Public Library, serving as director for years before moving on to the Haddonfield Public Library.

The program issued for the new director's reception included a list of the first membership of the Friends of Penn-

sauken Free Public Library. While too long to include here, these early members were the cornerstone of future success and included the future longtime president of the Friends, Mary Deisher.

This inaugural event began an impressive flurry of activity in the first year that included marching in the Township Holiday Parade; a Valentine's Day program featuring local romance authors; a St. Patrick's Day event featuring a published poet and a Celtic harpist; a logo contest with prizes won by the design of Mark Viggiano; a bike safety program including bicycle rodeo at the old Discount Harry's store; a concert by the Pennsauken High School Jazz Band led by Ray Wiggins; the annual golf tournament, which benefited the Friends in that year; and a Friends-sponsored field trip to the Garden State Discovery Museum.

Thus began 20 years of service to the Library and to the community that has included the founding of annual art shows and poetry contests; many speaking programs and demonstrations free to the public; the annual used book and media sale; bake sales, raffles, and much more. Funds generated by the Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library have

paid for or supported new furniture or equipment, new programs, and seed money to try new things at the Library. These include the refurbishment of the Community Room with up-to-date audio visual equipment, the television monitor in the lobby to announce upcoming events, the display case in the lobby, new furniture in the children's department, new computer programs such as Ancestry, support for the Summer Reading Program, and most recently the seed money to start the Museum Pass program, which will allow Library card holders to check out passes to local museums to make family visits more affordable.

On Saturday, July 18, the Friends will celebrate their 20th anniversary and honor the service of volunteers, officers and founders with a reception in the Community Room. Stop by and wish your Friends a happy anniversary and enjoy a snack and a piece of cake! You can support the Library by becoming a member and a Friend yourself while you are at it!

Sources for this Column were found in the archives of the Friends of Pennsauken Free Public Library. Thanks to Timothy Ellis and Bernhard Koloet for sharing their recollections.

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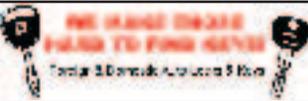
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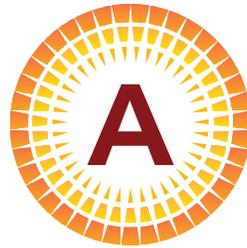


Pennsauken Animal Hospital felt like it needed a little something to make their building more visible. So the art class at Pennsauken High School volunteered to paint a mural. Art student Jenesa Bose created the idea for the project. Under the guidance of art teacher Fran Bennett, Jenesa and fellow students, Kim Lee Phan, Kevin Canlas, Kiet Tran, Malek

Maddah, Sovie, Jessica, and Jennie Ngeth, Phalina Chun, and Khang Nguyen, gave up their Saturday to create the eye catching mural on the Rt. 130 side of the building. Dr. Earl Rippie and the staff at Pennsauken Animal Hospital are grateful to all that took part in this project, and extremely proud to display it for all to enjoy.

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GRAY MATTERS

Her Baby He'll Be: Remembering Jonathon

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist



Jonathan Reed West, beloved son of columnist Judith Kristen and Andrew West, passed away on May 20 at the age of 45.

He was born on a beautiful spring morning on March 21, 1970. The skies were picture perfect and a soft wind ruffled the trees and the scent of the newly formed flowers greeted him as I held him next to the open hospital window. I showed him the stunning city where he was born. "This is Heidelberg, Jon. And the whole city welcomes you. In fact, the whole world welcomes you." Then I smiled, kissed him on his chubby little cheek, and, right then and there, I said I love you to him for the very first time.

Over the course of Jonny's life, we exchanged those three words thousands of times.

How lucky we were to be mother and son. Jonny was always a good kid. A fun, little boy who could out ride anyone on his Big Wheel, who would stand on his head to watch television, and he was always the first to wish me a Happy Birthday, Merry Christmas, Happy Mother's Day... you get the idea.

He loved German Chocolate Cake, sheepdogs, and tabby cats; my mother's home-fried potatoes, and Intellivision games called Shark Shark, Pitfall, and Night Stalker. He LOVED rock and roll; I took him to his first rock concert to see KISS in 1980. Jon also totally adored a 1977 Jim Henson television special called, "Emmet Otter's Jug-band Christ-

mas." He dearly loved Sea Isle City, Atlantic City, and the water rides in Wildwood. He loved to roller skate, play miniature golf, and build snow forts. He also thoroughly enjoyed going crabbing in Townsends Inlet or renting a jet ski to do donuts and then fall right off of it in the process. And he did it all with a smile on his face. The kid just always found a way to find joy somewhere.

The great thing about Jon was that part of him, that lovely, sweet little boy part of him remained throughout his life. He embraced with delight and wonder so many things that we all take for granted as we get older. He'd say to me, "Wow, the sky is beautiful today, isn't it?" Or, "Hey, look! There are five cardinals in the dogwood tree! That's so cool." Or he'd walk in the house after a long day at work and say, "Man, there must be a billion stars out there tonight Mom. Come on out and see!"

Those things were but a part of what made Jon so exceptional.

Even when people let him down and hurt him... he was still kind and understanding enough to know that we're all human and we all make mistakes and he was compassionate and forgiving. He never once closed his heart. But Jon was also a man who did not suffer fools

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gladly, and there were a few people who crossed that hurt and disappointment line one too many times. In his heart he wished them well, but he knew he had to turn a page and move forward without them. We all know what that's like.

I think he's probably in Heaven, reading this as I type and wondering, "Okay... where's the bad stuff?" In truth, the worst of Jon was that his office and bedroom always looked like a pipe bomb went off in it. I never knew how he could find anything in either room – but he did. But again... two messy rooms are better than one messy life. And Jon's life was pretty darn good.

After he graduated Frankford High School in 1988, he worked odd jobs here and there until he got one he truly loved over at The Post Office at 30th St. in Philadelphia. Eventually, Jon transferred to Bellmawr, where he worked until just a few days before his passing. He loved it there. He loved the people he worked with and made wonderful friends.

Jonny never married, although he was smitten a few times. He never had a child of his own, but he helped raise his niece, Krissy, for the first 10 years of her life. They adored each other. He was more than just her "Uncle Jon;" he was a brother, a loving and devoted father figure, and a very, very, dear friend. Again, that was Jonny all over. He had a heart the size of Texas.

He was also the happiest I ever saw him when Andrew and I got married. He hugged me so tight he almost knocked the breath right out of me. Jon admired Andrew for so many things, but best of all was Andrew's love and devotion to me. "I'm happy because you're so happy, Mom. He's a really, really, great guy." I'll never forget that, or the big smile on his face that came along with it.

Over the years, my son and I shared so many laughs – to the point of tears – and we shared grief, loss, and sorrow, again to the point of tears.

In 2010, he moved back home with us to save for his dream car, a 10-day vacation in Disney World, and three-week dream vacation to Europe, and he did it all. His trip back to Karlsruhe, Germany was back to his childhood home, the first home he ever knew. It was made even more special by Adam Junker, our dear friend since the day Jon was born.

Jonny also got to see his beloved Krissy marry on April 16, 2013; and the following year held his great-niece in his arms – Krissy's beautiful little girl, Lily.

Kris was the light in Jon's life.

Jonny was a citizen of the world in his heart and by travel experiences. He was born in Germany and spent seven years of his life there. But he was also a Philly guy, and when he was 20 years old, we moved to New Jersey and he spent the last 25 years of his life here. He loved it. And he made so many friends. He loved Pennsauken and Merchantville. He was a regular at The Merchantville Diner and The Penn Queen for years. He made friends with all of the lovely people at Aunt Charlotte's, Rite-Aid, Wirth's Florist, McFarland's Market, Adobos, and all over the shops in Meadowbrook. He went to animal rescue events with me, visited schools with me (here and in England) to help teach the children about humane education. And he dearly loved his cat, Lucky, who equally adored Jon.

This June, Jon had already settled on plans to start a new part of his life. Me and Andrew and a few other friends, Bobbie Bechtel, Pat Mehaffey, and Andie Friedman, promised we'd throw him a big "Welcome to my new digs" party as soon as he got settled in. He was genuinely looking forward to it.

On the day of his aneurysm on Sunday, May 17, he was readying to go to The Mutt Strut Animal rescue event in Merchantville, hoping to help all of those animals up for adoption to find happy forever homes. Jon was a true animal lover through and through. Appropriately enough, his nickname was "Big Dog."

The last night of his life, Jon was in excellent spirits, hopeful for a positive outcome, and with good reason to be, according to his tests, scans, and doctors. He was even joking with the nurse that evening. She teased him that I had brought him some homemade food and said to him, "You mean hospital food isn't good enough for you?" He said flat out, "No. My Mom's the best cook who ever was. So, I'm a Mommy's Boy, but for a lot of good reasons." That made me smile.

Then for some odd reason, he turned to me and looked me right in the eyes and recited part of a book to me I bought for my Krissy when she was just a baby. It's called, "Love You Forever" by Robert Munsch and Sheila McGraw. The part Jon said to me was, "I'll love you forever, I'll love you for always, as long as I'm living, your baby I'll be."

Jon had just turned 45 in March and was surely no baby, but to a mother, I guess... they're always our kids and sweet babies in one way or another. And that Jon remembered that lovely passage was

so very, very touching to me.

Little did I know that when I heard him say it... that it was to be the first and the last time.

Then came May 20, 2015. His last day.

How fitting that he was gifted with a day just like his first day on our precious planet... a beautiful spring morning with skies picture perfect and a soft wind that ruffled the trees and the scent of the

newly formed flowers there to greet him on his way to Heaven. Somebody obviously likes him up there too.

As for down here? My sweet, precious Jonny... you were indeed the nicest and dearest son a Mom could ask for. You had my back when others weren't brave enough or had heart enough, and you filled my life with joy in more ways than I even came close to deserving.

And, before I forget... if there is such a thing as reincarnation, please tell God that I'll be happy to sign up to be your Mom all over again. But next time... just for a whole lot longer, okay?

I'll love you forever, I'll love you for always, as long as I'm living, my baby you'll be."

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Pennsauken Lions Club Honors Mgrs. Mannion At Citizen Of The Year Award Dinner

On June 22, Mgrs. Mike Mannion, a priest for the Diocese of Camden and Pennsauken native, was honored as the Pennsauken Lions Club's Citizen of the Year for 2015. The award is given out annually to an individual from Pennsauken who has made an impact in the community. Mannion was recognized for his work with the poor, his efforts to spread the message of the dignity of the human person, and his support of local police and other first responders.

"I'm humbled very much," said Mannion, who addressed a large crowd of

well-wishers during the award dinner, which was held at the PYAA Field House due to an increased demand for tickets. "I thank the Lions Club and all of you for being a part of this. It's really not about me. It's not about a 'me' or an 'I,' it's about a 'we' and an 'us' and a 'they.' We all know that. The only time a person's honored is when people believe that he or she is real. Because we think we can put our trust in them. That's what it's all about: that we can trust and share and support each other."

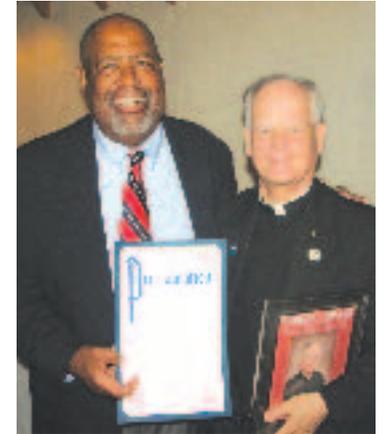
During the evening, Msgr. Mannion

shared several stories with those in attendance. He remembered as a young boy that his parents visited a particular family briefly every Friday night. He later learned that his parents were scraping together what little extra money they had to help put food on that family's table. Mannion also spoke about going to school with children with different faith backgrounds and learning to embrace their diversity; as well as being taught an important lesson about equality from tribal children in Uganda.

"The stories of Pennsauken, have

taken me around the world a few times and back. But people are all the same," explained Mannion. "And when we look deeper into who they are, we find we all have our stories. We all have our dreams. We all have our histories. And when we can get people to tell their stories and share who they are, then we find the core of the unity we share between us."

"I pray that we can relax a little bit, drill it down a little deeper, enjoy the gifts God has given us, and remember the stories we share with each other."



Pennsauken native Msgr. Mike Mannion was recently honored as the Pennsauken Lions Club's Citizen of the Year for 2015. During the event, Mannion also received a proclamation from Pennsauken Mayor Rick Taylor.

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Pennsauken High School Students Receive Well-Deserved Awards

By Dr. James Chapman, Interim Superintendent, Pennsauken School District

Pennsauken High School held its Senior Awards Night for the Class of 2015 on Thursday, June 11. Approximately 200 awards were presented to the deserving scholars. The parents, teachers, administrators and members of Pennsauken's board of education are extremely proud of the accomplishments of the honored students.

Administrators' Association of Pennsauken Award

Quyen Le
Nini Tran

Albert H. Stone Memorial Scholarship

Kevin Canlas

American Legion of Camden County Award

Nikolas Avelo
Elizabeth Reynes

Andrew F. Kelly Memorial Award

Nahya Bullock

Ann Dillon Memorial Fund Scholarship

Kathy Nguyen

Apache Band Booster Association Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Award

Corey Thorpe

Apache Band Booster Association Matt Henkel Award

Devon Arthur
Tyler Gairo

Apache Band Booster Association Outstanding Member Award

Nikolas Alvelo
Vladimir Fernandez

Apache Band Booster Association Reitz Family Award

Carina Olivas
Ricardo Soto

Apache Band Booster Association Rendle Willgoos Award

David Anyanwu
Vladimir Fernandez

Arts Creative Department of the Woman's Club of Merchantville Award

Ciara Jones
Yen Tran

Benjamin Franklin PTA Award

Jessica Bello
Reginald Boateng

Brian Matera Scholarship

Justin Weaver

Camden County Bar Association Award

Nahya Bullock

Carson Elementary PTA Award

Nikolas Alvelo
Elizabeth Reynes

Central School Retired Teachers Award

Lauren Charlton
Alex Liang

Cooperative Education Student of the Year Award

Alexus Dyer

David Delp Memorial Award

Michael Stafford

Delair Elementary PTA Award

Kenya James
Justin Otchere

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Ricardo Soto

Democratic Club of Pennsauken Thomas Soto Memorial Award

Reginald Boateng

Dr. Michelle E. Liggio Memorial Scholarship

Caroline Nguyen

Edward Allan Bookcover Award

Siana Ways

Edward Mountainland Memorial Award

Justin Otchere

Evening Membership Department of the Woman's Club of Merchantville Mary Klimek Memorial Scholarship

Jessica Bello

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

Yen Tran

Faculty and Administration of Pennsauken High School Achievement Award

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Ricardo Soto

Faculty and Administration of Pennsauken High School Perfect Attendance Award

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Andrew Sharpe

Francis Orsini Marching Band Scholarship Fund

Devon Arthur

George and Carol Norcross AFL Scholarship

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George and Sandra Norcross Scholarship

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George B. Fine Elementary PTA Award

Aaliyah Gordian
Brandon Harley

Girl Scouts United Pennsauken Merchantville Service Award

Diamond Benson
Kenya James

Griffith Morgan Committee Social Studies Award

Nahya Bullock
Andy Gonzalez

Jain Sangh, Inc. Award

Lee Kim Phan

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Thomas Lo

Jane B. Wellenbeck

Continuing Education Scholarship
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Jeanne Thompson Memorial Award

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Austin Gilliss

Kiwanis Club of Pennsauken Industrial Arts Award

Nikolas Avelo

Kiwanis Club of Pennsauken Instrumental Music Award

Wilmer Novas Reyes

Language Arts/World Language Department English AP Award

Kathy Nguyen

Language Arts/World Language Department English CP Award

Frances Lopez Albino

Language Arts/World Language Department English ESL Award

Delianyelis Lopez Paulino

Language Arts/World Language French AP Award

Andrew Sharpe

Language Arts/World Language Latin AP Award

Kevin Canlas

Language Arts/World Language Spanish AP Award

Kiara Torres Rivera

Latino Culture Club Award

Carina Olivas

Lions Club of Pennsauken

Lois V. Rossi Memorial Award

Jessica Money

Lions Club of Pennsauken Leo Club Award

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Jimmy Nguyen

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Brianna Velasquez

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Alexus Dyer
Ulises Martinez

Pennsauken High School Class of 1988 Reunion/Alumni Committee Award

Nini Tran

BOARDBITS: Board Of Education Congratulates PHS Class Of 2015

For the members of the Class of 2015, their years in the Pennsauken School District have come to an end. Like so many of the graduating classes before them, the achievements of this class are to be celebrated. Many of our graduates will be going on to further their education in college. Others will be advancing their skills in technical schools to prepare them for a career in a trade. Still others will be entering the military to begin a career in service to our country. Whatever path they have chosen, we, the Board of Education, hope that they look back on their years in Pennsauken schools with pride and fond memories that will last a lifetime.

The Board of Education would like to highlight just a few of the accomplishments of the 2015 graduating class. As

you can imagine, the accolades are far too numerous for one newspaper article, but here are a sample of some of the students' accomplishments. They are truly an example of the wonderful District that we have the honor of representing.

On June 1, student-athletes were recognized for their outstanding achievements at the annual athletic honors banquet. Many awards were given to highlight the successful athletic seasons at Pennsauken High School. Among the recipients were Olivia Jamison for Female Athlete of the Year, David Dow for Male Athlete of the Year, and Taylor Ursino for Scholar Athlete of the Year. In addition to these recognitions, many of Pennsauken's student athletes also received scholarships to continue their

education at various academic institutions, including Olivia Summerville, who received a full scholarship to Delaware State University for lacrosse; Michael Porter Jr., who received a partial soccer scholarship to Avila University; and Olivia Jamison, who received a track and field scholarship to Morgan State University.

On June 11 at the Pennsauken High School senior awards program, members of the Class of 2015 received many scholarships as a result of their hard work and good citizenship. Due to the generosity of past and present District employees, community members, community organizations, corporations, and independent contributors, our deserving students had the opportunity to earn these prestigious honors. On

this evening, the Pennsauken School District presented approximately 200 awards and scholarships, totaling almost \$70,000. In addition to the scholarships received by the students at the senior awards program, members of the graduating class also received a number of grants, scholarships and stipends for colleges totaling over \$730,000. The recipients of these various awards are fine examples of our outstanding students in the Pennsauken School District.

The Pennsauken Board of Education congratulates all members of the Class of 2015. Always remember that along with the dedication and personal responsibility to your education, so many others believe in you and have invested so much in helping you succeed. Take advantage of all of your ex-

periences and education. It is our hope that each one of you will go out into the world and be a contributing member of our society. And, always remember your home: Pennsauken.

Board Bit Of The Month

On June 19, 331 students graduated from Pennsauken High School. Board President Nick Perry had the honor of signing each diploma. That's a lot of signatures for our deserving students!

The members of the Pennsauken Board of Education are Nick Perry (President), Dung Nguyen (Vice President), Armando Diaz, Mike Hurley, Diane Johnson, Dr. Allyson Meloni, Leona Moss, Meg Snyder, and JoAnn Young. For more information on the Board of Education, visit Pennsauken.net.

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Pennsauken High School Class of 1989 Memorial Award

Erica Weathers

Pennsauken High School Leo Club Award

Jenny Luu
Nini Tran

Pennsauken High School Mathematics Teachers Award

Kenya James

Pennsauken High School PTA Award

Jessica Bello
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Lamar Smalls

Pennsauken High School Wrestling Booster Club Award

Jerry Babilonia
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Pennsauken School Nurses "The Meg Snyder Nursing Scholarship"

Phalina Chun

Pennsauken Soccer Boosters Kurt R. Klaus Soccer Scholarship

Kristopher Gmyr
Brandon Harley
Rachel Ingram
Ajani McEady

Pennsauken Youth Athletic Activities (PYAA) Award

Olivia Jamison
Justin Weaver

Pennsauken Zone PTA Award

Reginald Boateng
Kathy Nguyen
Taylor Ursino

Pennsauken/Merchantville Rotary Club A.V. Androeola Award

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Pepsi-Cola Company Award

Omolara Akinfenwa
Andrew Sharpe

Phi Beta Kappa Book Award

Lee Kim Phan

Phifer Middle School Staff Award

Diamond Benson
Austin Gilliss

Philippine Community of Southern New Jersey "Filipiniana Youth Award"

Kevin Canlas

PHS "Pennsauken Stages Award"

Luz Pagan

PHS Counseling Award

Corey Thorpe
Siana Ways

PHS Double Dozen Parents Association Award

Diamond Benson
Yasmine Franqui
Jessica Money

PHS Social Studies Department "Hope Kwochka" Award

Uyen Le

PHS Social Studies Department "John Harbison" Award

Kiet Tran

PHS Social Studies Department "William Sia" Award

Alex Liang

Raymond F. Wiggins Jazz Scholarship

Austin Gilliss
Wilmer Novas Reyes

Remington & Vernick Engineers Award

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Renaissance Scholarship

Nikolas Alvelo
David Anyanwu
Aliyah Boston
David Dow
Austin Gilliss
Randy Hoang
Charles Hyman
Rachel Ingram
Kenya James
Thinh Lam
Quyen Le
Jackson Luu
Mason McCall
Jessica Money
Caroline Nguyen
Carina Olivas
Jevante Parris
Joshua Paulos
Lee Kim Phan
Aamen Sabeel

Renaissance Scholarship & Medal

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Jessica Bello
Napoleon Bennett
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Nghia Nguyen

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Rachel Ingram

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

Jevante Parris

Robert "Ike" Willis Departmental Mathematics Award

Austin Gilliss

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Nikolas Alvelo

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Austin Gilliss

Robert "Ike" Willis Departmental Special Education Award

Duke Madara

Robert "Ike" Willis Departmental Visual/Performing Arts Award

Uyen Le

Robert "Ike" Willis Memorial Scholarship Female Athlete Award

Jessica Bello

Robert "Ike" Willis Memorial Scholarship Male Athlete Award

Jerry Babilonia

Robert D. Orr Award

Andrew Sharpe

Robert R. Nicholson Science Award

Kiet Tran

Roosevelt Elementary School PTA Award

Jessica Money
Lamar Smalls

Stephen McConnell Memorial Award

Nahya Bullock

Stone Siblings Opportunity Award

Cherry Jiang

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By Sonny DiSabato,
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors.

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items for income information: a pay-check stub, unemployment stub, income tax form, or Social Security statement.

For Senior Dental direct phone appointments and questions, call (856) 602-4717.

County Community Day Center Free To Seniors

The Camden County Board of Free-

holders Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Senior and Disables Services offers a great free program for seniors. The Senior Citizen Day Center is eligible to residents of Camden County age 60 or over who are self medicating, able to walk and socially functioning. The center is open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Participants may attend the center two

or three days per week.

Seniors attending the center receive door-to-door transportation, lunch and nutrition programs, grocery and personal shopping, health screenings, social services assistance and more. Seniors can also participate in a wide variety of activities, including board games, ceramics, educational programs, holiday celebrations, needlecrafts, and woodworking,

just to name a few.

To apply or to receive additional information regarding this or any other senior citizen benefit provided by the County, please call (800) 797-3477.

Wishing you good health and happiness. Please say a special prayer for our men and women serving our country both at home and overseas.

Pennsauken Youth Action Committee Theatre Performs "Shrek Jr. The Musical"

The Pennsauken Youth Action Committee's performance of "Shrek Jr. The Musical" will be held on Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 26 at 2:00 p.m. at the air conditioned Intermediate School Auditorium, 8125 Park Ave., Pennsauken.

In a faraway kingdom, the green ogre Shrek finds his swamp invaded by banished fairytale misfits, runaways who've been cast off by Lord Farquaad, a tiny terror with big ambitions. When Shrek sets off with a wise-cracking donkey to confront Farquaad, he's handed a task - if he rescues feisty Princess Fiona from the Dragon-guarded tower, his swamp will be returned to him. But, a fairy tale wouldn't be complete without unexpected twists and turns along the way.

For more information, e-mail Elwood "Duke" Martz at emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us or call (856) 665-1000 x151.

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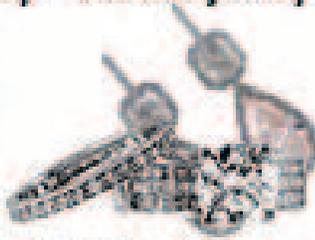
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Because of a high level of interest in the community, we have made available an opportunity for our residents to participate in the memorial. The paths leading to this dramatic sculpture are paved with 500 pavers. You can have your message of respect for those of 9/11 or for the hero in your life, family or town engraved on a single paver for \$95. As a paver contributor, you will make your mark on this memorial for generations to come.

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Deadline: Message and contributions must be received by September 11, 2015

Mama's Homemade Cookies Brings Straight-From-The-Oven Treats To Pennsauken

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

"C is for cookie. That's good enough for me." – Cookie Monster

There's nothing quite like a fresh, homemade cookie to put a smile on your face. And for those looking for a tasty baked treat without the mess in the kitchen, Pennsauken's Mama's Homemade Cookies is just the place you're looking for.

The business, which recently moved to 2591 Haddonfield Rd., right off of Wyndham Rd., features made-from-scratch cookies that are battered and never frozen. In addition to "love" as the main ingredient, Mama's Homemade Cookies never include additives or preservatives.

"Everything that goes into our cookies is fresh," says Ernestine Williams, owner of Mama's Homemade Cookies. "There's no preservatives, no additives. We don't plan for them to sit on the shelf. They last only as long as you get them into your hands."

Mama's Homemade Cookies offers a wide variety of cookies on a daily basis, from the traditional chocolate chip, to lemon cookies with fresh lemon juice and zest. Snickerdoodles, a holiday favorite, are made on a regular basis. The peanut butter cookies, as well as the oatmeal cran raisin, are both popular sellers. There are also homemade pizzelles in several flavors, including a very tasty breakfast version made with maple bacon. "We have about a dozen types of cookie to choose from," says Williams.

The store also offers a special "cookie on demand" service.

"You can call us, say 20 minutes before you come this way, to get a cookie. It's a cookie that's made from scratch," explains Williams. "We bake it right then.



Pennsauken Mayor Rick Taylor was on hand for the official ribbon cutting of Mama's Homemade Cookies. Mama's Cookies offers, fresh, homemade cookies made from scratch.

When you pick it up, you'll have a nice, fresh, hot cookie right out of the oven."

Williams has also set up a "cookie lounge" at the store. Comfortable furniture and free Wi-Fi allow customers to sit down with a fresh cookie, a cup of coffee, and their smart phone or tablet for a nice break from the everyday rush. And if you're on the go outside of town, you can find Ernestine's cookies at Hunter's Farm and Market in Cinnaminson; Green Top Farm Market in Southampton; Flying Feather Farm in Moorestown; Bitter-Sweet Café in the Moorestown Mall; and even SugarHouse Casino in Philadelphia.

"On behalf of Pennsauken Township, we'd like to welcome Ernestine," said Mayor Rick Taylor, who was on hand for Mama's Homemade Cookies' official grand opening. "We're thrilled that you came to our town and we know you're going to be successful. If we put on any extra pounds, we know it's going to be because of Mama's Homemade Cookies."

For more information, find Mama's Homemade Cookies on Facebook.



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American Legion Post 68 Welcomes New Officers

At the May meeting of American Legion F.W. Grigg Post 68, recently elected officers were sworn into office for the 2015-2016 year.

Administering the oath of office was Al Peak, past Camden County commander.

John Brouse was sworn in to his second term as post commander. Brouse, a veteran of Desert Storm, recently attended the American Legion Leadership College in Sea Girt, NJ. The program enhances knowledge and appreciation of The American Legion, and teaches the core values and contributions of the organization, its Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion and many subordinate programs.

In addition to Brouse, Robert Coleman was sworn in as vice-commander; Bernie Henderson as post adjutant and chaplain; Diane Johnson as service officer; Sharon Nickolaus as financial officer; and Bernie Kofot as public affairs officer and historian.

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's



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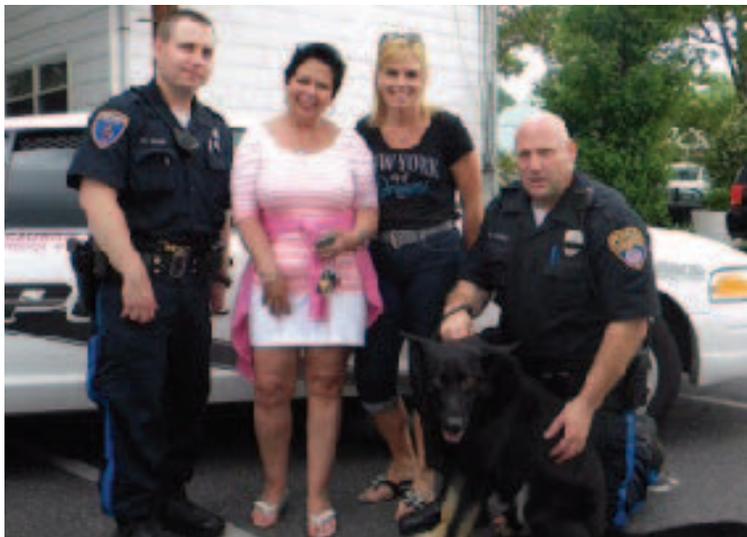
Meetings of American Legion F.W. Grigg Post 68 are held at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. in Merchantville. There will not be a post meeting in July or August. Regular meetings will resume on September 10, 2015.

Falco Caruso And Leonard Hosts Shredding Event

On May 17, Falco Caruso and Leonard Funeral Home in Pennsauken hosted "Shred the Love for Pets in Need." This event was to help neighbors do some spring cleaning by destroying their old documents in a safe matter, courtesy of Polar Shredding. Everyone who attended was asked to bring a new pet item to be donated to Puppies and More Rescue of Marlton, NJ. In addition, many dogs were

adopted to their forever homes.

Special thanks to Brian Creitz, owner of Pennsauken's Penn Florist, who donated his time and gave generously of food, water, and pet monuments; Sue Coffey and her family provided homemade dog scarves; Network DJs and CC Entertainment provided great music at the event; and Brother Carl from St. Anthony Padua Church, who said a blessing of all the animals



Pennsauken's Falco Caruso and Leonard Funeral Home recently hosted the "Shred the Love for Pets in Need" event.

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MPWC WATERLINES

MPWC Drinking Water Week Poster Contest

In honor of Drinking Water Week 2015, the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission invited fifth grade students to showcase their artistic talents by participating in our annual poster contest. This year's entries focused around the theme: "What Do You Know About H2O?"

Students submitted entries focused on a wide variety of water related topics, such as the water cycle, conservation, where our local water comes from, and how it is delivered to our homes. Recognition was awarded to the top entries at the MPWC's May Commission Meeting.



Local students showcased their artistic talents during the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission's annual Drinking Water Week poster contest. Pictured here with Joseph Scavuzzo, Commission president, are award winners Nina Barlow, Kelly Conway, Charlotte Onkar, Ben Katzberg, and Marlena Diaz.

2015 Consumer Confidence Report

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

The 2015 Consumer Confidence Report has been mailed to all Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission customers. This edition covers all testing completed from January through December 2014. We are proud to inform you that our compliance with all state and federal drinking water laws remains

exemplary. As always, we are committed to delivering the best quality drinking water. We remain vigilant in meeting the challenges of source water protection, water conservation, and community education, while continuing to serve the needs of all our water users. If you have not received your CCR Report, please contact our main office to obtain a copy. You can also view a copy on our website at www.mpwc.com in the "Water Quality" section.

ATTENTION CUSTOMERS: The MPWC is on Facebook!

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The Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

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Pennsauken Celebrates Graduating Class Of 2015

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her fellow students, in the Pledge of Allegiance. A welcome to all was presented by Sana Farhat, representative of the Student Council.

The student awards were presented that evening by assistant principals Tanya Harmon and Susan Galloza, as well as eighth grade guidance counselor Dennis Sherwood. There were 22 awards in all with over 59 recipients, from the Howard M. Phifer "Profile in Courage" Award, received by Jade DiSanti, to the Howard M. Phifer Leadership Award, given to Sana Farhat. The crowd was on its feet, cheering for each and every single award winner.

Phifer principal Thomas P. Honeyman gave his official introduction of students; once again, the crowd roared with applause. The air was electric.

Mr. Honeyman was followed by Dr. James Chapman, superintendent of the Pennsauken School District, who then gave his own personal touch to the presentation of the class. Again, the crowd was most joyous and appreciative.

Acceptance of the class by Board of Education member Dung Nguyen was followed by a performance of "Imperium," under the musical direction of Michael Kaufman. And then all too soon – yet not soon enough – the Howard M. Phifer's Middle School Class of 2015 became the Pennsauken High School Graduating Class of 2015.

On the next day, Friday, June 19, there came a different kind of high school graduating class, that of our own Pennsauken High School: the Class of 2015.

As I made my way through the parking lot of the school, I found myself saying, "Hello!" and "Congratulations!" to a few hundred family members and students. I was wrapped up in the enthusiasm of it all. On my way to the gymnasium where the ceremony took place, I asked many of the soon-to-be graduates, "So, how are you feeling about tonight?" Their answers were many, but they all conveyed the same message:

"I feel GREAT!"

"AMAZING!"

"This is the best day EVER!"

Those feelings come with a strong sense of accomplishment and pride for their new station in life. And they do indeed have a great deal for which to be proud.

And precisely at 6:30 p.m., that new position in life became apparent, as the sounds of "Pomp and Circumstance" filtered throughout the building. The proud audience stood as they watched their child, stepchild, grandson, granddaughter,

niece, nephew, Godchild, or friend walk with a joy in their heart to their seats behind the dais, awaiting those words, "You are now graduates of Pennsauken High School: the Class of 2015!"

Following the procession, the audience remained standing for our National Anthem. The vocalists for our beautiful "Star Spangled Banner" were the members of the Pennsauken High School Double Dozen.

Soon, everyone was seated once more and Dr. James Chapman took over the podium for the presentation of the Class of 2015. That was followed by Pennsauken School Board President Nicholas Perry's acceptance of the Class

of 2015. Both gentlemen gave moving speeches, filled with hope, encouragement, and humor.

Once again, the Double Dozen took their places and vocalized a truly lovely performance of a song called, "For Good." Applause rang out and the singers smiled in acknowledgment.

The standard student welcome, given by Quyen Le, was also well received with additional applause and cheers. Ms. Le was followed by valedictorian Lee Kim Phan, class president Reginald Boateng, and class salutatorian Nikolas Alvelo. All spoke to their peers and families and friends in attendance, talking about pride in their accomplishments, the road ahead,



Graduating students from Howard M. Phifer School stand for the National Anthem. Photo credit: Judith Kristen.

never giving up, and the change for better that they hoped to create for our world.

Principal Tameka Matthews then came to the dais for the official introduction of the Class of 2015.

And then, in what now seems like the blink of an eye, 12 years of schooling passed, and each year unfolded with that most cherished awarding of their class diplomas.

Following that came the traditional

transfer of the class flag by Ebony Kinder and Tameeka Wright, both senior advisors.

Then once again, as it had begun just an hour or so earlier, the Pennsauken High School Concert Band started the official recessional music that celebrated all 331 students: the proud, the joyous, and hope for our future that is

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If a pass is available for check out, you may reserve it for up to one hour ONLY by calling the Pennsauken Library Circulation Desk. If you do not return the museum pass on time, a late fee of \$5.00 per day will apply with a maximum late fine of \$25.00. There will be a \$4.00 fee for losing or damaging the case. The museum pass lost fee is the cost of the pass.

This fee varies, depending on the pass.

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- Hero Hunters! – Thursdays, July 9 through Aug. 13; 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Heroes don't always wear capes, and they aren't just in comics and movies. Come and meet real-life heroes from our community and enjoy some heroic fun as we explore ways to be heroic ourselves. Ages 8-12.
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GOING GREEN Daylilies: An Explosion of Summer Color

By Kathleen Harvey,
Owner, Plant Artistry, LLC

Few plants are as rugged, widely adaptable, or versatile as daylilies. Of exceptionally easy culture, these long-lived stalwarts of the garden come in every hue but blue. Flower color palette includes yellow, orange, red, white, and purple flowers; many varieties contain more than one color. With thousands of cultivars available, there is a size, blooming season, and flower color for every garden. Today's daylilies aren't just the orange "ditch lilies" of yesteryear.

Hemerocallis, the botanical name for daylily, means "beautiful for a day" in Greek. The flowers of most species open at sunrise and wither at sunset, and may be replaced by another flower on the same scape (flower stalk) the next day. Established clumps bloom vigorously for several weeks. Daylilies are awesome in midsummer, blooming in the heat when other plants are stressed.

Depending on the species and cultivar, daylilies can grow in most of the country. Several varieties have multicolored blooms, often with a contrasting center, referred to as the eye or throat.

Multicolored cultivars are becoming increasingly popular. Newer hybrids may have an additional ring of contrasting color in the center of the petals, forming an additional circle of color. Flower shape also varies. Elongated petals widely spaced are known as spider lilies. Ruby Spider, a large, deep velvety red spider lily, resides in my garden. Some flower petals overlap, forming a full, more rounded look. Then there are my favorite, with full, ruffled, overlapping petals. Swoon!

Most daylilies have a distinct, three-to four-week bloom period in early to late summer. Early, mid-season and late varieties are available. By planting daylilies from each group, it is possible to have an almost continuous bloom throughout the summer. Some varieties even re-bloom in the fall, for a second show before going dormant for the winter.

Once established, daylilies are hardy, heat and drought resistant, and pest resistant. These qualities have made them garden staples. Daylilies do well in a wide range of well drained soils, but prefer a deep, fertile loam in full sun to part shade, with a pH approaching neutral. Soils rich

in organic matter, such as homemade compost, encourage profuse blooming. Many of the older hybrids will grow well even in the sandy soils of our area. Fertilize lightly once the plants are established, but avoid using mixes high in nitrogen. Avoid excessive fertilizing, as this will encourage huge plants, but inhibit flower production. Apply a thin layer of compost each spring, followed by a two-inch thick layer of mulch to retain

moisture, help maintain an even temperature around the roots, and control weeds. Water plants around the base of the plant during the growing season if rainfall is less than one inch per week. While blooming, deadhead (remove) spent flowers daily for neatness and remove scapes (blooming inflorescences) when flowers have completed their bloom cycle and no more buds appear. Daylilies should be divided periodically

to maintain vigor. When the clumps become overcrowded, typically every three to five years, it is time to divide. When daylilies break dormancy and new growth begins in the spring, lift the entire clump, carefully divide into groups of two or three fans, replant what you want, and share or trade extras with other daylily enthusiasts. With a little time and care, your garden will explode with color.

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PUBLICWORKS Stay Tuned: Changes On How To Dispose Of Old TVs

By Joe Scavuzzo,
Director, Department of Public Works

Much like having your favorite TV show suddenly cancelled, we have some bad news: As of June 1, 2015, there is no longer a “free drop-off” location for residents to dispose of televisions.

While there are several facilities that will take your old television off of your hands, it’s the responsibility of the resident to properly get rid of any type of e-waste, whether it’s an old computer monitor, a big, bulky TV, or that VCR you discovered while cleaning up the basement.

When you put your old TV at the curb, scavengers or “scrappers” who ride

around your neighborhoods, looking for ferrous and non-ferrous metals (magnetic and non-magnetic) to trade-in for scrap at local recycling centers, will stop to pick up your TV. The problem is that these individuals do not take the ENTIRE TV with them. Most times, they break the TV down to sort out the entire unit, recycling each part appropriately. They smash the glass screen or break apart the shell to get to the “scrap metal” pieces that have a monetary value and they leave the rest. Sometimes these individuals will take your TV off the curb, but then you, or Pennsauken’s Department of Public Works, will find them

dumped in our parks and athletic facilities. The unsightly result of this action exposes the ground, our stormwater, and our neighbors to the chemicals and broken glass that are used in TV manufacturing. This is why there are now even more strict guidelines on recycling electronic waste or “e-waste.”

No one organization – this includes Waste Management and our staff at Public Works – will haul away your e-waste. Also, if you are found to have improperly disposed of e-waste, you unfortunately will be issued a ticket for any violation from our sanitary inspector.

But don’t change that channel just yet – there is some good news regarding the new policies on TV removal. Aside from

any old console TVs and the older “big screen” TVs, the cost to dispose of these is minimal. For instance, if you take an intact TV that weighs 20 pounds to the Pennsauken Landfill, it will cost around .14 cents per pound. That means you pay just \$2.80 to dispose of that TV. If you take that same TV after it sat at the curb and was scavenged and smashed up, it will cost around .22 cents per pound. That price jumps to \$4.40.

We at the Department of Public Works would much rather educate our residents about how to properly dispose of e-waste, than to fine them for doing it incorrectly. For more information, please call us at (856) 663-0178 or send an e-mail to publicworks@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.



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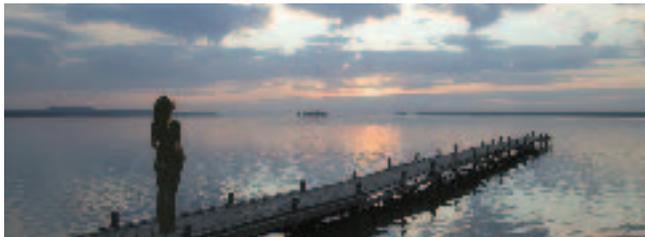
Beverly Fitzpatrick and her daughter Karen cut the ribbon to officially open the historic Burrough-Dover House's Joseph E. Fitzpatrick Nostalgia Museum during the 50th anniversary celebration of the Pennsauken Historical Society.



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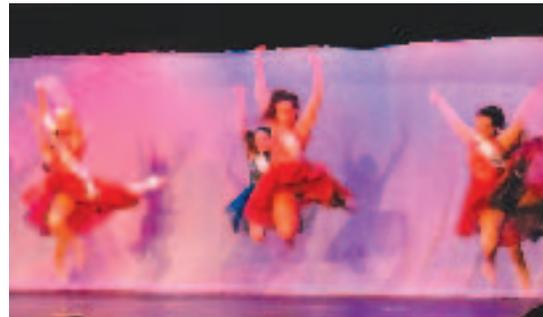
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Pennsauken Honors The Town's Best Mom and Dad

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"She might get mad sometimes, but I know she does that because she loves us," adds Lassiter.

Nicole Garcia wrote the winning Best Dad essay and described his father as "a

man who helps people in any situation." She spoke about her dad's work with Camden County's Council on Economic Opportunity, helping to weather-proof people's homes. He also is a children's ministry pastor.

"My dad also takes off time from

work and uses it for us," adds Nicole. "Some dads don't ever see their family. God has provided me with the perfect father."

Several students received honorable mention as part of the very difficult selection process. Connor Casey received

recognition for his essay about his father, who goes above and beyond to take him to hockey games; Teresa Crane, who spoke of her father's ability to fish, clean, cook and walk the dog; Dalia Abou Harb, who spoke of her mother's ability to be a "safe" and keep secrets; and Jaelyn Barrientos, whose mom "is the world to me."

The Pennsauken Youth Action Committee thanks all those students who participated in this year's contest, the teachers who encouraged them to write about their parents and guardians, as well as those caring and dedicated men and women throughout Pennsauken who inspire their children.

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Meadowbrook Park Undergoes Massive Renovation

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other able bodied children. The tennis court is being rebuilt from the ground up and a new beach volleyball court replaces the underused hockey rink. The current walking path will be repaired and repaved and the grounds will receive additional off-street parking for residents to better access the facility. Phase I is slated to be completed by the end of July.

Phase II, which should begin sometime in early fall, will include the construction of horseshoe pits, a shuffleboard court, and a 15' x 15' pavilion; also, the old snack bar by the Bow Wow Dog Park will be converted into restrooms that will be opened for specific park events. In addition, drainage will be installed by the large tree in the middle of Meadowbrook Park and the adjacent creek bed will be shored up per DEP guidelines to help alleviate

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The upgrade of Meadowbrook Park is made possible by a \$350,000 Green Acres grant, with matching funds from Pennsauken Township. The Green Acres Program was created in 1961 to meet New Jersey's growing recreation and conservation needs. Together with public and private partners, Green Acres has protected over half a million acres of open space and provided hundreds of outdoor recreational facilities in communities around the State.

Martz expressed his excitement about the project and spoke about the impact the newly renovated Meadowbrook Park will have on the community there. "The park services a very large area of town. We hope that our residents will take advantage of these great upgrades throughout the summer."

Pennsauken Celebrates Graduating Class Of 2015

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Pennsauken High School's Class of 2015.

So, there we are: one eighth grade graduation, and one high school graduation. One just starting that road to higher learning, the hallowed halls of high school, looking forward to the new friends they'll make, the wonderful teachers they will remember for a lifetime, and those amazing junior and senior proms. And then, somewhere not so far down the road after all that, comes a night quite like the one just experienced for the Pennsauken High School Class of 2015. A road that only they can travel.

Where it will lead is up to each individual. A road with some tough choices and some easy ones; some obvious, some not so obvious.

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By Fire Marshal Daniel L. Kerr Jr.,
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According to the National Fire Protection Association, fireworks were responsible for an average of almost 20,000

reported fires each year. They also cause thousands of burns and eye injuries annually. Even sparklers – which seem harmless – burn hot enough to cause third degree burns. In fact, sparklers caused 41 percent of fireworks injuries in 2013 alone.

Ultimately, the only safe way to enjoy fireworks is to avoid the use of consumer fireworks altogether and go to a public show put on by experts. In addition, keep a close eye on children at events where fireworks are used.

By following these simple steps, you can continue to enjoy fireworks as part of special celebrations and holidays this summer, while keeping your family and property safe.

Sponsorship Of County Events Offers Widespread Reach

The Camden County Board of Freeholders produces a wide range of special events, programs and activities throughout the year. From concert series to nature walks, the County Fair to the annual Winterfest ice skating event at Cooper River Park, there are special events that dazzle, delight and attract tens of thousands of residents. They honor veterans, athletes and outstanding citizens and serve their senior citizens and students through a variety of programs and events.

Now, there are sponsorships available at various levels for businesses and organizations of all sizes that provide a great opportunity for them to promote their brand and reach the consumers that matter most to them, while helping to enrich the community at the same time by providing support for these activities.

The County has created 11 categories of sponsorships to choose from, from Winterfest to Family Friendly, Shop Local to Sustainability. Cash and in-kind sponsorships are available.

A Camden County sponsorship can bring an amazing amount of reach from combined digital and print platforms. Their digital audience includes 17,000 on Facebook and 5,000 followers on Twitter, plus a website that attracts 50,000 users a month with 185,000 page views monthly.

There are 10,000 weekly newsletter subscribers. These County newsletters are filled with events and programs of interest to residents. There are also specialty e-mail newsletters for seniors, veterans and concertgoers, for a combined email audience of more than 20,000.

The County also does four publications a year that go to every household in Camden County (212,000), are distributed in area hotels and businesses and to all Camden County libraries, county offices, municipal buildings and other public places for 9,000 more in distribution.

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inSports Wright To Retire As Pennsauken High School Athletic Director

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Billy Wright has spent 26 years in public education, serving as Pennsauken High School's athletic director for almost 16 years. At the end of August, Wright is planning to retire, ending a significant career dedicated to students and the community.

Looking back on his career at Pennsauken High School, Wright spoke about several accomplishments he was particularly proud of, one of which was the updating of the school's sport facilities.

"We have state-of-the-art facilities here," explained Wright. "We've got a re-vamping of everything: new bleachers, new gym floor, new track twice times over. We have scoreboards on all the varsity fields. Our facilities are comparable to any other Group IV school. It took a collaborative effort from the Board of Education and the superintendent."

Wright is also proud of his many coaches, some of which were recognized as Coach of the Year in South Jersey. "That's a pretty good feeling, to know that you've helped nurture some young guys where they end up being recognized amongst their peers."

Another important accomplishment was the formation of Pennsauken High School's All Star Booster Club, a group of parents that work together for the benefit of the student athletes and coaches. In the six years the Booster Club has been in existence, the organization has presented over \$25,000 in scholarships to Pennsauken High School student athletes. "That's something we're pretty proud of," says Wright, who hopes that the new athletic director continues to be involved with the Boosters.

But the one thing Wright hasn't focused on was wins and losses. He is proud of the over 20 conference titles, the Big Red football state championship, as well as several sectional titles. However, it's more about instilling a sense of "Pennsauken Pride" when it comes to high school sports.

"What I attempted to do here when I took over as athletic director was to create an environment where there was a lot of pride from the coaching staff, the student athletes and ultimately the community," says Wright, who feels that this sense of pride helps spur student involvement and creates a positive image of the high school's athletic program throughout the community. "I think we've accomplished that, through the help of the School Board and the high school administration."



After almost 16 years as the athletic director of Pennsauken High School, Billy Wright has decided to retire at the end of August.

Wright also spoke about conveying the important life lessons that sports offers young men and women in their formative years. "Our mantra is 'citizenship.' We've spoken that from day one," explained Wright. "We tell the kids in every preseason speech that 30 years from now, they may not remember the

name of their English or math teacher, but they'll remember their coaches' names and they'll remember many of their teammates. They'll remember the games and many of the lessons they've learned. What we're teaching here is how to work hard, how to compete, how to win and lose with integrity, sportsmanship, and teamwork. Those are the lessons they learn out there in practice two hours every day and competition. We say that sports are an extension of the classroom and it's important that they learn from their participation."

At the end of the day, Wright sums up his experiences as an educator and athletic director in one word: service.

"I've always tried to work hard to benefit the kids of this community," says Wright. "I've tried to come up with ideas to make things more positive so that kids would have a positive and memorable experience."

"I have 46 coaches on the staff. They

work for me, but ultimately, I work for the coaches," adds Wright. "My job is to get them what they need to compete: uniforms, clean fields that are cut and taken care of. For the most part, they've gotten what they've wanted here. I provide them what they need to compete. You work for the coaches. You work for the kids. Because all of us are trying to come up with ideas to make this more positive in the community and across South Jersey. So your job is to take those ideas and run with it."

Wright plans to stay active and focus on his running, as he is a national class runner and one of the top five runners in the country over the age of 60. An avid

golfer, Wright also plans to go golfing on a daily basis. But his impending retirement is still somewhat bittersweet.

"I'm excited, but I'm a little sad to leave. I'm going to miss it."

The entire staff of All Around Pennsauken would like to thank Billy for his editorial contributions to our paper and wishes him much success in the future.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS Jamison And Dow Named Athletes Of The Year

By Billy Wright,
Pennsauken High School Athletic Director

Wrestling and football student-athlete David Dow made it relatively easy for the PHS coaching staff to vote for Athlete of the Year honors when he not only won the NJSIAA Region 7 195 lb. wrestling title, but also mowed through the competition a week earlier to win the District 28 title. David's region gold medal was the first region championship for a PHS grappler since Gerald Smith won the 103 lb. title in 1983. For his region win, the Courier Post named David to the prestigious All South Jersey team, the first Indian athlete named first team since 1968, when Mike Panarella was honored. Ironically, the old meets the new, as Panarella currently serves as a volunteer assistant coach for Code Red.



Pennsauken High School junior Amanda Bakley finished second overall in the 2000m steeplechase at the New Balance National High School Track and Field Championships in Greensboro, NC. Her time of 6:57.49 is the third fastest ever by a girl in New Jersey.

David will be attending Baker University in Kansas on a wrestling scholarship.

The girl's voting was much closer, as four budding stars were in the running:

All South Jersey bowler Jessica Bello, two sport star Olivia Summerville, and track and field stars Olivia Jamison and Amanda Bakley. Olivia Jamison eked out the voting of the coaches and claimed her second consecutive Athlete of the Year honor. Bello led South Jersey in season average; Summerville was first team all conference in volleyball and lacrosse; and Bakley set three school records on the track. For her part, Jamison won the 400 meter dash at both the BCSL and NJSIAA sectional championships and anchored the school record-setting 4x100 meter relay and the super sprint medley. Olivia will be attending Morgan State University on a track and field scholarship.

Zimmerman Coach Of The Year

For his years of service and willingness to go above and beyond in our quest to provide a positive experience for our student-athletes, Phil Zimmerman has been named the 2015 PHS Coach of the Year. Phil serves as the head girls cross country coach, volunteer assistant winter track

coach, and head girls spring track and field coach. Coach "Z" helped produce the first state cross country qualifier in school history during the fall with junior stand-out Briana Roberts, and guided the spring team to a second place finish at the BCSL championships. His squad broke eight school records under his tutelage.

Taylor Recognized As Scholar Athlete

Athletics and academics: sometimes the line is blurred for a PHS student-athlete, as they motivate themselves to achieve in either one of the two disciplines, or better yet, in both. Approximately 50 percent of PHS athletes are listed on the honor roll.

Of the 525 or so PHS athletes, Taylor Ursino handled the two disciplines best and was named PHS Scholar Athlete of the Year. Taylor was also named the NJSIAA scholar-athlete and was awarded a \$1,000 Star Ledger scholarship for that honor.

Six Receive Tri-Sports Award

The typical freshman student-athlete reports to PHS as a wide-eyed, 14 year old, somewhat underdeveloped physically and lacking in direction and emotional strength. After several years of being molded by the coaching staff and by athletic trainer Tom Connors in the weight-room, that same freshman has blossomed into a more mature, faster, stronger, and confident athlete. Six PHS athletes rose to the top of the heap as three-sport varsity letter winners, never taking a moment off from training and competing during their senior campaign. Tri-Sport Award honorees are Jerry Babilonia, Jessica Bello, Brandon Harley,

Olivia Jamison, Jevante Parris, and Tennifer Stewart. Five of the six also earned Honor Roll recognition.

Boys Volleyball Has Top Scholars

The third annual Team Highest GPA Award was presented to boys volleyball coach Jack Killion Jr. at the end-of-year Athletic Awards Night. Seventy-five percent of the boys volleyball team were recognized as scholar athletes on the Honor Roll. Coach Killion recognized assistant coach Kevin Jeffers for his management of the team's after school homework sessions.

The annual academic competition was won by the girls soccer team in 2014, with 72 percent of team members named to the Honor Roll. The rotating trophy will be placed in the trophy case identifying the team and their academic accolades.

Unsung Hero Award Goes To Babilonia

All athletes aspire to achieve great things and dream that they might someday be the hero of a winning contest. Few are fortunate to be the star of the team; many are fortunate to be a starter on their high school team. Most suffice to be just a member of the team, biding their time, hoping to get in the game.

Jerry Babilonia was named the winner of the PHS Unsung Hero Award. His many wins during the highly successful wrestling season and support of Region 7 wrestling champion David Dow in his achievements earned Jerry the honors.

Two Receive Tom Roan Award

Many individuals work in and around an athletic department to ensure the suc-

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The event was created by Ryan Wachter, a longtime Pennsauken resident and director of Channel 19 Pennsauken Television. An avid triathlete, Wachter has used races like the Iron Man Triathlon to raise funds in the past for the Children's Tumor Foundation. His interaction with Hannah Moreno,

Robert Owenby, and Anna Lee Weber, three of the many children bravely living with NF, has inspired him to do even more by creating this special event, which has a super hero theme.

"With the community's support we hope to raise money that will increase the number of clinical trials for drug treatments for NF," says Wachter. "We are confident that continued support for CTF will lead to a cure for our heroes, as well as other heroes worldwide who suffer from this progressive and debilitating disease."

One hundred percent of the registration fees go directly to the Children's Tumor Foundation. There is no fundraising required, however all participants will receive a CTF fundraising website upon sign up, free of charge. There are also several sponsorship opportunities available.

For more information, or to register for the event, visit LittleHeroes5K.com.

Jamison And Dow Named Athletes Of The Year

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cess of the many events that are conducted. To recognize those for their unselfish assistance to the department, the Tom Roan Service Award was created. Tom taught Spanish at PHS for 35 years and served for many years as the cross country and track and field coach. Two individuals were recognized this year: All Sports Booster Club treasurer Jay Jones and PHS athletic trainer Tom Connors. Jay has been instrumental in maintaining the club's finances and in assisting with concessions set-up and fund-raising efforts. Connors has been the ATC at PHS for 26 years; he is a master at injury prescription and rehabilitation and also serves as the department's strength trainer.

All Sport Booster Club Awards Marie Giebel Scholarships

Named for former club vice president Marie Giebel, the annual \$5,500 in scholarships awarded to outstanding student-athletes by the All Sports Booster Club is one of the highlights of the annual awards night presentations.

Taylor Ursino and Justin Weaver each received \$1,000 scholarships. Dominique DeSesso, Austin Gillis, Brandon Harley, Jevante Parris, Jessica Bello, Michael Stafford, and Rachel Ingram each earned a \$500 scholarship.

Twenty Named All Conference

In voting by league coaches, 11 Indian athletes were named all conference; another nine were named second team. First team honorees were Taylor Ursino and Lisa Hershey for softball; Anthony Dadson for boys volleyball; Ariel Gonzalez, baseball; girls track members Asia Davis, Ajani McEady, Indigo Pascall, Olivia Jamison and Briana Roberts; and boys track and field members Marquan Jones and Justin Weaver.

Second team recognition went to Luis Arevelo in baseball; Amanda Bakley and Brianna Bryan for girls track and field; Martin Booker for boys track; Jessica Bello and Ceani Copes for softball; and boys volleyball player Tuan Nguyen.

Free Physicals

The Pennsauken Board of Education

provides free sports physicals each August. The summer date is Monday, Aug. 3, 8:30 a.m. The physicals are conducted in the nurse's office at Pennsauken High 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, winter and spring 2014-15 seasons can be found at Pennsauken.net. The website also contains information about summer training information, the Varsity Club, the All Sports Booster Club, college recruiting, and a wealth of other athletic related information.

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There are several changes to the age and weight brackets for the 2015 football season.

Five, Six And Seven Year Old Team

The maximum weight for the five, six and seven year old team is 75.9 lbs. at

weigh-in. Six year olds with a birthday before Aug. 1 cannot play with five year olds. Five and six year olds over 75.9 are JV only. Seven year olds who weigh over 75.9 lbs. must move up to the eight and nine team.

Eight And Nine Year Old Team

The maximum weight for the eight and nine year old team is 90.9 lbs. at weigh-in. Eight year olds over 90.9 are JV only. Nine year olds who weigh over 90.9 lbs. must move up to the ten and eleven team.

Ten And Eleven Year Old Team

The ten and eleven year old team has no weight restrictions.

Twelve And Thirteen Year Old Team

The twelve and thirteen year old team has no weight restrictions. Players must not have their thirteenth birthday prior to Aug. 1.

Thirteen And Fourteen Year Old Team

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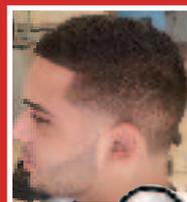
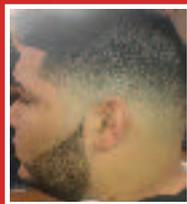
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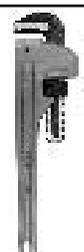
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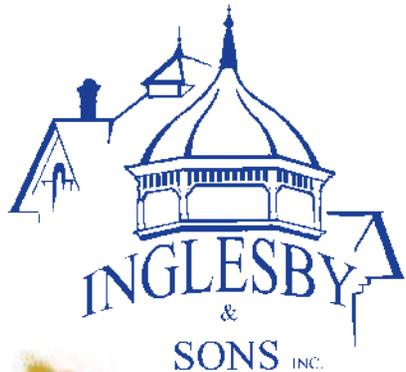
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