



Spring 2008

Horse & Plow



We're on the Web!

SalemCountyClerk.org

The Salem County Clerk's office is pleased to announce our *NEW* website. We have established this website as a portal for members of the public to have access to information about our office available 24 hours a day. We've incorporated information from all Salem County Municipal Clerks and their communities. It is our hope that it will become a valuable resource to County residents.

Guides for filling out forms, requirements for passports and ID cards, archives, and Municipality data are also available. A calendar with

county events of interest and slideshows of scenes of Salem's charms help to make our website informational and entertaining.

Go online and sign up for an E-newsletter version of the Horse & Plow.

We have many plans to expand our information and spotlight local events, people, and history of the county. We are continuing to update the website and have many more exciting projects in mind.

Next up, our office will sponsor a special **Mothers' Day Pictorial Tribute**. The County

Clerk invites County residents send in pictures of their Mothers and Grandmothers, to the Clerk's office. The photos will be online for the Mothers' Day Holiday and can be found under our *Slideshows* heading.

Sender's name and the name of the person in the photo must be included.

Photographs mailed will be returned to their senders.

It is our hope that this small gesture will provide an opportunity to give honor and tribute to our Mothers and Grandmothers for Mother's Day and throughout the year.

Please drop us a line by clicking on the Contact link on our homepage and let us know what you think.

Clerk's Corner

"A STEP BACK IN TIME"

Did you notice the County Clerk seal at the top of this page?

It is different!!

The Salem County Clerk has re-introduced the original seal of the County Clerk.

This newly adopted Clerk's Seal was seen on all court and official county documents since the 1700's. The County Clerk was Clerk of the Court from the time the County was established until 1993-1994 when the Courts were unified with the State.

The current seal used by County government was adopted in 1864 by the Board of Chosen Freeholders. The origin of the new County Clerk seal is believed to date to the early 1700's. It is interesting to note that the 1864 version embodied the same horse and plow theme.

We are proud to establish this historically significant seal as the new official insignia of the Office of the Salem County Clerk. The horse and plow emblem accurately reflects Salem County's character from its earliest inception to the present time.

The County Clerk and staff are initiating a number of new and innovative projects which will be featured in forthcoming newsletters and news releases.

We are planning to expand public access to information in all areas.

I invite everyone to visit the County Clerk's Archives to experience the history of our beautiful Salem County. Please feel free to contact me directly with questions or comments.

Sincerest best wishes for peace and happiness to all.

Gilda T. Gill
Salem County Clerk

Celebrate Flag Day: June 14

Each year on June 14, we celebrate the birthday of the American Flag, or Old Glory, which was first adopted June 14, 1777. The first national observance of Flag Day occurred June 14, 1877, the centennial of the original flag resolution.

The 14th of June has come to be called "Flag Day" because on that date in 1777, Congress enacted: "That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white. That the Union be thirteen stars, representing a new Constellation" and that on the admission of a new state into the Union one star be added and that such addition take effect on the fourth of July next succeeding admission. Since 1818 star after star has been added until we now number forty-five in all.

National Standard June 11, 1902

There have been 27 official versions of the flag over the years. For almost 20 years the flag had

15 stripes & 15 stars, one of each for each state in the union.

It was this flag flying at Fort McHenry in 1812 that inspired Francis Scott Key to pen the Star Spangled Banner.

It wasn't until 1818 that the number of stripes was set to 13, to signify the original colonies, with only the number of stars being changed to reflect the number of states.

The longest serving version of the flag is our current flag, with 50 stars and 13 stripes, which dates back to July 4, 1960 when Hawaii became the 50th state. On July 4, 2008, the current flag will have served for 48 years.

The origin of the stars and stripes design is uncertain. A popular story credits Betsy Ross for sewing the first flag from a pencil sketch by George Washington who personally commissioned her for the job. However, little evidence for this theory



exists. Another popular theory is that the flag was designed by Francis Hopkinson. Hopkinson was the only person to have

made such a claim during his own lifetime, when he sent a bill to Congress for his work. He asked for a "Quarter Cask of the Public Wine" as payment initially. The payment was not made, however, because it was determined he had already received a salary as a member of Congress, and he was not the only person to have contributed to the design.

\$100 Winner!
Tomato Recipe Contest
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From the archives:

News of Salem County Taken from the old newspapers

July 13, 1870

Salem with a population of about 5500, has 10 physicians, 5 lawyers (with a prospect of many more), 4 dentists, 9 ministers of the Gospel-besides 2 flourishing Societies of Friends, 10 churches; 2 public and 5 other schools, 4 hotels, 4 ice cream manufactories (sic), about 20 grocery and 10 dry good clothing stores and millinery shops almost innumerable.

National Standard 4/2/1902

Serving Salem County since 1819

Today's Sunbeam Subscription Prices Then and Now

Published weekly

1858 \$1.00 a year; 4 pages

1868 \$2.00 a year; 4 pages

1878 \$2.00 a year; 4 pages

1888 \$1.50 a year; 4 pages

1898 \$1.50 a year; 4 pages

1908 \$1.00 a year; 8 pages

1918 \$1.25 a year; 8 pages

1928 \$1.75 a year; 5 cents a copy; 8 pages

1938 \$1.75 a year; 5 cents a copy; 8 pages

1948 \$2.50 a year; 5 cents a copy; 16 pages

1958 \$4.00 a year; 10 cents a copy; 18 pages

1968 \$5.00 a year; 10 cents a copy; 22 pages

Published twice weekly

1978 \$32.00 a year; 15 cents a copy; 16 pages

Published 6 days a week

1988 \$55 a year; 25 cents a copy; 20 pages

1998 \$107 a year; 35 cents a copy; 20 pages

Published daily; 28 pages

2008 50 cents a copy; \$1 on Sunday



Favorite Tomato Recipe Winner

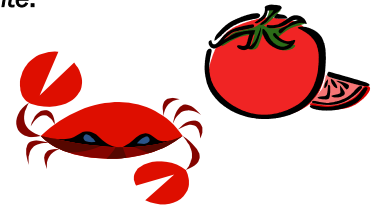
Many farmers in Salem County see summer as a busy season filled with hard work and long days. County residents are thankful for their dedication to their work because it is through them that ripe Jersey tomatoes and our delicious recipes are wrought. The Clerk's Office recent *Tomato Recipe Contest* received many tasty and intriguing recipes. Among them were some avant-garde recipes for tomato pudding, tomato pie, & tomato butter. More along the typical fair were recipes for gazpacho, sauces, and salsas. But it was Carney's Point residents **James & Denise Bickell's** recipe for "Rose Sauce with Crab" (below) that won the day. Mr. & Mrs. Bickell will receive a \$100 check, a digital camera, & a cookbook. Second place went to Madelyn Krouse of Salem for her "BLT Stuffed Tomatoes". Tied for third place were Vera Baeriswyl and Jean Marshall. Visit our website for all the recipes and a cookbook you can download.

Many thanks to the judges: Harry Franceschini of the *Washington Club*, Steve Martin of *The Rushes Restaurant* and Michael DiPaolo Sr of *DiPaolo's Ristorante*.

Rose Sauce with Crab

Submitted by:

James and Denise Bicknell



Ingredients:

1 pound lump crab meat

8 ounces fresh mushrooms sliced

1 whole medium onion chopped

1 large can (28 oz) Cento crushed tomatoes

1 can tomato paste (3 oz) - use 2/3

1 tablespoon chopped Italian parsley

Crushed red pepper to taste

8 ounces heavy cream

3 ounces fresh Romano

Directions:

Sauté onion and mushrooms in olive oil.

Then add tomatoes, tomato paste, parsley and red pepper.

Simmer. Add heavy cream slowly.

Add crab, top with Romano.

May also add fresh basil.

Voters will have their say **June 3**

In the **2008 State Primary Election**.

Following are important dates for voters :

Last day to register to vote for June 3 election.
Evening registration available at the Board of Elections
and Municipal Clerk's offices 4pm to 9 pm **May 13**

Deadline for mailed Civilian Absentee Ballot
Applications to be received by County Clerk **May 27**

Deadline for Civilian Absentee Ballot Application
in person at County Clerk's Office **June 2
3pm**

State Primary Election Day
Polls open 6 am to 8 pm **June 3**

Board of Elections and County Clerk
certify election results **June 9**

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