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South Amboy Halloween Parade/Trunk Or Treat

The City of South Amboy and the South Amboy Youth Athletic Association (SAYAA) will sponsor a Halloween Parade and Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct. 29th with a rain date of Oct. 30th. The parade lineup is 10:30 a.m. at Progressive Firehouse on Bordentown Ave. Parade starts at 11 a.m. down to the Allie Clark Sports Complex.

If you are interested in entering a vehicle into the Trunk or Treat, please contact Jaclyn at: recreation@southamboy.gov or call 732-525-5965 by Oct. 28th.

Veterans Day Service

Sayreville American Legion Lenape Post 211 and Sayreville VFW Post 4699, in affiliation with the Borough of Sayreville, will be holding a Veterans Day Service on Friday Nov. 11th, at 11am in front of Borough Hall on Main St. All are welcome to attend.

Burch Chosen Chairwoman

The Sayreville Democratic Organization (SDO) recently selected Patti Burch as their new Chairwoman. Congratulations and best wishes, Patti!

Congratulations!



The 5 trophies brought home by the South Amboy Fire Department from the parade in Wildwood.



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (l) and his wife Linda (r) are pictured with Carolyn (Wells) Kaminski (c) at the 2nd Annual Irish Festival at Waterfront Park. (Photo by Brian Stratton))



Charity Basketball Games

The Friends of South Amboy are proud to announce their annual charity basketball games to be played on Saturday, December 17, 2022. The schedule is as follows:

- **12:00 noon** South Amboy girls vs East Brunswick Magnet School
- **2:00 pm** South Amboy boys vs Spotswood
- **4:00 pm** Sayreville boys vs Calvary Christian
- **6:00 pm** St. Joe's by the Sea Staten Island boys vs St. Joe's Metuchen
- **8:00 pm** St. Thomas Aquinas boys vs Oratory Prep.

ELECTION DAY FISH DINNER

The Camp Dill Foundation and the Old Timers of Troop 91 will be having their annual Election Day Fish Dinner on November 8, 2022 in the parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy. Due to COVID, this event will be a totally "drive-by" take-out only dinner. The time of the event will be 5:00PM to 7:00PM and the cost is \$15.00 per dinner.

ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE. For ticket information, call Dan Sibol at 732-899-6074 or e-mail djsibol@aol.com. Ticket mail orders with payment can be sent to Dan Sibol, 90 Meridian Drive, Brick, NJ 08724.

We thank you for your support as we continue to benefit the youth of the South Amboy / Sayreville area. For more information on the Camp Dill Foundation and its current activities, go to their web-site at <https://www.campdill.org>.

SWMHS HOF Nominations Sought

The SWMHS Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for the 2023 Hall of Fame Awards Banquet scheduled for April 2023. This event recognizes previous Sayreville HS alumni who have not only distinguished themselves in their careers, professions, community involvement, etc., but also to serve as positive role models for current students at the high school. The deadline for receipt of the nominations is Friday, October 28, 2022. Your

nomination should include information about the individual's achievements, including educational background, year of SWMHS graduation, military service (if applicable), and current contact information. Please email your nominations to epkubacz@verizon.net or to barb.anderson2@verizon.net. Nominations may also be mailed to: SWMHS Hall of Fame Committee, 20 Holly Drive, Parlin, NJ 08859.

Demo To Rebuild



Members of American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 of South Amboy are pictured before the demolition of their building that was severely damaged during Superstorm Sandy on October 29, 2012. In photo (l-r) "Butch" Mulvey, Rufus Thomas (owner of All Action Demolition), Bob Moglia, Commander Bob "Zak" Sekerak, Bill Garnett, Tom Noble. See photo and story on page 3. (Photo by Brian Stratton)




On September 17th South Amboy Fire Department once again participated in the Annual New Jersey State Firemen's Convention parade in Wildwood lead by Chief David Szatkowski, 1st Assistant Chief John Dragotta and 2nd Assistant Chief Timothy Gay. This year the Department won five trophies. Progressive Engine 9- 1st place best appearing pumper 0-5 yrs old; Mechanicsville Engine 10- 2nd place best appearing pumper 0-5 yrs old; Protection Engine 6- 2nd place best appearing pumper 15-25 yrs old; Chief Car 2 Judges award Command Vehicle and 2nd place Color Guard. (Photos/info submitted)

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Jim Abbatiello (r) and Joyce Medvar are pictured standing by Jim's award-winning 1934 Ford Pickup Truck at the Independence Engine & Hose Co. #1 Car Show in August. Joyce also served as the South Amboy Elks Exalted Ruler in 2017, and did an outstanding job! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

9 Locals On Dean's List

Nine local students from Sayreville and South Amboy attained the Dean's List at Seton Hall University for the Spring 2022 semester. Congratulations to the following: Sayreville-Jillian Greene, Melanie Yetman, Emily Moderine, Mansi Parikh, Renzo Tarallo, Nelson Lu, Zenen Rivera. South Amboy-Thomas Donnelly, Nathaniel Ocasio.

Stolte Retire From Post Office

Congratulations to USPS worker Brian Stolte who has retired after over 30 years with the Parlin Post Office. Brian, who was nicknamed "Mayor of Parlin," has been outstanding at his job, always helpful and friendly to everyone. May you have a wonderful retirement Brian, and thank you for being such a fine asset to your community!

Paul During Writes Ghost Story

Paul During of Morgan has written a great short story titled "The Ghost of Ye Old Spye Inn," which seems appropriate for this time of ghosts and goblins. If someone would

like a copy, either PDF or hard copy, contact Paul at: pduring@live.com Congratulations Paul, on a fine work!

Wojciechowski-Anderson Honored

Former South Amboy resident/Hoffman HS graduate Terry Wojciechowski-Anderson was honored with Superhost Status for the 11th consecutive year. She currently owns a bed/breakfast in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Congratulations Terry on this prestigious honor, and best of luck in future years!

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

The Miraculous Prayer
Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favors. This time I ask you this my special one (mention favor). Take it, Dear Jesus, and place it within your own broken heart, where your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become your favor, not mine. Amen. (Say this prayer for 3 days, promise publication and your favor will be granted. Never known to fail. -R.S., A.S., H.S., L.S., L.P. EP. -

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Pleasant Little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

1.Appointed part-time Business Administrator for South Amboy in 1997?
a.Stanley Marcinczyk b.Camille Tooker c.Edward McLane

2.Chosen chairperson of the Sayreville Housing Authority in '97?
a.Mindy Pierson b.Jason Knoblauch c.William Jackson

3.South Amboy Fire Chief in 2010-11?
a.Jamie Norek b.Patrick Bielak c.Brian Kuhn

4.Where was the Sayreville Bar located?
a.Standiford Ave. b.McArthur Ave. c.Cecelia St.

5.Where is the Frog Hollow Swim Club located?
a.South Amboy b.Morgan c.Parlin

6.Served as Sayreville Chief of Police from 1997-2007?
a.Douglas Sprague b.Raymond Sweeney c.John Garbowski

7.South Amboy Superintendent of Schools in '97?
a.Robert Dicker b.Robert Bloodgood c.Rochelle Brown

8.Pastor of Our Lady of Victories Church in 2010?
a.Rev. Juan Salonga b.Rev. Thomas Ryan c.Rev. Michael Krull

9.South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 Grand Knight for 2013-14?
a.Ray Suchcicki b.Ken Smetana c.Jack Mieczkowski

10.Named Chairman of the Sayreville Planning Board in '94?
a.James Robinson b.Robert Redford c.Shaquan Oleyneaux

Answers
1a 2c 3b 4c 5a 6c 7a 8b 9a 10b





The demolition begins. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

American Legion Post Razed

By Tom Burkard

It was a bittersweet time for members of the American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 of South Amboy, as they watched the demolition of the building that was their headquarters since 1921, when the house on lower David Street was given to them from a Mr. Izenberg. The hall was used for meetings and various social events through the years, such as small weddings, confirmations, and even a sports collectors show. The structure was battered beyond repair during the flooding and devastation of Superstorm Sandy on October 29, 2012.

According to longtime Commander Bob “Zak” Sekerak, “We thought we would be reopening and running things by 2015, but because of rules and regulations, we weren’t able to.” After Sandy hit, the Legion needed a place to meet, and the South Amboy Elks welcomed them for 2 ½ years, and after that, they held meetings at the AOH building in South Amboy.

Commander Sekerak sent out special thanks to Past State Commander of the American Legion, Dan Dunn from Woodbridge, who, before COVID, approached Post #62 with an idea for a new Legion with veterans apartments. Two months later, Sekerak talked for over an hour

with Jim Scanlon from Gloucester County, who was also helpful. “In addition, Mickey Gross was a big help with two golf outings, and also Mayor Fred Henry and South Amboy Business Administrator Glenn Skarzynski were helpful,” stated Sekerak. The new Legion building and veterans apartments will be paid for by grants and fundraisers.

Standing by the site of the American Legion building and watching as it was razed, veterans undoubtedly had many fond memories of days gone by. Commander Sekerak, now in his 18th year in the top spot, said that I’m looking forward to the construction of the new building, which will feature 10 veterans apartments, plus the American Legion. It’s time to go out with the old and in with the new.”

The new American Legion with veterans apartments, will be expanded from the previous size to the corner of Rosewell St. Sekerak stated, “We are all looking forward to the new Legion and getting new and younger people to join and keep the Legion going.” There are currently 60 members, and according to the Commander, the Legion’s membership peaked at about 165 back in 1984, when an influx of VietNam veterans started joining.

Amboy Cinemas To Be Redeveloped

If you happened to live in the local area from December 1979 to 2005, you more than likely went to see at least one movie (probably more) at the Amboy Cinemas in Sayreville. The business was located between Route 9 and Route 35, where the main entrances were to enter the parking area. Another popular

site for patrons Razz Matazz was located right next to the Cinemas, which closed their doors for the final time in 2005.

The Sayreville Borough Council recently gave its approval of an ordinance to establish a redevelopment plan for the 19.5 acres site.



On Tuesday, September 20th at South Side 35 Diner, a meet and greet was held for Congressional Candidate Sue Kiley (not in photo) and Sayreville Council Candidates Donna Roberts (2nd from right) and Dan Balka (r) along with special guest Bill Spadea (2nd from left), conservative radio show host from 101.5. Pictured (l) is Sayreville Republican Committee Chair Karen Bailly Bebert. (Photo/info submitted)

All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet

South Amboy Elks will be having their “All You Can Eat Buffet Breakfast” on Sunday November 20th from 9- 11:30am. The price is \$12.00 per person, children 7 yrs and under are \$6.00. We are located at 601 Washington Ave, South Amboy. For questions or to reserve a table of 8 or more,, please call 732-727-7170.

Roast Pork Dinner November 11

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are hosting a roast pork dinner Friday evening November 11 from 5 pm to 8 pm. Cost of \$18 includes salad, roast pork, homemade mashed potatoes, and choice of cheesecake or tiramisu for dessert. In honor of Veterans Day, veterans will receive a free dinner. To reserve and purchase your tickets call Gary at 732-512-8923 or Jordan at 732-325-1645.

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Yearbook-Sayreville 1962

By Tom Burkard

In early September 1961, the Sayreville High School Class of '62 returned for its final scholastic year. "Michael" (You remember the song that goes, 'Michael rowed the boat ashore, alleluia') by the Highwaymen topped radio stations, and kids sang along as they listened to their transistors. At Sayreville High, the yearbook, celebrating its 20th year of publication, was dedicated to Alma Mater. Editors-In-Chief were August Oppel and Doris Chudkowski. The school principal was Margaret Walsh. Some fine teachers were Patricia Defort, Laverne Gavron, Lois Jankowski, John Gutkowski, Vincent Modzelewski, Joseph Ziembra. Senior Class Officers were President Raymond Fielek; VP-Joseph Klosek; Sec.- Jacqueline Chrzan; Treas.-Christine Kapler. Ronald Zeh was Student Council President and Jean Puchala was Vice-President. Some of the Class of '62 selected randomly included: Helen Beck, Linda Beatty, Rosemary Buchanan, Carol Chlebowski, Roberta Conover, Edward Darbowski, Diane Dill, Harold Dill, Judith Dieker, Dominick DiMattio, Carol Dobrzynski, George Dusko, Beverly Estok, Phyllis Goble, Veronica Grzyb, Elke Holley, Grace Holsworth, Arthur Hoover, Carol Kabara, Delia Jones, Janet Hudak, Maureen Kehoe, Robert Kaufhold, Robert Kirchner, Richard Kulesa, Geraldine Krzykowski, James Lynch, Joseph McAllister, Elaine Marchut, Georgiann Mershon, Don McDonald, Jerilyn McCarthy, Ruth Michaels, Judith McNearny, Bruce Miklaszewski, Veronica Modzelewski, Geraldine Mroczkowski, Rudolph Mueller III, Ronald Nadeau, Mary Murphy, John Rapp, Thomas Pavlik, Arlene Ostrowski, Helen Pololak, Joyce Prusik, John Rojewski, Gerald Sabo, Donald Seiser, Carol Shork, Carol Smith, James Smith, Rosemarie Solook, Patricia Stanik, Theresa Suchciki, Michael Turback, Leah Turner, Gerald Unkel, Joan Witkowski, Marie Zebro, Richard Zdan, Constance Zukowski. In '62, there were many big events happening in the world, such as John Glenn orbiting the earth 3 times in "Friendship 7;" The Seattle World's Fair opened; Johnny Carson replaced Jack Paar on the "Tonight Show." The Bombers had many talented senior athletes including Vincent Attardi, Earl Baker, John Barko, Joseph Blaszk, David Boshko, Robert Brown, Richard Conover, William Coward, Joseph Demetski, William Eppinger, Raymond Fielek, Daniel Harvey, David Kane, Edward Kephart, Joseph Klosek, Stephen Longo Jr., Thomas Lewis, Tony Nicorvo, Michael Olszewski, Edward Rock, Robert Sacher, Thomas Snyder, Edward Thalmann, Don Tremel. Tri-captains of the football squad that finished (3-6) were William Pogers, Ronald Skwira, and Steve Shigas. Paul Weiss and Ernest Adell were co-captains of the wrestling team. 1962 marked the final year of basketball in the old school gym, and the boys' team had a rough (4-17) record. Mary Jane Olsen and Nancy Plewa were co-captains of the cheerleaders. Theresa Check was Majorette. On Graduation Day, "I Can't Stop Loving You" by Ray Charles was the #1 song in the land. There were 155 graduates, and Delia Jones was Valedictorian, Mary Romanski the Salutatorian and Peter P. O'Such Jr., Terterian. Sayreville High School's Class of 1962 was a fine all-around group of young adults.

Firefighter Memorial Mass



On Saturday October 8th Sacred Heart parish sponsored the annual Firefighter Memorial Mass for members of South Amboy and Sayreville Fire Department's. Father Stanley Gromadzki was the celebrant. Chief David Szatkowski SAFD and Ex-Chief Mike Zsorey SFD joined Fr. Gromadzki on the altar. (Photos by John Avagliano)

Devils Outing December 28

St. Mary Church and the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are sponsoring an outing Wednesday December 28 when the young and hungry New Jersey Devils face off against the Boston Bruins at the Prudential Center. Puck drop is 7 pm.

Cost of \$80 includes game ticket, and a \$20 voucher for food and beverages. Deadline to reserve tickets is November 27. To purchase and reserve your tickets call Chris at 732-735-1737 or Steve at 732-727-1707.



St. Bernadette Parishioners participated in the Annual Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally at noon on October 15th, in Mary Garden outside of Lourdes Center. All across our nation and the world, the rosary was recited in a beautiful service. (Photo/info submitted)

Sayreville Public Library Events for November 2022

ESL conversation group. Tuesdays in November @5:30PM, Join us for this six-week session for English as a Second Language. This class is designed for those just beginning to learn the language as well as development of stronger conversational skills. This is a six-week course. Registration required. Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

Legal Guidance: Guardianship, Power of Attorney, and Medical Directives, Saturday, Nov 12 @11:30AM

Join Tina M. James, local practicing attorney, for this workshop on how to handle legal guardian issues, Power of Attorney for loved ones, and issues regarding medical situations. Light refreshments will be served. registration required. Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

Recycling Rock N Roll one song at a time. Saturday, Nov 12 @3PM, Come and hear "The Green Planet" an NJ based classic rock band, for an afternoon of good times and good music. They will be playing plenty of music from the 1950's to the 1970's. Please register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

Tuesday Movie Matinee, Tuesday, Nov 15 @1PM, Join us once again for our monthly movie matinee.

This month: An Old Fashioned Thanksgiving, based on the novel by Louisa May Alcott. Not Rated/88 minutes

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Just a reminder that all events are in person at the library unless specifically stated otherwise.

“Welcome Home” Open House at Messiah



Advent is the beginning of a new Church Year, so it is fitting that we begin with a special gathering. You are cordially invited “home,” to Messiah Lutheran Church, 3091 Bordentown Avenue, Parlin, on November 27. Whether you are seeking a new church home, or you were a member in the past, but haven’t been here in a while, all are

encouraged to join us. Meet Pastor Vincent Frunzi who will lead us in worship at 9:00 am, followed by an Open House and fellowship from 10 am to noon. Take a tour of our newly renovated meeting spaces, including our updated food pantry. Meet new friends or renew old friendships. Come and see what God is doing in this place!

Wind Creek Trip November 6

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are running a trip to Wind Creek Casino Sunday November 6. Cost of \$35 includes round trip motor coach transportation and \$25 in slot play. Motor coach leaves the Knights of Columbus parking lot at 9 a.m. For reservations, call Steve at 732-727-1707 or call 732-721=2025 and leave a message.

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“Bowl For Hunger” Thank You

(Photo/story submitted)

The Office of Assemblyman Craig J. Coughlin released the following statement:
Assemblyman Craig J. Coughlin in partnership with the Middlesex Water Company, Hackensack Meridian Health, and Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce held the 13th Annual “Bowl for Hunger”, Monday, July 25, 2022, at Majestic Lanes of Hopelawn. Since the event’s inception in 2010, more than \$380,000 has been raised to feed the hungry. This year’s event once again featured a double session, 5:00 to 7:00 PM and 8:00 to 10:00 PM, where nearly 500 bowlers took part on nearly 80 bowling lanes. Assemblyman Coughlin, Robert Garrett, Co-CEO of Hackensack Meridian Health, Dennis Doll, President and CEO of the Middlesex Water Company, and Karen Barnes, President of the Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce thanked event participants and sponsors for supporting the fun event and the area’s twenty-five (25) food banks who help nourish the underserved. The 2022 Bowl has raised approximately \$30,000.00. Interested community members or businesses still wishing to make a donation to “Bowl for Hunger” should contact the Bowl for Hunger committee at BowlforHunger.com or E-mail info@bowlforhunger.com.

The event drew pledges and support from all five Mayors of the 19th Legislative District including—Mayor Daniel J. Reiman of Carteret, Mayor Helmin J. Caba of Perth Amboy, Mayor Victoria Kilpatrick of Sayreville, Mayor Fred Henry of South Amboy, and Mayor John E. McCormac of Woodbridge.
62 corporate, community, and individual sponsors donated at least \$125.00 to support the cause. Of the 62 sponsors, 38 individuals and organizations donated at the \$500 level— Allegiance Retail Services, LLC, Amerigroup, Assemblywoman Yvonne

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Local Wildlife



An Osprey perched on the roof of a Morgan Ave. home. (Photo by Ed English)



A young Egret is on a fishing expedition at a nearby lake as Canadian Geese swim in the background. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

The Miraculous Prayer
Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favors. This time I ask you this my special one (mention favor). Take it, Dear Jesus, and place it within your own broken heart, where your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become your favor, not mine. Amen. (Say this prayer for 3 days, promise publication and your favor will be granted. Never known to fail.) -L.E.

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The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA., MS.

Drama in the volunteer fire service is one of the most destructive forces that is not publicly discussed. One of the biggest failures in the volunteer fire service is the failure to address fire station drama. Studies have shown that slightly less than 40% of volunteer firefighters are satisfied with the atmosphere in their fire stations. Unfortunately, there are fire officers that fail to address drama or even condone or participate in the drama. For fire departments to be successful, it is critical that senior leadership create a culture where the fire station drama is not tolerated. In many cases this is easier said than done. In the fire service no one works alone, we work as a team and drama will cause that team mentality to disintegrate. So, what type of drama is occurring that needs addressing?

Drama comes in a variety of forms, some of which are: gossiping, spreading rumors, negativity, rudeness, passive aggressive actions, discrediting other firefighters, excluding others, inconsistent disciplinary actions, leaders taking sides, and favoritism. Each of these actions, or lack thereof, is a basis for drama. In the volunteer fire service, we have a challenging time recruiting new members and retaining those we already have. New recruits are not breaking down our doors to become firefighters as they did back in the 50's, 60's and 70's. How many new firefighters resign before they even get their feet wet due to the drama? Think about how many of your dedicated long-time firefighters quit the department because of the drama or the social media comments. With that said, how do we move forward and change that culture? The change must come from the top leadership positions and filter down through the company officers to the firefighters. Our officers must lead by example. When our fire service leaders stand-up and stop the drama in its tracks, then and only then, will

it create a better working atmosphere in the fire service for all involved. Spreading rumors only adds to gossiping which over time becomes detrimental to the department. The fear of becoming a target of gossip will keep a firefighter silent. Continuously failing to include a member in company events will make them feel unimportant and lead to reasons for quitting. Remember, we are a team and we work TOGETHER! Leaders cannot engage in workplace drama, PERIOD! Fire officers cannot take sides based on someone liking or disliking another member. Discipline cannot be dished out harsher to someone who is disliked, and less harsh or not at all to a friend. Treat everyone equally because if a member observes someone being treated favorably/unfavorably, it only tends to undermine the entire organization and the possibility of legal action against the organization. We must encourage volunteers to be transparent with leadership about issues occurring in the fire station or at the scene of an incident. Members should be able to discuss issues with their leaders without the fear of retaliation. If someone performed an inappropriate act at a fire scene, he should be able to discuss it freely with his officers and not be bashed or criticized for his actions, otherwise it may lead to more drama. Most times it is better to discuss corrective actions in a private setting rather than in public which may cause embarrassment to the individual in question.

With social media being so prevalent in our daily lives it becomes easy for drama to run rampant through the community. Stop the firehouse drama and stop it now before something serious occurs because of it. Make your fire station a true fire "house" where we are all family. We all mention the "Brotherhood" in the fire service, then let us all make it a true "Brotherhood."

Poll Workers Needed

For people wanting to get involved in helping to have safe and fair elections. John Anagnostis, Regional Vice Chair of the Middlesex County Republican Organization is seeking Poll Workers from Perth Amboy,

Sayreville, and South Amboy for the upcoming General Election November 8, 2022. If interested, call 732-371-9967 and leave a message.

Did You Know?

The late Alan Karcher of Sayreville was a state of New Jersey Assemblyman from 1974-1990, and served as Speaker

of the New Jersey Assembly from 1982-86. In addition, he was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

Halloween Fun at the YMCA



The Halloween Party held at the South Amboy YMCA was a big success. Face painting, decorate a Halloween bag, decorate a cupcake were just a few of the activities. These trick or treaters posed in front of the Scarecrows. There is also a decorate a Scarecrow contest. The party and Scarecrow contest was sponsored by the "Y", City of South Amboy and the South Amboy Arts Alliance. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

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50th Wedding Anniversary



Ernie and Shirley Read celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 1. They were married on July 1, 1972, and renewed their wedding vows at St. Sylvester's Catholic Church in Kauai on July 17, 2022. Their son Brad, his wife, and their 3 children were there to celebrate. Congratulations Ernie and Shirley!

Hoffman H.S. 50th Class Reunion



The Hoffman High School Class of 1972 celebrated their 50th Reunion on Sunday, October 2, 2022 at Camillo's Restaurant in Sayreville, N.J. A Great time was had by all with delicious food, drinks and conversation among the graduates that attended. Everyone had stories to share about school and catching up on the last 50 Years. Much thanks to Camillo's Restaurant and our committee Nancy Pavich, Patty Januszewski and Lois Larkin. We also thank Jay Kennedy and Kevin O'Neil for composing great posters from our yearbook to share memories. Names of graduates in picture are as follows Top Left: Gail G. Peggy M. Larry P. Joseph C. Debbie W. Joanne N. Arthur V. Nancy H. Ronnie C. Gary L. Ray K. James H. & Joyce W who wasn't in this class. Sitting Left: Linda T. Liz P. Phyllis L. Carol K. Patty S. Mark A. Sitting on Floor: Esther M. (Photo/story submitted)

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Father Stan Pastor of Sacred Heart Church and Chaplin for the SAFD says mass in Wildwood during the Firefighter convention. (Photo Submitted)

Thank You Novena

Lord God, we do not always remember to thank you as we ought for all you have done for us and given us. We praise you for your goodness and offer our prayers of thanksgiving to you today for all you have done for us and given us. You did not have to create man or any of creation. Out of your goodness, you chose to create the world and to make man in your own image. You have given each of us life in order that we might know, love, and serve you. We thank you for all of your blessings, and we particularly thank you today for giving us life! Help us to grow in gratitude each day, in every circumstance. Help us to grow closer to you each day of our lives. And I especially pray in this novena (mention your intentions here). Lord, hear our prayers! Amen





Members of the community enjoyed the First South Amboy Business Association sponsored concert. Members of the AlohaMonkeyBand took a moment to take pictures with some of the attendees. Thanks to those that attended for supporting the downtown businesses, and those that could not attend, “You missed a Great Concert.” (Photos/info submitted)

Dowdell Library News

Veterans Day Meet & Greet, Author Night, Bingo, Senior Book Club, and Food Explorer’s Culinary for Kids!

Meet and Greet with our heroes for Veterans Day on Monday, November 14 from 6:30-8 pm. Join us as we salute our local Veterans for a Q&A session and flag folding demonstration. View military items on exhibit courtesy of the South Amboy Historical Society, and take part in a closing salute.

Discover new reads at Author Night on Thursday, November 10 from 6:30-8 pm featuring authors Jerry Smith and Maria Mantoudakis. They will share insights about their works, hold a Q&A session, and end with a book signing.

Play BINGO for adults on Mondays, November 7, 14 and 21 at 11:30 am. Meet new friends and enjoy some light refreshments. Small non-monetary prizes will be awarded.

The Senior Book Club will meet on Monday, November 28 at 10:30 am. Stop by the Library to pick up this month's book. Want to join? Just contact the library at 732-721-6060

Dowdell Library, in collaboration with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and RWJ Barnabas Health, offers online virtual health programs. Some courses include Stress Reduction through Imagery and Stretch It! Chair exercising, stretching, and flexibility workshop. Please register by emailing Kathleen Johnson kathleen.johnson@rwjbh.org. For a complete list of

the classes, please visit Dowdell.org.

For kids, stop by every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 pm for the After School Fun Club. Drop in for bingo, crafts and other fun activities! Meet new friends as you unwind after the long school day!

Calling all foodies! Join us for another Food Explorer’s on Wednesday, November 9 from 1-2 pm for a hands-on cooking program. Make an appetizer/snack from start to finish, learn how to read a recipe, and how to measure ingredients. Ages 5-14. Registration is required.

Parents with toddlers! Join Ms. Maryanne for storytime on Monday, November 7 and Saturday, November 12 from 1-2 pm for stories, games, activities, and crafts.

Teens! Stop by for fun on Fridays, November 4 and 18 for a variety of activities such as video games and crafts! Meet new friends, discover new reads, hang out and have some fun.

Support your community and local library on Giving Tuesday which takes place on Tuesday, November 29. Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement, unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. Help us reach our goals of sharing technologies and donate to your local library!

The library will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25. Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Family Memories



On a recent visit and tour of South Amboy, daughters of the world famous O’Brien twins, John and Ed, and also Jerry O’Brien’s daughter, are pictured by the mural of their fathers, and other South Amboy players who made it to Major League Baseball. The mural is on the South Amboy Youth Athletic Association’s building at the Allie Clark Sports Complex. The ladies loved seeing the town and landmarks where their dads grew up, and then later went on to legendary fame. Pictured (l-r) in the photo are the O’Brien ladies, Julie, Anne, Liz, Colleen, Peggy and Katie. Liz is Jerry’s daughter, Colleen, Peggy and Katie are Ed’s daughters, Julie and Anne are John’s daughters. (Photo/story by Tom Burkard)

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Song Lyric Trivia

By Brian Stratton

There is a game trending on social media that has people asking questions relating to song lyrics for all different genres, i.e. Country, Rock, TV themes etc. See how many you can get right! The answers on page 16.

1. According to Charlie Daniels why did the devil go down to Georgia?
2. According to The Outfield, where is Josie on vacation?
3. What does Joan Jett love?
4. What always gets the Carpenters down?
5. What way did the Backstreet Boys want it?
6. Where does Debbie Gibson get lost?
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In photo (l-r) South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 members who were in attendance: PGK Kenny Smetana, Grand Knight Jordan Drevelus, and Jan Williams.



DJ Richie Flash (l) and Rec Director Brian VanDongen stand by the beautiful trophies that were awarded to the winning participants at the Car Show.

10 Years Ago October 29, 2012
Superstorm Sandy Photo Flashback

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Boats from the Cheesequake Creek ended up on the railroad tracks on the Morgan Train Bridge. (Photo submitted)



The Benjamin Sebban Monument at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park.



The Rosewell Apartments in South Amboy.



South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426.



House on Washington Road in Sayreville.



Main Street in South Amboy

Note: See more on Superstorm Sandy by going to our website: www.thesatimes.com and clicking on the archives link and go to the November 17, 2012 issue. The SA Times had over 60 photos, by far the most of any area newspaper, daily, weekly or monthly, during this devastating time. In addition there are also exclusive interviews and stories with countless people in our area who were affected by the storm.

South Amboy Cruise Night.



This beautiful little red Corvette was decorated for the Halloween season at the final South Amboy Cruise Night. It was a great season filled with great cars. See you next year! (Photo by Brian Stratton)

Trinity United Methodist Church Update

The Thrift Shop continues to service the community. We are blessed for our customers and drop offs. Stop by Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 am to 11 am. You are welcome to drop off any donations in the DROP OFF SHED at any time OR stop by when we are open. We accept all things EXCEPT large furniture due to storage limitations. If you have any questions or special requests, please contact Lori at 732 763 6232. This is a critical mission for the Trinity United Methodist Church and our community.

On Saturday, December 3 we will be hosting our annual Christmas Bazaar and

Vendor Sale from 9 am to 3 pm. Signed up already is – Scentsy, Pampered Chef, Touchstone Jewelry, Arbonne, and many more. We will have a tricky tray, homemade bakery, cafeteria, crafts, Children’s room and Christmas room. More information to come but if you are interested in being a vendor – cost is \$20 and we supply the table. Come and join us!

If you are wondering where we are located – 815 Bordentown Avenue South Amboy right by the Parkway Rest Area exit. Call Lori at 732-763-6232 if you are interested in the bazaar or any Thrift Shop questions.

Camillo’s Remembers Hurricane Sandy

By Steve Schmid

It was ten years ago that Hurricane Sandy slammed our area with strong winds, heavy rain and record flooding. Camillo’s Restaurant on MacArthur Ave Sayreville suffered greatly from the October 29, 2012 storm. Camillo’s General Manager Kevin Kosi recalled the storm surge flooded the

restaurant with five and a half feet of water. He said all the food and liquor had to be thrown out since they were covered by water. He added that it took four months to clean up. The restaurant reopened February 28, 2013. “I’m thankful to all the neighbors, family, and friends that supported us,” Kosi said.



Former New Jersey Governor Jim Florio (c) is pictured at the South Amboy High/Middle School dedication in 1996. Assemblyman John Wisniewski (l) and South Amboy Mayor John O’Leary (r) were also on hand for the big occasion. Florio, who passed away at 85 years old on Sept. 25th, was the 49th governor of New Jersey, serving from 1990-94, and was an 8-term Congressman from 1974-90. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

What Exit?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

September What Exit:

Last month’s answer was NJ Turnpike exit 4. You can get to the Flying Fish Brewing Co. and also have access to the Ben Franklin Bridge. There are many things to see and do at Exit 4. The following know their home state: Edna Mazur Pilch, Gary Feret, Betty Leveille, Pat Scully.



What Exit?

This month’s answer will take you off the NJ Turnpike to get to our Where In NJ for this month. Good luck.



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Who is it?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

Last month's mystery guests were none other than Les Paul and Mary Ford. This musical duo had many hit songs including: "How High The Moon", "Bye Bye Blues" and "Via Con Dios" to name just a few. Les Paul

Lester William Polsfuss (June 9, 1915 – August 12, 2009), known as Les Paul, was an American jazz, country, and blues guitarist, songwriter, luthier, and inventor. He was one of the pioneers of the solid-body electric guitar, and his prototype, called the Log, served as inspiration for the Gibson Les Paul. Paul taught himself how to play guitar.. Paul is credited with many recording innovations. His early experiments with overdubbing (also known as sound on sound)] delay effects such as tape delay, phasing, and multitrack recording were among the first to attract widespread attention.] The following music lovers

and there are a few guitar players in here got it right: Ed Puchalski, Sonia Iglesias, Tom Kemp, Dave Silva, Bruce Grankowski, John Gelsinon, Ray Andrejewski, JoAnn & John French, Joseph DeFoe, Eelanore Westerholm, Joyce Elyea, Drew Cross, Martin Fitzgerald, Mary Fitzgerald, Dennis & Kathy OLeary, Linda Vona, Gary Feret, John Kelly, Lina Dreesen, Mark Moniello, Pat Scully, Pete McIntyre, Dane Colburn, Dermot Scales, Marlene Letwenski, Leonard Hofstadler.

Les Paul and Mary Ford

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RE-ELECT MAYOR FRED HENRY



Mayor Fred Henry is a **lifelong resident of South Amboy** and a retired educator. Since 2010, he has helped to **deliver strategic growth and investments for our community** as Mayor of South Amboy.

- ✓ Under Mayor Henry’s leadership, **South Amboy has received a total of \$13,671,779.05 in grants**
- ✓ Led efforts to pass a budget with **no municipal tax increases** with full support from all council members
- ✓ **Increased the size of our police force** to keep our community safe
- ✓ Revitalized our city’s waterfront walkway with a **\$1 million grant**
- ✓ Secured **\$300,000** for South Amboy students to receive new laptops

MICHAEL “MICKEY” GROSS & ANTHONY CONRAD: FOR COUNCIL AT-LARGE



RE-ELECT COUNCIL PRESIDENT MICKEY GROSS

- ✓ Has **served on the South Amboy City Council for more than ten years** and as the City Council President since 2015
- ✓ **Deeply involved in the South Amboy community**, including serving as the Chairman of the South Amboy St. Patrick’s Day Parade, as well as a Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the South Amboy Irish Festival



ELECT ANTHONY CONRAD

- ✓ Currently serves on the **South Amboy School Board** and as a Commissioner on the **South Amboy Redevelopment Agency**
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South Amboy's Irish Festival

(Photos by Brian Stratton)





Col. D.B. Kelly Pipes and Drums kicked off the Festival.
(Photo by Tom Burkard)



The rock climbing wall was a big hit!



Mickey Gross and Terri Tierney stop to pose for a photo.



Dennis Kuhn (l) and Mary Rager (r) were on hand from the Dowdell Library.



(l-r) Mr. Moose, Carolyn Wells and Sabrina.



Food trucks provided a great selection of food.



Watching their Dad play the Bass Drum!



The Beer Garden was very popular.



A group of young performers prior to taking the stage.



The large crowd enjoyed the many vendors offering a variety of items.



Fun for the youngsters!



A Leprechaun smiles for the camera.



SAFD Fire Prevention Day



On October 22nd the South Amboy Fire Dept. held a Fire Prevention Day. On display were all five Fire Dept. companies and First Aid Squad equipment as well as the swift water rescue boat. Kids participated in a smokehouse and how to properly use a fire extinguisher. There was also a vehicle extraction demonstration. The smoke house was provided by Middlesex County Fire Marshal office.



Members of the SAFD. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



Learning to use a fire extinguisher. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



The First Aid Squad provided some fun and informative information. (Photo by Jamie Norek)



The car extraction was well received by those in attendance. (Photos by Jamie Norek)



The smoke house demonstration was very intense with an actual fire being lit to show just how fast it can spread. (Photo by Jamie Norek)



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RE-ELECT COUNCIL PRESIDENT **MICHELE CASSIDY MAHER**

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Outside of the Council, Michele is a **middle school teacher**, as well as a member of St. Stan's Church.

ELECT **DAMON ENRIQUEZ**

Damon is a **veteran of the U.S. Navy and a 22-year resident of Sayreville**. He currently is employed by APM Terminals as a checker for the Longshoremen's Association. Damon is also a former member of the Sayreville Council, where he **collaborated with the Sayreville Police Department during the COVID-19 pandemic**.

Damon and his wife, Kelly, are parents of three kids, and **he has been involved in our community** coaching youth sports, including Little League and Junior Bombers football.

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The Vintage Car Contest
By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this vehicle? If so, send your answer to satimes@aol.con by Nov. 12th.

Last month's Vintage Car was a 1948 Tucker. The Tucker 48, commonly referred to as the Tucker Torpedo, was an automobile conceived by Preston Tucker while in Ypsilanti, Michigan and briefly produced in Chicago, Illinois in 1948. Only 51 cars were made including their prototype before the company was forced to declare bankruptcy and cease all operations on March 3, 1949. The 48's original proposed price was said to be \$1,000, but the actual selling price was closer to \$4,000. Today they can bring over 1 Million Dollars at auction!

September Vintage Car



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The group “Crazy Lucy” is one of the bands that played recently at the Open Mic held at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus hall. (Photo by Steve Schmid)



Pictured (l-r) is "PAPA," the owner of the '32 Buick Roadmaster, Jason Blazas, DJ Richie Hart, Sharon Blazas. This was at the presentation of the Memorial Trophy in Chip Blazas' Name. (Photos by Clem Skarzynski)

One Hit Wonders
20 Years Ago
(The song appears first followed by the performer)
2002-Oops-Tweet; Youth Of The Nation-P.O.D.; The Middle-Jimmy Eat World; Still Fly-Big Tymes; Papa Don't Preach-Kelly Osborne; Addictive-Truth Hurts; Are We Cuttin'-Pastor Troy; Hate To Say I Told You So-The Hives; No Letting Go-Wayne Wonder; Days Go By-Dirty Vegas; Boss Of Me-They Might Be Giants

- Song Lyric Trivia Answers**
1. He was lookin for a soul to steal
 2. Far away
 3. Rock N Roll
 4. Rainy Days and Mondays
 5. That Way
 6. In your eyes
 7. A bird
 8. You
 9. Angels
 10. In San Francisco



This is a picture of the car that took Charles "Chip" Blazas Best in Show Memorial Trophy, a 1932 Buick Roadmaster, owned by "PAPA."



Mikell's Plot will be opening for Dokken at The Starland Ballroom in Sayreville on Friday November 11th. Other dates for the band are: October 30- at The Kearny cottage in Perth Amboy 1pm; December 10- Jamesburg Elks; 2023-starting at The Cavern in Jackson January 7th. (Photo/info submitted)

RUMBLES FROM THE ROCK AND ROLL REUNION
BY CLEM SKARZYNSKI

The return of “Blast from the Past,” Cars and Guitars Car Show, Friday October 1st, proved to all..it was long overdue. With over 85 Rods and Customs entered, and over 30 more “late shows,” and an awesome appreciative crowd, Kennedy Park was once again, a recreational gathering for the “Adult Kids”and their “Pride and Joys”..Muscle Cars..Classic Hot Rods..Antique Coupes and Roadsters, even a handful of beautiful 2 wheelers rounded out the participants! Hat’s off to Sayreville Rec Director Brian VanDongen, and his staff Cheryl McQuade, and Jeffrey Schnitzer for helping us get this show back at the Park! For a Friday nite show (4 to 7pm)..the turnout was amazing..even if the weather didn’t cooperate! DJ Richie Hart, with his “Just us Cruisers”Car Club, put out the word to all the local Car Clubs and Car Owners, to ensure a great turnout! Richie got the crowd going spinning the songs that we heard coming from the radios of all those Customs and Hot Rods back in the day! The Clem and Friends Band kept it going with a vast array of live Classic Rock and Roll music with “doo-wops” and rock ‘n’ roll from the 50’s and 60’s to an appreciative crowd...Many thanked the band members for such “great memories” hearing their favorite songs from that time in their lives! Thanks always to Emerson and Amy Jones from Basement Audio” for making us, the band, sound our best..they have quite the knack

for making that happen every time..thanks guys! The highlight of the show was the Trophy Presentation in the name of My Dear Deceased Friend, Charles “Chip” Blazas, for the “Best In Show” Category..”PAPA’S”32 Buick Roadmaster took home the honors as, according to Chip’s son, Jason Blazas, ”Dad always loved the old antique roadsters of the 30’s, and Papa’s Buick was the definite choice”..Nice Pick, ”Chip!” Next up... Sunday,October 30th..1 to 4pm...make your way to St.Stan’s Church Grounds at 221 McArthur Ave. in Sayreville..for their 2nd annual “St.Stan’s Car Show”..Our Dear Friend, the late, Jerry Ust will again be honored with a Memorial Trophy to a special car owner in Jerry’s name..along with the Annual Tommy Samuel Memorial Award.. with numerous other award trophies going out to the participants..pre-registration starts at 12pm..NOTE..ALL SHOW CARS..please enter the grounds at THE Main St.Entrance.. their will be a Vendor Fair..raffles, and Polish Food too! DJ Richie Flash, and “The Clem and Friends classic rock ‘n’ roll Band” will again provide the tunes you’ll all remember from a time when music was music!..Rain Date..Saturday November 5th! Spread the word...one of the last local shows before the cold weather sets in! Looking forward to seeing you all there! c’mon...relive the memories..

- Top 15 Song Shootout**
- The SA Times Top 15 Songs for August, determined by views on our Facebook page are:
- 1-Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh (Camp Granada Song); 2-Who Loves You-Frankie Valli/The Four Seasons; 3-We’ve Only Just Begun-The Carpenters; 4-Heard It In A Love Song-The Marshall Tucker Band; 5-Walk Away-The James Gang; 6-Runaway-Del Shannon; 7-Teach Your Children-Crosby, Stills & Nash; 8-I’m Into Something Good-Herman’s Hermits; 9-Meet The Mets (NY Mets Theme Song); 10-Turn, Turn, Turn-Judy Collins/Pete Seeger; 11-The Curly Shuffle; 12-Oh Boy-Buddy Holly/The Crickets; 13-We Ain’t Got Nothin’ Yet-The Blues Magoos; 14-Apples, Peaches, Pumpkin Pie-Jay/The Techniques; 15-Golden Years-David Bowie.
- NOTE: Our #1 most viewed/listened to song for the last month was “Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh (Camp Granada Song) by Allen Sherman. Surprisingly, it hit our top spot, but back in 1963, starting on August 24th, it spent 3 weeks at #2 on the Billboard Top 100 list! A funny, but very popular song!

Acoustic Friday, November 18

South Amboy Arts Alliance is pleased to present musical performances by Redbird and William Goldrick on November 18, 2022. Redbird (aka Danielle Marrone) covers all genres of music with an eclectic mix of Southern and Classic Rock, Country, Blues, Americana, and Pop. A well-versed musician on guitar, keyboards and bass, Danielle has appeared in such venues as the Stone Pony, Crossroads, Union County Music Arts Center and Albert Music Hall and many festivals such as Red Bank Riverfest, and the Allaire Americana festival. Singer/songwriter Will Goldrick of South Amboy has released recordings on music websites such as Band Camp and Reverbnation. As a guitarist, drummer, and playwright, Will aspires to write a rock musical in the near future. He thoroughly enjoys performing and loves sharing his talent. SA Arts is located at 141 N. Broadway, South Amboy, N.J. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the show runs from 7 to 9 pm. Admission is \$5.00, and light refreshments will be offered. The Alliance seeks interested acoustic-oriented performers of any genre for future shows. For additional information, contact SA Arts at 732-727-4600, extension 5971, or by email at SAarts141@gmail.com. Watch for updates on the South Amboy Arts Alliance Facebook page.

Skid Row Releases New Album

On Oct. 14th, the band Skid Row released a new album “The Gang’s All Here,” which features their new single “Tear It Down.” Sayreville’s own Dave “Snake” Sabo is the group’s outstanding guitarist.

By Tom Burkard

House/Home

1.Haunted House

2.Back Home Again

3.House Of the Rising Sun

4.Mama, I’m Coming Home

5.Brick House

6.Take Me Home Tonight

7.Our House

8.Take Me Home

9.The House That Jack Built

10.Home

11.Burning Down The House

12.Homeward Bound

13.Come Home

14.Pink Houses

15.Sweet Home Alabama

Answers

1k 2m 3c 4g 5j 6n 7h 8o 9f 10a 11b 12i 13d 14i 15e.

Sayreville Day 2022 Huge Success

By Clem Skarzynski

Friends, Neighbors, Visitors, Vendors, Kiddie Rides Dance demonstrations, Vocalists, Live Music, and Of course...FOOD AND FUN! Saturday, October 15th Kennedy Park was the site for the Annual "Sayreville Day" Celebration..and it was a huge success. The beautiful weather added to the excitement of seeing your neighbors and friends once again. I the writer have been a participant of this event going back to the mid 80's, when it was known as "Community Unity Day!"...Providing the D.J.Music from the tennis courts next to the Rec Bldg. Then, the event moved to the high school parking lot for several years, where "The Rockdaddys" and other live music acts, and demonstrations took place..Then it moved over to the Park, and for 18 YEARS! Along with the annual "Blast from the Past" Car Show and Concert, which always took place the night before Sayreville Day, the event continued, and was really something to look forward to for the

residents of the Boro! Our thanks go out to the Recreation Dept., the Parks Dept., and everyone from the Sayreville Day Committee for putting together an awesome event for everyone! Brian Van Dongen...Jeffrey Schnitzer..Cheryl McQuade..and oh...our "Stage Manager," Elyse Barone..(without her expertise the musical acts and demonstrations would never run so smoothly)..thank you again Elyse...and to the entire staff who worked so hard..many thanks from your neighbors and fellow Sayrevillites! Great Job...and can't forget Basement Audio with Amy and Emerson, and their unending tiresome work in providing the sound for every act..18 years with us too! And many Thanks for having "Clem and Friends" to provide a couple of hours of live music to an appreciative crowd..made for a perfect day..And of course thanks to all our friends and neighbors for coming out to make this a "real community" Day...

#1 Pop Hits-Oct. 29th

- 2001-I'm Real-Jennifer Lopez w/Ja Rule
- 1998-The First Night-Monica
- 1983-Total Eclipse Of The Heart -Bonnie Tyler
- 1971-Maggie May-Rod Stewart
- 1960-I Want To Be Wanted-Brenda Lee

#1 Country Hits Oct. 29th

- 2005-Something To Be Proud Of -Montgomery Gentry
- 1996-Like The Rain-Clint Black
- 1985-Touch A Hand, Make A Friend -The Oak Ridge Boys
- 1979-All The Gold In California -Larry Gatlin/The Gatlin Brothers
- 1962-Mama Sang A Song-Bill Anderson

20 Years Ago



South Amboy High School's Homecoming Dance was held on November 2, 2002, the theme was Garden of Dreams. Do you recognize anyone? Let us know at satimes@aol.com. (Photo by Brian Stratton)

LETTERS

Letter to Editor: Flip Phillips:

Flip, just a big thank you for reply to my Basic Training article here in the SA Sayreville Times. As a fan of your basketball days at St Mary's and a fan of your Times articles, but in this case as a fellow survivor of the rigors BCT and an ensuing military commitment, it is a big treat to see that you enjoyed what I wrote. A writer doesn't really know how his work is received unless somebody tells him or her. And, truly, it is only for our continued love of the South Amboy that nurtured us and also, of the South Amboy of today that we continue to write this stuff, anyway...thanks to this great paper. And, of course, in this case only those vets who endured BCT have any idea of what we are talking about. I don't like talking too much about the Army because there are many other South Amboyans who served when I did and saw battle in Vietnam, and my experience was limited in the States. The only reason I have the nerve to do it is because every veteran knows that once you put that uniform on it is out of your hands! Regards, Henny Conroy (Henny the DJ)



A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

Sayreville Day

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Sandy Lewis, formerly of Sayreville is pictured with her granddaughter Olivia, enjoying the day's fun festivities.

Recreation Director Brian VanDongen welcomes the crowd to Sayreville Day.



There was plenty of fun and games for youngsters at Sayreville Day.



Sayreville Democrats pictured (l-r) are Council President/candidate Michele Cassidy Maher, Councilwoman Mary Novak, candidate-Damon Enriquez.

Sayreville GOP Chairperson Karen Bailey-Bebert (r) is pictured with Republican Party Councilwoman/Candidate Donna Roberts (l). Her running mate is Dan Balka.



South Amboy Town Wide Yard Sale

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



The City of South Amboy held another highly-successful Town Wide Yard Sale on October 8-9.

Mikayla set up her own table at her family's sale. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



The Christensen Family had plenty of excellent items for sale on this beautiful autumn day. Pictured (l-r) Chase Christensen, Robin Christensen, Warren Christensen.

There were great sales throughout South Amboy, including this one on South Pine Ave., which featured many fine collectibles.








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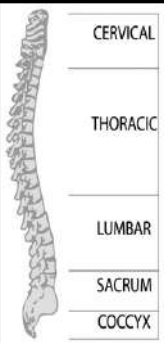
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1. Stop smoking.
This will reduce your blood pressure and diminish your risk of cancer and cardiovascular disease.
2. Shed excess pounds.
There is a direct link between being overweight and having high blood pressure.
3. Decrease salt intake.
High salt intake is linked to high blood pressure. You should consume no more than approximately one teaspoon per day.
4. Add more fruit and vegetables to your plate and reduce your meat intake.
5. Limit alcohol consumption.
Even small amounts can increase your blood pressure, especially in women.
6. Exercise. First, get the green light from your health care professional. Then slowly introduce aerobic exercise, like walking or bike riding into your life. Then increase the time and intensity for at least 30 minutes on most days or 1 hour of increased intensity every other day.

As always, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!

Sweet Cherry Pie
By Robert W. Eginton

Have you ever had
the kind of day
That's like a
sweet cherry pie?
When you can
reach up and
Almost touch heaven
As you put your hand
through the sky
Where all of mankind
Would swallow their pride
Shake hands,
and just put their
differences aside.
May you always
have someone
To say I love you to,
And have them say it
back to you.
A day where everything
goes right
And nothing goes wrong
Where everywhere you go
You feel you belong.
Where you can be
the apple of someone's eye.
A day that's just like
A 'Sweet Cherry' pie.



WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Does this item look familiar? Look to the Who Is It for a clue. Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by Nov. 12th.

Last month's mystery item was an Egg Beater Drill or Hand Crank Drill. These were used prior to power drills but can still be found in use by some Carpenters. The following knew what it was and some said they remember using them in the past: Leon Credico, Sonia Iglesias, Garry De Groot, Diann Aronsen, Bruce Grankowski, Marlene Letwenski, Ray Andrejewski, Monica Marie, Ed Szkodny,

Steve Laskiewicz, JoAnn & John French, Joseph DeFoe, Edna Mazur Pilch, Lynn Loy, Eelanore Westerholm, Joe Tortora, Dennis & Kathy OLeary, Walter Starzec Jr, Karen & Steve Kieselowsky, Jeff Deverin, Gary Feret, John Kelly, Laurie Loftus, Betty Leveille, Mark Moniello, Pat Scully, Anthony Carlo, Pete McIntyre, Dane Colburn, Steve Villig, Dermot Scales, Leonard Nimoy



September What Is It?
Egg Beater Drill

South Amboy Hurricanes



Cooperstown is now a yearly tradition for the South Amboy Hurricanes! The Hurricanes arrived on July 16th and played 8 games in 4 days in the brutal heat and rain, but managed to come out of the tournament with 13 home runs, countless memories, learning experiences, victories, losses, and most of all, a bond with their team that can never be broken. The Hurricanes would be remiss to not mention the generosity of their family, friends and sponsors in and around South Amboy and Sayreville that made this trip possible for them. Thank you! Coaches: Manager – Kyle Stevens, Assistant Coach – Mike Bialoblocki, Assistant Coach – Nelson Ruiz. Players: Michael Bialoblocki, Marcus Butka, Robby Conklin, Zabdiel Lopez, Wesley Lowe, Will Lukie, Thomas Mierzwiak Jr., Brandon Ruiz, Ray Schmitt, KJ Stevens, Trevor Yan. (Photo/info submitted)



Standing up from the left... Coach Paul Kenny, Coach James Stio, #30 Chase Cannan, #77 Tyler Yan, #28 Justin Maher, #2 Brandon Stio, #29 Andrew Provenza, #10 Thomas Mierzwiak Jr., #21 Diego Colón, #27 Logan Kaufman, Coach Manny Colón, Coach Tom Seig. Front from the left... #9 Trevor Seig, #1 Angel Estevez, #5 Wilmer Reyes, #23 Stanley Madera, #12 Alec Kenny. (Photo/info submitted)

MIRACULOUS INVOCATION TO ST. THERESA

O Glorious St. Theresa, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind, I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a "prodigy of miracles, the greatest Saint of modern times." Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses, henceforth, Dear Little Flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen. L.F, M.L, L.E, C.E.

Where in NJ?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Can you identify this weird place in the Garden State? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by Nov. 12th

Last month's Where In NJ was Flying Fish Brewing Co. located in Somerdale NJ. The following know their home state: Edna Mazur Pilch, Gary Feret, Betty Leveille, Pat Scully.



September
Where in NJ?
Flying Fish
Brewing Co
Somerdale, New
Jersey



WWW.?



Does this local building look familiar to you? It's an easy one to identify. Send your answer to: satimes@aol.com by Nov. 12th. Good luck! (Photo by Tom Burkard)

Last month we were looking for the original business that occupied the space which was Owens-Illinois Glass Co. The following got it right: Louise Roberts, JoAnn & John French, Lynn Loy, Don Zrebiec, Laurie Loftus, Betty Leveille,

Leon Credico, It should be noted that Sunshine Biscuit bought the space from Owens-Illinois Glass Co. and we did receive quite a few guesses of Sunshine Biscuit.

September WWW.?



Owens Illinois Glass Co.

Novena Prayer to St. Anthony of Padua
O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I import you to obtain for me (request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of Sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be. -M.S., S.S., N.P., S.S

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



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Faithful Wait

By Al Gomolka Jr.
Times Poet Laureate
c. 1994

Red, yellow, orange,
gold and brown
Active autumn leaves
fall gently to the ground
To take their rest,
the trees recharge anew
Saying farewell
to the summer
With drops of
colored hue

Our bodies, our spirits,
sometimes feel this fall
But as if we were trees,
try to heed their call
To persevere through cold,
less active, darker days
Withstand, and a spring with
warm and brighter ways
Will make you feel,
as if when you
lost your leaves
The faithful wait
as do the autumn trees.

Happy Anniversary



Mark and Cara celebrated 10 wonderful years of marriage. They met over 15 years ago at work and have been loving their time together. They enjoy traveling and hosting parties with their great family and friends and thanking them for their support over the years.

Name The Insect



Have you ever seen this strange creature? Probably not, because it is very rare. If you know its exact name send your answer to: satimes@aol.com. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

The Miraculous Prayer
Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favors. This time I ask you this my special one (mention favor). Take it, Dear Jesus, and place it within your own broken heart, where your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes, it will become your favor, not mine. Amen. (Say this prayer for 3 days, promise publication and your favor will be granted. Never known to fail. -L.E..

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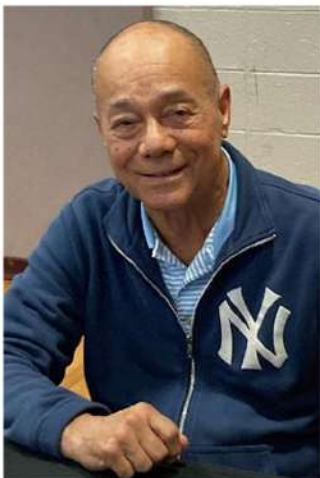


The Lions had a trailer filled with these scary actors!



(l-r) Jack Skellington, Police Officer and a Storm Trooper all enjoyed the Festival.

Aberdeen Day
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Roy White



Mitch "Wild Thing" Williams



Jeff Nelson



Stephen Baker



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School Sports

(As of Oct. 15)
By Tom Burkard

Boys Soccer

Sayreville-Coach Nick Cifelli (9-7)
Team Leaders
Goals-John Kovalchuk 10, Kofi Darbo 8, Eric Sadlocha 6, Victor Osei-Mensah 6.
Assists-Osai-Mensah 10, Sadlocha 8.
Points-Kovalchuk 25, Osei-Mensah 22, Sadlocha 20, Darbo 20.
South Amboy-Coach Tony Gonsalves (3-7-1)
Team Leaders
Goals-Angel Barillas 14, Ryan Skokowski 5, Giovanni Pepe 4.
Points-Barillas 28, Skokowski 10.

Girls Soccer

Sayreville-Coach Jillian McGarry (6-9)
Team Leaders
Goals-Laila Stevenson 5, Shriya Meda 4, Taylor Diaz 4.
Assists-Diaz 3, Stevenson 3, Meda 3.
Points-Stevenson 13, Meda 11, Diaz 10.
South Amboy-(0-7)
Team Leaders
No statistics available.

Sayreville Bombers Football Report

Week #3

Sayreville 14 Edison 6-Caiden Holmes fired a 63-yard touchdown bomb to Devlin Mills, and Aaron Losada kicked the extra point for the Bombers first scoring. Holmes then scored on a 1-yard run, and Losada booted the PAT, as our locals upped their record to (2-1). Diego Jesus and Dariel Jarez excelled on defense, and registered 5 tackles apiece.

Week #4

North Brunswick 22 Sayreville 0-The score tells it all. A powerful North Brunswick throttled the Bombers.

Week #5

Sayreville 35 East Brunswick 21-The Bombers blasted East Brunswick and improve to (3-2) on the season. Caidan Holmes scored 3 touchdowns, Zaimer Wright had a TD, and Diego Jesus had 9 solo tackles.

Week #6

Sayreville 15 Franklin 0-Caidan Holmes broke loose for TD runs of 20 and 6 yards. Wright had a 2-point conversion, and Aaron Losada booted an extra point.

Team Leaders

Touchdowns-Caidan Holmes 7, Wright 2, Devlin Mills 1; Rushing Yards-Zaimer Wright 392, Holmes 364; Total Yards-Holmes 560; Passing Yards-Holmes 60; Receiving Yards-Shawn Sparrow 45, Holmes 39.

Bombers Bow, Guvs Tie In GMC Action

GMCT

In the GMCT opening round, #14 seeded Sayreville boys soccer club bowed to #3 New Brunswick, 5-1.

GMC Invitational

In the GMC Invitational Play-In round, South Amboy boys soccer team tied Woodbridge Magnet, 3-3. Angel Barillas hammered in 2 goals, and had an assist for the Governors, while teammate Dominick Pawlis had a goal and assist.

TO ST. JUDE

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored and glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude gave me hope. -B.S.

Jack Was Back



Major League Baseball royalty, Jack McKeon was back in South Amboy for the dedication of the Allie Clark Sports Complex.



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry (r) chatted with Jack McKeon, the legendary Major League baseball manager, who won over 1,000 games in his career, and guided the Florida Marlins to the 2003 World Series championship by beating the New York Yankees.



Jack (c) is pictured with his sister Marge Gorczyca (l) and NJ Assembly Speaker Craig Couglin (r).



Jack (l) visited with his longtime friend, The SA Times Publisher/Author of Jack McKeon: Baseball, Cigars and St. Theresa. McKeon, who has had 3 books written about his outstanding career, once said on a New York City radio station that, "Tom's book is the most complete book ever-written about my life." (Photo by Greg Babulak)



Mike DeLucia (l) is pictured receiving the Mayor's Trophy from Woodbridge Mayor McCormac for his 1962 Corvette at the Woodbridge Corvette Club show. Congratulations to Mike, a former South Amboy resident/police officer. (Photo/info submitted)

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

(To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, on far cases almost despaired of). Most holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of, pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise O Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. Thank You St. Jude. -P.S..

Yogi-Isms

The following are several great quotes attributed to the late New York Yankees Hall of Fame catcher, Yogi Berra:

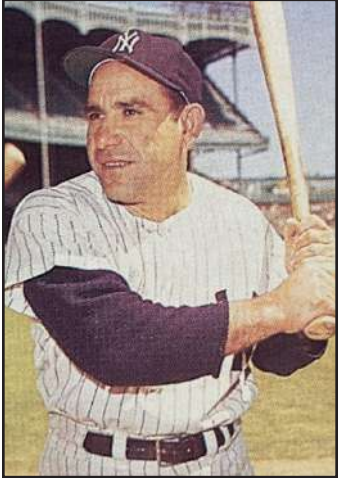
"That's too coincidental to be a coincidence."

"Anyone who is popular is bound to be disliked."

"It's tough making predictions, especially about the future."

"If I didn't wake up, I'd still be sleeping."

"We just agree different."



Champion

by Al Ust


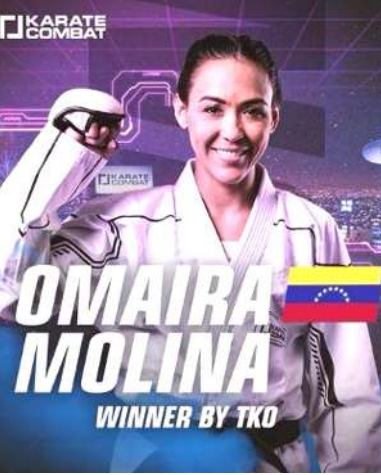
Omaira Molina (Oma) previously worked at Java Dave's Coffee shop on Broadway. She is a delightful person, who is very outgoing, with a positive personality. She now works at Wells Fargo. Oma is from Venezuela.

Molina is a Martial Arts expert. She competes for Karate Combat. "Oma" also teaches Martial Arts.

In Karate Combat, she is Internationally known as La Guerrera (The Warrior). Oma has won Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medals at Pan American, Central American, and Caribbean Games. These games were held in Toronto, Canada, Lima Peru, and Barranquilla, Columbia. As of 2022, she is a 10- time Pan American champion. Molina is signed to Karate Combat, where she fights in the women's bantamweight division. She currently holds a 4-0-0 record.

I had the opportunity to see one of Oma's matches. She knocked out the competitor in the 4th round. If you ever get the chance to meet her, you will see that she is a very nice person who will take time to talk with you.

Thanks to Java Dave's owner, Efren Castro for providing most of this info.



Omaira "Oma" Molina

The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



1995-St. Mary Regional HS baseball team pictured top row (l-r) Asst. Coach Wayne Castello, Nick Sas, Jim Christie, Bryan DeYoung, Matt Failace, Brian Burns, Nick Iozzi, Coach Jim Kazanjian. Middle row (l-r) Jeff Ebner, Mike Gall, Greg Castello, Dave Blaha, Tom Rizzo. Bottom row (l-r) Gary Kaylor Jr., Alex Jimenez, Sean Knofel, Eddie McCabe, John Florentino.

Girls Football Players Identified



1973 -St. Mary's girls fielded a football team to take on the Hoffman Lady Guvs for a few years in a Columbus Day Classic. Pictured bottom row (l-r) Mary Lou Nebus, Andrea Szraga, Donna Reich, Joanne Jankowski, Margaret Stockton. 2nd row (l-r) Patty Phillips, ?, Marianne Szraga, ?, Nora Muchanic. 3rd row (l-r) Bitsy Kilduff, Joanne Szraga, Cathay Reich, Nancy McCarthy, Chris Norek, Mary Ellen Norek. 4th row (l-r) ?, Mary Beth Chodkiewicz, ?, ?, Alyson Pratico. Names courtesy of Donna (Reich) Polak.

T.H.E. Game

Year-2011
Sport-Boys Soccer
Teams-South Amboy vs. Cardinal McCarrick
Recap-The Eagles were no match for a talented Governors squad, and dropped an 8-0 contest to Coach Tony Gonsalves' hustling Purple & Gold club. Mike Ramirez topped the scoring with 2 goals, while Steve Herdman, Jack O'Connor, Julian Grocholski, Marvin DeAussen tallied 1 goal apiece. Eric Vergara registered the 3-saves shutout.
Co-Players-Of-The-Game-South Amboy Guvs Mike Ramirez and Eric Vergara.

15 Years Ago

2007-Sayreville opened its high school football season with a 41-0 thrashing over North Brunswick. Rashiem Clarke broke loose for 3 touchdown runs of 11, 51, and 74 yards. Javon Hodges had a 22-yard TD jaunt; Reinaldo Rodriguez raced 57-yards for a score; Keith Seymour picked off a pass and ran 32-yards for a touchdown. Kicker Jason Addino nailed 3 extra points. Clarke finished the day with 13 rushes and 174 yards, and Rodriguez rushed 9 times for 113 yards.

20 Years Ago
Sayreville Wins Battle Of Unbeatens

2002-Sayreville ranked #4 in the county at (4-0) defeated #1 ranked Old Bridge (4-0), 13-3. Quarterback Dan Huff ran for a 10-yard touchdown, and fired a 36-yard TD strike to Lamar Holmes. Junior Jabbie racked up 75 yards on 12 rushing attempts.

ST CLAIRE NOVENA
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55 Years Ago

1967-The Sayreville baseball club pounded Perth Amboy, 15-7. The offense was unbelievable as Dale Kurowsky ripped 2 doubles and a single to drive in 2, Nick DeBiase stroked 3 singles good for 4 RBI, Jamie Van Dyk-a single, double, 2 RBI, Ed Jenkins-2 singles, 2 RBI, Greg Loniewski-a double, triple, 2 RBI, Reggie Carney-a single, double and an RBI, Ken Buchanan-an RBI single, Mickey Roberts 2 singles. Bob Keister was the winning pitcher.

65 Years Ago

1957-In Game #2 of the City Series, St. Mary's topped Hoffman, 6-3, as winning pitcher Tom Pristavec fired a 3-hitter and struck out 8. Bob Stader belted an RBI double, and John Graber drilled an RBI single for the Eagles.

70 Years Ago

1952-St. Mary's nipped Hoffman, 2-1. The Guvs tied the game 1-1, on an RBI single by Jim Inman. Frank O'Brien came through with a clutch, game-winning single in the bottom of the seventh. Bill Richardson was the winning pitcher.

Pro Football Report

Former Sayreville War Memorial HS football great, Myles Hartsfield, a cornerback for the Carolina Panthers of the NFL for his third year, has seen limited action because of injuries. He has played in 4 games and registered 10 solo tackles, and 3 assisted, for a total of 13, so far during the 2022 campaign.

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

Glory Days In Local Sports

1969-Hoffman hammered Croydon Hall, 9-1, as Jim Lyons fired a 1-hitter. Larry Kurzawa belted a 2-run double, and Jack Bloodgood stroked 2 hits to drive in 2...1976-Bob Nelson fired a no-hitter and struck out 5 to lead Sayreville to an 11-0 romp over Middletown, in a 1st round CJ Group IV baseball game. Mike Cannon belted a 2-run double, while Daryl Spiecker and Tim Brand drove in 2 runs apiece...1984-Hoffman topped Piscataway Tech, 10-8. Scott Gumprecht was the winning pitcher, while John Skarzynski unloaded a 3-run homer, and Peter Smith drilled 2 hits and knocked

in 4 runs...1993-St. Mary's girls soccer club trounced St. Peter's, 8-0 as Kristen Palomo poured in 3 goals. Also scoring 1 goal apiece for the Blue & Gold-Shannon Kemble, Jen Daly, Nancy Roque, Robin Palomo, and Tara Cappello...2001-Sayreville boys soccer beat Bishop Ahr 2-0 with Herbert Obeng scoring both goals...2008-Cardinal McCarrick downed Dunellen, 5-1 in girls soccer. Maggie Presnal led the victors with 2 goals, and was followed by Sarah Balon, Rebecca Beshada, and Amanda Murray who scored 1 goal apiece.

703 Home Runs



Baseball superstar Albert Pujols (l) is pictured with Edgar Renteria (r) and a young fan at Roger Dean Stadium, Jupiter, Florida, during Spring Training in the early 2000's, when Pujols was getting started on his outstanding career. This season, Albert reached the highly-elusive 700 home runs in his career, and ended the season with 703, #4 All-Time in Major League Baseball. (Photo/story by Tom Burkard)

SA Sabres Memories



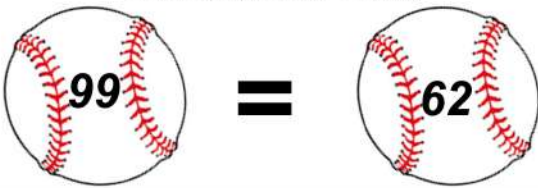
1975-The South Amboy Sabres Pop Warner Football team held their annual end of season banquet, and these talented young athletes proudly held the trophies they were presented. Can any of our readers identify the three youngsters? If you can, please send your answer to: satimes@aol.com.

ALL RISE



Judge Sets American League Record
Babe Ruth set a new league record with his 60th home run of the 1927 season, the Bambino challenged the world to match that staggering total. Roger Maris edged "The Babe" on the last day of the 1961 season, later expressing a feeling of "exultation" that the chase was over.

Sixty-one years after Maris captivated the baseball world with his pursuit of Ruth's beloved record, Aaron Judge now stands alone as the American League's single-season home run king. Three Yankees right fielders across three eras of baseball history, all having experienced the thrills of chasing a magnificent mark.



Gone Fishin’



Clark Gregoreski of Morgan recently caught this nice Kokanee Salmon while fishing in Colorado.
(Photo/info courtesy of Chrissy Pluskota-Gregoreski)



On October 12th, Frank Nebus of South Amboy, hauled in the biggest fish he ever caught, a huge 48-pound Striped Bass, which was caught in the Raritan River. Congratulations, Frank!
(Photo/info submitted)



Dave Kales (l) and his son Tim Kales (r) had a great day fishing and hauled in this huge Striped Bass. →



A very nice catch for Nick Kales!



Dave Kales with another beauty!



Brian Burkard (l), a St. Mary’s HS graduate and former South Amboy resident, and his son Brian Jr. (r) recently had a highly-successful fishing trip in their home state of Florida near Ponce Inlet. They are pictured holding 2 huge Redfish out of the 20 they caught prior to the hurricane. The one Brian Jr. is holding was the largest and measured 46 inches. The good sportsmen released all of their catches, as they were over the slot limit. (Photos/info courtesy of Brian Burkard)



This 21 lb. Bass was caught out in the Reach Channel with Nikki (dog) helping. Patrick Creed caught the fish recently, and James Creed was the captain. Their boat was a Grady White Marlin, named “Defiant” out of Lockwood’s.
← (Photo/info submitted)



Salt Water

Fluke and some good-sized ones bit quite well into the last day of the season September 27th. Party boats now must turn to bottom fishing for Porgies and Sea Bass when the season opens October 7th. That fishing has been good. Raritan Bay Shore fishing off our local beaches is still slow. I checked out Barnegat Inlet fishing off local docks nearby. All I caught was a handful of little Sea Bass and Black fish, not bigger than my hand. I did not observe anyone else with anything worth keeping. Surf fishing at LBI, up until the remnants of hurricane Ian, was small Bluefish and Kingfish. I tried it myself mid-week the last week of September. It was a nice day, but I didn’t set the world on fire and neither did the anglers nearby. I caught one Clear Nose Skate, 2 very small Kingfish and one Snapper size Bluefish and missed a few bites. Party boats that were out after Bluefish were doing well with bigger sizes 5 to 8 pounds, all on jigs, a few Bonito and False Albacore mixed in the catch. The remnants of hurricane Ian has churned up the ocean putting a damper on fishing. Wait until things settle down before venturing out to sea or your favorite surf.

Fresh Water

The hot weather was bad enough, but the recent storms raised water levels to flood stage. Wait at least a week for water levels to go down. Fall Trout stocking will start on Columbus Day October 10th and continue into the following week. Large Trout from 14 to 24 inches will be stocked. Prior to the storms, Lake Hopatcong was producing hybrid Striped Bass and Catfish. Overall fishing should improve near the end of the month

REMINDER

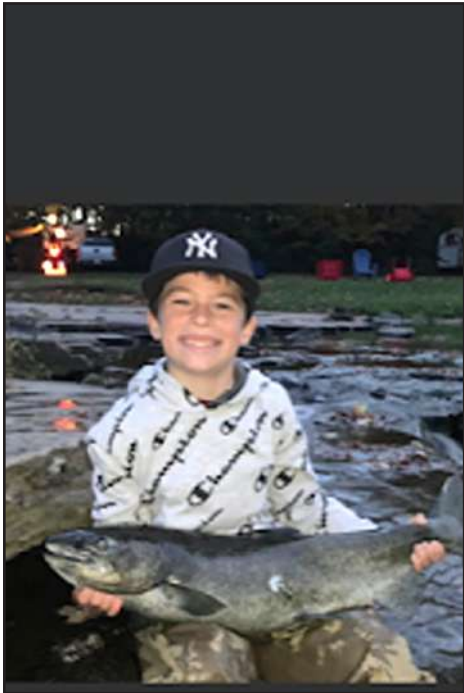
The City of South Amboy will be holding a dedication ceremony to dedicate the new Veterans Plaza, located on Bordentown Ave, next to Cannon Park. The ceremony will start at 11:00 AM on Veterans Day, November 11, 2022. Please come out to support our veterans. All are welcome.



What a Catch!



Jake Heyman caught a salmon on the Salmon River in Mexico, NY.



Cole Heyman caught a salmon at Jellystone Campground in Mexico, NY.



Kyle Heyman and his daughter, Chloe caught a salmon in the Salmon River in Mexico, NY.



Bus Trip



The Sayreville Thursday Seniors are pictured on a recent trip to Ocean City, Maryland and Tangier Island, Virginia. Trip Coordinator Geri Kabara did an excellent job, as everyone had a wonderful time.

Obituaries

Bodnar, Beatrice M., 79, of Parlin died on Sept. 8.

Crabtree, Florence, 94, of Parlin died on Oct. 11.

Dunwald, Ray, 67, of Sayreville died on Sept. 20.

Hansel, Clara M. Baran, 80, of South Amboy died on Sept. 12.

Hinds, Christopher M., 35, formerly of Parlin died on Sept. 17.

Hrankowski, Theodore “Ted,” 84, of Parlin died on Oct. 5.

Huguenin, Dorothy M. Bill, 87, of South Amboy died on Sept. 28.

Ladopoulos, Stella, 78, of Sayreville died on Sept. 26.

Lewis, Thomas “Tom,” formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville died recently.

Matthews, Mary T., 93, of Sayreville died on Sept. 29.

McKim, Autumn, 24, of Laurence Harbor died on Oct. 7.

Misiewicz, Stella Roginski, 98, of Sayreville died on Sept. 29.

Moran, James “Jim,” J., 73, of South Amboy died on Oct. 3.

Nowicki, Richard, 71, of Parlin died on Oct. 3.

Pawiak, Stanley, 76, of Sayreville died on Sept. 27.

Russo, Anthony “Tony” “Ace,” 75, formerly of Sayreville died on Oct. 6.

Ryan, Elizabeth “Betty,” 73, of South Amboy died on Sept. 30.

Sarwal, Parkesh Chanda, 84, of South Amboy died on Sept. 21.

Seaman, Carolyn Wojciechowski, 76, formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 4.

Stroin, Julie Gatyas, 92, of Morgan died on Oct. 6.

Szaro, Edward J., 67, of South Amboy died on Oct. 15.

Vroom, Louise “Anne” Kuc, 79, of Sayreville died on Sept. 16.

Zrebiec, Stephen, 64, formerly of South Amboy died on Oct. 13.

In Memoriam

Mary Matthews, 93, of Sayreville died on Sept. 29. She was the owner and taught at Matthews Ceramics in Sayreville for over 30 years. “Ted” Hrankowski, 84, of Parlin died on Oct. 5. He worked for 37 years at DuPont prior to his retirement. He was a longtime parishioner and dedicated usher at Sacred Heart Church. Anthony “Tony” “Ace” Russo, 75, formerly of Sayreville died on Oct. 6. Tony was a Vietnam Army veteran, and while living in Sayreville was a contractor and Code Enforcement official.



Stella Roginski Misiewicz

Stella Roginski Misiewicz, age 98 of Sayreville, passed away Thursday, September 29, 2022 at Roosevelt Care Center in Old Bridge. Born in Sayreville. Stella was a proud lifelong borough resident. Never one to sit idle, Stella held many jobs in her life. She was a seamstress for Brodsky and Sons in South River and a helper with the Tiny Tots Program at the Borough of Sayreville Recreation Dept. She was a communicant of St. Stanislaus Kostka RC Church in Sayreville where she was past PTA President, Mother of the Year and in charge with her mother, of the kitchen at St Stan’s carnival when the food was homemade. She was also a member of the St. Stan’s Seniors and the St. Stan’s Altar Rosary where she was a past president and Rosarian of the Year. Civically, Stella was very involved in Sayreville. She was a member of the Sayreville Lady Dems, where she was President of the 2nd district Democratic Club for 15 years, the Past Vice Chairwoman and secretary of the regular Democratic organization and the 2nd district committeewoman for 20 years. Stella was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, where she served as Jr. Vice President, Senior Vice President and President.



She was a member of the Sayreville Recreation Advisory Board for 25 years, a member of the Shade Tree Commission, the Beautification Commission of Sayreville and did charity work for the Menlo Park Soldiers Home.

She is predeceased by her husband John in 1990, her son Dr. Thomas in 1999, and her sisters Theodosia Roginski and Cecil Grella.

Surviving are her son Dr. John and his wife Barbara, her grandchildren Joshua, Matthew, and Annie, and many other relatives and friends who will miss her dearly.

Funeral services were from the Maliszewski Memorial Home 121 Main St. Sayreville followed by a Mass at St. Stanislaus Kostka RC Church in Sayreville, and the burial followed at St. Stan’s Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Stella’s name to the St. Stan’s School Endowment Fund 221 MacArthur Ave. Sayreville, NJ 08872.

Letters of condolence to the family may be found by visiting www.maliszewskimemorialhome.com



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