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## Veterans Day Ceremony

American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62 of South Amboy will be holding a Veterans Day Ceremony on Saturday, November 11th, 11 a.m. at the Veterans Park on Bordentown Ave. All are welcome to attend.

## America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally

Please join us for a public rosary to be held on Saturday, Oct. 14th at 12 noon in front of Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, Washington Ave. South Amboy. All are welcome to attend to pray for our country.

## Seeking Classmates For 65th Class Reunion

St. Mary's High School Class of 1959 is seeking classmates interested in attending a 65th year Class Reunion. If interested, please contact/text Judy (Hensberger) Zaleski at 732-887-8177 or Judy (Opiola) Loya at 732-718-3717.



New Saint Mary Pastor Father Guy Selvester  
(Photo by Steve Schmid)

## SAFD Wins 7 Trophies



On September 16 members of South Amboy Fire Dept traveled to Wildwood for the annual NJ State Firemen's Convention and parade. The following trophies were won by the department: **1st place- Best Marching Unit over 20 members with music; 1st place- Best Appearing Color Guard; 1st place- Best Appearing Pumper 0-5 yrs old Progressive Engine 9; 1st place- Best Appearing Ladder Truck- Enterprise Hook & Ladder Truck 8; 2nd place- Best Appearing Pumper 0-5 yrs old Mechanicsville Engine 10; Best in Show Award- Best Overall Apparatus- Progressive Engine 9; 1st place - Band Bonsal Blues.** Pictured (l-r) is 2nd Assistant Chief Rafael Albarran, Chief John Dragotta, and 1st Assistant Chief Timothy Gay.

## Meet Father Guy, New Saint Mary Pastor

By Steve Schmid

Saint Mary Church Pastor Father Guy Selvester approached Metuchen Bishop James Checchio in January asking to be transferred to a church in the eastern part of the diocese. Bishop Checchio told him to be patient, something might open up. In March, he got a call saying he should be ready to move. Father Dennis Weezorak submitted his retirement papers in the spring, and Bishop Checchio notified Father Guy that his new assignment would be Saint Mary Church in South Amboy. He was thrilled to learn he was selected to serve at Saint Mary. "This seems providential," Father Guy said. He said his drive to see his mother and family in Long Island would be cut in half. He applied to be Saint Mary Pastor because he has been interested in this parish for some time. "It's

a typical American Catholic parish with a strong sense of church. It's a beautiful church that I long admired," Father Guy said. His philosophy is that the parish is the people, not brick and mortar. "The concept is to believe in something beyond the body. The church is where we come to experience that God touches their lives in an almost mysterious manner. Encounter the living God, hear His words," he added. Father Guy said COVID-19 was very challenging. "COVID-19 was a gut punch to any group that gathers together. Some people go to Mass because they're obligated, they go for family unity. The pandemic and closures gave people an excuse not to go. They got out of the habit," he said. Father Guy talked about change.

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## Hero To Be Honored On October 7th At Kennedy Park



Elisam "Eli" Santana

Sayreville resident, 19 year old Elisam "Eli" Santana, lost his life on August 6, 2023, after heroically saving his younger brother and cousin from drowning at Beltzville Lake in Pennsylvania. Sayreville Cares and the family of Eli, led by his mother Elizabeth Payano, are conjoining to memorialize Eli at a Memorial Tree Presentation on October 7, 2023 from 11 am to 1 pm in Kennedy Park. The memorial tree was selected by Eli's mom and was donated by The Sayreville Shade Tree Commission, chaired by Arthur Rittenhouse. "We encourage and welcome all who can attend this beautiful public memorialization and celebration of Eli's Life, a young man who so selflessly gave himself to save two other lives," said Karen Bailey Bebert, co-founder of Sayreville Cares. We will be gathering at the big lake near the covered dock. "We as a community, will embrace this beautiful family and the memory of their beloved child and brother. By our collective actions, you know Sayreville Cares. We will never fill the hole in this mother's heart, but with the outpouring of love and compassion from our community, we can surely give faith, hope and love." Please, mark your calendars and join us! Thank you.

## South Amboy and Sayreville 911 Services



South Amboy Fire Dept. shows their respect for those who died during 911. See more Photos on page 14. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Sayreville Fire Chief Matthew Johnsen prepares to place a memorial wreath at the 911 Memorial in memory of all the first responders who lost their lives on that tragic day and for those responders still suffering from the effects of 911. (Photo Submitted)

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Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

Muchanic On Magazine Cover

Former South Amboy resident and 1975 St. Mary’s High School graduate, Nora Muchanic was recently featured with a cover photo and story in the Capital Health magazine for seniors “Thriving.” The title of the excellent article is “Pioneer News Reporter Nora Muchanic is Making the Most of Retirement.” Nora had a 38-year career as a news-in-air reporter, and was well-known and respected for her outstanding work with

“Action News.” Congratulations Nora on your superb career, and enjoy your retirement! **Locals On Dean’s List At Seton Hall U.**

Congratulations to the following Seton Hall University students from Sayreville and South Amboy, who were selected for the Spring 2023 Dean’s List: **Sayreville-**Lauren Gates, Jillian Greene, Nelson Lu, Melanie Yetman; **South Amboy-** Faith McGuire, Nathaniel Ocasio, Katherine Sudol.

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 7, 2023 in the parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy. The event will be a totally “drive-by” take-out only dinner. The time of the event will be 5:00PM to 6:45PM and the cost is \$17.00 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>.

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## Pleasant little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- Commander of American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post 62, South Amboy in '92?  
a. Bob "Zak" Sekerak b. Joe Castellano c. Robert "Smokey" Ryan
- In 1992, Uncle Lai's Smorgasbord Restaurant was located in which section of Sayreville?  
a. Morgan b. Melrose c. President Park
- This auto repair business was located at 401 S. Pine Ave., South Amboy in '93?  
a. English's Chevron b. All Car Tech c. Johnny's Auto Repair Service
- What year did Raritan Bay Waterfront Park officially open in South Amboy/Sayreville?  
A. 1998 b. 1984 c. 1976
- South Amboy's City Engineer in 1998?  
a. Joe Kudelka b. Rich Muchanic c. James E. Cleary
- In 2010, this popular Rt. 35 nightclub in Morgan closed for the final time?  
a. Club Bene b. Club Abyss c. Mel's Lounge
- Shoe repair shop located in South Amboy circa 1998?  
a. Ace Shoe Repair b. Sid's Shoes & Leather c. Top-Shelf Shoes
- This deli was located at 513 South Pine Ave., Morgan in 2010?  
a. J&L South Pine Deli b. Sub Town Deli & More c. Dandee Soup & Subs
- What year was the movie "The Purple Rose of Cairo" shot in South Amboy?  
A. 1945 b. 1969 c. 1984
- What section of Sayreville was Dave's Hot Dogs located in 2010?  
a. Melrose b. Morgan c. Rt. 35

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





## Route 9 Cash For Gold Buyers LLC



Owner Maureen Herndon (r) and her husband Rob (l) are pictured in front of their popular Route 9 Cash For Gold Buyers LLC business, which is now celebrating 16 years of service to our local communities. (Photo submitted)

Route 9 Cash For Gold Buyers is one of the area's most popular GOLD store businesses, and is located at 960 Route 9 South, (Behind Burger King, and next to Farmer's Market) in Sayreville/South Amboy, NJ. Stop in and make some Ca\$h on the spot. Maureen Herndon, Owner of Rt 9 Cash For Gold, 960 Rt 9 South was born and raised in Sayreville and has lived here her entire life, which prompted her to open their store in town. When customers come to her store they bring all of their old, unwanted gold jewelry in exchange for CASH. Maureen & Rob greet their customers always with a friendly face. All their jewelry is tested and weighed with state certified scales right in front of them. They are then paid out in cash on the spot. Most of the pieces that are seen coming to the store are outdated, jewelry not worn anymore, single earrings, class rings, broken chains, dental gold, silver and platinum. People are VERY surprised when they come, and things they

thought were "junk," turn out to be actual gold. Maureen and Rob truly believe in HONESTY, LOYALTY & INTEGRITY, and that's what prompted them into opening their own store. Many people have reported feeling extremely comfortable and confident when coming to Rt 9 Cash for Gold, and dealing with Maureen "THE GOLD LADY." It puts a smiling face to a business that sometimes people are skeptical about entering. This is definitely the business you would feel comfortable sending your mother or grandmother to because Maureen truly has the "women's touch." Rt 9 Cash For Gold Buyers LLC is conveniently located BEHIND BURGER KING & MCDONALDS in the FARMERS MARKET PLAZA- easily accessible from Rt 9 South, or Bordentown Ave. with lots of parking. Stop by today and turn your OLD, UNWANTED jewelry into holiday gifts. Open late 7 days a week. Route 9 Cash For Gold Buyers, 960 Rt 9 South, Sayreville, NJ 732-727-GOLD (4653).

## Sayreville Student Battles CMT

Joseph Schlenger, a 12-year old straight A Honor student at Sayreville Middle School has Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT), which is a disease of the peripheral nerves that control the muscles. This disease causes progressive loss of function and sensation in the hands, arms, legs and feet. CMT affects only 133,000 people in the U.S. Currently, there is no cure for CMT.

Joe had his first CMT related surgery in February, 2023. He has made it his life's goal to help find a cure for CMT. For the 3rd consecutive year, Joseph and his Team Keep It Up will be walking as part of the nationwide WALK4CMT. You can be part of this event by joining Joe at his Open House/Walk Party, donating online using the website, or scanning the QR Code, or even dropping your loose change in the container.



Joseph Schlenger

## Team Keep It Up: Faith Moves When Your Feet Don't Walk4CMT Walkathon

The 3rd Annual Walkathon Walking For A Cure will be held on Sunday, Sept. 10th from 12 noon-2 p.m. at 42 Furman Ave. Sayreville. Join the family and friends of Joseph Schlenger (Myers) for refreshments, music, prizes, and giveaways. Bring your walking shoes or cheer us on from the sidelines! Together

we can raise awareness and find a cure for CMT!

To donate or join our Team, visit Joseph at: [HTTPS://SECURE3.CONVIO.NET/CMTA/SITE?TR?WALK4CMT23/GENERAL?PX-1061731&PG-PERSONAL&FR ID-1224](https://SECURE3.CONVIO.NET/CMTA/SITE?TR?WALK4CMT23/GENERAL?PX-1061731&PG-PERSONAL&FR ID-1224)

## Sayreville Students Honored At Scout Mass

By Steve Schmid

Five young students from Sayreville churches were recently honored for achievements in the Catholic Scout program. The Diocese of Metuchen honored Kayleigh Allison Bender, Maricella Colon, and Jacyntha Trujillo of Our Lady of Victories, Sayreville. Sophie Rose Elizardo of St. Bernadette, Parlin, Angelica Biernacki of St. Stan's, Sayreville. They received the Mary 1st Disciple award for Girl Scouts Grades 6 to 8. They received their awards at a special Diocesan Mass celebrated by Father John Barbella, diocesan chaplain and moderator of the Catholic Scouting Apostolate. The Mass was held at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church, Bridgewater.

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## Yearbook-Sayreville 1988


By Tom Burkard

When the new school year started in September '87 for the students at Sayreville War Memorial HS, The Los Lobos ruled the Pop Charts with their big hit, a cover of "La Bamba"... While at the Washington Rd. institution, Rita Whitney was principal. Back in the '60's, she was principal of St. Mary's Grammar School in South Amboy, and known as Sister Mary Beata... Some of her Sayreville faculty members were: Judith Mischne, Dolores Suminski, Nancy Pfiel, Christine Bill, William Doll, Ann Juliano, Linda Carney, William Scarola, and Judy Sforza... The Student Council consisted of President-Ken Damato, V.P., Matt Lichenstein, Sec.-Jen Gotti, Treas.-Ed Lake... Karen Szewczyk was selected Homecoming Queen in the Fall of '87... Presidents of various school clubs were: German-Leslie Unger; Spanish-Jack Cibrán; French-Matt Lichenstein; National Honor Society-Paresh Patel; Spanish National Honor Society-Derek Czernikowski; German National Honor Society-Karen Savona; French National Honor Society-Neil Golub; Women's Varsity Club-Michelle Huguenin; Library Council Dan Harning... Activities were plentiful at SWMHS during the 1987-88 school year. Some of the great happenings included: The Fall Theatre-"Curtain Going Up"; The Annual Spirit Week brought the best out of the students; Four Odyssey of The Mind (OM) teams under Coach Carla Sutherland advanced to the state tournament; DECA received 22 awards in state leadership; The Spring Musical-"Joseph & The Technicolor Dreamcoat"; The Bomber Band Marching Unit had a 78.5 score, the highest in school history... Paul Loughman was Editor-In-Chief of the student magazine "Images," and Steven Sun was Editor-In-Chief of the yearbook... The football team had a tough 1-8 season, as Mike Adams and Matt Fulham did their best as co-captains... Leigh Garbowski and Mary Fedor were co-captains of the girls' basketball team... Two excellent athletes that I had the honor of coaching, when they were on the freshman baseball team were Rich Gluchowski, and Neil Golub... Some of the huge Class of '88 graduates selected randomly include: Denise Anderson, George Armhold, Richard Baruchle, Lisa Buchanan, Christopher Carey, Linda Chiofalo, Jennifer Ciszewski, Louise Crater, Peter DeBiase, Jeannine Devlin, Bryan Doel, Amy Hamma, Patrick Kilcommons, Todd Meyer, James O'Chat, Joanne Refano, James Senape, Christine Smith, Melissa Traina, Kelly Walsh, Christine Wisk, Michael Zollinger, Christine McCormack. The Sayreville War Memorial HS Class of 1988 was not only huge in the number of graduates, but also in talent and unlimited potential to make the world a better place.

## FROM THE DESK OF TOM REILLY

October brings changing leaves, Halloween, and autumn weather. Change definitely is in the air. As we ponder the shifting seasons, I hope you will join me in considering the ways we can make positive changes in our own lives, while also helping others. Every October, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and the American Humane Society promote "Adopt a Shelter Dog Month." This program raises awareness for adopting and fostering animals, encouraging people to provide loving homes for the estimated 3-4 million shelter dogs in need of a new family with a compassionate human friend. Recent studies have shown that pet owners are less likely to suffer from depression, have lower blood pressure, and generally feel less stress. Pet owners over the age of 65 make 30 percent fewer visits to their doctors than those of similar age without pets. Autumn is a great time of year for finding a new pet, taking them for walks, or cozying up inside on a cool night. Most importantly, by adopting an animal from a shelter or rescue organization, not only will you be giving a home to a deserving pet, but you will also be saving an animal's life – and you might just help yourself along the way.

A few other quick announcements. South Amboy will host a beach sweep with Clean Ocean Action, an organization committed to protecting and improving the waters and coastlines of New Jersey and New York, on October 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Waterfront Park. Volunteering for this event will help



to keep our shoreline beautiful and refresh our local beach after a long summer of action. To register to participate or to get more information, please contact Julia DeRosso at 732-745-8147, or via email at [julia.derosso@co.middlesex.nj.us](mailto:julia.derosso@co.middlesex.nj.us).

The South Amboy Youth Athletic Association's (SAYAA) indoor soccer program will begin in October, followed by the basketball program in January. Both programs are conducted at the elementary school gymnasium on John street. Parents can sign up their children on the SAYAA's website. Many thanks to all of our volunteers who make these programs possible!

The city-wide yard sale will be held on October 7 and October 8. Come on out and take a look – you never know what you will find. The City will also hold its final Cruise Night on October 11. I hope you will join us on Broadway for one of the last opportunities this year to enjoy the warm weather.

**Respectfully**  
**Tom Reilly**  
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## Meet Father Guy - continued from page 1

"I'm like a sponge, gathering information. I'm considering everything. Every parish is different, trying to replicate one parish to another is a fool's errand. It's a fun time for me now. I can get to know people, talk to people, listen to what they have to say. No pressure to make changes immediately." Father Guy is very impressed with the Saint Mary choir and music program. "I know them by experience and reputation. I certainly know they're very dedicated people who do it for the love of God." Father Guy has a positive feeling in the parish. "The Saint Mary community has gone out of their way to make me feel welcome. The people had several months to realize Father Dennis was leaving."

He brought his favorite altar chair from Saint Joseph's Church in Washington Warren County.

"I obtained it about five years ago. I saw it on EBay. The person had it restored but had to sell it off. I made a bid and won the auction. We went to pick it up. He was happy it's going to a church. That chair will fit perfectly in Saint Mary. I was glad to bring it." Father Guy said he's learned a lot from serving in other parishes. "No matter where you go, everyone has a desire for God. No matter what the distractions are in modern life, there is something deep in spirit that searches for God. They have a deep seated desire for God." Father Guy loves to travel to Italy with the beautiful scenery, plus his family is Italian. He also likes to go to Vienna. He loves eating pizza, and is a big fan of the New York Giants in football. The South Amboy-Sayreville Times wishes good luck to Father Guy at Saint Mary.





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**Dowdell Library News**  
Solar eclipse, Halloween fun, and a small business workshop.... Oh my!!

Stop by the Dowdell Library this October and check out what's happening for all ages.

**Banned Book Week from October 1-7** celebrates the freedom to read and spotlights the current and historical attempts to censor books. Check out the Banned Book display in the Library.

Join us for out of this galaxy activities and fun at the **Solar Eclipse Sun Party** on Wednesday, October 11 from 2:30-4:30 pm. Also don't forget to pick up a pair of complimentary solar eclipse glasses for the Annular Eclipse on Saturday, October 14. Specific viewing times are TBD. Fun for all ages!

Small business owners! Join us for an evening of networking and learning about identifying sales leads, building a business plan and much more at the **Small Biz Workshop** on Thursday, October 23 from 6:30-8 pm. Sign up and save you spot at [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org)

Kids and Teens, get your ghouel on at the **Halloween Costume Party** on Friday, October 27 from 3-4:30 pm. Enter the costume contest taking place at 4 pm, play some spooktacular games and enjoy some sweet refreshments.

Dowdell Library is excited to offer **museum passes to the American Museum of Natural History in the Big Apple, New York City!** South Amboy residents 18+ who have a Dowdell Library card in good standing can take part in this culturally enlightening program. A small service fee of \$2 per ticket will be required. Only 2 tickets per family for each 12-month period.

Kids! The **After School Fun Club** continues on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 pm. Stop by for weekly fun including board games, scavenger hunts, bingo and Lego mania. Stop by the library on Saturday, October 28 at 1 pm for a fun **Halloween inspired craft!**

Parents with toddlers! Join Ms. Maryanne for **Reading Rascals** on Thursdays, October 12 and 26 from 1-2 pm for fun stories, games, activities, and crafts.

Teens! Stop by for **TeenTober fun** on

Friday, October 20 from 2:30-3:30 pm and play some video games with friends.

Adults and Teens grab your knitting needles and crochet hooks! Drop in for the **Crocheting and Knitting Circle** on Mondays from 3:30-5 pm and 6:30-8 pm.

**Existing Dungeons & Dragons players** will meet on Thursdays, October 12 and 26 from 6-7:30 pm. Are you a Dungeon Master looking to run your own adventure? Contact us at [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org).

The **Senior Book Club** will meet on Monday, October 30 from 10:30-11:30 am. Stop by the Library to pick up this month's book. Want to join? Just contact the library at 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org).

Adults! Unwind your day with **Adult Mindfulness Zen Evening** on Thursday, October 19 from 6-7:30.

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, a stretching, and flexibility workshop. Please register by emailing Camilla at [Camilla.comercarruthers@rwjbh.org](mailto:Camilla.comercarruthers@rwjbh.org). For a complete list of the classes, please visit [dowdell.org](http://dowdell.org).

The Library will be closed Monday, October 9 in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday.

Comments, queries, compliments? Please visit [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org), or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org). The library is located off John O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School.

Fall Library Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, from 10am-8pm. Wednesday and Friday from 10am-5pm. Saturday from 12-4 pm.

**Felice Benefit October 20**  
South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426, will hold a benefit fundraiser for Mike and Mary Sue Felice. The event is Friday night October 20 from 7 pm to 11 pm at the Council Home at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Cost of \$10 includes snacks, tricky tray, and DJ. All money raised will help Mike and Mary Sue with their expenses due to a terrible fire. For additional details, call Marty at 908-917-9392.

**Halloween Party**  
South Amboy Columbiettes are sponsoring a Halloween Party Saturday Oct 21st 2023 at 7:30 pm. \$20.00 includes food and live music by the Cellar Dwellers. Adults only, cash bar. Prizes for best costumes! Costumes optional. Knights Of Columbus Hall, 308 4th Street South Amboy NJ 08879. RSVP after Sept 26th, Vicki (732) 598-6910

**Rib Roast**  
St. Stan's Holy Name Society will be hosting a Rib Roast on Saturday, September 30th at 11:00 am.. Rain Date - Saturday October 1st on St Stan's Carnival Grounds. Price will be \$20.00 per rack.

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# Community Effort at Messiah's Food Pantry



On the evening of August 23, over 80 local families received bags of fresh food along with notebooks, crayons and pencils, just in time for school, in a community effort at Messiah Lutheran Church. Girls Scout Troops 80981, 81709, and 80534 acted as "Personal Shoppers," to assist the recipients at the Bordentown Avenue Church. Non-perishables are continuously donated by church members and generous neighbors around the community; the groceries are then distributed to all in need twice a month. But this evening was different, as the church has also partnered with Replenish, a program from Middlesex County which provides dairy, meat, bread, and fresh fruits and vegetables. Also present were Dotty Wriolie,

Messiah's Social Ministry chair, who had been collecting and sharing school supplies. Betty Dubinin, mother of Sara, for whom the familiar "Slow Down For Sara" signs are referring to, generously brought even more school items including backpacks, folders, markers and pens donated in loving memory of her daughter. Members of Messiah Church were there to volunteer as well. In less than two hours, all the fresh food was distributed, thanks to the hard work of all involved.

Messiah's Food Pantry is open on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 PM and the 3rd Saturday at noon. There is also a Blessing Box in the front parking lot where food is available 24/7.

## TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH NEWS BORDENTOWN AVENUE

Summer is over, vacation done and we're starting to see our congregation coming back for **Sunday School**, good fellowship and the Word. Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the peaceful church in the woods at 815 Bordentown Avenue. Pastor Vinnie has been with us since July and looking forward to meeting new folks. Our Sunday School is open and learning about God.

The **Trinity Thrift Shop** still remains open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9 am to 11 am. There is a shed open 24/7 for drop offs. We can not accept furniture, books, VHS Tapes – but appreciate everything else. Feel free to stop by and get some great bargains. Right now we have our fall decorations out, all new fall/winter clothing and much more. The shop has been good for the community and our church.

And finally, many folks have asked about our great dinners so we've decided to host IN PERSON our **roast beef dinner** on October 21. Please see the ad in this edition. Feel free to reserve a table, or order for delivery or pick up. Peace be with you!!!

### Holiday Sock Drive

A Holiday Sock Drive sponsored by the Trinity United Methodist Church's Sunday School is being held Nov. 1 thru Dec. 20th. Socks are the #1 requested items at a homeless shelter. All sizes of new socks are needed for infants, children and adults. Please drop off your donations at Trinity United Methodist Church, 815 Bordentown Ave., South Amboy. For more info contact Steven Wegrzyn at 732-309-6616.

### 3rd Annual Fall

#### Festival & Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 22nd 1:00pm-4:00pm

All the fun will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church, conveniently located at 815 Bordentown Avenue in Sayreville (South Amboy mailing address). This spooktacular safe event is organized by our Sunday School & Youth Program and is free for all to attend. During the event we will be collecting nonperishable food items to be donated to our local food bank just in time for the holiday season.

If you are interested in participating we would love for you to arrive by 12:00pm to allow adequate time for you to decorate your vehicle or table spot. For the safety of all, no vehicles will be allowed in or out once the event starts. Our only requirement for you to attend is that you provide candy! Additionally you are more than welcomed to hand out flyers, business coupons, and for vendors to sell items.

If you have any questions please contact Steven Wegrzyn at (732) 309-6616 or TUMCSundaySchool@outlook.com.

### Pet Food Drive

South Amboy Columbiettes are sponsoring a Pet Food Drive Saturday Oct 7th in front of Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, across the street from Sacred Heart Church in South Amboy. The drive will immediately be following the blessing of the animals at the Church at 11 am. All donations will go to CASA, "Coalition of Advocates for Shelter Animals" in Sayreville NJ.

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# Rumbles From The Rock And Roll Reunion

By Clem Skarzynski

Well, the time has come, circle these upcoming dates. Saturday Sept.30th (Rain date), 5 to 8 pm, the Sayreville Recreation Departments "Blast from the Past" Car Show and Concert. Hosted by none other than Mr. Car Show D.J.himself, Richie Hart, and the "Just us Cruisers" Car Club, along with Central Jerseys Rockin' and Rollin' Classic Rockers "Clem and Friends" Band, in our 18th year at Sayreville's Kennedy Park. A vast array of Hot Rods, Customs, Motorcycles, Muscle Cars, and Motorized Beauties from all Eras. The show draws Clubs and Car Owners from N.Y., Long Island, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and New Jersey. DJ Richie will be spinning the hits from the era those cars ruled our streets, and "Clem and Friends" Band will supply the "live" versions of the songs from the 50's, 60's and 70's, that ruled the "airwaves" and speakers from those car radios that "Cruised" the avenues. Bucket Seat Rock 'n Roll to the "Backseat Ballads" that we all grew up on, and I'm sure you know what I mean by that! "Friends" adds a new member to its list of Jerseys top rockers with a "steal" from "The Paul Nagy Project" Band..Highland Park's own Dave Lipincott, will take over in the high energy percussion Dept. as the band's drummer. Along with Scott Bishop on the Keys, another "steal" from The PaulNagy Project. Mr.Fran Fee on guitar and lead vocals, Jim Heuer and myself, the writer will fill in the guitar work, behind Matt Esposito's Fender Bass,with N.Y.State's premier tenor saxman, Craig Hoek, pushing those

notes that put rock 'n roll music into a new "sound" with raunchy, crying solos and riffs that surpassed the guitar..AND, you'll have the chance to hear the group the following day when the Rec. Dept sponsors its annual "Sayreville Day" Sunday October 1 (Rain Date) again, at Kennedy Park. Festivities start at around 11am.with vendors, food trucks, rides, entertainment, etc. "Clem and Friends" should be onstage around 2pm and we'll close the activities at 4pm. So circle those dates c'mon down to the Park for 2 days of fun, music and friends..One more date to circle on your calendar is Sunday Oct.29th for St.Stan's in Sayreville for their Annual Car Show and Concert..A benefit Show for the late Tommy Samuels, St.Stans official Photographer, and for the late Jerry Ust, former Sayreville Rec Director ,who was instrumental in bringing Car Shows to our town..Trophies in Tommy and Jerry's names will be given out to the 2 "Best in Show"Cars at the show.Last Year's show drew Over 250 cars. Again, hosted by Richie Hart and the Just Us Cruisers, and "Clem and Friends" Band, who will supply the music that went along with the era of cars you'll see at the show. We'll be there from 11am to 3pm and beyond, so stop in, check out the rides, say hi to your neighbor, listen to the music..try the food..,trick or treating for the kiddies, raffles,. in other words.."Have a Great Time"..Rain Date...the following week Sunday Nov.5th.. So, hoping to see all our "Friends" at all the upcoming events..it's been a long time for all of us..Be well and Rock n Roll!!

## #1 Pop Hits On Sept. 30

- 2004-Goodies-Ciara with Petey Pablo
- 1997-Honey-Mariah Carey
- 1985-Money For Nothing-Dire Straits
- 1977-Best Of My Love-The Emotions
- 1966-Cherish-The Association

## #1 Country Hits On Sept. 30

- 2005-A Real Fine Place To Start-Sara Evans
- 1993-Holdin' Heaven-Tracy Byrd
- 1985-Lost In The Fifties Tonigh -Ronnie Milsap
- 1979-It Must Be Love-Don Williams
- 1967-Laura-Leon Ashley

## One Hit Wonders

2003-Beautiful Goodbye-Jennifer Hanson; Blowin' Me Up-JC Chasez; Take Me Away-Fefe Dobson; I Can Only Imagine-Mercy Me; Are You Gonna Be My Girl-Jet; There's Gotta Be More To Life-Stacie Orrico; Salt Shaker-Ying Yang Twins; The Boys Of Summer-The Ataris; Stacey's Mom-Fountains of Wayne; All The Things She Said-t.A.T.u. u.

## 20 Years Ago Henny Selected #1 DJ

2003-South Amboy native Henry "Henny" Conroy, AKA, DJ Henny was chosen top DJ in Central Jersey for 2003 in

the November issue of Night & Day magazine for Middlesex and Mercer counties. A great honor for an incredible guy.



Country singer/songwriter Gwynne Alden will make her Acoustic Friday debut at South Amboy Arts Alliance on October 27. Gwynne will be joined by singer/guitarist extraordinaire Barbara Paskin, a long-time supporter of SA Arts. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

## Acoustic Friday October 27

South Amboy Arts Alliance will resume its monthly Acoustic Friday showcase in October after pausing to host Artsfest '23 in September.

Country singer/songwriter Gwynne Alden will make her SA Arts debut on October 27, 2023. Gwynne started singing in choir and in school plays at age 6. By age 14, she was playing guitar and writing songs. During her college years, the Spring Lake Heights native developed her writing and music talent even further by recording two albums, while juggling the demands of her college classes. After graduating from Caldwell College, Gwynne took her country music dream to Nashville, where she recorded an EP entitled "Somewhere Between Nashville and Jersey."

Barbara Paskin has been a great supporter of the Alliance, having played at both the Artsfest and Acoustic Friday. Barbara is regarded as one of the finest

fingerpickers in the local music community. Her covers include songs from Kate Wolf, Kathy Mattea, Mary Chapin Carpenter, and John Prine.

Gwynne Alden and Barbara Paskin are sure to offer a strong one-two punch of country and folk music when we get together on October 27. Both performers have a strong social media presence, so feel free to check them out.

SA Arts is located at 141 N. Broadway, South Amboy, NJ. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the show runs from 7 to 9 pm. Admission is \$5.00, and complementary light refreshments will be offered.

The Alliance seeks interested acoustic-oriented performers of any genre for future performances. 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.



## Who is it?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

### August Who is it?

Last month's mystery duo were two masters of the guitar. B.B. King and Eddie Van Hellen. King was an influential blues player and Van Haen now referred to as "Edward: is arguably the most influential player ever! I had the privilege to see them each in concert.

Winners: Bruce Grankowski, Michael Colaci, Jessica Lopez, Patti Tengelics, Edna Pilch, Clem Skarzynski, Anthony Cirincione, Jim & Debbie Sissick, Ginny Severino, Maureen Proudman, Betty Leveille, Pam and Mark DePazza, Pat Scully, Gary Feret, Mark Moniello, Jim Malkiewicz, Dane Colburn, Laurie Loftus, Dermot Scale, Ed English.



Another musical duo at the tender age of 15! Let us know who they are (need both) Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by October 16th.



Eddie Van Hellen and B.B. King

## FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL MASS

When: Saturday October 7th, 2023

Time: 4:00pm

Location: Church of The Sacred Heart-531 Washington Avenue, South Amboy, NJ. Attendees are asked to assemble in front of the church by 3:30pm in Class A uniform. Apparatus will park on Washington Avenue in front of the church.

PLEASE RSVP 732-570-7183 by 10/1/2023 or call for additional information.

By Tom Burkard

1.Blueberry Hill

2.Cherry Bomb

3.Apples, Peaches, Pumpkin Pie

4.Sweet Cherry Wine

5.Strawberry Fields Forever

6.Cherry Pie

7.Watermelon Man

8.Raspberry Beret

9.Lemon Tree

10.Day O (Banana Boat Song)

11.Coconut

12.Cherry Cherry

a.Harry Nilsson

b.Neil Diamond

c.John Mellencamp

d.Fats Domino

e.The Beatles

f.Prince/The Revolution

g.Trini Lopez

h.Mango Santomaria Band

i.Tommy James/The Shondells

j.Harry Belafonte

k.Jay & The Techniques

l.Warrant

Answers

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Guided meditation with Barbara  
(Virtual) Oct 2 & 23 @6PM

Join Barbara Brown, an expert in stress reduction meditations for this virtual meditation session. Ease your mind and relax with some deep relaxed breathing and focused meditation. This is a virtual event. Registration is required to get the Zoom Link Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112. Please be sure to be in a quiet room where you will not be disturbed and be seated in a chair with your feet flat on the floor.

Movie Matinee

Tuesday, October 17 @1PM

Join us for our monthly movie matinee. This month: Everything Everywhere all at Once: Starring James Hong, Michelle Yeoh, and Academy Award Winner, Ke Huy Quan. Rated R- 2 hrs 19 mins.refreshments will be provided. Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112

Bob Dylan: A Journey through Musical History Monday, October 23 @6PM

Join Vinnie Bruno, Rock Music Historian, for this look at the story of Bob Dylan. See his journey to becoming the musical icon he is today. Complete with photos and sound clips, this trip through history is sure to rock. Registration required. ster online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

Cooking with Citrus with Vanessa  
(Virtual) Tuesday, October 24 @6PM

Join Vanessa Young, chef and founder of Thirsty Radish, for another fun cooking demonstration. This month: Learn how to infuse fresh citrus into your dishes, drinks and desserts. This is a virtual session. Registration Required to get the zoom link. Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

Wills and Powers of Attorney  
Monday, October 30 @6PM

Join Kenneth Vercammen, local attorney, for this seminar on estate planning. Learn the basics of preparing a will, powers of attorney, probate, and much more. Registration required. Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

More Of What

By Al Gomolka Jr.  
c.2010

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Isn't enough really enough?

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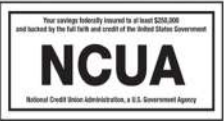


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## The Vintage Car Contest

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Here's a strange one! Can you identify this vehicle? Send your answer to [satimes@aol.com](mailto:satimes@aol.com) by October 16th.

### August Vintage Car

Last month's mystery vehicle was a Ford Cortina, manufactured by Ford Motor Co. Ford in the United States imported both the Mark I and Mark II Cortina models. The Mark II was sold in the United States from 1967, achieving 16,193 cars sold in its first year. Sales of the Mark II in 1968 were 22,983. Sales in 1969 reached 21,496. Lotus also produced a Cortina so that raises the question Is the Lotus Cortina a Ford?

The Lotus Cortina was a result of

a collaboration between Ford and Lotus, with Colin Chapman, being instrumental in its development. Powered by the iconic Lotus Twin-Cam engine, which featured a 1.6-liter bottom end from Ford and a specially designed Lotus cylinder head.

The following had Cortina as their answer: Edna Pilch, Ginny Severino, Betty Leveille, John & JoAnn French, Pat Scully, Gary Feret, Mark Moniello, Dane Colburn, Laurie Loftus, Dermot Scale, Ed English.

Ford Cortina



## LETTERS

### Letter to Editor:

Great! Interesting articles! So sad about Lt. Col. Dan Cheeseman. His service was both solemn and celebratory of his great life, and how he touched and led so many lives by always putting others' needs ahead of his own. Such a humble man and a true friend.

Bill Farrell

(Formerly of Sayreville)

## Remember This T.V. Show?



Last month we ran a photo of the T.V. show "Land of the Giants" a one-hour American science fiction series that aired on ABC for two seasons, beginning on September 22, 1968, and ending on March 22, 1970. The show was created and produced by Irwin Allen. The show can be seen on Optimum on the ME TV

channel. Check your listing for other cable or streaming services.

While we weren't looking for answers to this show our following loyal readers/contest players sent in their answers: Edna Pilch, Betty Leveille, Pam and Mark DePazza, Pat Scully, Jim Malkiewicz.



Land of the Giants

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# South Amboy's 3rd Annual Irish Festival

September 9, 2023



Mayor Fred Henry and his wife Linda pose with the Aumni Soccer game in the background. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



Committee Chairman and South Amboy Council President Michael "Mickey" Gross did an outstanding job once again in organizing this beautiful event. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Pictured (l-r) SA Councilwoman Zusette Dato, her sister, Nelle Chapman & Siena who was helping out for community service related to her confirmation. (Photo by Brian Stratton)



(Photo by Brian Stratton)



(Photo by Tom Burkard)



The Historical Society of South Amboy. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Phyllis Stratton (c) poses with two of South Amboy's finest and two of her former students Officer's Kurt Miller (l) and Tim Kales (r). (Photo by Brian Stratton)



Joyce Elyea (l) and Donna Williams were a huge help as volunteers. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



The outstanding Irish-Folk Band, "The Bantry Boys" are pictured with Jan Williams (r) and Barry Rosengarten. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Pictured (l-r) Marge Gorczyca, Judy Paczkowski, and Joan Gorczyca gave out beautiful green South Amboy tee-shirts to those in attendance. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Luke A. Lovely Post & Unit 62 American Legion of South Amboy are pictured near their table. Thank you Veterans! (Photo by Tom Burkard)





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# South Amboy 911 Service

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



State, county and local dignitaries are pictured with Boy Scouts following the service.



Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin addresses the crowd, as Mayor Fred Henry looks on.



Senator Joe Vitale shared his thoughts during the service.



Frank Norek leads the crowd in singing a spirited version of "God Bless America."



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry presented an eloquent speech to all in attendance, as the day of infamy-911 was remembered.



South Amboy Fire Chief John Dragotta speaks to the crowd, and Assemblywoman Lopez holds an umbrella as raindrops start to fall.



## Local Wildlife

(Photos by Debbie Carling)



Two beautiful photos of an egret were submitted by Debbie Carling.



The egret is out hunting for a tasty fish dinner.

## 2023 Aberdeen Day Autograph Signing Sept. 24th

(Photos/info by Tom Burkard)



Ken Daneyko played 20 years for the New Jersey Devils and holds the team record for most career games with 1,283.



Marty Lyons played 11 years with the New York Jets, and in 1981 was part of the defensive line known as the "New York Sack Exchange."



Former New York Giants football star receiver, Plaxico Burress, played 12 seasons in the NFL and scored 64 touchdowns.



Tameka Dixon was a 3-time All-Star and played for 2 WNBA championship teams.

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**Where in NJ?**  
By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Do you recognize this building? It was once home to a very famous and flourishing business. Send your answer to [satimes@aol.com](mailto:satimes@aol.com) by October 16th.

Last month's mystery location Pete and Elda's Bar/Carmen's Pizzeria 96 Woodland Ave, Neptune City. It is the home of the "Whole Pie Eaters Club". Eat a double extra large pizza in 30 minutes and win a tee shirt! For those not familiar with their pizza it has a very thin crust (similar to the old Gay 90's tomato pies) but again it is double extra large. I have taken the

challenge more than once and won. My wife Phyllis made a quilt out of 12 that I retired from wearing (see photo). I have a good jump on the next quilt too!

The following got it right: Dennis Quinlan, Edna Pilch, Betty Leveille, Pat Scully, Gary Feret, Mark Moniello, Nanci Deverin, Dane Colburn, Laurie Loftus.



**August Where in NJ?**  
**Pete and Elda's Bar/Carmen's Pizzeria**



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Cruise Fun!



The South Amboy Seniors enjoyed a lovely lunch cruise aboard the River Queen in Brielle, New Jersey on August 23! (Photo Submitted)

Fall happenings at the South Amboy Elks

The South Amboy Elks is busy preparing for a fun filled fall, starting with our Italian Buffet Dinner on Thursday October 12th from 5:30 to 7:30. The price is \$18.00 in advance, \$20 at the door.

All month long we will be selling our Super 50/50 raffle tickets, they are \$10.00 each and available at the Lodge. The drawing date will be November 11th at 7pm.

Next up is our monthly buffet breakfast featuring our made to order omelet station among all the other delicious items. You will not leave hungry! The price for breakfast

is \$12.00 per person, children 7 and under are \$7.00.

We end the month with a Roast Beef Dinner where all the funds raised will benefit the Lodges Peer Leadership Program. The dinner includes tender roasted beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, dessert, coffee, and tea. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Take-out is available.

For more information about our youth programs, membership, or any of these events, please call us at 732-727-7170.

40th Class Reunion



On September 9th members of the St. Mary's High School class of 1983 celebrated their 40th class reunion. 57 classmates gathered at the River Rock Restaurant in Brick, NJ. Some coming from as far away as China, Canada, California, Colorado and Florida. (Photo/Info Submitted)

Bishop Visits



Diocese of Metuchen Bishop James Checchio greets long time parishioner Joan Gorkczyca, after he recently celebrated Mass at Sacred Heart Church. (Photo by Jerry Wutkowski)

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.

Class Of '70 Enjoyed 3 Mini-Reunions

By Ann Durski UHalie

We had such a good time with our last 2 mini class reunions (March 2023) and (June 21st) at Don Giovanni's restaurant that I thought we'd go for the TRIFECTA get together on Saturday, September 2 2 p.m. at Don Giovanni's on the corner of Main St. & Stevens Ave. in South Amboy (as most of you know).

"The Trifecta Class of '70 Get Together" was fabulous. Great people, mahvelous pizza from Don Giovanni's and fantastic reminiscing. Many "Did you know that?" were shared for the first time. Bobby Dufilinski made an appearance in his red corvette. I hope I got the spelling correct! Everyone got a \$1 scratch off and Michelle Mauro won \$10 and Ann Durski UHalie got a free ticket which she gave to the guy sitting next to her. Jimmy Pearson we missed you, but I'm sure the St Mary's class of 1970 will get together another time soon, and Ann is passing the baton to anyone who wants to try their hand at organizing the next "get together" even the guy who sat next to her, who turned out to be Jim Kopestecky. And the other guy in the red corvette with the last name of Dufilinski, well you've got to figure that one out on you.

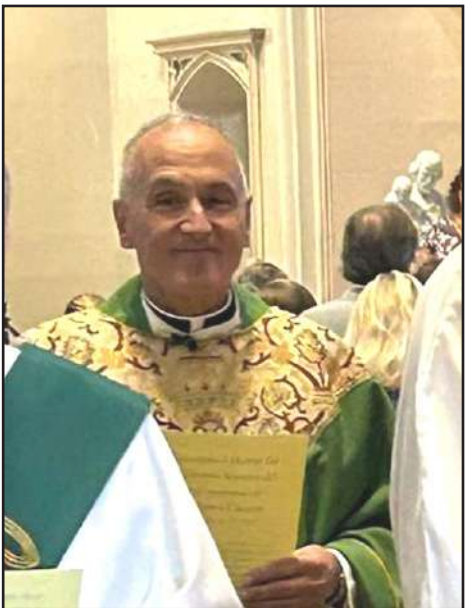
Love you all, Ann Durski UHalie

Father Dennis Says Goodbye



Father Dennis is joined by the Saint Mary Church choir who sang at the 11AM Mass to help celebrate his final Mass prior to his retirement. (Photo by Steve Schmid)

Right: Father Dennis is all smiles as he heads down the aisle after celebrating his final Mass at Saint Mary Church, now that he's officially retired. (Photo/caption by Cheryl Schmid)



The Perry Brothers perform Irish favorites, at the final summer concert held at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park. The free concerts were sponsored by the Middlesex County Commissioners in the annual Music In The Parks series. (Photo / Info by Steve Schmid)

What Exit?



This GSP exit heading north from our area will get you to the Where In NJ. Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by October 16th.

What Exit?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

August What Exit:

Last month's GSP exit to get to Pete and Elda's was 102. There may be some controversy in this since there are other exits to get you there. But 102 seems to be the most direct. Edna Pilch got it right!



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## The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, B.A., M.S.

With the end of summer and the beginning of fall, we will soon be having chilly nights. This means that many of us will be turning on the heat for the first time since last spring. Have you had your furnace and/or chimney serviced before the heating season? This is the time when most carbon monoxide poisonings occur. Have any renovations or changes been made to your heating system? When was the last time you had your chimney inspected and cleaned? We all heard the saying, "change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when you change the clocks" but do you? The majority of carbon monoxide poisonings occur at the beginning of the heating system due to faulty equipment or installations. Something may have occurred during the summer months to your heating system that you may not be aware of like ductwork coming loose and possibly emitting carbon monoxide fumes from your furnace. Don't take chances! That carbon monoxide detector sitting quietly on your wall is your life insurance policy. It is constantly monitoring the atmosphere in your home for any signs of carbon monoxide that may be emanating from devices that burn gas, wood, or even coal. That means that your heating system, gas clothes dryer, gas stove, gas hot water heater, when operating, naturally give off carbon dioxide in small amounts that are not considered dangerous. When they malfunction is when the level of carbon monoxide increases and causes problems. If your detector does activate, DON'T wait, call 911 immediately. Let the fire department determine if there is a rise in the level of carbon monoxide or maybe the detector is faulty. DON'T take unnecessary chances with your life and that of your family. If you can't afford a detector, notify your local fire department, we will help you out.

The first week of October of every year is called Fire Prevention Week. This is where schools should be making students aware of

the dangers associated with fires. Sure, fire can be our friend and beneficial when used properly but it is when it is used improperly is when it becomes a hazard.

On October 7th, The Church of The Sacred Heart will be conducting the Sixth Annual Firefighters Memorial Mass and Service beginning at 4:00pm. All firefighters from the surrounding communities, family members, friends, and parishioners, are welcome to attend his memorial service. At the conclusion of the 4:00pm Mass, those firefighters from the South Amboy and Sayreville Fire Departments who have answered their final alarm since the last Memorial Service will be recognized. This service will coincide with the National Fallen Firefighter Services being held at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland during this same weekend. These services will provide a tribute to those firefighters from across the country who have been killed in the line-of-duty.

The firefighters that will be remembered at the local service are:

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## St. Bernadette Church, Parlin, NJ - Social Concerns Ministry Fall Clothing Drive

St. Bernadette's Church, Social Concerns Ministry will conduct our fall clothing drive on Saturday, October 21, 2023. Please help us fund our programs by donating clothing, small appliances, household items, toys, reading books, small furniture, linens, blankets, curtains, drapes, bedspreads, pillows, handbags, shoes (do not need to be packaged separately). No large appliances or furniture will be accepted. We will have a truck available in the parking lot (20 Villanova Road, Parlin) on Saturday, October 21, 2023, from 9:00am until 1:00pm. Tax receipts will be available.

## Switching Tower Gone



The old South Amboy switching tower on lower Main St was torn down by NJ Transit on August 28th during construction of the new Raritan River train drawbridge and surrounding area improvements. The old tower has stood watch for decades for the Pennsylvania RR, Central Jersey RR, Conrail RR Norfolk Southern RR, CXS RR and NJ Transit RR at the junction of the East Jersey coast line and CXS line at the base of the Raritan River drawbridge adjacent to the old JCP&L Warner power plant. (Photo/info by Jamie Norek)

## Public Square Rosary Crusade

(Release submitted)

The Holy Rosary of Sacred Heart Church will hold a Public Square Rosary Crusade on Saturday, Oct. 14th at 12 noon, in front of Sacred Heart Church Memorial Hall, Washington Ave., South Amboy. All are welcome to join us.

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## Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



**Salt Water**  
At the Perth Amboy pier, I checked a few times and I saw a few Fluke caught. One was a keeper. Here and in other rivers coast wise, Snapper Blues are being caught. Barnegat Bay has Blowfish, Snapper Blues and a few weakfish. Surf fishing along the Jersey coast is showing small to midsize Bluefish, Fluke and once in a while a Spanish Mackerel. Party Boats are catching some of these, plus a few Bonito. Queen Mary had one over 10 pounds. False Albacore are in the mix. Barnegat Ridge is loaded with them. More southern Fish are showing up off our shores. Some big King Mackerel have been caught and a 4 foot Barracuda was speared by a diver checking a buoy 20 miles offshore. Fluke fishing is good along the coastline with more keepers showing up. Fluke season closes on September 27th. Bottom fishing is mostly Porgies, Ling, few Sea Bass and Triggerfish which can be kept. Surf Fishing at LBI consists of mostly small Bluefish, Fluke and a few Kingfish. Shore fishing locally in Raritan Bay is slow with a few Bluefish. As of this writing heavy surf and riptides, caused by Hurricane Lee, seem to be putting a damper on Ocean fishing.

**Fresh Water**  
The rain pattern persists making it hard to fish anywhere for a time. Some Largemouth Bass in the Manasquan Reservoir, various Panfish, Carp and Catfish are available right now. Fall Trout stocking will start around Columbus Day. Lake Hopatcong has hybrid Bass, Catfish and Pickerel.



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### From Me To You

By Robert W. Eginton

May peace and love and happiness  
Be with you each and every day.  
May good things come to visit you  
And then decide to stay  
May your hopes and dreams  
Never pass you by,  
And when you wish for something,  
May your limit be the sky.  
May you never fall from weakness or sin,  
And with each and every day  
A smile you begin.  
May you always have a special kind of pride  
In all the things you do.  
With all of my love...  
From me to you.



## School Sports

By Tom Burkard

### Sayreville Football Report

The Sayreville Bombers football squad, under new Head Coach Don Sofilkanich won their opening game over Colonia, 42-21, dropped the next contest to Phillipsburg, 42-7, and plastered New Brunswick, 55-0 to up their record to (2-1)

In the Colonia romp, Bomber standouts were: Zaimer Wright, who raced for 3 touchdowns on runs of 8, 89, and 5 yards. He racked up 195 yards on 17 rushing attempts. Travis Gaston broke loose for a 39-yd. TD scamper, and Derek Osaе added a 70-yard run on an interception for another touchdown. Leading the defense with 8 total tackles was Kishore Sadowski, who was followed by Daniel Jerez 5, and Justin Miller 5.

Zaimer Wright scored Sayreville’s lone touchdown in the loss to Phillipsburg, and he piled up 111 yards in 14 rushing attempts. Connor Walsh registered 6 total tackles and Diego Jesus had 4.

In the 55-0 romp over New Brunswick, three Bombers raced for 2 TD’s apiece: seniors Travis Gaston and Ky’von Mitchell, and soph Shaun Jackson blasted into the end zone, while Jackson rushed for a total of 91 yards. Keshava Sadowski hauled in a 49-yd. TD pass from Nick Nunez. Diego Jesus and Daniel Jerez were tough on defense with 2 sacks each.

The Bombers upped their record to (3-1) downing Edison, 24-12. Shaun Jackson rushed for 2 touchdowns, and teammate Travis Gaston added another TD via the rushing route. The top defensive players with the most total tackles for the game were: Diego Jesus 11, Xavier Pena 10, Frank Paczkowski 9, Bryce Bouchard 9.

#### 2023 Team Leaders

Passing Yardage-Nunez 104; Touchdown Passes-Nunez 2; Rushing Yardage-Wright 306, Gaston-152; Receiving Yardage-Mitchell 75; Defensive Tackles-Jesus 25, Frank Paczkowski-16; Walsh 16; Defensive Sacks-Jesus 2, Jerez 2; Interceptions-Jackson 1, Osaе 1; Touchdowns-Wright 4, Gaston 3, Jackson 2, Mitchell 2.

## Bombers Beat Woodbridge / N. Plainfield

Sayreville opened their girls soccer season with a 2-0 victory over Woodbridge. Alyssa Marley and Isabella Deoliveira scored a goal apiece, Jaylin Evans added an assist, while goalie Breanna Amponsah turned in a fine 7-save shutout.

Coach Jillian McGarry’s Bombers made it 2 in a row as they topped North Plainfield, 5-2. Deoliveira and Laila Stevenson each notched a goal and assist, while Marley, Shriya Meda, and Emma Halmo also scored goals. Kayla Pucciarello contributed an assist.

#### 2023 Team Leaders

Goals-Deoliveira 2, Marley 2; Points-Deoliveira 5, Marley 4, Stevenson 3.

## Sayreville Wins Opener

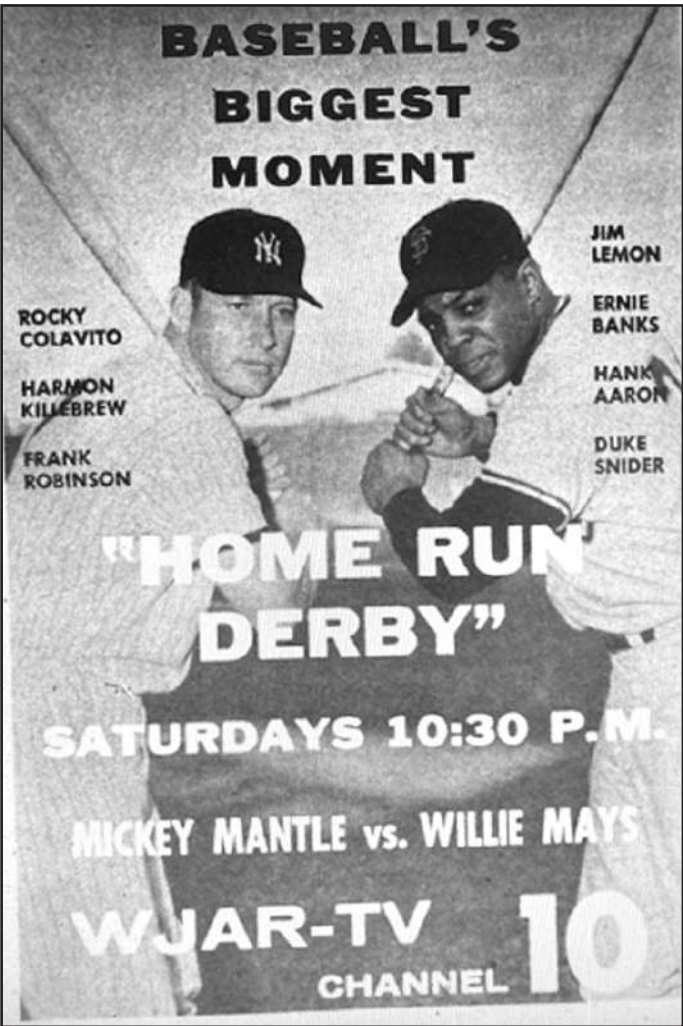
The Sayreville girls field hockey squad blasted North Plainfield, 6-0 in the season opener. Ameeka Patel drilled home 3 goals to lead the way. Others adding a goal each were: Mackenzie Keegan, Mackenzie Hastings, and Ashleigh Wisniewski.

## Bombers Capture First Win

The Sayreville Bombers boys soccer club shutout Piscataway 2-0 to win their first game of the year, after dropping the season opener. Kenneth Davidson and Eric Sadlocha scored a goal apiece, and soph goalie Nick Lesniak registered a 12-save gem. In the season opener, Sayreville dropped a heartbreaking 1-0 contest to Woodbridge.

## Pro Baseball Report

Brandon Bielak of Sayreville pitched in 15 games for the Houston Astros Major League Baseball Club in 2023. His totals were: Innings Pitched-80; Strikeouts-62; ERA-3.83; Won-5, Lost 6. He also appeared in 12 games with the Astros AAA affiliate Sugar Land Space Cowboys. Brandon’s season stats in AAA were: Innings Pitched-50.2; Strikeouts-60; ERA-4.97; Won-1, Lost-4.



## Local Recalls Home Run Derby

By Tom Burkard

Back in our July issue, we featured a photo of an advertisement with Mickey Mantle and Willie Mays from 1960 for the new TV show at the time, “Home Run Derby.” Parlin resident and huge baseball fan, Vince Rizzo was happy to share his memories of the now classic TV series.

Vince said, “I have every single episode on VHS. There were 26 shows in all, and I taped them from television in the 80’s, when they showed it again. I absolutely enjoyed every one of them!”

He mentioned that “In the first episode, Mickey was losing 8-3, to Willie, and hit 3 homers in the bottom of the 7th to make it 8-6, then 2 more in the 8th to tie it, and won 9-8 in the bottom of the 9th to win \$2,000. In the show's 26th and final episode, what a slugfest! Mantle faced Jackie Jensen, and tied the game at 10-10 in the 7th inning by blasting 3 homers in a row. He hit another one in the 8th to make it 11-10, and 2 more in the last inning to win by a final score of

13-10. Mantle’s 3 round-trippers in a row in the 7th inning won him an additional \$500. Mickey’s grand total for all of the home run derbies was \$10,000, while Jackie Jensen took home \$8,500.” Along the way to the grand finale, Mantle finished (4-1) defeating Mays and Ernie Banks, while topping Jensen twice, including the 26th and last showing of Home Run Derby. His one loss was a tough one to Harmon Killebrew.

Over the 26 episodes, many superstars, who would go on to become Hall of Famers competed, along with others, who were not quite on that level, but also excellent players. Those who years later went on to the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, NY were: Mantle, Mays, Duke Snider, Hank Aaron, Banks, Killebrew, Eddie Mathews, Al Kaline, Frank Robinson, and Gil Hodges. Other stars (not Hall of Fame members) were Jensen, Ken Boyer, Jim Lemon, Bob Allison, Wally Post, Dick Stuart, Gus Triandos, and Bob Cerv.

## Coat and Clothing Drive

The Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women will sponsor a clothing drive on Saturday, October 21, from 3:30 – 6PM and Sunday, October 22, from 6:30 AM – 1PM.

Your donations will be distributed by the Jersey Shore Rescue Mission in Asbury Park, NJ to those in need, or sold in their Thrift Store where proceeds from clothing sales provide funding for meals, shelter and essential items to those in need.

Please drop off your coats and clothing on Saturday, October 21, from 3:30 – 6PM and Sunday, October 22, from 6:30 AM – 1PM. Place your bagged donation in the plastic bins in front of Memorial Hall, 529 Washington Avenue, South Amboy.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

## WWW.?



Can you identify this building? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by October 16th.

Last month’s WWW.? was the Sayreville Sportsman.

Winners: John and Miriam Evaldi, Bruce Grankowski, Dennis Quinlan, Jessica Lopez, Lee Szatkowski. Patti Tengelics, Edna Pilch, Eleanor Westerholm. Jim & Debbie Sissick, Joan Gorczyca, Don Zrebiec, Betty Leveille, Raymond Tyska, Pam and Mark DePazza, Mary Agnes

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August WWW.? Sayreville Sportsman

## WHAT IS IT?????

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



5 1/4 inch computer floppy disk

Can you identify this handy little device? Extra credit if you can tell us what an employee of Prudential called them. Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by October 16th.

#### August What Is It?

Last month’s mystery item was a 5 1/4 inch computer floppy disk. It followed the 12 inch floppy disk and was replaced by the 3 1/2 inch disk which was enclosed in a plastic case. Today they are all basically obsolete having been replaced by CD’d, DVD and Flash Drives. The following got it right: Bruce Grankowski, Patti Tengelics, Edna Pilch, Eleanor Westerholm. Jim & Debbie Sissick, Joe Tortora, Adele O’Hara, Betty Leveille, Pam and Mark DePazza, Prudence Zalewski, John & JoAnn French, Lynn Loy, Pat Scully, Gary Feret, Frank Brylinski, Mark Moniello, Jeff Deverin, Marybeth Chodkiewicz, Jim Malkiewicz, Dane Colburn, Pete McIntyre, Ed English, Dermot Scales, Chelle Martin.



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Dennis Poulson of South Amboy proudly shows the 23-inch pickerel he caught at Kennedy Park in Sayreville. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



Aurora with her first catch ever!



Noah Poulson had a banner day, catching his limit of fluke, which included this 6 pounder. (Photo Submitted)

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PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY

O Holy St. Anthony, reach down from heaven and take hold of my hand. Assure me that I am not alone. You are known to possess miraculous powers and to be ever ready to speak for those in trouble. Loving and gentle St. Anthony, reach down from heaven I implore you and assist me in my hour of need. Obtain for me (mention request here). Dearest St. Anthony, reach down from heaven and guide me with thy strength. Plead for me in my needs. And teach me to be humbly thankful as you were for all the bountiful blessings I am to receive. P.S & B.S..



The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

From The Sports Archives



2003-Cardinal McCarrick girls varsity softball team pictured top row (l-r) Manager Matt Brennan, Kate Kurzawa, Amy Aquino, Christina Torres, Lindsay Tone, Coach A. Middle row (l-r) Nikilee Fiorillo, Donna Wlodarczyk, Jessica Fiore, Mallory Kirchner, Jessica Wojcik. Bottom row (l-r) Tricia Lemmerman, Carissa Naddonley, Caitlin Solli.

Glory Days In Local Sports

1965-St. Mary’s baseball club jolted JFK, 4-1 behind winning pitcher John Burke. Freshman Tom Kelly had 2 hits including a 2-run single and stolen base...1976-Sayreville boys baseball team trounced South River 11-0. Tom Pedrick was the winning pitcher, and Mike McSpadden knocked in 2 runs...1982-A clutch suicide-squeeze bunt brought John Mulligan in with the winning run, as Hoffman nipped St. Pius, 4-3 in 8 innings. Soph John “Skeets” Skarzynski was the winning pitcher with a 4-hitter and 11 strikeouts...1998-St. Mary’s girls softball team opened the season with a 19-3 romp over East Brunswick Tech. Jackie Demeraski blasted a double and triple to drive in 5 runs, Jen Lynam had a single, triple and 3

RBI, winning pitcher Jillian Palomo struck out 7, and had 2 hits, good for 2 ribbies. Amy Hetzel added a single and triple to the cause...2005-South Amboy girls softball contingent hammered Highland Park, 18-0, to present Coach George Gundrum with his first victory as Head Coach. Nicole Scarillo blasted a 2-run homer, Sarah O’Connor had a perfect 3-for-3, Kayla Laratta stroked 2 hits, and Amanda Parsons was the winning pitcher...2010-Sayreville boys baseball squad pounded North Brunswick, 14-4 in 5 innings. Mike Monaghan had 3 hits including 2 home runs and 5 RBI, Dan Seaman laced 2 hits for 3 RBI, Blake Cuomo drove in 3 runs, and Eric Goita was the winning pitcher.

Top 1-2 Pitchers In The County

1973-The Sayreville Bombers under Coach Norbie Smith featured the top 1 and 2 pitchers in Middlesex County. Lefty Bill D’Amico went a perfect (7-0) with an ERA of 0.16, allowing only 1 run in 49 innings on the year. He also had 45 strikeouts. Junior righty Steve Makwinski was (5-1), with a 0.43 ERA and in 41 innings struck out 48.

Carney: A Huge Success In Baseball Too!

Reggie Carney, who notched over 500 career victories (one of the most ever in the state), and 5 consecutive Group I state basketball championships, while coaching the Hoffman HS girls team, was also a major success in the Hoffman baseball program. He guided the Purple and Gold squad from 1977-1983, and compiled an excellent (113-54-2) record. From 1978-82, Carney’s club notched 5 straight Central Valley Conference (CVC) championships.

50 Years Ago

1973-Don Ebinger of St. Mary’s became the school’s first 4-letter cross country runner in history.

25 Years Ago Opening Game

1998-Sayreville’s powerful Bombers destroyed Edison, 49-0. Yazid Jackson scored 3 TD’s. Quarterback Charlie Bowden fired a 22-yard scoring strike to Jason Farinick, while Brandon Hoyte broke loose for a 52-yard TD run, and Ira Gilmore raced 42 yards for another touchdown. Bowden finished with 2 TD passes, and 1 extra point pass to Hoyte, in addition to kicking 3 extra points.

20 Years Ago

2003-Sayreville boys soccer goalie Rob Galante broke the school record for most shutouts in a career, by registering his 18th in a 1-0 win over New Brunswick. It was his sixth shutout of the season as the Bombers improved to (9-1-1).

10 Years Ago

2013-Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary’s girls soccer club blasted South Amboy, 9-0 to sweep the City Series. The Lady Eagles were led by Nicole Rogan with 3 goals and 2 assists,; Madison McNally 3 goals and 2 assists; Megan Kosa 2 goals 2 assists; Tori Panick 1 goal 1 assist; Glenys Biholowski 1 assist.

10 Years Ago

2013-The South Amboy Guvs boys soccer squad pounded Cardinal McCarrick, 9-2. Jack O’Connor paced the Purple & Gold with 3 goals, while Justin Rios added a goal and 2 assists. Daniel Abriel scored both goals for the Eagles.

Game To Remember Guvs Beat Future Big League Pitcher

1982-The Hoffman Governors boys baseball team under Coach Reggie Carney won their 5th consecutive Central Valley Conference (CVC) title in an epic 12-inning victory over Monroe, 1-0. The Guvs had their work cut out for them, as they faced future big-league lefty Dave Meads, who pitched the entire game and struck out 19 batters, while allowing only 6 hits.

Hoffman’s Frank Wahler drilled a 12th inning single to drive in Joe Przybylski with the winning run, in this classic confrontation.

Can You Believe?

In 1952, the Hoffman Governors baseball team finished with a mediocre (7-7) record, but were named Group I champions because they beat all the Group I teams they played, yet lost all 7 Shore Conference games.

70 Years Ago

1953-Sayreville’s great all-around athlete Joe Rudy fired a brilliant no-hitter to lead the Bombers to a 7-0 victory over Jamesburg.

75 Years Ago

1948-Hoffman hammered Jamesburg, 11-4 on Opening Day of the high school baseball season. Jack Zawacki led the attack with 2 singles, a triple and 3 RBI. Miglin drilled 3 hits and drove in 2 runs, while Stan Kowaleski had 2 hits to support winning pitcher Walt Malinowski, who notched 3 strikeouts.

20 Years Ago

2003-Cardinal McCarrick senior Toni Ann Marini, who stands only 5 feet tall, was the first girl in the school’s history to play on the varsity football team.

15 Years Ago Football Opening Games

2008-Sayreville defeated East Brunswick, 28-7. Javon Hodges raced for 2 TD’s, while quarterback Mike McLafferty completed 5-for-6 passes, and ran for a 57-yard touchdown. Curtis Davison added a 22-yard TD run...Highland Park ripped Cardinal McCarrick, 34-18. Brenton Widgeon scored on 2 TD runs, and Taylor Clark fired a 67-yard TD strike to John Radich for the Eagles.

5 Years Ago

2018-Sayreville hammered Hillsborough, 42-7 in the CJ Group 5 quarter-finals state tourney action. Connor Holmes scored 3 touchdowns, 2 on pass receptions, and 1 rushing. He racked up 116 total yards on 7 receptions from quarterback Mark Whitford and 23 yards rushing. Savon Kirksey rushed 15 times for 82 yards and a TD. Whitford had a fine day connecting on 13-for-16 pass attempts, 172 yards, and 2 TD’s.

T.H.E. Game

Year-1998

Teams-St. Mary’s vs. South Amboy (Game 1 of the City Series)

Recap

Eagles’ pitcher Nick Sas was in command throughout the contest firing a 4-hitter and striking out 7 to notch the 5-2 victory for the Blue & Gold. Gary Kaylor orbited a 2-run homer over the left-center field fence.

Co-Players-of-the-Game-Nick Sas, Gary Kaylor.

Softball Flashback: 1976

The talented Sayreville girls softball team captured the Middlesex County Tournament championship by downing Middlesex, 8-5. Winning pitcher Karen DeSiena upped her outstanding season record to (15-1). Rhonda Rompola belted a 2-run double, and stole home, and Luanne Ferenci drove in a run with a sacrifice fly.



South Amboy Elks #784 Present Grant

(Photo/story submitted)

The South Amboy Elks #784 National Foundation Grant Committee presented a grant donation of \$3,000.00 to the YMCA of South Amboy, to support youth basketball clinics.

The check was presented to Executive Director Kyle Strohman, President and CEO, Rose Cushing and Director of Development, Elizabeth Bennett. The Y’s goal of advancing healthy living, youth development and social responsibility unites us in their efforts to support residents of South Amboy, Sayreville and the surrounding communities.

The funds will be used to support Youth Basketball clinics at the YMCA. The

YMCA has a long history of supporting youth sports and creating an environment where every child has the opportunity to participate, regardless of their skill level or socioeconomic status. The program would be a structured environment where children can learn the fundamentals of the sport, improve their skills, and develop teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship.

In the photo left to right: Director of Development, Elizabeth Bennette, South Amboy Elks Exalted Ruler Jeanine Sieber, S.A. Elks National Foundation grant coordinator, Val Tarr. Executive Director, Kyle Strohman, and Rose Cushing President and CEO.





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## Daniel P. Ust

Daniel P. Ust, 77, of Aberdeen died on Friday September 8, 2023 at Monmouth Medical Center, Lakewood. Born in South Amboy he was previously employed by E.I. DuPont, Parlin and was the proprietor of Danny's Market. A U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam Era, Danny was a proud race car owner winning the "1990 NASCAR WINSTON MODIFIED TOUR Champion Owner" title with the Danny's Market race car.

Son of the late Paul J., Sr. and Pauline "Pat" Bogurski Usthe is also predeceased by his sisters Barbara Ann Ust in 1944 and Elizabeth "Betty Jane" Semenza in 2018 and his sister-in-law Joanne Ust in 2021. He is survived by his son Daniel; his brothers Paul J. Ust, Jr. and his wife Paula of Sammamish, Washington and Al Ust of South Amboy; his nieces and nephews Paul, Andrew, Brant, Sarah, Alex, Jr., Lynn, Barbara, Jeff, Lisa and Anthony and many great-nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were under the direction of The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by a 10am Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church. Cremation will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN.

### 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.S..

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### PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail) Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it and it will be granted to you. Thank you. -M.M.

### 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.P

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### Prayer to St. Gerard

O good St Gerard, powerful intercessor before God and wonder worker of our day, confidently I call upon you and seek your aid. On Earth you always fulfilled God's designs, help me now to do the holy will of God. Implore the Master of Life, from whom all paternity proceeds, to render me fruitful in offspring, that I may raise up children to God in this life, and in the world to come, heirs to the Kingdom of His Glory. Amen.. S.P. & M.W.

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### Prayer to St. Jude

Saint Jude Thaddeus, patron saint of impossible causes, walk through my house and take away my worries and any illnesses. Please watch over and heal my family & friends, in the Name of Jesus. Amen. S.P., M.S., P.S..

### PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Holy Spirit, thou who art all knowing - Who brightens every path that I may reach my ideal - Thou givest me the divine gift of forgiving and forgetting wrongs done unto me and who in every instant of my life art with me. I'd like in this short dialogue to affirm my gratitude for all your blessings and reaffirm once again that I never want to part from thee though illusions of material things abound. My desire is to be with thee and all my loved ones in perpetual grace. Thank you for our mercy on me and mine. Persons should pray 3 consecutive days without revealing petition. Within 3 days grace will be obtained regardless of how difficult the petition may be. Publish this prayer once the petition has been attained. Thank you Holy Spirit. -S.S..





Obituaries

Bellina, Jack, 94, of South Amboy died on Sept. 11.

Brigandi, Joanne, 71, of Parlin died on Aug. 23.

Bryant, Jean A. Scully, 66, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 4.

Butler, Thomas, 71, of South Amboy died on Sept. 3.

Casanova, Jimmie, 47, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 23.

Foschini, Gerard J., 83, of Sayreville died on Sept. 17.

Gaul, Solveig, formerly of South Amboy, died on Aug. 9.

Golembeski, James R., 66, of Parlin died on Aug. 27.

Gulick, John, 73, formerly of Parlin died Sept. 2.

Kelly, Mildred, 97, of Parlin died on Sept. 12.

Klimek, Estelle J., 94, of South Amboy died on Aug. 31.

Ksiazak, Dolores, 76, of Sayreville died on Sept. 3.

Laffey, Edward A., 101, of Sayreville died on Aug. 19.

Lee, Doris A., 95, of Sayreville died on Sept. 17.

Lehman, Dorothy, 80, of Parlin died on Sept. 13.

Leppig, Carole A., 85, of Sayreville died on Sept. 21.

Martin, Madeline M., 85, of Parlin died on Aug. 28.

McGowan, Patricia A., 80, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 13.

Modzelewski, Mikolaj, 42, of South Amboy died on Aug. 24.

Mozdzen, Beatrice T., 80, of Sayreville died on Sept. 12.

Peterson, Anne Wahler, 71, of South Amboy died on Sept. 2.

Phillips, Joseph "Pinger," 82, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 1.

Pietraszka, Jane Szkodny, 80, of Sayreville died on Sept. 6.

Read, Christina L. Zamorski Read, 65, of South Amboy died on Sept. 18.

Seltzer, Eva, 49, of Sayreville died on Sept. 4.

Smigelsky, Jaquelyn J., 82, of Sayreville died on Aug. 29.

Stepp, Roberta Yanas, 85, formerly of Melrose died on Sept. 7.

Taylor, Virginia "Ginny," 59, of South Amboy died on Sept. 6.

Ust, Daniel P., 77, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 8.

Wu, Suquin, 79, of Sayreville died on Aug. 21.

Zyskowski, Stanley E., 96, of Sayreville died on Aug. 31.

In Memoriam

Stanley Zyskowski, 96, of Sayreville died on Aug. 31. He was a U.S. Navy veteran who served in World War II, and also in the Navy Fleet Reserves and Seabees for 35 years. Prior to his retirement, he was a Building Inspector for the Borough of Sayreville for 13 years. Thomas Butler, 71, of South Amboy died on Sept. 3. Before retiring in '16, he was employed by the Borough of Sayreville. Jean Scully Bryant, 66, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 4. She was always a happy and pleasant lady, a real Mechanicsville girl who will be missed. Jane Pietraszka, 80, of Sayreville died on Sept. 6. Prior to her retirement, she was employed as a legal secretary for Casper Boehm in Sayreville for 20 years, and then as a supervisor for

NJ Turnpike Authority for 19 years. Daniel "Danny" Ust, 77, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 8. He was the owner of Danny's Market, and a proud race car owner, winning the 1990 NASCAR Winston Modified Tour Champion-Owner title. Danny was always one of the good guys from South Amboy and will be missed. Beatrice Mozdzen, 80, of Sayreville died on Sept. 12. Through the years she worked for the Borough of Sayreville as a Paraprofessional and also a bus aide. Patricia "Pat" McGowan, 80, formerly of South Amboy died on Sept. 13. She was a wonderful lady, respected by all for her kindness. Pat worked at the South Amboy Trust Co., and later for St. Mary's Rectory. She will be missed but never forgotten.

Solveig Gaul

Solveig Gaul entered heaven on Wednesday, August 9, 2023. She was born in Bayonne, NJ to Sverre and Amanda Hamre who were then butler and cook for a wealthy family. When the depression hit, they returned to Kristiansand, Norway to raise Solveig. She was a young teenager during the occupation of Norway during WWII and had many stories to tell about her family experiences with the Norwegian resistance. At 19, she returned to the United States where she met an Irishman named Richard Gaul in Brooklyn. They were married for 47 years before Richard passed away. She raised 3 daughters in South Amboy, NJ as a stay-home mom.

She is survived by her daughter, Rose (Frank) Braddock and grandsons, Dan (Kim), Robert F. (Angela), Jason


and Dalton (Cheyanne) Skarzynski and Jesse Byrdic; great-grandchildren, Devin, Danielle, Lelan and Keira Skarzynski; and great-great-grandchildren, Athena and Matthew Skarzynski.

She is predeceased by her husband, Richard and daughters, Carol and Alice.

Funeral services were held at Nazareth Lutheran Church, 1800 Nazareth Road, Lexington, SC on August 30, 2023. A visitation took place at 10:00 AM followed by a memorial service at 11:00 AM. A private burial at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 403 Park Rd, Lexington, SC 29072, immediately followed the memorial service.

Memorials may be made to Nazareth Lutheran Church, 1800 Nazareth Road, Lexington, SC 29072.






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