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## Medical Center To Honor Locals

The Central Jersey Medical Center (CJMC) is set to host its highly anticipated charity gala on November 7, 2024, at the elegant Grand Marquis in Old Bridge, New Jersey. This distinguished event will celebrate outstanding individuals and raise crucial funds for the Women's Health Initiative.

The gala will honor four remarkable recipients for their exceptional contributions to the community. Dr. Wei Chu, the Clinical Director of the OB/GYN department at the CJMC, will be awarded the Healthcare Hero award for her exemplary dedication and service in the medical field. Lisett Lebron, Chief of Staff for the City of Perth Amboy, will receive the Woman of Leadership award, recognizing her impactful leadership and

advocacy. Additionally, Stanley and Susan Kusic, esteemed community leaders who tirelessly coordinate the St. Mary's Food Pantry in South Amboy, will be honored with the Service Award for their unwavering commitment to supporting those in need.

The proceeds from this prestigious event will benefit the Women's Health Initiative, a vital program that provides comprehensive services including 3D mammograms, OB/GYN care, primary care, behavioral health support, endocrinology, and internal medicine services to the underserved population in our community.

In conjunction with the Women's Health Initiative, the CJMC is thrilled to partner

with the Nicholas Hudanish Foundation. This collaboration aims to expand awareness about opioid addiction and enhance educational resources to schools in the region. The initiative is part of a broader effort to address the growing need for substance abuse education and support.

Tickets for the charity gala are available now, and the event promises an evening of celebration, inspiration, and community spirit with a scrumptious dinner, engaging speakers, delightful music, cocktails and dessert reception. Attendees will have the opportunity to support a cause that is making a significant difference in the lives of women and families in the region.

For more information about the gala or to purchase tickets, please contact Jennifer Pena at [jpena@cjmc.us](mailto:jpena@cjmc.us) or call 732-376-6628. Join us in honoring these outstanding individuals and supporting a cause that is crucial to our community's health and well-being.

The Central Jersey Medical Center delivers top-quality healthcare and enhances community well-being with a range of services, including OB/GYN, Behavioral Health, Endocrinology, Internal Medicine, other services and more. CJMC is dedicated to providing care to all patients, regardless of insurance or financial status, and has locations in Perth Amboy, Carteret, and Newark. (Photos/Article Submitted)

## Celebrate South Amboy!

Mayor Fred Henry and the City of South Amboy Town Council invite you to celebrate the city's cultural diversity, economic growth and community spirit at "South Amboy Day" Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 11-6 pm at Waterfront Park, South Amboy. (Rain Date Sunday, October 13)

The event will feature free admission to the many food vendors, entertainment, activities and games provided by local crafters, food trucks and civic organizations. In addition to the many offerings on South Amboy Day, visitors can enjoy Waterfront Parks Pavilion, views of sailboats on Raritan Bay and the Great Beds Lighthouse standing about 1 mile offshore.

Spend the afternoon watching the South Amboy Alumni Soccer Game, Gaelic Football, Zumba Dancing and Fitness demonstrations. Young and old will delight in the Clyde Riddlesbodd Theatre Company's interactive theatrical "Trunk Show" while the strolling Grand Falloons jugglers and stilt walkers entertain visitors. All are invited to take part in the Corn Hole Matches, climbing the Rock Wall or take a chance at the Gaming Truck.

We are proud to present the SA Arts Gallery in the Park which offers a chance to meet our exhibiting artists and crafters and cast a vote for the People's Choice Art Awards. Here is your chance to relax and create your own art piece at the SA Arts Gallery Craft Station & Workshops while listening to Acoustic Musicians.

At only 2.7 square miles and known as "the little city with a big heart" South Amboy has also earned the nickname "The Gateway to the Shore". First settled by the Lenape

Native Americans, the settlement became a key port for commerce between Lower New York Bay and Philadelphia, connected first by stagecoach and then by railroad. Formally incorporated in 1798, the city is currently served by several major roads and highways including U.S. Route 9, Route 35, and the Garden State Parkway as well as NJ Transit's North Jersey Coast Line. In 2023, New York Waterways began services between South Amboy and Manhattan.

Multiple parking areas will be available throughout the city with free bus transportation from these parking sites to and from the festival. Please check the New Jersey Transit train schedules for routes to and from the South Amboy Train Station for easy access to the city. Additional festival information will also be available on the City of South Amboy website [www.southamboynj.gov](http://www.southamboynj.gov).

Those interested in becoming a vendor at the festival are asked to contact Mr. Jay Elliot at [Elliotj@southamboynj.gov](mailto:Elliotj@southamboynj.gov) for information regarding vendor registration and additional vendor information related to the South Amboy Day festivities.

## FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL MASS

**When:** Saturday October 12th, 2024

**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 10/1/2024 or call for additional information.



South Amboy Fire Dept. captured 9 trophies at the NJ State Firemen's Convention Parade in Wildwood. Pictured (l-r) Asst. Chief Rafael Albarran, Chief Tim Gay, and Asst. Chief Michael Kelly. (Photo by Jamie Norek)

## South Amboy Firemen Excel At Wildwood Parade

By Jamie Norek

On Saturday September 14th members of the South Amboy Fire Dept participated in the annual New Jersey State Firemen's Convention parade in Wildwood. Chief Tim Gay, Assistant Chief Rafael Albarran and Michael Kelly lead the men and women of the Fire Department down New Jersey Ave. The following trophies were awarded.

**Chief Car 1 -2nd place Best appearing**

**Engine 6 Protection-1st place Best Appearing 16-24 years old**

**Engine 10 Mechanicsville-1st place Best appearing 1-5 years old**

**Engine 9- Progressive 2nd place Best appearing 1-5 old**

**Truck 8- Enterprise 1st place Best appearing ladder truck**

**Truck 11 Progressive- 1st place Best appearing Air and Light unit truck**

**Band-1st place- Bonsal Blues**

**Best Appearing Marching- 1st place**

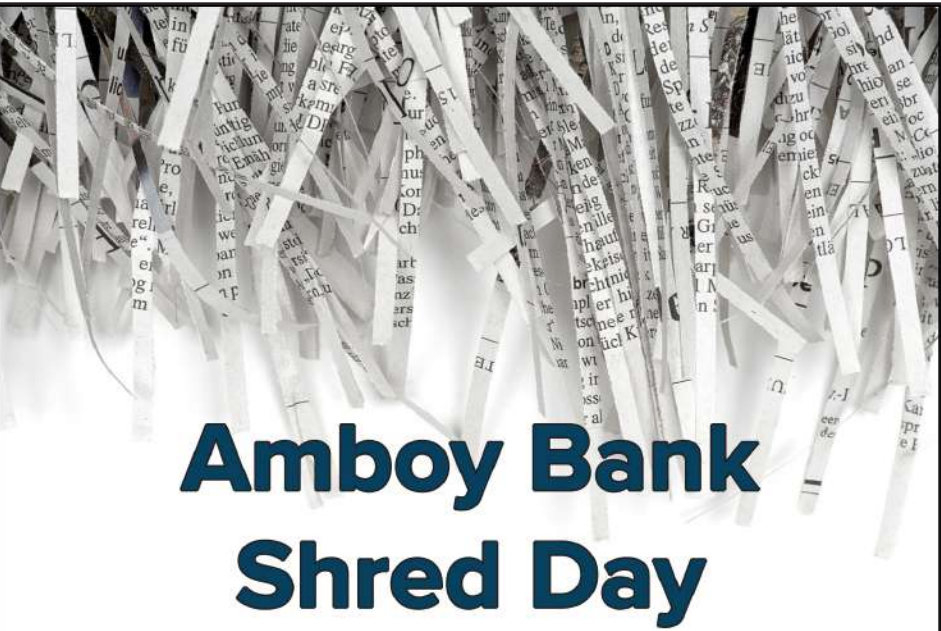
**Best Appearing Color Guard-1st place**

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Joe Campbell (L) and Ed O'Connor (R) present a \$500 check to Rocky Kusic (c) of the Saint Mary's Food Pantry. The donation represents the proceeds of a joint AOH/Sayreville K of C Council 2061 bus trip run by Campbell. (Photo/Info Submitted)

## Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

### Kurtz Retires From Church Position


Michael "Mike" Kurtz recently announced his retirement as Sacristan at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish after more than 23 years of dedicated service to the parishioners of St. Mary. He began the job at only 12 years old back in 2002, and was helpful to so many through the years. Thank you Mike, for your service, and God Bless you!

### Sayreville Woman On TV

Megan Aucone of Sayreville is on the Food Network's Halloween Baking Championship. Best of luck, Megan!

### On The Dean's List


Congratulations to Ashley Ament of Sayreville, who made the Dean's List for the Spring 2024 Semester at Hartwick College. She is a Business Administration major, and her minor is Economics.



## Save The Date

### Coach Bingo/Tricky Tray

St. Stan's HSA will hold their 11th Annual Coach Bingo/Tricky Tray on Friday Oct. 18th. Doors open at 5:30 pm, calling begins at 7 pm. Cost is \$30 p/p includes 12 games of Bingo, (3 boards per game), coffee, team, dessert. For tickets or more info text Christine at: 732-589-5442 or purchase directly from the Parish Office.



### 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 -M.G.

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## Pleasant Little TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard



- 1.South Amboy Fire Chief in 2008?  
a.Paul Mundy b.Larry Martin c.Larry McMahon
- 2.In 2000, he was selected Commander of Sayreville VFW Post 4699?  
a.James Phillips b.Donald Patterson c.Henry Rossi
- 3.Sacred Heart School Administrator in '07?  
a.Susan Keating b.Michael Poll c.Sister Anacita
- 4.This famous actor was at Bourbon Street in Sayreville in 2000, filming for a new movie?  
a.Robert Redford b.Jay Seinfeld c.John Stamos
- 5.In 1979, where was Casino Pizzeria & Subs located in South Amboy?  
a.South Broadway b.Bordentown Ave. c.North Stevens Ave.
- 6.In '97, where was The Fishery located in Sayreville?  
a.Rt. 9 South b.Bordentown Ave. c.Rt. 35 North in Morgan
- 7.South Amboy Business Administrator in '09?  
a.Stanley Marcinczyk b.Camille Tooker c.Frank Minnick
- 8.She was chosen Mrs. Sayreville in 1998?  
a.Karen Antonucci b.Marilyn Champani c.Mira Patel
- 9.In 2000, this seafood business was located on Broadway in South Amboy?  
a.Albern's b.Ernie & Annie's c.Seafood Plus...
- 10.In '98, this person was elected President of the Sayreville Board of Education?  
a.Al Cox Jr. b.Art Rittenhouse c.Kevin Ciak

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



FROM THE DESK OF  
TOM REILLY

Welcome everyone to autumn. Many cultures across the world celebrate various forms of harvest festivals at the beginning of the fall season. Anthropologists believe these celebrations, which transcend linguistic, cultural, and religious boundaries, began in ancient civilizations as a way to assess the summer harvest and to store away surplus food for the winter. Gradually, these important cultural assessments became celebrations of bountiful harvests, and a final revelry of the warm weather before winter set in. Whatever the reasons, from Oktoberfest in central Europe, to the Mooncake festivals of east Asia, to pumpkin patches and cranberry festivals right here at home, people love a good autumn party.

South Amboy, of course, is no different. Over a century ago, South Amboy held its own autumn festival known as “Harvest Home Festival,” sometimes also called “Salt Water Day.” These events, which likely were based on old English church fetes, brought people together with wagon rides, music, and plenty of food and drinks. This October we will be bringing back that tradition with our very own South Amboy Day. The event will be held on Saturday, October 12 at the Raritan Bay Waterfront park from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. In addition to food, rides, and games, the day also will feature a Gaelic football game, a South Amboy High School alumni soccer game, and performances by musical acts Collegium Musicum and The Grand Falloons.

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 Saturday, October 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Waterfront



Park. By volunteering for this event, you will help to keep our shoreline beautiful, refresh our local beach after a long summer of action, and might even meet some new friends along the way. To register or for more information please visit <https://cleanoceanaction.org/beach-sweeps>

The South Amboy Youth Athletic Association’s (SAYAA) indoor soccer program will begin this October, followed by the basketball program in January. Both programs are conducted at the South Amboy Elementary School gymnasium located at the school’s back entrance on John Street. Parents can sign up their children on the SAYAA’s website, or can request further information by sending an email to [soamboyyouthathletics@gmail.com](mailto:soamboyyouthathletics@gmail.com). Many thanks to all of our volunteers who make these programs possible!

The city-wide yard sale will be held on October 5 and October 6. Come on out and take a look – you never know what you will find.

Finally, the YMCA will host a pickle ball tournament on Sunday, September 29 with games starting at 9:00 a.m. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place. Happy Halloween to all who celebrate, and best wishes to all for a great autumn season!

Respectfully  
Tom Reilly  
2nd Ward Councilman  
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Pictured in no set order are Clarke Harris of the Camp Dill Foundation, Jennifer Fletcher and John Stier of Amboy Bank as well as John Lukie, Jim Brown and Kevin Manion of the Camp Dill Foundation. (Photo/caption submitted)

Amboy Bank Aids Camp Dill Foundation

(Article submitted)

On Tuesday July 9th, the Amboy Foundation presented the Camp Dill Foundation with a check for \$2,500 for their ongoing project to modernize their sanitary system and comfort station at their Camp. For almost 100 years Camp Dill has served the youth of southern Middlesex County.

Chartered in 1888 Amboy Bank presently serves Middlesex and Monmouth counties by offering a wide variety of financial services at their more than 20 branches. Amboy Bank has been voted Best Bank by the readers of the Home News Tribune for over 25 years. Established in 1996 the Amboy Foundation provides grants to community organizations

that support education, civic, health, and social services. For more information regarding Amboy Bank please contact Jennifer Fletcher at (732)591-8700 x 5836.

Founded in 1937, the Camp Dill Foundation operates an 11-acre Youth Camp that is used to advance camping and outdoor skills and has served as the primary camping venue for Scout Troop 91 of South Amboy since its inception. The Foundation strives to conserve, maintain, and protect the natural resources of that facility. The Camp Dill Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) charity. For more information on the Foundation please contact Brian Dowling at (732)261-8212.

Trinity's Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat

You're invited to attend our 4th Annual Halloween Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 27th from 1pm until 4:00pm. All the fun will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church, conveniently located at 815 Bordentown Avenue. 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 pet supplies to be donated to our local animal shelters.

Music & Dancing, Costumes, Coloring Contest, Games, Emergency Vehicles, Local Organizations, Small Business Vendors, CANDY, and much MORE!

We are looking for participants (businesses, organizations and individuals) to join us for this fun event. Our only requirement is that you provide candy! If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute we are gladly accepting candy and monetary donations.

Last year we had over 1,000 participants! Please help spread the word to your family, friends, and neighbors.

Thank you for your consideration. To register for a spooky spot or more information contact Steven at (732) 309-6616 or [TUMCSouthAmboy@gmail.com](mailto:TUMCSouthAmboy@gmail.com)

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**Yearbook-Hoffman 1974**  
By Tom Burkard

Hoffman High School's creative Class of '74 designed the cover of its yearbook to look like a crayon box. It was dedicated to popular teacher Frances Inman. A few other noteworthy teachers in 1974 included John Oleyar, Linda McCorkle, Michael Olszak, Patricia Coward, Patricia Van Dyk, Mary Ann Fortier, Robert Trent, and Nancy Smith. John "Jack" Hulsart was President of the Senior Class; Patti Flynn-Vice President; Mike Medvar-Treasurer; Carmel Paduano Secretary. Diane Abbatiello was President of the National Honor Society. The Student Council was composed of President-Lisa Papp; Vice President-Terry Wojciechowski; Treasurer-Mike Downs. Who could forget the weekly Pretzel Sale or the exciting Columbus Day Football Classic games, with the Hoffman girls trouncing St. Mary's 37-0, and the boys beating the Eagles 6-0? The following are some of Hoffman's '74 grads selected randomly: Patti Applegate, Mark Billich, Gloria Barna, Linda Bucelis, Albert Braun, Stella Bruno, Barbara Conroy, Laura DeMaio, Jill Dennis, Kathy Ferencz,

Maribeth Hackett, Linda Groholski, Lynn Hanaway, Axel Christopher Johnson, Diane Higgins, Nancy Kaboski, Richard Johnson, Robert Marciano, Bruce Mason, Sam Nemeth, Judith Paone, Robert Nicewicz, Sheila Polanski, James Powell, Mary Przybylski, Cheryl Schnacke, Allen Skrynka, Patricia Schmidt, Judith Sobush, Carmela Tarallo, Dawn Weaver, Michael Wurth, Terry Ziola. Around the holidays in December 1973, the seniors probably wished that they could save "Time In A Bottle" and take a "Photograph" to remember those truly wonderful days. Incidentally, both aforementioned songs were number 1 hits in late '73. The Governors sports teams were tough as always, and there was plenty of talent including the following senior athletes: Bob Stillwagon, John Szatkowski, Mike Downs, Henry Wortley, Jack Hulsart, Tom Diem, Ray Poulsen, Charlie Lange, Kenny Booker. The H.G. Hoffman High School Class of '74 was a really terrific group of people, who certainly have made their mark in society.



**Speaker Coughlin Presents  
"Bowl for Hunger"**  
Checks to Local Food Pantries  
More than \$168,000 raised will be distributed among 30 organizations through Middlesex County

Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin last week distributed checks totaling over \$168,000 to 30 food pantries in Middlesex County. The funding was donated during the Speaker's 15th Annual Bowl for Hunger event, which was held in early July. Since launching in 2010, Bowl for Hunger fundraisers have raised nearly \$600,000 to combat food security.

"For the past fifteen years, the Bowl for Hunger event has been a testament to the power of community and collaboration in the fight against food insecurity," said Speaker Coughlin (D-Middlesex). "It truly showcases what we can achieve when we come together with a shared purpose. I thank the thousands of individuals and organizations who have helped us in our quest to eradicate food insecurity within our state."

"At a time when access to affordable healthy food is so limited, I'm heartened by the community's generosity in donating to our local food pantries," Senator Joe Vitale (D-Middlesex) said. "These donations go a long way in helping combat food insecurity. No one should have to go to bed hungry and I applaud the Speaker for his passion and leadership."

"We know that in New Jersey far too many families still face hunger and challenges in accessing nutritious meals,"

said Assemblywoman Lopez (D-Middlesex). "And to address these challenges, there is no greater advocate than Speaker Coughlin, whose annual Bowl for Hunger plays a critical role in drawing attention to the issue and in collecting donations to support food pantries and community centers across the State. I am honored to continue supporting this amazing event and the difference it makes in the lives of those who need it the most."

Speaker Coughlin was joined at the check distribution event by Woodbridge Mayor John E. McCormac, and leaders from local food pantries.

Under Speaker Coughlin's leadership, Assembly Democrats continue to prioritize the fight against hunger and food insecurity. The state government has increased investment in successful programs and fostered innovation and collaboration among food banks, nonprofits, and agencies. Learn more about these efforts here.

Organizations in Carteret, Perth Amboy, Sayreville, South Amboy and Woodbridge will receive funds to continue their vital efforts to feed the hungry and provide crucial services to the community. A list of food pantries in the Middlesex County area can be found at <https://www.bowlforhunger.com/food-pantry-directory>.

**Thank You**

On behalf of the Luke A. Lovely American Legion Post #62, I would like to thank the Munckee Bar and its manager Jay for allowing us to have a fundraiser there. It was a HUGE success! Also, I want to thank everyone that came out to the event to support our cause. This is what makes South Amboy great! Big shout outs to Mary and Joyce for working the door and Kenny and Amy for selling the 50/50s! Look forward to seeing everyone again in the future.

Thank you,  
Joseph Szaro, Commander – Post #62



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**The Smoke Column**  
By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA., MS.  
The Future of the Fire Services-Part 1

What is in the future for the fire services in our country? What changes await us in the future? As of this writing, our future is in the hands of the National Institute of Safety and Health (NIOSH). Over the last few years, NIOSH has been considering making changes to the fire services across the entire country, both to volunteer and career fire departments. These changes are not necessarily to the strategy and tactics we use to suppress fires but to provide recommendations and to pass mandatory laws to make the job safer for everyone.

For many years, firefighters have been stressing the importance of an annual physical but have been denied by most municipalities because of the price. Sure, it is a great idea to have an annual physical but what could be the consequences? The average age of firefighters in New Jersey is in their mid-fifties. Could a firefighter at or over that age be capable of fighting fires as they were when they were in their twenties? Of course they couldn't. Just our changing lifestyles could make it more demanding on our bodies to sustain the strength necessary at a fire scene. The problem within the municipalities is providing the funding for these annual physicals. The usual for each physical is between \$500 and \$1500. With a fire department having one hundred members, this would run between \$50,000 and \$150,000! How would it be determined when a firefighter needs that physical? Is there a minimum number of fire calls that must be responded to or does every active firefighter get the physical? What is the difference if he answers ten fire calls or five hundred fire calls each year? What happens to the volunteers

if they cannot pass the physical, are they thrown out and not allowed to respond? Unfortunately, these responders may be the only firefighters available during the day to answer fire calls. There are fire calls where we need every available firefighter to respond to.

The career fire departments will not be in any better situation with the annual physical requirement and it may hurt their department as much or more than the volunteer department. How do you respond to a career firefighter who has been on the job 20-30 years that he just failed the annual physical? Is he forced to retire, take a leave of absence, or given time to rectify his situation? Is he being paid during that time? These senior firefighters are the officers and firefighters with the most knowledge of fighting fires. Can we afford to lose them because they may not be at the same physical level as when they were hired?

NIOSH is also looking into the maximum age limit of firefighters as to who may be permitted to drive the apparatus and who could only ride the apparatus. They are looking to maximize the age limit of 65 to drive or ride in the apparatus. How many firefighters at the age of 65+ can still perform their duties in the fire service? There are still many of these responders across the nation, but why should the fire services allow NIOSH to make the age decision? Looking across the country, there are many small communities who may only have these senior firefighters to respond to during the day (locally also).

Additional information will follow in part 2.

**Fish and Chicken Fry**

The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having a Fish and Chicken Fry on Friday, October 25, 2024 from 5pm-6:30PM. Tickets are \$17.00 in advance and there are limited tickets available at the door. Chicken is available by advance order only.

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# Happiest Anniversary

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(Submitted by John Phillips)



On September 1st two South Amboy and SMHS Alumni (John 1958, Iris 1959) celebrated their 62nd Wedding Anniversary. Sixty-two years of love and happiness. Yes, there were a few ups and downs along the way, but we always faced them together. Our family: 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. We are retired and live in an over 55 senior community, Sea Oaks in Little Egg Harbor NJ. Right on the 6th fairway of the LBI National Golf Resort. Golf. I can't play anymore. Iris usually plays 2 times a week with the ladies. And they often get together after the round for "refreshments."

**\*Happy Anniversary John and Iris from The SA Times Staff!**



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Please drop off your coats and clothing on Saturday, October 19, from 3:30 – 5PM and Sunday, October 20, from 6:30 AM – 1PM. Place your bagged donation in the plastic bins in front of Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, 529 Washington Avenue, South Amboy.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

## Last Call for SWMHS 1969ERS

The Class of 1969 will celebrate their 55th Class Reunion on Monday October 7, 2024 at the Molly Pitcher, 88 Riverside Avenue, Red Bank NJ. The party goes from 6pm to 11pm, and we have a wonderful evening planned for our beloved classmates. We won't disappoint. The deadline to register is Sep 24, so there's plenty of time to still go. Complete info at [sayrevillewarmemorial1969.com](http://sayrevillewarmemorial1969.com), or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SWMHS69ers/>, or 908-510-2881.



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RIP Mike



Michael “Pops” Kelly, 66, one of the top drummers of all-time to come out of South Amboy, passed away on August 29th. He was an outstanding musician, and more importantly a wonderful guy, loved and respected by all. Mike played all over the world with The Rory Kelly Band, and had an amazing career in the world of music. God Bless Mike!

Bon Jovi Saves Woman’s Life

By Tom Burkard

Rock superstar Jon Bon Jovi, who grew up in Sayreville, recently saved a woman’s life in Nashville, Tennessee. Jon, who was working on a music video for his song, “People’s House,” on the John Seigenthaler Pedestrian Bridge, was walking with a colleague, when they spotted the woman, apparently in distress, who was standing on the ledge of the bridge, threatening to jump. She had her back against the safety railing when Jon and his production assistant went to her aid. On the Nashville Police video, it appeared they both spoke briefly to the woman in distress, and helped her over the railing and back on to the pedestrian walkway. She then hugged Jon, and a life was saved by their heroic effort.



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1963-Blue Velvet-Bobby Vinton

#1 Country Hits  
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2022-You Proof-Morgan Wallen  
2015-Strip It Down-Luke Bryan  
2007-Take Me There-Rascal Flatts  
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1986-In Love-Ronnie Milsap  
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1999-Blue (Da Ba Dee)-Eiffel 65;  
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Sayreville’s own Richie Santa, who is one of the top Elvis Tribute Artists (ETA) in the United States is pictured at a recent performance at the Old Bridge Library. In addition, he thrilled the concert crowd with his great singing at the PNC Bank Center in Holmdel on September 17th. (Photo/info by Tom Burkard)

Calling All SWMHS  
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(Article submitted)

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Women With Purpose In South Amboy  
By Jordan Drevelus

Charity is a principle that guides many of our local organizations such as the Knights of Columbus, the Elks, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The gift of oneself for a greater cause has guided such organizations and led them into their place as pillars of the community! It is important to note that, apart from the Elks who in the last couple of years made a change, these organizations are exclusively for men. This reality has led to female arms of such organizations to spring up such as the Ladies AOH and the Columbiettes. Amidst these well known groups is one small yet impactful group of local women who have titled themselves Women with Purpose. Operating out of Christ Episcopal Church in South Amboy, the Women with Purpose engage in numerous charitable activities. Founded in 2015, the group formed to support and grow their parish as well as to support the local community through charitable works. Its president is Donna Huggins, and its secretary is Gail Carty. While their fundraisers do benefit historic Christ Church, the funds are also used for various community projects with a special emphasis given to education and helping the poor and needy. To this end, just to give an idea of some things the organization participates in,

it runs a scholarship fund which has given thousands of dollars to college applications in both South Amboy and Sayreville, holds backpack school supply drives, holds a prom dress drive, holds educational talks at the church for students and families, runs food drives which provide three meals for a whole week around the holidays, visits local nursing homes with gifts and sings carols during the holidays, and buys Christmas gifts for needy families. Going above and beyond in their endeavors, the Women with Purpose ask what families would like to eat and what gifts the children would like to receive spending over \$10,000 over the past few years to do so. To finance such a mission, the group seeks private donors, runs a number of fundraisers, and members personally donate what has not been obtained through other means. When asked how the community could help, President Huggins said that the local community could patronize their upcoming fundraisers, donate, and/or volunteer to help. The group holds a tea party around Mother’s Day and a Caribbean night which help to finance the charitable works of the group. While small, the Women with Purpose are a mighty force for good in our local community.

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Altar-Society Anniversary Celebration  
(Article submitted)

On Sunday, Oct. 13th, the Sacred Heart Altar-Rosary Society will be celebrating our 130th Anniversary. We have been serving the needs of our church community continuously for 130 years. The Most Reverend James F. Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen, will celebrate the 12 noon Mass at Sacred Heart Church on that day. A formal luncheon will follow in Memorial Hall with appetizers, a hot buffet, dessert, and beverages. There will be wine on each table. We will be serenaded by “The Cellar Dwellers.” A journal will highlight our contributions and recognize families who, over the years, played a major role in our success. There are current members in this society who are descendants of the original founding

members from the 1890’s. Tickets for the luncheon are \$32 each and there is a special pricing for children. For further info, contact Lorraine at 732-721-6843.

**Knights Of Columbus Food Drive**

South Amboy Knights of Columbus #425 will be holding a Drive-Thru Food Drive on October 26th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Council’s parking lot located at 308 Fourth St. & North Stevens Ave. Please donate non-perishable food only. The food is being collected for St. Mary Church Food Bank.

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Bead making class held at the South Amboy senior center. (Photo Submitted)

Tricky Tray

Sacred Heart Church will be holding their annual tricky tray on Friday, October 25, 2024. Location is Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, 531 Washington Avenue, South Amboy, NJ (across the street from the church). Doors open at 6pm and the first ticket is drawn at 7:30pm. Cost is \$20 pp, which includes admission, coffee, tea, dessert and 1 sheet of small prize tickets with additional prize tickets being sold separately at the event. (CASH ONLY!) OR, purchase a PRE-SALE

bundle package at \$65 (not available at event) which includes admission, 2 sheets of small, 1 sheet each of medium and large prize tickets, and 1 grand prize ticket... a \$25 savings! Bring your own food and refreshments to enjoy! Must be 18 years or older - NO MINORS/ NO EXCEPTIONS! Reservations required, no walk-ins! Any questions or to reserve seating, please call the parish office at 732-721-0040 or email sreadski@aol.com. Order forms are also available at the parish offices.

Dowdell Library News

No tricks, just treats, programs, contests, and more happening all month long at Dowdell Library!

"After Lunch" by Seward Johnson - caught sleeping on the job! Drop in to the Dowdell Library to visit this special sculpture on loan from the Seward Johnson Atelier. In the meantime, he will be catching some ZZZZs. This exhibition was made possible by the Dowdell Library Foundation.

All patrons are cordially invited to enter the What's My Name? Contest to determine the best name for our friendly sleeping man as depicted in the "After Lunch" sculpture. Participants can enter by email (comments@dowdell.org) or in person. Submit entries before October 31st! The winner will be eligible for a ticket to the Grounds for Sculpture!

Parents with Toddlers and Kids! Join Ms. Maryanne for Toddler/Kids Thursday Play Dates on Thursdays in October from 1:00 to 2:30 pm for fun stories, games, activities, and crafts. Also, be sure to come to the library for a Halloween Craft on Saturday, October 26 at 1:00 pm.

Kids! Stop by for weekly fun at the After School Fun Club on Wednesdays in October from 3:15 to 4:30 pm including 3D Pens and a Darts & Cornhole Contest. Also, don't miss out on a Kids Sculpture Workshop on Wednesday, October 9 from 3:15 to 4:30 for kids ages 5-13.

Teens! Join Ms. Grace for Teen Drop in Video Games on Friday, October 4 and Tuesday, October 8 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Also, don't miss out on Teen Hangout: Urban Legends on Friday, October 18 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Be sure to come to the library for a "Five Nights at Freddy's" Video Game event on Tuesday, October 22 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

Kids and Teens! Visit the library for a Halloween Parade and Costume Contest on Friday, October 25 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

Families! Drop in to the library on Friday, October 11 for a Hispanic Heritage Month Fiesta from 3:15 to 4:30 pm to enjoy some chips and salsa and make a fun craft.

Adults! Come create with us on Monday, October 21 from 10:30 to 11:30 am or on Thursday, October 24 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm for an Autumnal themed craft. There is limited seating for both dates and times!

The Senior Book Club will meet on Monday, October 28 from 10:30 to 11:30 am.

Dowdell Library, in collaboration with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and RWJ Barnabas Health, offers online virtual health programs. Please register by emailing communityed@rwjbh.org. Guided Imagery Relaxation Sessions are on the 2nd and 4th

Tuesdays in October at 1:00 pm. Additionally, Stretch it Thursdays occurs all October long at 1:00 pm.

The Knitting Circle will be meeting Mondays October 7, 21, and 28 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm and at 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Bring your supplies, tools, and let's get started!

Join us for Mah Jong Mondays and Card Game Wednesdays every week from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Bring your own or use our set!

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

Dowdell Library's hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, from 10am-8pm; Wednesday and Friday from 10am-5pm. Saturday from 12pm-4pm. Connect with us on social media.

Rosary Rally  
October 12

(Article submitted)

Sacred Heart Rosary Society is holding the annual Nationwide America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally on Saturday, Oct. 12th at noon in front of Sacred Heart Memorial Hall on Washington Ave., South Amboy. Please come and pray for our country.



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In The "Now"

By Robert W. Eginton

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And the future  
is on the way.  
But the "now"  
is all we have  
And it isn't here  
long to stay.  
So make every  
moment special  
Because it doesn't last.  
What was the "now"  
just a second ago,  
Has just become the past.

Aberdeen Day

(Photos By Tom Burkard)



Bobby Valli, brother of the world famous Frankie Valli entertained the crowd at Lavoti's in Matawan. Many years ago, he performed at the Blue Moon in South Amboy, and is also an excellent singer.

Ahmad Bradshaw a two-time New York Giants Super Bowl champion.



Stephane Matteau, who was celebrating the 30th Anniversary of his iconic playoff goal for the New York Rangers.



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## Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



**Salt Water**

Local shore fishing in Raritan Bay is still slow, only a few Bluefish are found here and there. The Perth Amboy pier at the marina is giving up some small snapper Bluefish and Spots. Some Smooth Dogfish (a.k.a.) Sand Sharks are there too. Fluke fishing in the bay and along the entire coastline is good with a few big ones around until the season closes on September 25th. I checked out the Barnegat Inlet early in the month to see if Sheephead were there, but all I could manage to see were a few real small Sea Bass. Surf fishing at Island Beach and LBI is mostly small Bluefish and Kingfish. I gave it a try mid-month at Spray Beach catching neither and only managed 2 short Fluke plus some missed bites. Party boats out fishing for Bluefish are doing very well. They are also doing a number on the Bonito with half of the catch and remainder being species of False Albacore and some Spanish Mackerel and Chub Mackerel. The remaining bottom fishing consists mostly of Ling and Porgies. There have been some Striped Bass and Weakfish in the back of Barnegat Bay.

**Fresh Water**

Low water levels and heat have slowed everything up. Locally Farrington Lake has had various panfish and some Pickerel being caught. Lake Hopatcong has Catfish and hybrid Stripers but heavy boat traffic makes this an evening or early morning deal. Fall Trout stocking begins early next month depending on water levels with most fish on the large size.

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## Gone Fishin'



**Great Catch!** Christopher Gundrum age 12, Grade 6 caught this gigantic largemouth bass at Helmetta Lake behind the old snuff factory on Sept 15th.. Christopher is the son of former South Amboy residents George and Kim Gundrum. (Photo/info submitted)

## Catch Any Fish Lately?

Let The SA Times and its readers share in your good day of fishing. Why not show it to everyone? Send a photo of you and your catch with a caption including your name and town, type of fish, when and where you caught it, the length and weight if you wish, or any other pertinent information. Please make sure it's a clear picture and we will be glad to publish it in The SA Times for FREE! Email your photo/caption to: [satimes@aol.com](mailto:satimes@aol.com).

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## Who is it?

By Brian and Phyllis Stratton



Do you recognize this duo? Send your answer to [satimes@aol.com](mailto:satimes@aol.com) by October 15 th.

### Who Is It?

Last month was the greats, Roger Grimsby and Bill Beutel. They teamed together for 16 years, starting in September of 1970 to do the news at ABC7NY.

Winners: Ed English, Anne & John Erbetta, Kevin Schnell, Kenneth Oleskin, Lila Krehl, Gary Feret, Steve Laskiewicz, Robert Graber, Joe Tortora, Ralph Jurkiewicz, Paul Kenny, Patti Tengelics, Edna Pilch, John & JoAnn French, Kathie Poland, Mark Moniello, John Gelsinon, John Wortley, Laure & Gary Loftus, Pete McIntyre, Bob Siebert, Jim & Debbie Sissick, Judy Scharff, Betty Leveille, Pat Scully, Walter Starzec Jr. \*Last month we missed Laurie & Gary Loftus and Gary Feret, sorry.



August Who is it?  
Roger Grimsby and  
Bill Beutel

## WWW.?



Does this look familiar to you? If you think you know what it is, send your answer to: [satimes@aol.com](mailto:satimes@aol.com) by October 15th. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

**WWW.? for last month was the South Amboy Community Center/YMCA..**

Winners: Ed English, Gary Feret, Steve Laskiewicz, Ruby Burke, Edna Pilch, John & JoAnn French, Lynn Loy, Kathie Poland, Mark Moniello, Paul Conlon, Don Zrebiec, Laure & Gary Loftus, Pete McIntyre, Barb Bockus, Lisa Grankowski, Jim & Debbie Sissick, Betty Leveille, Pat Scully, Walter Starzec Jr.

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# School Sports

(As of Sept. 19)  
By Tom Burkard

## Sayreville Bombers Football

Game 1

The Bombers under first year Head Coach Mark Poore, dropped a 14-13 heartbreaker to Colonia. Quarterback Nick Nunez fired a beautiful 40-yard touchdown pass to Keshava Sadowski, while Devin Krass rushed for a TD for Sayreville.

Game 2

A strong Linden team shut out the Bombers of Sayreville, 17-0. The limited offense was led by Nunez, who completed 5-11, good for 79 yards, including an 18-yard aerial to Sadowski. He also rushed 3 times for 22 yards. Shaun Jackson rushed for 106 yards on 11 carries, while Krass carried 6 times for 54 yards, and also caught a 15-yard pass from Nunez. Dariel Jerez carried 4 times and racked up 36 yards.

Game 3

The Bombers presented Head Coach Mark Poore with his first victory, as they trounced Edison, 40-21. Sayreville used a strong ground attack to defeat the Eagles, as Shaun Jackson rushed 17 times for 178 yards and 2 touchdowns. Devin Krass had 5 attempts for 88 yards a TD. Quarterback Nick Nunez unloaded a 78-yard TD pass to Joseph Curbelo. Daniel Jerez notched 51 yards on 6 rushing attempts. The defense was led by Bryce Bouchard who had 10 solo tackles, and Kishore Sadowski, with 4 solo tackles and 1 fumble recovery. Congrats Coach Poore and Bombers!

## Boys Soccer

South Amboy (3-1) Coach Tony Gonsalves  
No stats available.

Sayreville (2-4) Coach Nick Cifelli  
Team Leaders-Goals-Sallu Kabba 4,Lloyd Buck3; Assists Aiden Petras 3, Dan Johnson 2, Buck 2; Points-Buck 8, Kabba 8.

## Girls Soccer

Sayreville (2-3-1) Coach Jillian McGarry  
Team Leaders-Goals-Laila Stevenson 5; Assists-Isabelle Deoliveira 2; Points-Stevenson 11, Deoliveira 6.

South Amboy (0-0) Coach Kelsey Oliver  
Team leaders-Goals-Dina Bashir, Mia McCall, Eleny Leonor-Aleman, 1 apiece; Assists-None; Points-Bashir, McCall, Leonor-Aleman, 2 apiece.

## Field Hockey

Sayreville (3-3) Coach Mary Charmello  
After a quick (3-0) start where the Bombers outscored their opponents 20-0 they had really tough games, tying one and dropping their next 3 decisions

Team Leaders-Goals-Danielle Zapoticzny 9, Caroline Astarita 4; Assists-Sheridan Markowski 5; Points-Zapoticzny 18, Markowski 11, Astarita 9.



Karl Anthony Townes, who played at St. Joe's Metuchen in his high school days, and currently stars for the Minnesota Timberwolves NBA team, recently made a stop at South Amboy gym to watch the summer basketball league games. He is pictured with Noah Demasi, who is a 10th grader at South Amboy Middle/ High School. (Photo/info submitted)

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Prayer to St. Jude  
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# The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

## From The Sports Archives



1965-The talented Hoffman Governors boys baseball team is pictured top row (l-r) Coach John Zdanewicz, Curt Wood, Lou Grover, Frank Pauloski, Tony Pelican, Paul Kosovich, Harry Clayton, Harold Dennen, Joe Zailski. Kneeling (l-r) Bob Keegan, Leo Dohan, John Ewtushek, Mike Keller, Ed Szatkowski, Billy Clayton, Edwin Witkowski.

### Diamond Dust

**1976-South Amboy Little Fellas League First Aid 11 Lions 1-**Winning pitcher Bob Kelly fired a 2-hitter and struck out 11.

**Protection 21 Parkway Fabricators 12-**John Mulligan ripped 5 hits including a homer, John “Skeets” Skarzynski, Daryl Munck, and Ken Huryk had 3 hits apiece for the Firemen. Tom Lewis struck out 10 and had 4 hits for Fabs.

**Progressive 7 Protection 5-**Tom O’Leary drilled 3 hits.

**Daylight Bakery 15 English Chevron 2-**Chris Mierzwia and Tom O’Rourke pounded 5 hits apiece.

### Back In Those College Days

Bob Huryk (Hoffman HS ‘71) starred for the Seton Hall University track team in the 70’s after serving in the U.S. Army Green Berets. Bob ran in the 300 and 600.

### Saints Rip Cards

1998-St. Mary’s new football club won their first game on the field since 1932, as they blasted St. Peter’s Cardinals, 21-6. Troy Mellios broke loose for a 3-yd. touchdown run, the first for the school since they defeated South Amboy High, 7-2 on Thanksgiving Day ‘32. Rich Starega scored 2 touchdowns on beautiful runs of 28 yds., and 30 yds. Edwin Perez accounted for an extra point conversion on a pass from Anthony Pennello

### Pop Warner Football

1973-The South Amboy Sabres Midgets defeated South River Little Knights for the first time in history, 41-6. The offensive explosion was led by Ken Spiecker, Rich McNerney, Joe Huryk, and Joe Check. Spiecker fired 2 touchdown passes one a 44-yard bomb, and also an extra point pass to Joe Huryk. McNerney scored 2 TD’s on a 1-yard plunge, and a 22-yard jaunt, and also 2 extra points. Check scored on a 4-yard run for the Sabres.

### 75 Years Ago

1949-Hoffman’s baseball team won their final game of the season 5-4 over Freehold. The victory pushed them over the .500 mark, as they finished (7-6). Winning pitcher Stan Szumski fired a 5-hitter, while John “Skeets” Skarzynski and John Kovalski had 2 hits and an RBI apiece.

### Sayreville Golfers Top Eagles

1998-The Bombers golf squad of Sayreville easily handled the Blue & Gold of St. Mary’s, 218-286. Rusty Thomsen finished first with a fine 36, Dave Kuczynski 42, Pat Jensen 43, Keith Tomlinson 48, Paul Carbonaro 49. St. Mary’s scores were; Casey Woods 52, Kurt Gorman 54, Craig Kierst 57, Jay Peine 61, Chris Guillano 62.

## Glory Days In Local Sports

1967-Winning pitcher Fred Henry fired a 6-hitter to lead St. Mary’s to a 5-2 triumph over St. Patrick’s of Elizabeth. Tom Kelly belted 2 singles and a triple, while Ken Lyon blasted a triple...1973-Sayreville captured the Middlesex County Conference by downing JFK, 4-0, behind a brilliant 2-hit shutout by winning pitcher Walt Rodesko, who struck out 8, and also drilled an RBI single. Steve Makwinski unloaded a 2-run triple, and Bill D’Amico added an RBI single...1985-Hoffman boys baseball squad hammered Piscataway Tech, 19-0 on a beautiful 1-hitter, 9 strikeout shutout by Scott Gumprecht. Randy Stratton led the way with 3 hits, and the Guvs offensive machine was really in business, as Andy Moran ripped a single and double, Billy Moskal drove in 2 runs, Paul Kenny belted a 2-run double, Dave Gumprecht added 2 RBI, and Joe Samuelson hit a two-bagger...

1998-St. Mary’s girls soccer team eliminated South Amboy, 5-1 in the opening

### T.H.E. Game

**Sport-Boys Soccer Year-1981**

**Teams-St. Mary’s (2-0) vs. Hoffman (2-0) in City Series action.**

**Recap-**The Saints led 2-0 early in the third quarter, but Hoffman battled back and scored when Ron Brown headed in a goal on a corner kick by Glenn Vona, and then Joe Przybylski scored a penalty kick to tie it at 2-2 at the end of regulation play. With 4 ½ minutes in overtime, Mark Herdman sent a long ball across the goal mouth, and Frank Wahler scored a head on goal for the game winner–3-2 Hoffman. Jim Vellanti and John Newsholme scored a goal apiece for the Eagles.

**Players of the Game-**The entire Hoffman team for their outstanding play.

### 15 Years Ago

2009-The Sayreville Bombers football team won their season opener 29-26 over Brick Memorial. Quarterback Joe Geiger, in his varsity debut, fired 4 TD strikes including two 62-yarders to Delon Stephenson, and a 64-yard aerial to David Milewski. Alex Yanuzzelli ran for a 2-point conversion.

### 85 Years Ago

1939-St. Mary’s crushed St. Patrick’s 14-2 on Opening Day of the baseball season. Bill “Smokey” Ryan ripped a single and triple, Jack McNamara had a single and double, Mackiel added 3 hits. Joe Conroy was the winning pitcher, struck out 7 and also stroked 2 hits for the Eagles.

### Spelling Bee

By Al Gomolka Jr.  
SA Times Poet Laureate  
c.1997

Were you ever in  
a Spelling Bee?  
Remember that  
nervous feeling?  
Studying, memorizing,  
worrying  
And why do they call  
it a Spelling Bee?  
Why not a spelling bird  
or a spelling fly?  
I never took them seriously  
Why should I  
study so furiously?  
Nor did I ever wish to  
win one-why?  
This was like an  
extra credit thing  
One was never graded  
Or ever disciplined  
For blowing a word  
on a first round try  
I would always misspell  
at my first chance  
Even if I knew how to  
spell the correct  
When in reality,  
I’m a very great spellar?

round of the GMCT. Frosh, Jessica Furey notched the first 2 goals of her career to lead the way. Melissa Furey, Andrea Lio, and Jackie DuBois each had a goal for the Lady Eagles. Kim Peterson scored for the Lady Guvs...2008-South Amboy boys soccer club shutout Cardinal McCarrick, 7-0. Christian Geant blasted in 2 goals, and Dave Tucka had a goal and assist. Others contributing a goal apiece were Rusty Shamborovsky, Diego Cuello, Mike Ramirez, and Bryan Caprio...2016-Sayreville shocked number 1 ranked Old Bridge in football action, 37-17. Jayson DeMild fired 2 touchdown passes to Jahsim Floyd covering 28 and 13 yards. JaQuae Roberts rushed for 2 TD’s of 8 and 25 yards. Matthew Crowley unloaded a 30-yard field goal...2022-The Bombers of Sayreville captured a 14-6 victory over Edison in football play. Caiden Holmes connected on a 63-yard TD scoring strike to Devlin Mills. Holmes also hit paydirt on a 1-yard TD run. Aaron Losado booted 2 extra points.

### 10 Years Ago

2014-Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary girls soccer club broke a 10-game winless streak by nipping South Amboy, 1-0 to capture the Mayor’s Cup game. Nicole Rogan connected on the huge goal for the Blue & Gold. Goalkeeper Jackie Riley notched a standout 6-save shutout.

### Pro Baseball Report



Sayreville’s **Brandon Bielak** is pitching for the Oakland A’s Las Vegas team in AAA ball. He is currently (3-3) with a 6.08 ERA in 16 games, 13 as a starting pitcher. He has hurled 66.2 innings, struck out 49, and limited opponents to a .285 batting average.



Riley O’Brien, grandson of South Amboy legend Johnny O’Brien, is pitching for the St. Louis Cardinals MLB team. In 7 games all in relief, he has worked 6 innings, struck out 8, has a 12.00 ERA, and opponents have a .346 batting average when facing him.



### Where Is It?



The plane was located on South St. in Sayreville.  
**Winners:** Robert “Red” & Nancy Jankowski, Gary Feret.

### LETTERS

Hi,  
I forgot about this one.  
It is located on South Street in Sayreville.  
Gary Feret

Where is it -- just a guess - part of Al Gomolka’s collection in South Amboy that was shared on American Pickers?  
**Walter Starzec Jr**



**St. Stan's School**  
(Photos/Info Submitted)

The St. Stanislaus Kostka School family is happy to be together again! Students, teachers, parents and staff are all very eager and excited for another school year!



**Veronica A. "Ronnie" Manhattan Steiner**

Veronica A. "Ronnie" Manhattan Steiner, 77, of Morgan died on Sunday August 25, 2024 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy. Born in South Amboy she lived there all her life. Before retiring in 2018 she was employed by the Manalapan Englishtown School District for 55 years. A 1965 graduate of St. Mary's High School she was a parishioner and Extraordinary Minister at St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy and has been an active and dedicated member of the South Amboy First Aid since joining in 1981. She was also a member of the Our Lady of Victories Columbiettes. Ronnie was a representative of EMS Council of NJ District 14 for 17 years and served as an instructor for the American Red Cross. She received her Library Degree from Kean College and her Masters Degree

from Rutgers University. Daughter of the late James and Veronica Stefanski Manhattan she is survived by her husband of 40 years Lee Steiner; her sister and brother-in-law Mary Ann and Joe Halmi of Morgan; her nieces Susan Reistrom and her husband Erik and Cathy Smith and her wife Amy; her nephew Joe Halmi and his wife Rikki and several great-nieces and great-nephews. Funeral services were held on Thursday August 29, 2024 at 9:15am from The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by a 10am Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church. Interment was in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Parlin. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the South Amboy First Aid Squad.

**Kathleen Ann Jankowski Moskal**

Kathleen Ann Jankowski Moskal, 85, of South Amboy died on Thursday August 29, 2024 at home. Born in South Amboy she lived there all her life. She was employed by Revlon before working at Wachovia Bank, South Amboy and as a crossing guard for the City of South Amboy. A member of St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy she enjoyed playing Bingo and trips to Atlantic City. She loved nothing more than spending time with her family. Daughter of the late Stanley F., Sr. and Kathleen Ann Nagle Jankowski she is also predeceased by her husband Stanley Moskal, Jr. in 2002; her brothers Paul and William Jankowski; her sister MaryEllen Bialoblocki and her brother-in-law Casey Prysak. She is survived by her children Mary Chris Moskal, Timothy Moskal, William Moskal and his wife Kathleen and Jeffrey

Moskal and his wife Shannon; her siblings Stanley Jankowski, Jr. and his wife Ann, Peggy Prysak and Joanne Krzyzanowski and her husband Ted; her grandchildren Willie, Cheyenne, TJ, Jessica, Madison and Morgan; her brother-in-law Robert Bialoblocki; her sisters-in-law Sandi Jankowski and Janet Jansen; her cat Speedy and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on Wednesday September 4, 2024 at 9:45am from The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by a 10:30 am Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church. Interment was in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Parlin. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

**Alyson Marie Rittenhouse**

Alyson Marie Rittenhouse, 50, of Old Bridge died on Saturday August 24, 2024 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge. Born in South Amboy she was employed by the NJ Turnpike Authority. She enjoyed baking, dancing, painting, decorating, gardening and traveling, especially to Atlantic City. She enjoyed spending time with her family more than anything else. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Jaclyn and Jesse William; her grandson Sebastian William; her mother and stepfather Beverly and Jerry Magee; her father and stepmother Robert and Nancy



Rittenhouse; her sister and brother-in-law Cara and John Russo; her brother and sister-in-law Robert and Heidi Rittenhouse; her brother Stephen Rittenhouse and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation was held on Thursday August 29, 2024 from 3 to 7pm at The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy. Cremation was private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, the American Diabetes Foundation or the ASPCA.

**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 -M.L, L.F, C.E..

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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 heave 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. - B.S., P.S. S.S.

**Prayer to St. Therese**

St. Therese, the little Flower, please pick me a rose from the Heavenly Garden and send it to me with a message of love. Ask God to grant me the favor I thee implore and tell him I will love him each day more and more. -B.S...

**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. Say prayer every day for 9 days. By the 4th day ask for a sign, if prayer is to be answered between 4th and 9th day you will see a rose in a magazine, tv, picture or receive roses. Must promise publication. M.L...

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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.

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Obituaries

Attardi, Sylvester “Sy,” 94, of South Amboy died on Sept. 14.

Baczynski, Joseph F., 77, formerly of Sayreville died on Sept. 12.

Buffalino, Joan M., 91, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 7

Ciba, Krystyna, 85, of South Amboy died on July 23.

Cleaver, Joan M., 88, of South Amboy died on Sept. 8.

Delaney, Ellen, 81, of Parlin died on Sept. 5.

Dino, Joseph R., 81, of Sayreville died on July 27.

Flannery, William F. Jr., 73, of South Amboy died on Sept. 19.

Golembieski, Stanley V. “Bluey,” 92, of Sayreville died on Aug. 22.

Guio, Elaine, 89, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 22.

Hrankowski, John “Johnny,” 88, formerly of South Amboy/Sayreville died on March 12.

Kehoe, Kevin (Kaitlyn), 25, of South Amboy died on Sept. 5.

Kelly, Michael “Pops,” 66, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 29.

Lemerich, Joseph N., 64, of Sayreville died on July 18.

Lidzbarski, Rosalie “Rose,” 75, formerly of Sayreville died on July 17.

Mandel, Helen A., 93, formerly of Sayreville died on July 20.

Meyer, Patricia, 82, formerly of Sayreville died on Sept. 6.

Potter, Joyce, 95, of Parlin died on July 24.

Roberts, John “Jack,” 83, of South Amboy died on Sept. 10.

Scully, John R. “Jake,” 91, formerly of South Amboy died on April 1.

Skulski, Angela, 96, of Parlin died on July 23.

Weaver III, Joseph, 32, died on September 6.

Zsorey, Mark, 49, formerly of Sayreville died on Sept. 6.

Zurawski, Kevin P., 70, of Sayreville died on Aug. 24.

In Memoriam

John R. “Jake” Scully, 91, formerly of South Amboy died on April 1. He worked for PSE&G for 40 years and served in the Korean War with the U.S. Marines. Stanley “Bluey” Golembieski, 92, of Sayreville died on Aug. 22. He was a Sayreville Police Officer for 35 years, and Past Secretary for P.B.A. 98. He was also Scout Leader for Troop 90 for 25 years. In addition, he served

in the Korean War from 1951-55, and was a member of various organizations. Elaine Guio, 89, formerly of South Amboy died on Aug. 22. She was a very kind-hearted lady, and always had a good word for everyone, and will be sadly missed. Patricia Meyer, 82, formerly of Sayreville died on Sept. 6. She was a teacher with the Sayreville Board of Ed for over 30 years.

John “Jack” Roberts

John “Jack” Roberts, 83 who was a life-long resident of South Amboy, NJ passed away peacefully on September 10, 2024 at home surrounded by family.

Born on March 27, 1941 Jack graduated from Hoffman High School. Jack was a 40 year member of Laborers’ International Union of North America Local 77 and retired in 2007. Jack enjoyed spending his summers in Cape May, NJ and traveling to the Florida Keys. He also enjoyed fishing, gardening, craft beer, flea markets and was known for telling stories.

Jack is predeceased by his parents John and Florence Roberts and his sister



Geraldine “Sis” Morrissey.

Jack is survived by his loving wife of 56 years Louise Burkard Roberts, his son JD Roberts and wife Leigh Ann of Sayreville, his brother Ed “Ham” Roberts of Kissimmee, FL and many other close family members and friends.

Friends paid their respects to the family at the Kurzawa Funeral Home, 338 Main Street, South Amboy, NJ 08879 on Friday, September 13, 2024. A 10am service was held at the funeral home followed by a burial at Christ Church Cemetery, Sayreville, NJ on Saturday, September 14, 2024.

Sylvester C. Attardi

Sylvester C. Attardi, 94, of South Amboy died on Saturday September 14, 2024 at home surrounded by loved ones. He was born in Jersey City, the youngest of seven children of immigrant parents. He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He went on to work many years as a proud union teamster with Local 641. He met the love of his life Patricia McAnerney, they married, had four children and moved from Jersey City to South Amboy in the 60’s. He loved South Amboy and served as a Committeeman for over 50 years as well as a 1st Ward Councilman. He also served as a commissioner for the South Amboy Housing Authority for over 30 years and cherished his time working with his dear friend Robert Noble Sr. He was a faithful member of St. Mary’s R.C. Church, South Amboy where he formerly served as an usher.

Son of the late Vito and Nancy Maiorana Attardi he is also predeceased by his wife of 57 years Patricia McAnerney Attardi in 2014. He is survived by his



children James Attardi and his wife Peggy Ann, Michael Attardi, Patricia Kanecke and her husband Jack, and John Attardi and his wife Samantha; his grandchildren Daniel Attardi and his wife Leah, Brian Attardi, Shaun Kanecke and his husband Nicholas, Ryan Kanecke, Allison and Lauren Attardi; his great-granddaughter Fiona Attardi and countless friends and family.

He was a loyal, devoted and true friend to many and will be fondly remembered by so many. He was passionate about all sports but was steadfastly loyal to and a long suffering fan of his NY Jets. He loved being on the golf course and visiting the 19th hole with all his many friends. His impact on people runs deep and he will be missed beyond words.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday September 18, 2024 at 6:30pm at The Gundrum Service “Home For Funerals” 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

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**Sayreville Day**  
(Photos By Tom Burkard)



Sayreville Recreation Director Brian VanDongen addresses the large crowd at Sayreville Day. Congratulations to Brian, his workers, and everyone who made the annual event a huge success!



Democratic Party Chairman Bill Henry (r) is pictured with Council candidates Vince Conti (l) and Mary Novak (c).



Sayreville GOP greeted U.S. Senate candidate Curtis Bashaw. In photo (l-r) Christina Sitaca, Curtis Bashaw, Republican Party Chairwoman Karen Bailey-Bebert, Councilman Stan “Stash” Synarski, and Councilman John Zebrowski.



Great singing and entertainment was provided by many performers during the day.



Candidates for the Sayreville Board of Education pictured (l-r) Katya Hernandez, Carrie Chudkowski, Leidy Maldonado.



Sayreville Public Library Director Leah Kloc (c) is pictured with her outstanding assistants.



Sayreville Patrolman Rich Klein while on patrol. It seems like yesterday when Rich was a standout athlete at South Amboy High School.



Sayreville's own Patsy Palma brought his amazing singing talents once again, to the center stage at Sayreville Day.

**Blast From The Past Car Show**  
(Photos By Tom Burkard)



Recreation Director Brian Van Dongen (l) says thank you to DJ Richie “Flash” Hart for the \$1,550 check he donated to the Sayreville BIC. Great job, Richie!



Clem And Friends turned in fantastic shows at both the Blast From The Past Car Show and Sayreville Day at Kennedy Park in Sayreville. Pictured (l-r) Craig Hoek, Fran Fee, Dave Lippencott, Matt Esposito, Clem Skarzynski.





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## **WARD 1 CANDIDATE** **LARRY LENAHAN**

- ✓ Larry is dedicated to protecting South Amboy's small town charm.
- ✓ He's ready to get things done for all Ward 1 residents.
- ✓ Working with the NJ Turnpike Authority for over 30 years, Larry is a proud union member.



## **WARD 2 COUNCILMAN** **THOMAS REILLY**

- ✓ As a resident of South Amboy for six decades, Thomas is committed to keeping South Amboy a great place to live and raise a family.
- ✓ He's focused on prioritizing the health and well-being of the city and its citizens through his work on the City Council.



## **WARD 3 COUNCILWOMAN** **ZUSETTE DATO**

- ✓ A lifelong public servant, Zusette cares deeply about the residents of South Amboy and is focused on serving her community.
- ✓ Having served on numerous local boards since first moving to the city in 2002, Zusette has been an active member of the South Amboy community for over two decades.



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### ABOUT SYNARSKI

Stash, a third-generation resident, is finishing his first term on the Borough Council. A proud graduate of St. Stan's School, and then working nearly 40 years as a maintenance superintendent at the Middlesex County Utilities Authority, Stash is committed to Sayreville.



- Member, Middlesex County Advisory Board
- Vocational Schools
- Volunteer, Sayreville Brain Injured Children (BIC)
- Member of the Elks, Knights of Columbus and Moose Lodge
- Stash, and his wife of 34 years, have two grown children




### ABOUT SITACA

Christina, a mother of five and grandmother of seven, is eager to give back to Sayreville. She has spent her entire career as an elementary school educator, focusing on reading.



- Earned two undergraduate college degrees, while raising her children
- While studying for a first graduate degree in reading, she went to Boston University to debate the Constitution – the only elementary school teacher selected for this program
- Earned a second Master's in Supervisory and Administration, while also taking courses in math, science and social studies
- A supporter for organized labor, Christina studied teacher's contracts and assisted with grievances

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