

## **South Amboy Police Memorial Service**



On May 13th to commemorate National Police Memorial Week, South Amboy Police Dept. in conjunction with South Amboy PBA #63 held their annual memorial service in front of City Hall. Pipe Master John McCarthy, (retired NYPD) played " Going Home" as the officers marched in, and Sgt. Brian Noble called attention to ranks. The gathered guests were welcomed by master of ceremony Sgt. Christopher Norek. The benediction was given by Fr. Stanley Gromadzki. Det. Tim Kales and Mayor Fred Henry addressed the guests. "God Bless America" and the "Lord's Prayer" was sung by Francis I Norek Jr. The memorial roll call of deceased members was read off by Sgt. Kurt Miller, and the national police memorial flag was raised by Sgt. Dennis McQuade and Ptl. Alex Miranda as "Amazing Grace" was piped. The Policeman's Prayer was read by Lt. Patrica Kanecke. The memorial wreath was placed in front of the Police Officer monument by the family of the late Ptl. Robert Smith who passed away in 2021. The detail was dismissed and refreshments were served at the AOH. (Photo/ Story by Jamie Norek) See more photos on page 17.

## Sayreville GOP BBQ-June 9

from 277 Johnson Lane, Parlin (previously

On Sunday, June 9th, the GOP Committee neighbors. There will be food, drinks, games, will be hosting the Backyard BBQ across and the band FOGlight will be playing this year. These Sayreville raised musicians are a Buddies Tavern) from 2 pm to 6 pm. Please big hit - so stop by for a fun afternoon. There stop by to meet the candidates and your is no charge - other than a smile!!

## St. Stan's Alumni Night June 21

St. Stan's will be holding their alumni carnival. Check in at the administrative tent night on June 21st from 6-11 p.m. during their for further information.

## Leveille Honored



## Remembering Steve Schmid By Tom Burkard

If you were ever involved with the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 or any Senior Citizens groups/organizations in South Amboy or Sayreville, chances are you knew Steve Schmid, who was a very active member in all of them, along with his loving wife Cheryl. Steve passed away unexpectedly in the early morning of May 6th.

He was born in Glen Ridge, NJ and grew up in Montclair. He graduated from Trinity-Pawley School in New York, went on to Tusculum College in Tennessee, where he received a B.A. in History.

Following college, he went to a broadcasting school in New York, and then became a weekend DJ for a radio station in Lake Hopatcong, NJ., where his on the air moniker was "Stevie Star." Schmid later worked at The News Tribune, where he met and eventually married the love of his life, Cheryl. They moved to South Amboy, where he was most proud to become a Knight of Columbus, and he was a most dedicated member, serving the organization faithfully for over 30 years. As a member of the Knights, I was fortunate to meet Steve, and he became a wonderful friend, employee, and fellow sports and music fanatic. When it came to sports, no one came close to having Steve's knowledge/ability to answer just about any trivia question. He was also excellent in the field of music trivia, and once again, had a huge wealth of knowledge in this genre. Steve and Cheryl loved to travel, and they were all over the world and back again. He was perhaps the biggest New York Yankees fan I've ever known, and he also liked the Mets, football, hockey and every sport you can think of.

Back around '97, I had a live sports-talk radio show called "The Winning Team Sports Talk Show," and selected Steve and Jerry "radio-perfect" voices. People would call for the Knights of Columbus. in, and it was a lot of fun, despite having a

**Steve Schmid** 

limited on-air run.

We went to several great concerts through the years, baseball games, etc., and Steve was my Assistant back in 1999, the first time I met and interviewed the great Jack McKeon, when his Cincinnati Reds team was in town at Shea Stadium to play the Mets. Schmid was always a very active man and busy with so many things throughout his life.

He was an excellent contributing writer for The SA Times, submitting timely articles on the weather, such as snowstorms, hurricanes, floods, etc., and also wrote transportation stories dealing with trains, planes, ships and more. He was our unofficial Weather/Transportation editor, and added another great dimension to the newspaper. Steve was also an advertising sales representative for The SA Times, and about 6 months ago, he bought a new cell phone, took a lot of photos, and really enjoyed submitting them for publication. In addition, Smith as my co-hosts because of their fine he had retired as an Insurance Field Agent

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At the May 15th South Amboy City Council meeting Elizabeth "Betty" Leveille was honored for 50 years of service on the South Amboy First Aid and Safety Squad. Betty joined "SAFA" in 1974 following in the footsteps of her father and becoming the first female member. In her years as a member Betty has answered thousands of emergency calls, delivered a few babies and held many positions and offices through the years, including rising through the line officer ranks of Lieutenant, and serving as Captain for several years. Betty was often seen cleaning the building, planting flowers by the SAFA monument or doing laundry. Betty opened the door for other females to join and has been a mentor, guidance counselor, inspiration and a friend to hundreds of current and past members. Pictured (l-r) Mayor Fred Henry, Betty Leveille, SAFA member James "Doc" Ryan, and South Amboy Business Administrator David Kales. (Photo/info submitted) See more photos on page 19.

Sayreville Police Officers stand at attention during the Memorial Service. (Photo courtesy of Lt. James Novak) See more photos on page 17.





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### Talk Of The Towns By Tom Burkard **Happy Retirement Wishes**



South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 Past Grand Knight (PGK) Ray Suchcicki, recently retired from MCUA after 33 exemplary years. Ray has also been one of the most outstanding drummers in the area for many years. Congrats Ray, and enjoy your retirement!

## **GOLBA-NOREK** AWARDED NATIONAL HONORS

MIchelle Golba-Norek DHS BSN RN CEN MICN of South Amboy has been awarded the Vanguard Award by the American Ambulance Association and Women in Emergency Services in April. The award is in recognition of over 35 years in Emergency Service and contributions to the EMS profession in an extraordinary way beyond faithful completion of job duties.

Michelle Golba-Norek is an EMS manager at HMH JFK Edison NJ.





Michelle Bialoblocki Leonard, who worked for the South Amboy Board of Education for over 30 years, has also retired. Have a wonderful retirement Michelle!

## Calling All SWMHS Class of '75 Alumni

Be sure to update your current - email / phone number/mailing address so we are able to inform you about our upcoming 50th Year Reunion Celebration in 2025. Please send your current information to: SWMHS1975@ gmail.com

You can also join our Facebook page, 'Sayreville War Memorial High School Class of 1975', for up-to-date information as it becomes available.

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 (constitute hour of the production of t (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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May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray us. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank You St. Jude. -RS, AS, LP, HS, LS, EP, IP

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## Pleasant Little



By Tom Burkard

1. Principal of Sacred Heart Grammar School in 1997? a.Sister Susan b.Sister Barbara Ann c.Sister Antoinette 2. Selected Commander of American Legion Post 211 of Sayreville for 1997-983 a.Jame Mulvey b.Richard Kosmoski c.Roy Place 3.South Amboy Board of Education Secretary in '97? a.Michael Poll b.Mark Bowen c.Kenneth Kokoszka 4.In '95, this bar and liquor store was located on Raritan St. in Sayreville next to the Rex Gene store? a.TNT b.Suds & Sixer c.Border Line 5.In South Amboy, where is Sanitary Fuels located? a.Augusta St. b.Leffert St. c.Bordentown Ave. 6.Re-elected Sayreville Board of Education President in '04? a.Alvah Cox b.Kevin Ciak c.Ron Van Tine 7.In 2004, Curves in South Amboy was located? a.Rt. 35 North b.South Broadway c.Bordentown Ave. 8.In 2004, she was the owner of Broadway Coiffures in South Amboy? a.Eileen Michalik b.Vernoica Moody c.Hannah Stromkiewicz 9.Appointed new Superintendent of Sayreville schools in '14? a.Frank Alfano b.Harry Caray c.Richard Labbe 10.In 2010, this Sayreville native wrote a book titled "Ultimate Warrior Workouts? a.Martin Rooney b.Marquis Brown c.John Ronkowski Answers 1b 2a 3c 4a 5b 6a 7c 8a 9c 10a.

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### **FROM THE DESK OF TOM REILLY**

May and June are two of the finest months of the year. The weather is warm, the beaches are opening, school will be out, and many of us are beginning to enjoy the traditions of summer. Perhaps one of the greatest summer traditions is the celebration of Memorial Day. Memorial Day weekend marks for many of us the unofficial beginning of the summer season, and we celebrate with picnics, trips to the shore, and spending time with family and friends.

All of us know what Memorial Day means-it is the day on which we remember. honor, and mourn the soldiers, service members, and others who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Of course, knowing what something means and truly appreciating it are two different things. We certainly should celebrate and enjoy the weekend, but I hope you also will take some time to remember those who gave everything for our country and freedom. To that end, Congress established a National Moment of Remembrance urging all Americans to pause for one minute in an act of national unity at 3:00 pm on Memorial Day, wherever they may be, to remember those who died in military service to the United States. That time was chosen because it is considered to be the time when most Americans are enjoying their freedoms with family and friends.

To help celebrate the holiday weekend while also expressing honor to those who perished fighting for our country, the American Legion, Luke A. Lovely Post 62 has a full day of events scheduled for Sunday, May 26. Beginning at 9:00 a.m.,



the Post will lead visits to local cemeteries and veteran memorials. At noon, the Barkalow Street Park will be rededicated to include the name of PFC Michael Nemeth, whose name will be added to the park with PFC Charles Brown and PFC Robert Hughes. You may remember that I first discussed PFC Nemeth in my Veterans Day article. Now, by rededicating the park in his memory, we will ensure his name and sacrifice will be remembered in our community.

Following the park rededication, Enterprise Firehouse will host a community memorial picnic from 1:00-4:00 p.m. The picnic is open to the public and will include food, music, and drinks. American Legion Post 62 also will be selling 50-50 cash raffle tickets to raise money for their new facility. The drawing will take place at 4:00 p.m., but you do not need to be present to win, as long as you have a ticket. The Firehouse is located at 107 George Street. I hope we will see you there.

> Respectfully **Tom Reilly** 2nd Ward Councilman **City of South Amboy**

### Steve Schmid - Continued from page 1

Steve's heart and soul was mainly in the Knights of Columbus, helping in any way he could during events at the hall. He was always collecting tickets at the door, selling 50-50's or just setting up or taking down tables and chairs. He worked his way up in the Knights, all the way to the top spot of Grand Knight, and was also active in the 4th Degree, and became the Faithful Navigator, which was another top position. Steve and Cheryl were very religious people, and could be seen attending Mass at Catholic churches every week in either South Amboy or Sayreville.

One of Steve's many great accomplishments was organizing the Mets outing that he ran for many years. As a tribute to him, the Knights have announced that the trip will now be known as the "Steven Schmid Memorial Mets Outing." In addition, Steve ran many trips to AC and other locations to help support the Council.

Steve loved to sing, and entertain, and about 5 years ago, pre-Covid, when the

Come visit the Dowdell Library to catch summer as it is approaching fast!

Parents with toddlers and kids! Join Ms.

Knights had Open Mic shows on the last Friday of every month at the hall, he could be seen singing a part of his signature song, "Charlie Brown," which the crowd always loved. He also sang at many Open Mics on different cruises that he and Cheryl would go on

Overall, Steve was a really great Knight of Columbus, and a wonderful friend, whom I was blessed to know for so many years, and will miss very much. He definitely made a positive mark on so many local people through the years, and was always a dedicated volunteer, ready to help anyone in need.

Without a doubt, Steve was welcomed with open arms by God to the "Heaven Sent Times" newspaper staff, joining our beloved and not too long ago departed SA Times members Joe Lotkowictz. Elaine Holton Scott, Fran Fitzmorris, and Dr. John Misiewicz. They will never be forgotten, and may God Bless them all.

\* See Steve's obituary on page 23.

## **Dowdell Library News**

The Senior Book Club will meet on a glimpse of what we have planned for this Monday, June 24 from 10:30 to 11:30 am. Stop by the Library to pick up this month's book. Want to join? Just contact the library





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Maryanne for Reading Rascals on Thursday, at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org. June 6 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm and Toddler/ Kids Thursday Play Dates on Thursdays in June from 1:00 to 2:30 pm for fun stories, games, activities, and crafts.

Kids! Stop by for weekly fun at the After School Fun Club on the first two Wednesdays in June from 3:30 to 4:30 pm including bingo on June 5 and Lego Mania on June 12.

Kids and Teens! Don't miss out on the Kid/Teen Hangout happening on the first three Fridays in June from 3:30 to 4:30 pm for trivia, video games, and more.

Adults and Teens! Grab your knitting needles and crochet hooks! Drop in for the Crocheting and Knitting Circle on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

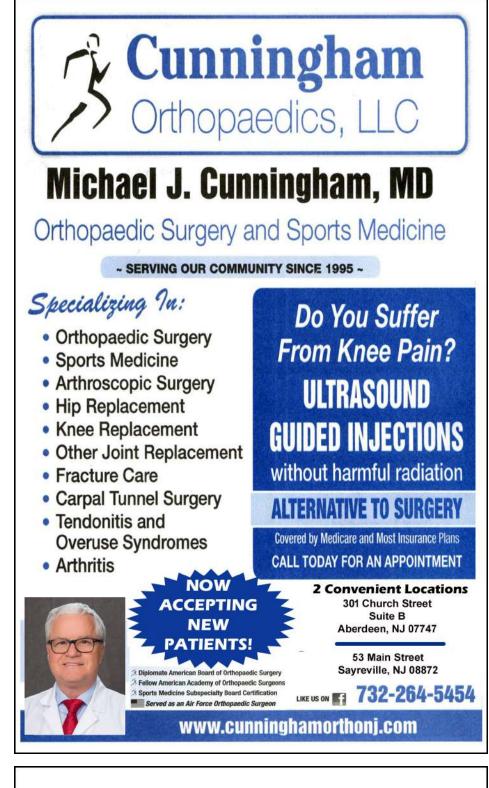
Drop in for Mah Jong Mondays in June from 10:30am to 12:00pm. You can use the Mah Jong sets provided or you are more than welcome to bring your own! Also, don't miss out on Card Games for Adults happening on Wednesdays in June from 10:30am to 12:00pm.

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. Stretching, Flexibility, and Strength - Chair Exercises are on Thursdays in June at 1:00 pm. Also, Guided Imagery Relaxation Sessions is on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in June at 1:00 pm. Additionally, there is a Payment Strategies Mindful of Your Credit program occurring on the 1st Tuesday in June at 1:00 pm

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.

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## Yearbook-Hoffman 1989

By Tom Burkard

for its final year of classes in early September 1988. George Michael's "Monkey" song was topping the airwaves, and many things were happening in the halls of Purple & Gold. The yearbook was dedicated to George Virgilio...Some of the '89 roster of teachers included Miss Folis, Mr. Greer, Mr. Micelli, Mrs. Grady, Miss Sulikowski, Ms. Williams, Ms. Selesky, Mrs. Silla. Corey LaVigne was the Senior Class President; many talented senior athletes in '89 including Scott Kennedy-Vice-President; Billy Jo Laurer-Secretary.; Billy Sturgis Treasurer... Some of the many extracurricular activities included Peer Leadership; the Literary Magazine; Gifted & Talented Computer; Ski Club; S.A.A.D.; Spirit Week '88. The first annual Homecoming was held in September 1988... Some of the 89ers selected randomly are: Diane Bloomer, Mary Clare Brinamen, Dawn Charlton, Bernadette Burnie, Lisa Charmello, Rebecca Cross, Sean Downs, Joseph Durso, Joyce Forrer, Holly Horvath, Kathleen Kanecke, Darlene Krieger, Louis Malanowski, Colleen Natusch, Jennifer Nemeth, Peggy O'Brien, Steven Pacansky, Anthony Pappa, Nancy Pickard, Robert Rousseau, Mary Jane Pyne, Bob Rittenhouse, Dawn Roberts, Kelly Thompson, Robert Tooker, Thomas Toth, Oona Turback, Jason Weeks, Lynda Wence, Melanie Witham, Susan Eppinger, Angela Sentucci, Joseph

Hoffman High's Class of 1989 returned Semenza...'89 was a big year for the national sports scene. Kareem Abdul Jabbar retired with the all-time NBA scoring record of 44, 149 points. Nolan Ryan notched his 5,000th career strikeout. Legendary Dallas Cowboys Coach Tom Landry was fired... Also in the news, a huge earthquake in the San Francisco Bay area killed 67, injured over 2,800, and left 14,000 home less, while causing an estimated \$7 billion in damage... Hoffman High had Mike Bialoblocki, Barb Barlowski, Joanne Colasurdo, Phil De Fort III, Tim Donovan, Michael Grover, Raeanne Hermes, Darliene Johnson, Scott Kennedy, Jen & Krissy Kuziemski, Corey LaVigne, Mark Lewis, Michael McCarthy, Christopher Marrone, Adam Mocknis, Christine Noble, Melissa Piazzolla, James Reick, Pamela & Patricia Smith, Billy Sturgis, Kenneth Wahler, Dawn Webb, Bryan Wanko, Taryn Zulin...In 1989, the Lady Guvs basketball team, under Coach Reggie Carney, captured their 5th consecutive and final Group I state championship. At graduation time '89, Michael Damian's 'Rock On" and Bette Midler's beautiful song, "Wind Beneath My Wings" ruled the radio stations, as the 61 members of Hoffman High School's Class of "89 departed from their school for the final time, taking with them many beautiful memories and high hopes for the future.

## **AOH Celebrates the South Amboy First Aid**



Joe Britton, (r) President of the AOH, and Ed O'Connor, (l), Vice President of the AOH, present First Aid members Jim "Doc" Ryan, Tim Walczak and Yohan Yang with a \$1,220 check from the proceeds of the fundraiser. AOH, LAOH and private donations totaled over \$3,000 for the evening.



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Robin Daley, President of the Ladies AOH, Denise McEnroe Egan, Vice President, and members of the LAOH present a \$1,000 check to Jim "Doc" Ryan and Tim Walczak of the SA First Aid. (Photo/ info submitted)

## Sayreville Library News

#### Toastmasters International Saturday, June 1 @10:30AM

Join the toastmasters for their monthly meeting. Learn how to speak in public clearly and without fear.

Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112. **Guided Meditation with Barbara** (Virtual)

#### Monday June 10 & 24 @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, June 18 @1PM

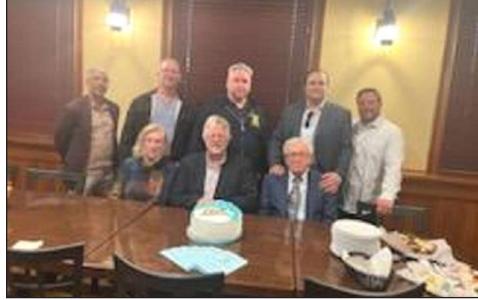
Come join us for our monthly movie matinee. This month: About My Father, Starring Robert De Niro, Sebastian Maniscalco and Kim Cattrall.

Rated PG-13-1 hr 30 Mins Refreshments will be provided Register online or call 732-727-0212 Ext 112.

## **Rotary Club 100th Anniversary**

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Above: Rotary Club members are pictured at the 100th Anniversary celebration dinner. Right: Club President Gregory Wyzykowski is shown accepting a Proclamation from the City of South Amboy from Councilman-At-Large Anthony Conrad, who is also a club member. (Photo/info submitted)





A pure-white dove was recently spotted in a nearby tree. (Photo by Tom Burkard)



**1964**-Edna Pilch of Sayreville submitted this great photo, saying that "This was a Krakowiak dance group that I was in, sponsored by St. Stan's in Sayreville. We danced in the New Jersey Pavillion on "Sayreville-South River Day" at the 1964 World's Fair in New York. (Photo/info submitted by Edna Pilch).



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## Memorial Day 2024 Remembering Our First Responders By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

those who gave of themselves so we may placed there by other Veterans. There are also live and enjoy the freedom and liberty for Fire Department flags decorating the graves which they fought. These are the freedoms of our fallen first responders. Some graves and liberties that the rest of the world envies and is trying desperately to eliminate from the United States. On this Memorial Day, pause a moment to pray for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and for their families who miss them dearly and keep them in their hearts. Many people throughout the world do not have the freedoms that we enjoy and that is because of our American Heroes, our Veterans.

Memorial Day is also a time to remember and pay respect to our local first responders. These brave men and women respond to our needs and emergencies twenty-four hours a day.

They risk their lives on a local level just as our Veterans do worldwide. As you pass any one of our local cemeteries you will notice the graves decorated with new brightly colored flags. These American flags



#### A PRAYER FOR HEALING

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**New Members Are** Always Welcomed Irish Catholic Men Age 18 and over

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On this Memorial Day let us remember are provided to each and every Veteran and will be decorated with both flags. Below is a list of our first responders who have answered their final alarm since last year.

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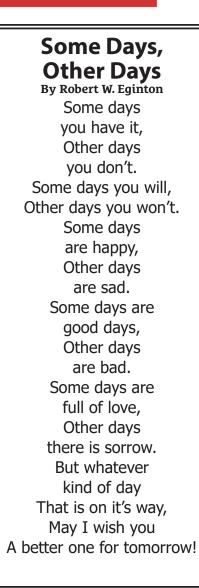
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John Sturgis	Mechanicsville Hose Co.

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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE







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The life of Jaclyn Squillace was celebrated and memorialized, as a beautiful tree was planted and dedicated to her memory in Kennedy Park. Thank you Sayreville for showing your tremendous love and support for Jaclyn's family, Denise Morgan , Ron Morgan , Michael Squillace, Mark Squillace and Amber Morgan. A very special thank you to Senator Joseph Vitale, Mayor Kennedy O'Brien, Councilman John Zebrowski, Councilman Michael Colaci and Councilman Stash Synarski for being a part of this special day. Thank you to the Shade Tree Commission and Chairman Arthur Rittenhouse and Sayreville Department of Public Works-Parks for the outstanding work you do for our community! (Photos/Info Submitted)

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 Starofthe 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.





On Friday April 26th, NJ Transit Police Department Emergency Service Unit and South Amboy Fire Dept. dedicated NJTPD's new Pierce High Rail Rescue Pumper ESU 7 in honor of NJTPD Inspector Robert Noble Jr. at the Protection Engine Co firehouse. Noble, who passed away this past November was the commander of the elite emergency service unit and designed and developed this new rescue pumper with unique ability to ride on railroad tracks and allow quicker response to emergencies. This rescue pumper is one of only three vehicles with this ability within the United States. Noble was also a member and former Captain of SAFD Protection Engine Co. 6. NJTPD Chief Trucillo and SAFD Chief Timothy Gay were masters of ceremony as family, friends and colleagues along with state and local officials gathered as FD Chaplin Fr. Stanley Gromadzki offered blessings and the NJTPD and Col. D.B. Kelly pipe and drum bands played. Noble's daughters thanked the gathered guests and unveiled a plaque of dedication on the side of the rescue pumper. (Photo by Jessica Honimar)



## Summer at the Dowdell Library

Coming Soon! Be on the lookout for summer programs! The Kids and Teens Summer Kickoff Party is happening on Thursday, June 27 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

Come by to see The Kootz Band perform live at the Dowdell library on Tuesday, July 9 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

Also, be sure to stop in for the Eyes of the Wild Animal Program on Thursday, July 25 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm to hang out with some cute and cuddly friends.

Don't miss out on a chance to Meet Kody the Horse on Monday, August 5 at 5:00 pm sharp! Giveaways will be handed out to the first 100 children! A Celebrity Story Time, fun video, and a new book launch party will also be held for Terri Abbatiello.

Also, Family Sports Day will be held on Tuesday, August 13 at 6:30 pm. Don't forget to wear the gear of your favorite sports team! Stadium snacks will be available.

Join us for Celebrity Story Time featuring the Satori Academy of Martial Arts in August.

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 Summer hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, from 10am-8pm; Wednesday and Friday from 10am-5pm. Connect with us on social media.



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## A Tribute To John Vona

By Mary Szaro



John and Mary Vona, son and daughter of the late South Amboy artist/painter are pictured at the Historical Gallery on North Broadway in South Amboy during the special tribute to their father John, where many of his outstanding works were on display. The event was sponsored by The Historical Society of South Amboy. (Photo by Mary Szaro)

The Historical Society of South Amboy was proud to share the afternoon of April 20th with the Vona family at the History Gallery on Broadway for a special tribute to John Vona. The event went beyond an opportunity to view historic artwork and felt more like a trip down memory lane as friends and family gathered to reminisce about high school stories and bygone days in South Amboy. It was an honor to have John's daughter Mary and son John travel back into town to share personal memories of their father as he began his painting legacy along with a glimpse of family life growing up with their mother Marie and sister Karen in the house their more about this beautiful artwork and more father built by hand in 1954 on Catherine St.

John Vona was 96 when he passed away in 2023. He was one of fourteen brothers and sisters who emigrated from Italy at the turn of the last century with his parents, Eirmino and Francesca Sciallo Vona. A lifelong resident

of South Amboy, John left high school in the summer of his junior year to join the Navy where he served in the Pacific Theater of World War II.

His creative talents went well beyond those as a master carpenter when he taught himself to paint oils-on-canvas by following Bob Ross' "Joy of Painting" program in the 1980s, ultimately leading to the numerous paintings of seascapes of Raritan Bay, Holmdel farm, landscapes, and lighthouses we see prominently displayed around town today.

It was a wonderful opportunity to learn exciting to learn about the man behind it. Thank you Mary and John for the three original paintings from your father. Along with his other work, they will be proudly displayed in the History Gallery and shared with our community for generations to come.



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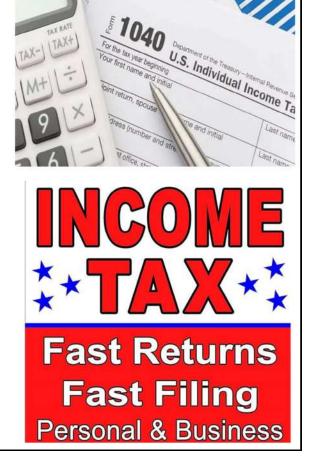
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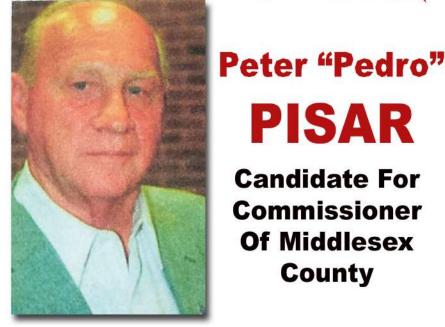


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## South Amboy Police Department 2024



(Photo by Jamie Norek)

## **South Amboy Police Department 2003**



Photo taken at the May 2003 Police Memorial Service which was also the dedication of the Officer Mourning Statue. (Photo by Brian Stratton)





#### Memorial Day, which was originally called Decoration Day, is a day of rememberance in honor of America's war dead. Decoration Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1866 by General John Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. It was first observed on May 30, 1868. May 30th was chosen specifically because it was not on the anniversary of a major battle. Federal law recognized the holiday as "Memorial Day" in 1967. In 1971, a law was passed moving the date from May 30 to the last Monday in May.

Meeting at 9 A.M. at Christ Church Cemetery and continuing to local cemeteries and ending at Veterans Plaza on Bordentown Ave. at 12 noon with placing of the Memorial Wreath. **Rededication of Barkalow Street Park To Vietnam Veterans** 



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Sayreville's Kenny Kurczeski, better known as singer/songwriter Kenny K. stopped in for a coffee at Java Dave's Coffee, 110 North Broadway, South Amboy recently.

Kenny visits with Java Dave's Coffee owner Efren Castro. (Photos by Tom Burkard)

## Kenny K. Shows The Way In Business & Music By Tom Burkard

Kurczeski, better known nowadays as Kenny K., songwriter and lead singer of his popular New Jersey band, "Kenny K & The Way," is having a very interesting and successful career in both music and his business, R.K. Electric, Inc.

In a recent exclusive interview, Kenny recalled growing up in the Borough of Sayreville, attending Roosevelt Grammar School, Sayreville Junior HS, and Sayreville War Memorial HS, where he was an allaround athlete, playing basketball, baseball and football. He also was a very good player on the Sayreville Leprechauns Pop Warner football team, and recalled "A99-yard run and I was tackled on the 1-yard line." In college, his intramural basketball team captured the championship. His favorite athletes as a youngster were Larry Bird, "Dr. J." Julius Erving, Carl Yastrzemski, and Brett Favre. "Two of my influences in music were ZZ Top, and also Southern Rock," said Kenny.

Kenny said that "I had my first job when I was 7 years old with my father, grandfather and brother. I wanted to be with them, and went to work with our family's business, R.K. Electric." The business is a third generation family owned/operated, which was started by Kenny's grandfather Russell Reed in 1941, and he was succeeded by Kenny's father Richard Kurczeski, a retired Sayreville Police Sergeant, who passed away last month. Kenny is the owner and a Master Electrician, and handles work at residential, commercial and industrial sites.

He is a graduate of Rutgers University with a B.S. Degree in Landscape Architecture. Kenny also worked for 4 years with CME Engineering in Sayreville, and Palco Environmental Co., "Where I used my landscape architecture skills." R.K. Electric primarily works in Central Jersey, and also "all over" according to Kurczeski.

store in Asbury Park, where he worked at Davison, and Colie Brice from Sayreville. night. He was self-taught on playing guitar,

Lifetime Sayreville resident, Kenny and "People came in and showed me how to play certain things." He met many local musicians from the Jersey Shore scene, most notably Glen Burtnik, who at one time was a member of the Styx band.

> In 2015, Kenny started performing at Open Mics throughout the area and down the shore, when "Everybody wanted to get in the way. I just started with an acoustic guitar." His first paid gig was at the Atlantic Highlands Car Show, and "It was a very receptive crowd." Other venues Kenny K & The Way played at were The Wonder Bar, The Light of Day, Bradley Beach, Roxy & Duke's in Dunellen, and he's been at The Blue Moon in South Amboy several times to the delight of local music aficionados. Kurczeski loves to write songs, and says "I get my inspiration from people I meet." He is a first cousin of Belinda Carlisle of The Go-Go's world renowned recording group. Her father was "Duke" Kurczeski of Sayreville.

> Kenny K. & The Way will have their third album "Pick It Up" released in June. You can go to kennyktheway.com and stay tuned to social media for more info. The group's first album was "Six Shooter," which was followed by the "Ebb 'N' Flow" album.

> Kenny is an avid surfer and loves the ocean and shore. His other favorite hobby is golf and his favorite golfer is Jordan Speith. Playing pool is also one of his hobbies, and in addition, he enjoys all kinds of music.

> The band is kept very busy, playing 4-5 shows a month on weekends, and upcoming shows on their schedule include: Belmar Porchfest, Freehold Porchfest, Albert Music Hall in Waretown, NJ, Riley Park in Bradley Beach, and locally, The Blue Moon in South Amboy.

> When asked what his goals for music are in the future, he replied, "To find one big hit," and added jokingly, "To find a body double."

The Kenny K & The Way band also Kenny K. 's music career was inspired features the following outstanding musicians: when he was the owner of B-Unique music Alex D'Agnese, Chris Macock, Chris

## Acoustic Friday, June 21 By Jerry Smith

Alliance will present a musical showcase Zandt, Garth Brooks and newer artists such featuring the return of Princeton-based trio Crown Acoustic and a solo debut performance from Drew Turlock.

Crown Acoustic is composed of Paul Henry (vocals and rhythm guitar), Barry Schoendorf (lead guitar), and Cecilia Hetzer (vocals and percussion). The band performs a wide mix of popular country, folk, blues, and Paul's original songs.

Drew Turlock got started in music at a young age and also takes an eclectic approach to music, covering a wide range of musical genres, including classic country, folk, Alliance Facebook page. Americana, jazz and pop/rock. He covers

On June 21, 2024, South Amboy Arts artists such as James Taylor, Towns Van as Zack Bryan and Tyler Childers.

> SA Arts Alliance 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 acousticoriented 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



Promised Land members (l-r) Jimmy Munson, Brian Miesegaes, Rob Petillo, Mike Petillo Jr., Toni Nostro, Ken Munson, Mike Petillo, Dom Patella, Alex Mahoney. (Photo/caption submitted)

## **A Jersey Shore Band Like** You've Never Heard Before

Jersey Shore ``Energy" to put forth the "True Johnny, Lil Steven and the Disciples of Soul, to the Sound" Tribute Band "Promised Land," has been playing the songs that cultured the Shore Music Scene since the 70's! They fulfilled the sound with their first Shore gig in the Summer of 1990, at the famous "Stone Pony," when they opened that night for "E"Street band member Nils Lofgren! With Brothers Mike and Rob Petillo, lead guitar and drums, and cousin Kenny Munson on the lead vocals and rhythm guitar, the added talents of Toni Nostro on the piano, Mike Petillo on the keyboards, Alex Mahoney on the sax, Brian Miesegaes on trumpet, Jimmy Munson on acoustic guitar, and Sayreville's own Dom Patella on the bass, who I had the opportunity to work with on the entire Springsteen catalog, bass parts for 6 months in my studio, to ready him for his position with the band, and I thank you for that Dom, round out the dynamic Jersey Shore Rock

9 Instruments onstage, with a ton of 'n Roll sounds of Springsteen, South Side to the Asbury Jukes, and more! A powerhouse rockin' Jersey club band, with emphasis on the Jersey Shore Sound! They've played all the Jersey clubs, The Tradewinds, The Wonder Bar, The Stone Pony, The Green Room, The Saint, The Rocking Horse, and Birch Hill, just to name a few! Now, us Sayreville-ites get our chance to hear these rockers on June 29th here at Kennedy Park! Yup they're the headliners for Sayreville's Annual Fourth of July Event! Onstage at 7pm, till the Fireworks begin at dusk, with a full card of their signature Jersey Shore Sound! High Energy Rock 'n Roll, coupled with Sayreville's High Energy Fireworks Show, makes for an awesome memorable night, as every year's show is! "Promised Land," come on down and check 'em out, June 29th..Kennedy Park..See you there!

## One Hit Wonders 35 Years Ago

Got To Be Real-Cheryl Lynn; Knock On Whitehead; Makin'It-David Naughton; Born Wood-Amii Stewart; Music Box Dancer- To Be Alive-Patrick Hernandez; Cruel To Frank Mills; Just When I Needed You Most- Be Kind-Nick Lowe; Pop Music-M; You're Randy Vanwarmer; You Take My Breath Only Lonely-J.D. Souther. Away-Rex Smith; Ring My Bell-Anita Ward;

1979-New York Groove-Ace Frehley; Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now-McFadden &

## #1 Pop Hits-May 25

2018-This Is America-Childish Gambino **2009**-Boom Boom Pow-Black Eyed Peas **1997-**MMMBop-Hanson 1982-Ebony And Ivory-McCartney/Wonder 1975-Shining Star-Earth, Wind & Fire 1961-Mother-In-Law-Ernie K-Doe

## **#1 Country Hits May 25**

2018-Meant To Be-Florida-Georgia Line 2004-Mayberry-Rascal Flats 1994-Your Love Amazes Me-John Berry **1980**-Starting Over Again-Dolly Parton 1977-Luckenbach, Texas-Waylon Jennings 1969-My Life-Bill Anderson



What Lasts Forever By Albert Gomolka Jr. C.2011 It is said Nothing lasts forever Not? One thing there is That can remain For all time... Nothing in this whole universe Can destroy A relationship with God! Want it Need it Trust it This will last forever...

By Tom Burkard 1.Hound Dog 2.Alley Cat 3.Bird Dog 4.What's New Pussycat 5.Me And You And A Dog Named Boo 6.Cat Scratch Fever 7.Walkin' The Dog 8.Year Of The Cat 9. Puppy Love **10.Funky Cat** 11.Who Let The Dogs Out 12.Stray Cat Strut 13. How Much Is That Doggie In The Window m. Debbie Reynolds 14.Nashville Cats 15.Cats In The Cradle Answers 1d 2i 30 4j 5c 6l 7e 8h 9b 10f 11a 12g 13m 14k 15n.

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o.The Everly Brothers



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## Voted <u>NO TO TAX BREAKS</u> for builders bringing in residential projects;

- I am NOT AFRAID to challenge the South Amboy Democratic Organization by asking important questions on behalf of the residents;
- I have questioned the revenue being brought in by PILOT projects because neither the former business administrators nor the Mayor ever requested an audit; most City Council Members pay no attention to these city issues relating to YOUR taxes;
  - I am <u>not</u> a member of the South Amboy Democratic Organization so therefore I have <u>NO loyalty or obligation</u> to vote as they wish. I am not their YES man for another vote in their favor;
    - I always support and heavily advocate for our volunteer emergency services;
  - I advocate for the RESIDENTS not the agenda of the South Amboy Democratic Party.

I AM NOT A "YES" MAN – I AM HERE FOR THE RESIDENTS! SO.. WHO AM I?

I have represented the First Ward for the last 8 years. I have listened to your concerns, answered your telephone calls, your emails, stopped to talk to you on the street. I know the importance of community service and have displayed community involvement.

## I AM YOUR REPRESENTATIVE for the FIRST WARD.

- Lifelong resident of South Amboy
- Dad to a current South Amboy High School junior and two South Amboy High School graduates.
- Involved in South Amboy Youth Athletic Association
- Life Member of the South Amboy Fire Department
- Former Member of the South Amboy First Aid Squad
- NYC District Council of Carpenters Union Representative for Dockbuilders and Piledrivers Local 1556

### <u>MY CONTACT EMAIL IS: mclaughlinforsouthamboycouncil@gmail.com</u> Email me with any questions – I welcome your thoughts on change in our town

Paid for by McLaughlin for Council, 341 Cedar Street, South Amboy, NJ 08879

## WHY VOTE MCLAUGHLIN:

- I AM dedicated to protecting South Amboy's small-town charm.
  - o My opponent, Mr. Lenahan, has not attended any council meetings or participated in any public discussions during my 8 years as a Council member.
- My opponent, Mr. Lenahan, claims he is ready to get things done for all South Amboy residents.
  - For the past 8 years I have worked tirelessly for and addressed each telephone call, email or text regarding any issues for not only the First Ward residents, but for all residents.
- As a union member, I KNOW the importance of being paid a living wage. This is the reason I inform the residents of South Amboy about, and direct them to, any union job opportunities. I also repeatedly advocate to have South Amboy residents, who are union members, be offered jobs on all large residential/industrial projects in town.

### I AM:

- the 2024 recipient of the Labor Leader of the Year award for Middlesex/Somerset Counties
- a Proud union member of Local Union 1556
- a NYC DCC Council representative
- 3<sup>rd</sup> generation union member Local Union 1456/1556
  2<sup>nd</sup> generation executive board member
- 1<sup>st</sup> generation Council representative
- New York City District Council of Carpenters 1556 Delegate

## I FIGHT FOR THE WORKING CLASS IN THE CITY OF SOUTH AMBOY

- I know the importance of volunteering in the community and have been or am currently a member of •
  - South Amboy Fire Department
  - South Amboy First Aid Squad
  - Former Little League Coach
  - Former Travel Baseball Coach
- I have asked for a meet and greet with the First Ward residents to meet both myself and Larry Lenahan. The SADO declined my invite. Why would they decline? If you have confidence in your candidate, you should welcome an open and honest dialogue. You should invite any questions from residents when you have confidence in your leadership. I AM CONFIDENT IN MY LEADERSHIP.

Unfortunately, the SADO is looking for a candidate to follow their own agenda not to be concerned about your wants and needs.

## **MY PROMISE**

- continue to protect the small-town charm of our wonderful city - continue to undertake projects and address issues for the First Ward residents and all residents of South Amboy -continue to assist residents in finding jobs that will pay them a decent living wage

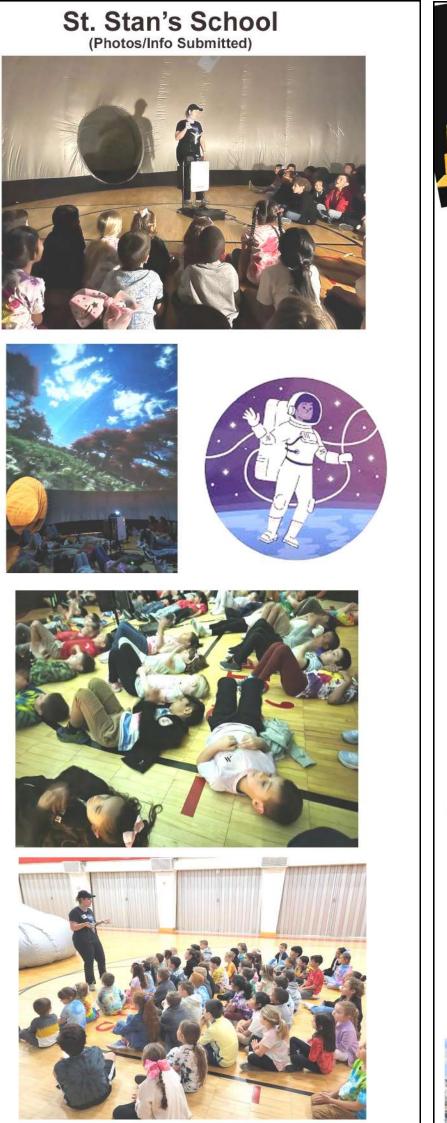
-continue to work hard for you and your families

## **MY RECORD**

I voted YES to one PILOT program and which was to save the city millions of dollars in land remediation.

This was, by far, the best negotiated PILOT program SARA ever negotiated. I voted NO to all other PILOT programs that were brought before the council. We need the tax dollars – builders do not need tax breaks!

My past performance speaks for itself. Life experience and compassion for the residents of this city drive me, not political agendas! Paid for by McLaughlin for Council, 341 Cedar Street, South Amboy, NJ 08879







(Photos by Phyllis Stratton)



The family of Riley Rone.





Riding up front!

All decked out.





Old Glory flying high.





Things were looking "Out of This World" as the students of St. Stan's took a journey into space!



Dressed in their Communion attire, the 2nd Grade class prepared and hosted the school's Ascension Thursday Mass.

The AOH preparing delicious food.

So many trucks.



So much to see .. time for a break!







## **Helene Lewis** Nurse of the Year Award Winner For PMPH



The Nurse of the Year Award recognizes one RN from the entire hospital who exemplifies the Penn Medicine Experience Standards wholeheartedly in their practice.

Congratulations from, Mom, Dad, Dan, Aaron, Mel, and Ashton. ?

#### Who is it? By Brian and Phyllis Stratton

Can you identify this mystery man? Need the character name, actor name and TV show. Send your answers to satimes@aol.com by June 17th.



Last month's answers were: Leo Durocher and Fred Gwynn (Herman Munster) The Munsters.

The following got it right:Dennis Quinlan, Matthew Ferrano, Jan Aquino, Edna Pilch, Ralph Jurkiewicz. Ed English, Pat Sullivan, Bob Siebert, Rick Espositom, Jim & Debbie Sissick, Bruce Grankowski, Steve Laskiewicz, JoAnn & John French, Thomas Harrigan, Joe Ballo, Dane Colburn, Pete McIntyre,



Gary Feret, Ed Bender, Walter Starzec Jr, Mark Moniello, Laure & Gary Loftus, Betty Leveille, Pat Scully



April Who is it? Leo Durocher and Fred Gwynn (Herman Munster) The Munsters.





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## **Old Friends.**



1969 St. Mary's HS classmates Al Gomolka (l) and Joe Bulman recently ran into each other for the first time in over 45 years, and had a great time sharing old memories. Congratulations to Joe who is celebrating his 47th year as a practicing attorney. \*See Joe's advertisement in each issue of The SA Times.





**Dante and Alberto** 

Ken Sadowski

John Walsh

Bombers Beyond Café Friday May 10th the Bombers Beyond Cafe was once again transformed into an "Open Mic" venue for charity. A few local singers and musicians both young and old, got together to showcase their talents to the local audience. This was the second time the Café had an open mic night and it was once again a sold out success. Talent included Alberto and Dante Rios, Hayden Williams and his sister, guitar musicians included John Walsh, Patrick Bamburak, and Kenny Sadowski all separately showcasing their talents. Brew Crew student Mikey C. told a few jokes and stole the show with his rendition of "Don't Fear the Reaper" with a "More Cowbell" stint thrown in which the audience loved. This was all aired live on Facebook thanks to James Novak. Finally Danny Giovenco, a local singer sang a few songs backed by the few members of the Cellar Dwellers band. The South Amboy Knights of Columbus, Council 426 presented a monetary donation to the Café from proceeds that were from the South Amboy K of C Sock Hop back in April. The Café is located on 132 Main St. in Sayreville, so stop in and have a cup of coffee or tea and enjoy what the Brew Crew has to offer. I for one am looking forward to the next Open Mic Night. (Photos courtesy of Eileen Giovenco)

#### 8th Grade Fun



South Amboy Middle School's 8th Grade took a recent trip to Great Adventure. The students had a wonderful time.

### **Congratulations!**

Ms. Spinapont's 6th grade class from South Amboy Middle School was honored with a trip to the U.S. Courthouse in Trenton for their first place victory in the Third Circuit Essay Contest on the Importance of Jury Duty. (Photos/Info submitted)



## **NEIGHBORHOOD MATH EXPERTS SET UP** SHOP IN SAYREVILLE PLAZA

Mathnasium Operates on Core Belief customized learning plan. Students learn Math SAYREVILLE, MAY 12, 2024— Mathnasium of Sayreville is now open for business, bringing fun and effective supplementary math programs for community children in grades K through 12. The learning center, located at 960 Route 9 South, South Amboy, 08852, focuses solely on math and operates on the core belief that virtually any child can excel in the subject. The Mathnasium Method<sup>TM</sup>, implemented at more than 1000 Mathnasium centers in the U.S. and abroad, is a unique program that provides each child with a customized learning plan makes sense to them "Our students will receive the fundamental practice they need to master number facts, build computational skills, and improve number sense, an intuitive understanding of how numbers work," said Jaymin Patel, owner of the Mathnasium of Sayreville franchise. "Our goal is simple: to teach math in a way that makes sense to kids," Mr. Patel continued. "Mathnasium centers across the country have helped struggling students develop into 'A' students and 'A' students go on to even greater achievements. We are thrilled to be able to bring our Mathnasium Method<sup>™</sup> to support the families of Sayreville, South Amboy, Parlin and Old Bridge." The Mathnasium experience begins with an assessment designed to pinpoint a child's strengths and weaknesses. These results provide the foundation from which Mathnasium constructs the student's

That Every Child Can Become Great at math in a friendly, productive learning environment and are taught by caring and knowledgeable instructors well-versed in integrating Mathnasium's techniques with the math curriculum used in schools. The Mathnasium Method<sup>™</sup> uses a unique combination of mental, verbal, visual, tactile, and written techniques to help children really understand math and has been developed over more than 40 years of practical experience with thousands of students. Mathnasium students receive the support they need for school homework and tests while building their math foundations. "As educators, we and personalized instruction in a way that strive to offer our students a balanced math learning experience: one that fills in the gaps keeps students on track with math taught in school, and, most importantly, makes learning math a fun and joyful experience," Mr. Patel concluded. Learn more: https:// www.mathnasium.com/sayreville About Mathnasium Mathnasium, the nation's leading math-only learning center franchise, specializes in teaching kids math in a way that makes sense to them. When math makes sense, kids excel-whether they're far behind or eager to get ahead. The proprietary Mathnasium Method<sup>TM</sup> is the result of 40+ years of hands-on instruction and research. Franchising since 2003, Mathnasium has become one of the fastest-growing educational franchises. There are over 1000 Mathnasium franchises in the U.S. and abroad. For more information, visit www. mathnasium.com.



#### WWW.?



Does this building look familiar to you? Send your answer to satimes@aol.com by June 17th.

Last month's WWW.? was Pulcinella Ristorante Italiano & Pizzeria, Bordentown Ave. Sayreville.

Winners: Winners: Edna Pilch, Ralph Bender, Walter Starzec Jr, Mark Moniello, Jurkiewicz. Ed English, Pat Sullivan, Laure & Gary Loftus, Betty Leveille, Pat Don Zrebiec, Jay Seyglinski, Lynn Loy, Scully.

Barb Bockus, Lisa Grankowski, Steve Laskiewicz, JoAnn & John French, Joe Ballo, Dane Colburn, Gary Feret, Ed



April WWW.? Pulcinella Ristorante Italiano & Pizzeria, Bordentown Ave. Sayreville.

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



Last months special Where In NJ? was Longstreet Farm at Holmdel Park. The images were paintings by John Vona. The following got it right:Dane Colburn, Ed Bender, Betty Leveille, Pat Scully.



## South Amboy Schools Student Honorees

South Amboy students were honored at the April Board of Education meeting. Students were Students of the Month, Heroes of the Month and Athletes of the Month for April 2024. Congratulations everyone!(Photo/Info submitted)



## School Sports By Tom Burkard

**Girls Softball** Sayreville (12-6) Coach Amanda Moken

#### Team Leaders (As of May 14) Batting

Runs-Caydence Barton 27, Rose Joseph 20, ; Hits-Barton 24, Josephine Vanore 23, Kilpatrick 20, Joseph 20; RBI-Vanore 20, Joseph 20; Doubles-Vanore 6, Barton 6; Triples-Barton 1, Jillian Bourbeau 1; Home Runs-Barton, Vanore, Joseph, Infante, 2 each ; Stolen Bases-Mya Infante 8; Avg.-Barton .407, Vanore .377, Kilpatrick .364, Infante .321, Bourbeau .320.

#### Pitching

Innings Pitched-Vanore 88, Barton 26.2; Strikeouts-Vanore 81, Barton 40; ERA-Barton 1.31, Vanore 2.62.

South Ambov (5-10) Coach Lindsav Durant Team Leaders (As of May 14)

#### Batting

Runs-Sarah McLaughlin 33, Gwen Kalantis 26, Emma Kalantis 25; Hits-McLaughlin 21, Sophie Hernandez 20, G. Kalantis 19; RBI-G. Kalantis 25, Hernandez 24, E. Kalantis 23; Doubles-Hernandez 6, E. Kalantis 5, G. Kalantis 5; Triples-E. Kalantis 5, G. Kalantis 3, Hernandez 2; Stolen Bases-McLaughlin 11, Pina 8; Avg.-E. Kalantis .486, G. Kalantis .452, Hernandez .400, McLaughlin .396, Pina .383.

#### Pitching

InningsPitched-Hernandez62.2,McLaughlin 21.2; Strikeouts-Hernandez 67, McLaughlin 20; ERA-McLaughlin 2.58, Hernandez 8.71.

#### **Boys Baseball**

South Amboy (11-2) Coach Dan Poulsen Team Leaders (As of May 14)

#### **Batting**

Runs-Jeremy Vasquez 25, Benjamin Smith 17, Diego Colon 15, Benjamin Hernandez 15; Hits-Vasquez 25 Colon 16, Hernandez 14; RBI-Vasquez 17, Colon 16, Nigel Johnson 12; Doubles-Colon 8, Smith 5 Vasquez 5; Triples-Vasquez 8; Home Runs-Colon 1, Smith 1; Stolen Bases-Vasquez 19, Smith 9, Hernandez 9, Colon 9; Avg.-Vasquez .595, Colon .471, Hernandez .438, Johnson .355, Smith .343.

#### Pitching

Innings Pitched-Micah Nemeth 30, Geo Castaldo 16; Strikeouts-Nemeth 30, Castaldo 16; ERA-Castaldo 1.77, Nemeth 1.97. Sayreville (10-8) Coach Timothy Ballard Team Leaders (As of May 14)

#### Batting

Runs-Jake Romanello 15, Jack Zapoticzny 11, Chase Cannan 10; Hits-Romanello 22, Moe Hedderman 12; Doubles-Hedderman, Robinson, Romanello, 5 each; Triples-Chase Cannan, Justin Maher, Romanello, 1 each; Home Runs-Jaydon Stio 1; Avg.-Romanello .373, Robinson .333, Justin Marrero .306. Pitching

Innings Pitched-Schlaline 34.2, Kaufman 28.2, Hedderman 27.2; Strikeouts-Schlaline 34, Hedderman 34; ERA-Hedderman 3.04, Kaufman 3.17, Schlaline 3.23.

#### **Major League Baseball Report** (As of May 12th)

Sayreville's Brandon Bielak is currently pitching for the Houston Astros MLB club. He has relieved in 10 games, worked 17.1 innings, notched 9 k's, and has no decisions, while showing an ERA of 5.71. Opposing hitters are batting .297 vs. Brandon.

## Novak On PGA Tour

Andrew Novak, son of former Sayreville War Memorial HS basketball legend, Ralph Novak, is currently a member on the PGA tour. He recently played at the Myrtle Beach Golf Classic Tournament and shot a 66, and over two days had a -4 at the tournament at the Dunes Club. Former well-known Sayreville resident Tony Miklaszewski, who works there, provided us with the information. Best of luck Andrew!

## **3-Point Shooting** Champs



St. Stan's 3-Point shooting champions for 2023-24 are (l-r) Dylan Rodriquez, Thomas Mierzwiak Jr, Trevor Yan. Congrats!

## **Bombers Basketball Golf Outing**

Bombers Basketball Golf Outing is scheduled for Mon., Aug. 12th at Concordia Golf Club, 3 Clubhouse Dr., Monroe Twp., NJ. Registration/Continental Breakfast is 7:30 a.m., Shotgun start is 9 a.m., 1-Lunch, Michael Robinson 18,; RBI-Robinson 16, raffles. Cost is \$135 per golfer, \$540 per foursome. Sponsorship is available for the following: Hole Sponsor-\$100; Beverage Sponsor-\$500; Breakfast Sponsor-\$700; Lunch Sponsor-\$2000. Register at: HTTPS:// FORMS.GLE/J8ITKHUBFMI7P3EY6. Questions? Go to: SAYREVILLEHOOPS@ GMAIL.COM.











St Bernadette's completed the 2023-2024 season going a perfect 26-0. Led by long time Head Coach Herbie Yan the boys won both the St Bernadette's League as well as the St Stan's League en route to the perfect season! Sitting (l-r) Damon Ivey Jr, Trevor Yan, Marcus Butka. Standing, Coach Herbie Yan, KJ Stevens, Marcus Worrell. Thomas Mierzwiak Jr. Xavier Vazquez. Marcus Dowling. Dylan Rodriquez. Carson McKenzie, Jason Berecsky. Congratulations on a truly amazing season! (Photo/ Info Submitted)

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Thomas' first time freshwater fishing caught a bluegill out of Majors Pond in Sayreville. (Photo Submitted)

Eagles Won 3 Titles - 85 Years Ago - 1939

Group 2 Prep School championship, which

was chosen by the N.J.S.I.A.A. The '39

Eagles edition appeared to have a tough act

to follow, but the Blue & Gold rose to the

occasion and brought home the city series

championship, county parochial title, and

the Group 2 Prep School crown by racking

numbers in route to becoming an All-State

shortstop selection. He paced the club with a

.449 batting average. 35 hits, and tied for the

home run lead with 3. Clark also stroked 4

doubles and 2 triples, and showed tremendous

potential that would eventually lead to a major

league baseball career with the Yankees and

other MLB teams. Catcher Bill "Smokey"

Ryan finished 2nd in avg. with a superb .375,

2nd in hits with 30, topped the team with 3

triples, 23 runs, and tied Clark for the HR

40 Years Ago

in baseball, 6-2. Standout slugger, Derek

55 Years Ago

**Champions** 

brought home their respective state

championships, with the Eagles winning

the South Jersey Parochial B title, and the

huge underdogs against the powerful St.

Peter's (22-6), and the #1 ranked team in

Middlesex County, but the inspired St. Mary's

club overcame all odds to shock the Cardinals,

6-3. Soph lefty John Kibbler did an amazing

job in relief of starter John Clark to notch the

huge win. He pitched 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> scoreless and hitless

innings, while striking out 4 and walking only

1. George Krzyzanowski blasted a triple for

the Blue & Gold. St. Peter's had won all 3

previous meetings during the season against

in Jimmy Lyons with the game-winner in

the extra inning thriller, as the Guvs brought

home the Group 1 title, 6-5. Jimmy Tingle

pitched the entire game for the victory, and

struck out 5 while allowing 7 hits. Jack

Bloodgood drilled 3 singles and drove in 3

runs for Coach John Zdanewicz's Purple &

Larry Kurzawa's 9th inning double drove

Governors capturing the Group 1 crown.

June 4, 1969-St. Mary's and Hoffman

Coach Tom Otto's Saints (12-11) were

Haley blasted 2 long home runs.

1984-Sayreville topped Madison Central

Allie Clark turned in the top offensive

up an impressive 13-5 mark.

## The Local Sports Memory Machine By Tom Burkard

## **Glory Days In Local Sports**

winning pitcher Jim Tingle's 2-hitter, 7 strikeout performance downed Henry Hudson, 4-1. Ron Croddick ripped an RBI double, while Larry Kurzawa and Kenny Blaha each had RBI singles...1971-In the season opener, St. Mary's nipped St. Rose, 2-1. Winning pitcher Jim Shannon struck out 10. Joe Belmonte, who had 2 hits, singled in the winning run. Tom Boychuk drilled 2 hits for the Eagles...

1984-Chuck Frobosilo tripled in Derek Haley, who had doubled, with the game winner, as Sayreville defeated Edison, 4-3. Winning pitcher Tom Lasko struck out 9, and Sean Gallagher blasted a home run for the Bombers...1999-Erinson Rosario singled in pitcher in relief.

#### 10 Years Ago



Alissa Bikowski (Photo by Tom Burkard)

#### 2014-Bikowski Blasts **4 Home Runs In One** Game By Tom Burkard

South Amboy's Alissa Bikowski blasted an unbelievable 4 home runs and drove in 13 runs in one game, as the Lady Guvs outslugged East Brunswick Tech, 31-27 in a high-scoring battle! Bikowski, a talented freshman catcher, set new school records for a single game with her amazing home runs and RBI performance.

#### **Master Of Trivia** By Al Gomolka Jr. **Times Poet Laureate** C.2024

\*A tribute to The SA Times writer/ad sales/photographer Steve Schmid who passed away May 6th. Ask him a question about anything He'll give you the answer true His knowledge of subjects common or odd It seemed he just always knew

1969-Hoffman boys baseball behind the winning run in the bottom of the 9th to win it. Scott Kaylor rocketed a 2-run homer, St. Mary's baseball team to their first ever and Danny Arocho rocketed a HR to support winning pitcher Troy Mellios...

> 2008-South Amboy walloped Woodbridge Tech, 12-2 in girls softball action. Casey Jukus was the winning pitcher. Ali Anderson went 4-for-4 with 2 RBI, and Katey Charmello laced 3 singles...2011-Zack Browning belted his second double of the day, a 2-run shot in the bottom of the 7th to give Sayreville a thrilling 9-8 victory over South Brunswick. Christian Campbell unloaded a 3-run homer, Mike Carey hit a single and double to drive in 3, and Matt Rivera added 2 singles. Scott Griffin was the winning

#### T.H.E. Game Year-1995

**Sport-Girls Softball** 

#### Teams-St. Mary's (7-4) vs. Hoffman (11-0) in City Series action.

Recap-Jamie Keeter was the winning pitcher and had a huge game at the plate as well, going 3-for-4 with a double and 4 RBI to lead the Lady Guvs to an 11-6 victory over the South Saints. Kristy Parfianowicz and Lisa Vigilante drilled 2 hits apiece for the John Streeters. Lady Eagles soph first sacker Tracy McCurdy orbited a 2-run homer over the left-centerfield fence.

Player-of-the-Game-Jamie Keeter, Hoffman.

## Diamond Dust

South Amboy LIttle Fellas League 1976

Protection 10 Jo-Tom's 9-Chet Klein belted 3 hits to drive in 5 runs.

Rotary 11 Lions 10-Mike Benson ripped 2 singles, and a homer good for 4 RBI. First Aid 8 Enterprise 3-Winning pitcher

Bob Kelly stroked 3 doubles and knocked in 3 runs. 1969

South Amboy Babe Ruth League **Raritan River Railroad 8 Independence** Fire Co. 6-Steve Makwinski was the winning pitcher and struck out 10. Jeff St. Amour had a single and 3 doubles for Independence.

#### 1967 **Carleton League**

South Amboy 6 Mackinnon (Laurence Harbor) Giants 2-Tom Kelly blasted 2 home runs, and Billy Clayton 1.

South Amboy 3 Old Bridge Colts 2-Dan Hansell fired a 4-hitter to pick up the victory. Nick Charmello smacked a two-base hit.

## **From The Sports Archives**

St. Mary's...

Gold squad.



Coach John Zdanewicz guided the 1938 crown with 3. Fine first sacker, Walt "Kelly" Grembowicz stung the ball for a .373 avg., and was #l in two-baggers with 6. Outfielder John "Mikey" Carroll blasted the ball for a .368 avg., was 2nd in runs scored with 22 and 2nd in doubles with 5. He also drilled 25 hits. Sophomore ace hurler, Joe Conroy was (7-1), and batted a lofty .348. Star infielder. Jack McNamara batted a fine .348, outfielder Joe Rush, who went on to become Mayor of South Amboy hit .266. and was closely followed by Bernie Mackiel Sr., who batted .265. Other members of this classic team included; Joe "Scoop" McCarthy, Tom Zebro, S.Schultz. F. Donnola, Frank "Trip" Cheeseman who was the #2 hurler finished with a fine (3-1) mark on the mound. Seeing limited action in 3 games or less were; John Zebro, John "Bing" Miller, J.Stolte, F.Shafnacker, E.Zamorski, E.Nycz, Creed, and Szaroleta. Other pitching records were; Shafnacker 1-0, Grembowicz 1-0, McCarthy 1-3.

**80 Years Ago** 1944-In Game 1 of the City Series, St. Mary's trounced Hoffman, 12-0. Winning pitcher Jay Kenny spun a beautiful 4-hitter and also hit a single and double to knock in 2. Bob Fleming blasted a single and triple for 4 RBI, and John Dowling stroked a single and double.

### 85 Years Ago

1939-Allie Clark tied a St. Mary's single game record by hammering 6 hits, 5 singles and a double to drive in 5 runs to lead the Eagles to the Middlesex County Parochial School title over St. Peter's, 11-6. John "Mikey" Carroll belted a double and triple for the champs.

## 95 Years Ago **Opening Day**

1929-Fran "Red" Cleary went 6-for-7 to establish a single game school record for hits, as St. Mary's downed St. James of Red Bank, 14-9. Cleary hit 3 singles, 2 doubles and a triple, and scored 5 runs.

#### Volunteer opportunities blossom in Middlesex **County this spring** May-June 2024

WHAT: Spring has sprung! Celebrate the arrival of the season and warmer weather by getting out and volunteering with Middlesex County. The following are a few opportunities to get out and volunteer in the community:

Spring Spruce Up: On May 11, from 9 am-noon at Thompson Park in Monroe Township, work with the Middlesex County Cooperative Extension with Rutgers to spruce up the Park's rain garden, shoreline restoration project, and hiking trails.

National Trails Day: On June 1, from 9 am-noon at the Thompson Park Conservation Area in Monroe Township, join other volunteers for trail maintenance and habitat improvements on this nationally celebrated day.

Steve was a patriot, sports fan, and bright And a friend to all thru and thru... A man of this world and a man of God A traveler, writer. and reporter of news Steve wore many hats and one could say He practiced his Christian views So many did know him and loved him, but He's one vou don't want to lose... Steve and wife Chervl would volunteer In many community endeavors He couldn't or wouldn't ever say no

A man humble, wise and clever But I'll always remember him simply as friend And the "Master of Trivia" forever.

1962-This talented Daylight Bakery team finished (12-6) in the South Amboy Little Fellas League, losing to a mighty Progressive Fire Co. club in the playoffs. Pictured Top Row (l-r) ?, ?, Steve Douglas, Tony Ruszala, Ralph Scully, ?, Ray Zrebiec, Frannie Fee, Manager Lou Komosinski. Bottom Row (l-r) ?, Dave Beshada, Scott Douglas, Jake Krolik, Bob Standowski, Andy Wilson, Tom Ruszala, Johnny Kozak. Do you know any of the ? question marks. Let us know.

#### PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, you who solve all probelms, light allroads so that I can achieve my goal, you who gave me the Divine gift to forgive and to forget all evil against meand that in all instances of my life are with me, I want this short prayer to thank you for all things and to confirm once again that I never want to be separtated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in eternal joy and thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. Thank you Holy Spirit. -C.S.

#### 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. – C.S

#### WHEN: May-June 2024

WHERE: Middlesex County Parks WHO: Registration is required. For more information, registration, and directions please contact Julia DeRosso at 732-745-8147 or Julia.derosso@co.middlesex.nj.us

St. Jude Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved an presereved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayers 9 times a day. Say it for 9 days. By the eighth day, your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you, St. Jude. P.S., B.S.

Novena Prayer to St. Anthony of Padua O HolySt. 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 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.P., N.P., or SS





## Sayreville Fishing **Derby: A Big Success**



Overall Winner: Chase Dobiszewski (12 inch catch) (Photo/story submitted)

The Annual Sayreville Fishing Derby drew 85 participants from ages 3-15 years old.

The Recreation Advisory Board and Knights of Columbus were volunteers. Sayreville Police Community Outreach continued their "Fishing with Officer Fischer" program as well. Bait was donated by Sayreville Sportsman.

Quote: "Our Fishing Derby continues a Sayreville Recreation tradition welcoming in the Spring season. While it was a little chillier than we would have liked for May. we're thankful to all the children and families who came to participate in this event. Recreational fishing blends relaxation, excitement, and connection with nature. With catch and release policies, it fosters a sense of environmental stewardship and provides a lifelong leisure pursuit."

**Overall Winner:** Chase Dobiszewski (12 inch catch) Age Group 3-4 Year Olds: 1st: Hazel Mangano 2nd: Cole Connors 3rd: Emily Wisiak Age Group 5-6 Year Olds: 1st: Dylan Letsche 2nd: Jayce Richiusa 3rd: Lucas Zandstra Age Group 7-8 Year Olds: 1st: Jaxon Genthe 2nd: Blake Bebert Age Group 9-10 Year Olds: 1st: Nathan Piotrowski 2nd: Riley Wisniewski 3rd: Christopher Lehman Age Group 11-12 Year Olds: 1st: Julian Zamora 2nd: Charlie Moe 3rd: Gavin Zazzarino Age Group 13-15 Year Olds: 1st: Aiden Smith 2nd: Shane Wiskiowski 3rd: Mason Wallenstein



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

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

weight if you wish, or any other pertinent information. Please make sure it's a clear

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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 -A.G.



#### **Obituaries** Panko, Alice Reiser, 91, of Colonia died

died on April 19.

died on May 6.

on April 28.

Amboy died on May 2.

South Amboy died on May 1.

South Amboy died on May 3.

May 1.

Ambroziak, Daniel H., 39, of Sayreville died on April 30. on Mav 8.

Bergin, Gerard, 67, formerly of South Amboy died on April 24.

Bowen, Robert J., 73, of Sayreville died on April 24.

- Flannery, Florence Drennan, 95, formerly of South Amboy died on April 23. Gugliotta, John Jr., 84, of Parlin died
- on April 19. Hecht, Judith A., 74, of South Amboy
- died on April 17. Jones, Robert, 73, formerly of South
- Amboy died on May 8.

Maratsis, Stavroula, 86, of Sayreville died on April 14.

In Memoriam

former resident of South Amboy died on May 1. She was a Teacher's Aide at the South Amboy Elementary School for over 20 years, and prior to that a Crossing Guard for the City of South Amboy. Steven Shackelton, 75, of South Amboy died on May 2. He was employed by Middlesex County Park He was a St. Mary's HS graduate Class of Police before retiring, and was a member of

Sharon Walsh, 73, of Sayreville and a PBA Local 156. Alice Panko, 91, of Colonia died on May 8. She was the co-owner of the Peter Pank Diner for many years, and a very kind and wonderful lady who will be missed by all who remember her from her days at the popular establishment. Bob Jones, 73, formerly of South Amboy died on May 8. '68, and one of the good guys.

Salay, Rosemary A., 93, of Sayreville

Sardar, Sidharta, 47, of Parlin died on

Schmid, Stephen H., 73, of South Amboy

Shackelton, Steven W., 75, of South

Walsh, Alice Dugan, 87, of Parlin died

Welsh, Sharon, 73, Sayreville/formerly

Wyzkowski, Anne M. Olszak, 89, of



Stephen H. Schmid, 73 of South Amboy, NJ died suddenly on Monday, May 6, 2024.

Steve was born in Glen Ridge, NJ and grew up in Montclair. He graduated from Trinity-Pawling School in New York, which was where his great uncle, grandfather, father and brother attended. He received a Bachelors of Arts Degree in History from Tusculum College

in Greeneville, TN. Steve had retired as Field Agent for the Knights of Columbus Insurance and had been working for the South Amboy/Sayreville Times, handling advertising, story writing and photography.

He was an active member, past Grand Knight and the current treasurer of the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council#426. He was also a member of the Monsignor John F. Brady Assembly #676, the current Treasurer of the 4th Degree Assembly and a past Faithful Navigator. Steve was a member of the Sacred Heart Holy Name Society and Seniors, the Our Lady of Victory Seniors, the South Amboy Seniors and was the treasurer of Saint Mary Seniors.

He was an avid fan of the New York Giants and Mets, and the New Jersey Devils. Steve was a world traveler, touring Pearl Cemetery, Parlin, NJ.



**Stephen H. Schmid** 

Harbor, the Normandy Beaches, South America, Europe, rounded Cape Horn and sailed above the Arctic Circle. He had a papal audience with Pope John Paul II in Rome and with Pope Benedict in New York City. One of his most endeared times spent with Cheryl was seeing the world famous Passion Play in 2022 in

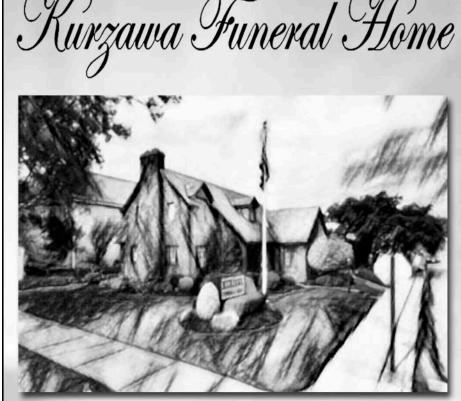
predeceased by his parents John H. Schmid, Jr., Elizabeth Betteridge, and her husband Albert, his-in-laws Walter Ruszczyk, and his wife Doris Wilczek.

He is survived by his cherished wife of 35 years Cheryl Ann Ruszczyk, his brother Randall Schmid, and his wife Linda Meyer along with many cousins, friends and Brother Knights.

Family and friends paid their respects on Friday, May 10, 2024 at the Kurzawa Funeral Home, 338 Main Street, South Amboy, NJ 08879. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 10 am from the funeral home, which was followed by an 11 am funeral Mass at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, South Amboy, NJ. Interment followed at the Sacred Heart

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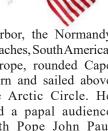
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## **Alice Reiser Panko**



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Steve

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Alice Reiser Panko, 91, of Colonia died on Wednesday May 8, 2024 at home. Born in Linden she was raised in Rahway before settling in Colonia over 60 years ago. She was previously employed, with her husband, as co-owner of the Peterpank Diner. She was a member of St. John Vianney R.C. Church, Colonia.

Daughter of the late Fred and Sophie Reiser she is also

predeceased by her husband Alex Panko, Mass of Christian Burial at St. John Vianney Sr. in 2004. She is survived by her son and Church, Colonia. Entombment was in St. daughter-in-law Alex, Jr. and Alexandria Gertrude Cemetery Mausoleum, Colonia. Panko; her daughters and sons-in-law In lieu of flowers donations may be made Patricia and Gary Colaprico and Linda to Center for Hope Hospice, https://cfhh. and Michael Murphy; her grandchildren org/donate/



Christie and her husband Tom, Kevin, Julianne and her husband Tom, Joseph and his wife Dana, Nicholas, Megan, Amanda and Ryan; her greatgrandchildren Nina, Silas and Elaina and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Monday May 13, 2024 from The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by a

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 knowr 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. P.S & B.S..

## TURN INTO A TIDAL WAVE AFFECTING

## THE LIVES OF MANY."



## Rocco M. Cuoco, Manager N.J. Lic. No. 4605



#### The Smoke Column By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, BA., MS.

lake, or the ocean in their response area should be aware of the potential for a boat fire. Though these fires occur infrequently, they could become disasters when they do occur. Smaller watercraft are powered by gasoline engines. Gasoline stored in containers and fuel lines running through the boat can emit highly flammable vapors that can ignite from a variety of sources. A fire on a boat that occurs on the open water becomes difficult if not impossible for a fire department response. Most local fire departments don't have the resources to fight these types of fires. As the old saying goes, "the fire will only burn down to the waterline." More concerning is when a boat fire occurs on land. Worse yet is when a boat catches fire that is stored on a rack for the winter among many other boats. Most of today's boats are constructed of fiberglass which is a highly combustible material that can ignite easily and release toxic fumes such as styrene, acetone, and phosgene and can be harmful to bystanders and firefighters when burning. When on fire, they will burn more quickly and with intense heat. A big problem occurs when these boats are winterized, sealed in a plastic film, and stored on a rack with a multitude of other boats and becomes an enormous fire load. A fire in any one of these boats will have a disastrous effect on the entire storage rack. Many of these storage racks are located next to some type of structure that may be used for the repair and maintenance of marine equipment. Various products used in the maintenance and repair of the boats are stored/used inside these structures and will contribute to the response because of the amount of manpower fire spread and intensity if they are involved. and water necessary to control the fire. Do Also adding to our fire problem may be the you know the hazards in your mutual aid lack of a sustainable municipal water source. response areas? Many of these facilities do not have fire

Fire departments that have a bay, river, hydrants located throughout the grounds so a sufficient water supply must be established. There may be plenty of water available from static sources such as the bay or river but it would have to be drafted. Questions to ask ourselves before we commit to drafting are: can we get close enough, do we have the proper equipment, do we have a competent operator, and will we be able to accomplish the draft in time? Many pump operators have never had to draft from a static source and this should t be the training grounds. Items to consider if you are the first due or you ARE the incident commander may include: safety of first responders is the primary concern; will or is the fire spreading to any adjacent structures and if so, is a search of those structure(s) necessary; recognizing the dangers involved in the storage rack and its failure due to the intense heat (wood versus metal construction); establishing a collapse zone completely around the burning storage rack and fighting the fire from a distance; accessibility of hose lines or aerial apparatus in a congested area of storage; weather conditions having a major impact on these fires as there is plenty of fresh oxygen available along with the possibility of gusty winds along the water; hazardous materials that may be in the boats or in the structures where cleaning and maintenance products are stored and used which are toxic and highly flammable. Look into your responding area and pre-plan what you would do if a fire erupted in a boat or a storage rack containing a multitude of fiberglass boats. In a fire of this nature, we would rely on a mutual aid

## Anne M. Wyzykowski

Anne M. Wyzykowski (Nee: Olszak) 89 of South Amboy, NJ entered into eternal rest on Friday, May 3, 2024 at home with her family by her side.

Born to the late Lawrence and Anna Olszak. Anne was a long time resident of South Amboy where she raised her family. For thirteen years Anne resided in Toms River until moving back into South Amboy with her daughter Karen in 2021. Anne 's first

also worked for the South Amboy Board of Education, Eastern Airlines and was a member of the IATSE Union where she was a seamstress at the Paper Mill Playhouse. her children and grandchildren. Anne loved traveling and visited many countries, but her favorite spot was Hawaii. Anne loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and attended their school and sporting events. Anne was unstoppable. Anne loved dancing and listening to her polkas.

Survivors include her son, Gregory Wyzykowski and wife Lisa, daughters,



JoAnn Fulop and husband George, Karen Walczak and husband Tim, Pam David and husband Larry, grandchildren, Christine Salmon and husband Daniel, Tim Walczak and wife Shona. Andrew Walczak, Katie Reimer and husband Tyler, Eric, Elizabeth and Kyle David, Matthew Fulop and Madchen Wyzykowski, great grandchildren, Taylor, Mikayla, Abigail and Logan Salmon, Laisren Walczak and

job was with Komar's in South Amboy. She Max Reimer, brothers Michael & Lawrence Olszak and many nieces and nephews. Anne is predeceased by her husband Richard, son Rick Wyzykowski and sister Regina Werner.

Friends and family paid their respects She always made amazing costumes for on Thursday, May 9, 2024 at the Kurzawa Funeral Home, 338 Main Street in South Amboy, NJ. Funeral services began on Friday, May 10, 2024 at the funeral home which was followed by a Funeral Mass of Christian Burial at Sacred Heart Church, in South Amboy. Interment followed at Sacred Heart Cemetery Mausoleum in Parlin, NJ. In lieu of flowers donations can be sent to the South Amboy First Aid Squad. http:// www.southamboyfirstaid.org/donate.html

### **Florence Drennan Flannery**

Florence Drennan Flannery, 95, passed away Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at home in Netcong, NJ surrounded by family. Florence, daughter of John and Frances Drennan was born on December 5, 1928 in Jersey City, NJ. She was a proud nurse, having graduated from the Jersey City Medical Center School of Nursing in 1950. She worked as a registered visiting nurse in Jersey City as well as at Jack, Ray, Tom, Stephan, Ken, and South Amboy Hospital. She lived for 22 Jerry; 2 sisters, Jane Ann and Frances; years with her husband and family in South Amboy. Florence was the loving wife of Edward Flannery, Jr., having celebrated 60 years of marriage, and a beloved mother, April 29th, 2024 at St. Michael RC Church, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was blessed with 6 children, 27 grandchildren and 45 great grandchildren. She loved to take camping trips with her family in Port of the Islands, Florida, crocheted an Afghan blanket for every grandchild, and made the best crummy apple Florence Flannery, joan@lifechoicesonline. pie and mint chocolate brownies. She will

be dearly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her 5 children; Brian (Barbara) Flannery, James (Patricia) Flannery, Nancy (Gregory) Keller, Judi (Earl) Worgess and Maureen (Marc) Seelinger and her daughterin-law MaryLou (Edward) Flannery. She is predeceased by her husband Edward Flannery; her son Edward Flannery, III; her 6 brothers, her granddaughter, Deirdre, and great granddaughter, Sylvia. Funeral Services were held on Monday. Netcong NJ, The internment was at the Resurrection Burial Park in Piscataway, NJ at a later date. Donations may be made to Life Choices, 411 S. Main Street, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865. To make online donations to Life Choices put in memory to org Or call 908-454-2066 ext 4.

#### 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 -J.B.

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# WARD 1 CANDIDATE 5B

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



## 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

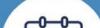


- A lifelong public servant, Zusette cares deeply about the residents of South Amboy and is focused on serving her community.
- Having served on numerous local boards since first moving to the city in 2002, Zusette has been an active member of the South Amboy community for over two decades.

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