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## The True Meaning of Thanksgiving



**Major Stephen Carroll and his wife Major Betzann Carroll.**



**Thanksgiving at the Salvation Army**

*\*Photos by Joe Bayona*

By: Joe Bayona

**PERTH AMBOY** - Traditionally Thanksgiving is a day for giving thanks. Thanksgiving was started in this country by the Pilgrims in 1621, made a national holiday by Abraham Lincoln in 1863, and moved to the fourth Thursday of November by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1941.

We celebrate it with family and loved ones. All coming together to enjoy elaborate dinners of turkey, stuffing, pumpkin pie, and anything else that will fit on the table.

However, there are some who celebrate it in a different way. They celebrate it by providing a hot meal and comfort for those who have nothing or next to nothing. The people I'm referring to are the volunteers of the Salvation Army and Faith Fellowship Ministries.

For three years now these two fine organizations have provided a Thanksgiving meal for the less fortunate. The Perth Amboy Corps of the Salvation Army, providing the use of their facilities on State St. and the volunteers of Faith Fellowship Ministries of Sayreville providing the "elbow grease".

Upon arriving at the Salvation Army building I was greeted by Steve Simon of the Faith Fellowship Ministries who was in charge of put-

ting the dinner together. Steve then introduced me to Gerald "Gerry" Johnson. Gerry was in charge of the kitchen. Not only did Gerry run the kitchen for this dinner but he also provides meals every third Wednesday of the month for the less fortunate, at this same location, out of his own pocket.

Next I met Major Stephen Carroll and his wife Major Betzann Carroll who were brought out of retirement to run the Perth Amboy Corps of the Salvation Army. They will be returning to their home in Pennsylvania in June, when a new commander will take over. Major Carroll explained to me that in addition to this meal the Perth Amboy Corps put together 150 turkey baskets prior to this dinner to dis-

tribute to families who were in need of them.

All together there were approximately 35 volunteers who helped put this dinner together. In the 2 previous years 150 meals were served. This year the goal is at least 200.

All of the food was donated. The donations came from, The Alvarez Café of Elizabeth, Lynmine Restaurant of Plainfield, Mulberry Caterers of Sayreville, Giovanni's Pizza of Perth Amboy, and St. James Catholic Church of Woodbridge. Food was also donated by individual members of Faith Fellowship Ministries. The decorations, table cloths, and the like were donated by St. James School of Woodbridge.

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## Large Crowd, No Questions at South Amboy Council Meeting

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

**SOUTH AMBOY** - Not many residents spoke out about Hurricane Sandy despite a large crowd during last Tuesday's South Amboy council meeting.

The council prepared for the meeting by inviting the city's department heads to respond to any questions residents may have brought forward. Residents came out in numbers two weeks ago to complain about the lack of effort from the city government following the storm, but not many stepped forward on Tuesday.

In fact, Mark Grossman of David Street was the only resident to speak about the city's effort after Sandy. He criticized the city's response as a whole and believed more could have been done, especially with power outages.

"I've had communications with Jersey Central and they are taking my actions seriously. It doesn't take a great deal of effort to do this," Grossman said. "I am not an elected person but I could easily reach out to the state and county. It appears that none of these assets were reached out to or used."

Grossman also added that the residents of South Amboy were doing all they could to help their neighbors while the city's leaders were nowhere to be found. He explained that some residents created a soup kitchen with leftover food and were working as a unit.

"Every claim I've heard was people like Councilwoman

Noble doing it on their own. It's not just what you can do with one set of hands, you are all representatives of the entire town," Grossman said. "We had people with dying freezers and electric cooking, so we all brought meat together and made a soup kitchen to help our neighbors. It wasn't what I could do, it was what we could do, and we tried to reach out."

Councilwoman Noble was not in attendance for the meeting, but Mayor Henry addressed the ongoing situation during his opening comments. He informed the residents in attendance that the city would be meeting with FEMA to assess the damage and will work to fix the communication problem in South Amboy.

"Next week we will be meeting with FEMA with our professionals to assess the damage in the city and see what we can get in return," Henry said. "Last meeting we had a lot of residents with concerns about communication during emergencies and we know of the problems that arose because of that. I want to sit down and get in touch with those people to figure out how we can better the situation. We need to do better then we did."

After the meeting concluded, President Joseph Connors thanked the department heads for attending the meeting and for all their hard work during the aftermath of the storm. The city council also wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.



**PERTH AMBOY - Elizabeth Street Fire - Sunday 11/25/12**  
*See story & photos on page 3 \*Photo by Joe Bayona*

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## Wisniewski Hails Establishment of New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission Next-of-Kin Registry *Emergency Contact Registry Established by Wisniewski Legislation Known as Sara's Law*

Press Release 11/20/12  
SAYREVILLE – Assembly Deputy Speaker John Wisniewski (D-Middlesex) today hailed the establishment of a next-of-kin registry by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC), which was created as a result of legislation he sponsored known as Sara's Law. The bill was unanimously passed in the legislature and signed into law by the Governor in April, 2011.

Sara's Law is named in memory of Sara Dubinin, a 19 year old from Sayreville who was killed in a car accident. The tragedy was compounded by the delay in notifying her family. By the time her mother Betty was told of the accident, Sara was already in a coma and she never regained consciousness.

Betty Dubinin shared her experience with Assemblyman Wisniewski and, working together with legislative colleagues, Wisniewski drafted

the legislation that was to become known as Sara's Law. The bill required the creation of a next-of-kin database at the MVC so that families can be promptly notified when a loved one is in jeopardy.

The MVC database is accessible online and allows New Jersey drivers and those with a non-driver identification card to voluntarily log in and designate two people as emergency contacts in the event of an accident. The information provided by program participants will only be available to law enforcement officers for use during a serious motor vehicle accident and will allow timely notice to those designated in the MVC database.

"Designating a family member, trusted friend or loved one to be an emergency contact will help ensure that, in the event of a life-threatening situation, someone could be notified and be at the person's bedside within minutes rather than



Assembly Deputy Speaker John Wisniewski

hours," explained Wisniewski. "Sara's Law offers the opportunity for all of us to avoid the ordeal her family endured and will stand as a lasting tribute to the memory of Sara Dubinin."

Those wishing to register emergency contact information in the registry can do so via the MVC web site at <http://www.nj.gov/mvc>.

### Thanksgiving

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During the dinner Maj. Betzann Carroll pointed out two guests that she said would be "ringing the bell" for the first time this year. For those who aren't familiar with the term, "ringing the bell," it's when a Salvation Army volunteer stands outside with a

red bucket on a tripod "ringing the bell" for donations, (in all types of weather I might add). One was David, a recovering addict who was celebrating 34 days clean and credits the Salvation Army for his recovery. The other was Shen, a 67 year old electrical engineer by trade, who found himself homeless for the first time 12 weeks ago. Both said they were ringing the bell as a way

to give back for the kindness they were given.

So in conclusion I would just like to say that if you find yourself one Thanksgiving Day with nothing to be thankful for, be thankful that there are people on this earth like those who are the Salvation Army and Faith Fellowship Ministries. I know I am.

### Amboy Bank Hosts Its Annual Food Drive

News Release  
SOUTH AMBOY - During the month of November, all 23 offices of Amboy Bank have been collecting food and household items for food banks in their branch areas. Every Amboy office manager selected a food bank to collect for in their community. In many cases Amboy has a strong relationship with the organizations including Elijah's Promise in New Brunswick, the Old Bridge Food Bank and Lunch Break in Red Bank.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, the need was even greater. Amboy Bank had the added support of one of their vendors. PrintMail Systems of Newton Pennsylvania arranged a food drive of their own to support Amboy's efforts. Their employees brought in donations and PrintMail matched every dollar that was collected.

Gregory Scharpf, Amboy Bank's Chief Retail Banking



Gary Walsh, VP Sales & Client Care for PrintMail Systems; Patrick Hutton, Computer Operations Manager, Amboy Bank and Sylvia Rapoport, AVP Marketing Manager, Amboy Bank get ready to bring a truck load of food to the Old Bridge Food Bank.

*\*Photo Submitted*

Officer, stated "Thanks to the support of our generous clients, neighbors, staff and PrintMail the program has been a huge success. We were able to distribute our collectables in time for Thanksgiving. In light of the ongoing need we will continue our food drive through December."

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### Annual Holiday Tree Lighting And Fire Truck Parade

SOUTH AMBOY - On Wednesday, December 5TH at 6 p.m. at Transit Plaza on Broadway "Come Visit Santa at our Christmas Village!" Santa Will Arrive At 6:30 p.m. for the Kids Annual Meet And Greet. There will be free hot chocolate, cookies, candy and holiday entertainment! Don't Miss the Annual Fire/First Aid Holiday Parade! Prize for the best decorated vehicle! This Year, Local Food Banks Need Your Help More Than Ever.... Help Us To Assist Them By Donating A Non-Perishable Food Item At This Event! Sponsored by the City of South Amboy. For additional information please contact the South Amboy Recreation Dept. at 732-316-8212.

## Tot Time & Storytime

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Tot Time - (Ages 0-2) on Mondays at 10:15 a.m. and Storytime (Ages 3-5) on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

## URGENT Food

## Donation Request

PERTH AMBOY - Attention Business Owners and Residents - Please be our partners! 100+ Perth Amboy Families - Victims of Hurricane Sandy need your help immediately. Please donate canned food, bread, ready to eat beans, water, peanut butter, jelly, bananas, apples and/or food vouchers. Please drop off at Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive Street, Perth Amboy. For more info call the BID Office at 732-442-6421.

## Childbirth Education Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a one day Childbirth Education class Saturday, December 8, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The class is designed to help expectant parents better understand the childbearing process. A registered nurse with special training in labor, delivery and childcare techniques will facilitate the class. It will be held at Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. The fee for the course is \$125 per couple. Registration required, call 732-324-5300

## Melt Away Stress

OLD BRIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center's Division of Integrative Medicine is offering a and educational session Melt Away Holiday Stress Wednesday, December 5, 7 to 8 p.m., at the hospital's Old Bridge location in Auxiliary Hall C, located on the lower level of the Medical Arts Building, adjacent to the hospital on Ferry Rd. between Routes 9 & 18. Learn simple massage techniques to relax your muscles and feel your best throughout the holidays. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information and to register, call 732-442-3700, ext. 5861, or email [integrative-medicine@rbmc.org](mailto:integrative-medicine@rbmc.org).

### Holiday Party

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a kids Holiday Party on Friday, December 14 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

### Holiday Bingo

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Holiday Bingo for all ages on Wednesday, December 19 from at 3:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

## Perth Amboy Fire Severely Damages 3 Homes

*\*Photos by Joe Bayona*

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PERTH AMBOY - A blaze broke out on Sunday night that severely damaged 3 homes on Elizabeth Street in Perth Amboy.

According to fire Chief David Volk, the call came into the fire department at approximately 8:30 PM. Upon arrival, firefighters found heavy fire in the rear of 609 Elizabeth St., a vacant building. The flames quickly spread to adjoining structures at 611 and 613 Elizabeth St. At one point the flames were so intense that they completely incinerated a wooden fence that stood between the properties of 609 and 611. A boat that was on a trailer in the backyard of 611 Elizabeth St. was also destroyed.

Additional units from Sayreville and South Amboy were called to the scene to fight the 5 hour blaze. An additional unit from Sayreville as well as one each from Woodbridge and Colonia were called in to standby at central fire headquarters.

There were no injuries reported, but 12 people found themselves homeless. None of the 12 needed relocation as they were going to stay with relatives.

Chief Volk credits firefighters with a good stop, keeping the fire from spreading even further than it did given the head start the blaze had before their arrival.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

(\*See Photo Page 1)



PERTH AMBOY - On Sunday night 12/25/12 three houses, 609, 611,613 Elizabeth Street caught fire. \*Photos by Joe Bayona

# LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

## EDITORIAL

### The Best and Worst of Us



In a disaster or emergency situations the Salvation Army and Red Cross are two organizations that are always expected to respond. Then there are circumstances where ordinary citizens step up to the plate and hit a home run.

During the recent hurricane some residents in devastated areas took it upon themselves to help those less fortunate. I was reading about several families from St. Stan's Church in Sayreville. Together they decided to help those in the Old Bridge Section who were hardest hit by Sandy. Some of the St. Stan parishioners set up a Facebook Page. By doing so they were able to contact an area restaurant. This restaurant allowed these parishioners the use of their parking lot to set up a grill to cook hot dogs and hamburgers to feed the hungry. One of the families who attended St. Stan's by the name of Tsapsinos said they were able to disburse over 4000 meals. This is just one of the services provided by this group.

Their Facebook page is called, "Sayreville, N.J. Friends Helping Friends" All I can say is, "Good Job!"

Union Beach School System was hit very hard by the hurricane. A town nearby adopted several schools in Union Beach to make sure the students received the essential items they needed for school.

These are just two examples out of many of Sandy Stories where the community could not wait for established organizations to get to them in time. Time was of the essence

and they just knew that it was up to them to provide the assistance that was needed. You don't have to be rich. All you need is to have the will, the way, finding the resources and enough volunteers to start your own relief effort.

I also want to address a very disturbing situation. This has to do with Price Gouging. I was listening to a radio program this past Sunday and they were talking about a hotel in Staten Island that normally charged \$90 a day for a room. Because of the hurricane the same room was now \$300 a day. There were instances where generators normally selling for \$300 were going for \$1000. Some local stores in the neighborhood charged \$10 for a gallon of milk. What kind of people would be so heartless to do this to people who have supported them for all these years? How can you live with yourself knowing that these are the same people that has kept you in business? How can you face them when things get better? If anything you should have lowered your prices which would have made more people come into your store. This would have given more people the chance to afford to buy the items or stay at your hotel/motel.

Just put yourself in the place of the people that you are gouging. I also heard that the people that were doing the price gouging will be severely fined by the Attorney General's office. Hopefully this will be enough of a deterrent to others. Sandy brought out the best and worst in us. *C.M.*

## THE COMMUNITY VOICE

### In Defense of MoPA

Sorry I have to do this, but, I must. My observation of MoPA these last few years is that they are a diverse group of people, involved in many aspects of the City and it's different organizations, who want only to see Perth Amboy get its full recognition as a truly historic and beautiful gem that it is. They have worked with other groups to have the 'Old Amboy Walking Tours' updated and redistributed; sup-

ported the efforts to have the "9-11 monument"; the "Purple Heart monument" the 'Founder's Monument / the Scottish Cairn' completed; their affair for the 4th of July fireworks at the Armory was a wonderful treat; they stripped the Ferry Slip Museum of its collections before 'Sandy' hit and returned to clean and restore the museum after the flood. If there is any chance that the State might release funds, whole or in part, WHY would anyone want to discourage this?????. I've known David since he

was a young man working at Seaman's. Dave always had a bent for the negative. He always found it easier to 'po po' ideas then work to see them accomplished. Later, in politics, he wasn't much different. Am I a Vas supporter-or not, am I on the McCoy ticket-or not, will Delgado make me the new City BA- thank God not. Dave I hope you find yourself some day, and PLEASE, let it be something positive.

Name withheld upon request.

### The Biggest Test

Well, there you have it. Four more years of Mayor Wilda Diaz. and her two yes people for City Council: Lisa Nanton (if she makes it) and Fernando Irazarry. How nice. Now let's hope that these so-called politicians will keep their promise to concerned voters of Perth Amboy - not Camden, NJ.

It kind of seems like that. And those city employees better be ready for some changes

in the work place. Also, we know that the City Council meeting will be the same - Hot Air, Inc. Now, I come to Superstorm Sandy. Or was it a hurricane? - you guess. This storm caused lots of damages around town. The Waterfront was hit hard and the homes and businesses on Front Street suffered major loss. Even the marina got hit - the price tag - I hate to see it. But we know our Mayor will do what it takes to help those in need and what about FEMA? What's their

role in helping Perth Amboy? We want to know.

I have noticed something about this storm. It shows us that we are no match to fight it. Also it got the concerned citizens together to help our community. Well, Mayor Wilda Diaz, here's your biggest test. How to put a community together and we are here to help you if you ask.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez  
Perth Amboy

### Dissatisfied with Caffrey

It is unbelievable that present Perth Amboy Superintendent of Schools, Janine Caffrey, has the nerve to question the President of Board of Education Sam Lebreault that he does not care for the children of our city. By moving in and out of office she has seen fit into to care about the welfare of children herself.

The Board has voted to remove her and yet she comes back like a bad penny or the flu via the State Commissioner of Education. It is obvious that the state, including Governor Christie, wants to turn this city into a charter school system.

There is a record of over 10 Superintendants of schools dismissed from their jobs by their respective Board of Education. They having done even less than what Caffrey has done. What does that say about friends in high places?

Throughout this past year she has been vocal (radio, press, etc.) in her reasons why she should be part of this school system, yet she denigrates the same system. She has demonized teachers who have impeccable records just because she doesn't like them. If someone

speaks up against her methods they are punished and made to spend time not using their hard earned talents teaching children.

Now she feels she can override the people who hired her because of numerous proven false allegations (which did not withstand scrutiny) against Board members she does not like. Necessary work was not done thus delaying progress of the education of our children. She is the one who has made it impossible to overcome this impasse.

She must have really laid a case on the Board when being interviewed for them not to see her agenda.

At present, we are able to replace the woman with one who already knows the city and is well liked by teachers and students. Because she was doing her job as required by the Board of Education, the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Vivian Rodriguez, stepped in and took over Caffrey's job. Caffrey being so indignant, banished her to the basement of #7 School. Out of sight, out of mind!

I have been a citizen of this city all my life. Caffrey would never be able to do what she does if it weren't for the back-

ing of Trenton and unelected bureaucrats.

Yes, we are a minority city but the people are not stupid and neither are their children. If one wants to learn, they will, but there must be an incentive to do so. The garbage that Caffrey is attempting to introduce is not conducive to learning.

Note to Caffrey! Why is it alright for some to use the Doctrine of Necessity but not when she is involved?

It is a known fact that a massive amount of money was sent into this city to influence the school and city election. All this to keep Caffrey in place. There is the presumed separation of City Hall and the School Board policies yet there is partisan political meddling. It is unethical for City Hall to be involved in the workings of any school.

Far too many innocent people have their reputation ruined and grown depression - only for Caffrey's ego. If the public knew the whole story, this women would never have been hired in the first place.

Gladys Santos  
Perth Amboy

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RARITAN BAY MEDICAL CENTER .....	530 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.
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SANTIBANA TRAVEL .....	362 STATE ST.
7-ELEVEN 553 .....	SAYRE AVE.
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SOVEREIGN BANK .....	365 CONVERY BLVD.
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WELLS FARGO .....	214 SMITH ST.
YO DELIGHT .....	456B SMITH ST.
<b>IN SAYREVILLE:</b>	
BOROUGH HALL .....	167 MAIN ST.
CHINESE DELITE .....	59 MAIN ST.
SENIOR CENTER .....	423 MAIN ST.
SUNNYSIDE RESTAURANT .....	111 MAIN ST.
VENICE PIZZERIA .....	881 MAIN ST.
<b>IN SEWAREN:</b>	
MOBY DICK'S .....	351 WEST AVE.
PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	546 WEST AVE.
SEWAREN CORNER DELI .....	514 WEST AVE.
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BROADWAY BAGELS .....	105 S. BROADWAY
BROADWAY BISTRO .....	126 N. BROADWAY
CENTER DELI .....	250 N. STEVENS AVE.
CITY HALL .....	140 N. BROADWAY
COLLEEN'S KITCHEN .....	132 S. PINE ST.
COMMUNITY CENTER .....	200 O'LEARY BLVD.
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KRAUSZER'S .....	717 BORDENTOWN AVE.
MS. LEE'S CUISINE .....	2087 HIGHWAY 35
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MAIN ST. FARM .....	107 MAIN ST.
NEWS & TREATS .....	99 MAIN ST.
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REO DINER .....	392 AMBOY AVE.
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WOODBRIDGE VETERINARY GROUP .....	424 AMBOY AVE.

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**Volunteer  
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Needed**

**PERTH AMBOY** - The Perth Amboy Fire Department: Volunteer Division needs members. Accepting men and women ages 18 years or older. Volunteers must be a Perth Amboy resident. For more information please contact 732-442-3430.

**HIV Support**

**PERTH AMBOY** — Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring an HIV support group meeting on Monday's at 6 p.m. Anyone diagnosed with or caring for someone infected with HIV is welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the hospital's Perth Amboy Division, New Brunswick Avenue.

To register or for more information, call (732) 324-5022.

**Kearny**

**Cottage Open**

**PERTH AMBOY** - Come visit the historic home of Commodore Lawrence Kearny. The Cottage is located at 63 Catalpa Ave, Perth Amboy, and is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. The Kearny Cottage needs your help. Anyone interested in joining the Kearny Cottage Historical Society please contact 732-293-1090. We are on the web! [www.KearnyCottage.org](http://www.KearnyCottage.org)

**Accepting**

**Registrations**

**PERTH AMBOY** - Assumption Catholic School is accepting registrations.

Consider a Catholic Education for your child at Assumption Catholic School that next year will celebrate a milestone - 50 years of excellence in education!

Our school has an Open Enrollment Policy accepting applicants at any time. ACS summer office hours are from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday. We have openings for the 2012-2013 school year in grades: Pre-K (age 4), K,1,2,3,4,7 & 8. Visit us at [www.assumptioncatholicsschool.net](http://www.assumptioncatholicsschool.net) or call the school at 732-826-8721. Our Principal will give you a tour and answer any questions.

**Community Calendar**

<b>Perth Amboy</b>	
TUES. Nov. 27	Municipal Court, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave. Special Meeting, 2 p.m. City Hall, High Street
WED. Nov. 28	Special Meeting 9 a.m. City Hall, High Street Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave. City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
MON. Dec. 10	City Council, Caucus 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. Dec. 12	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. Dec. 20	Board of Education, 6 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.
<b>South Amboy</b>	
MON. Dec. 17	City Council, Business 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
WED. Dec. 19	City Council, Regular 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway



**PRAHD (Puerto Rican Association for Human Development) Activities**

- 1— PRAHD delivered 150 food baskets and turkeys to needy families on Saturday 11/17/12.
  - 2— PRAHD held a special Thanksgiving luncheon for our seniors on Friday.
  - 3— PRAHD are partnering with PASOS (Pan-American School of Sports) on a fundraiser scheduled for November 29th in Perth Amboy. Proceeds from the event will be used to assist individuals/families impacted by Hurricane Sandy.
  - 4— PRAHD allowed a local mortgage bank agency without power to use an office at PRAHD so they could continue to conduct business.
  - 5— PRAHD received a van full of supplies, food and clothing from a resident of Pittsburg, PA that will be forward donated to victims of Hurricane Sandy.
- And of course, as a social service agency—we are providing counseling and referrals to clients daily on Hurricane Sandy related issues. The need is massive and as you can imagine our resources limited and at times depleted. PRAHD values Wells Fargo for always being at the forefront extending support to the communities that you serve. Thank you for considering PRAHD as you have resources available to extend to the nonprofit sector.

*\*Photos by Paul W. Wang*

**We have a new email address!  
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## The Community Voice

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### Early Visit Paid Off

Thanksgiving Day is an annual American Holiday celebrated on the last Thursday in November. I have spent many years of my life working at V.A. Nursing Homes and I always make time to go back and see these men. Got myself laid up for about six months but started to get back some of my zip this past October.

The Weather Boys said Sandy was coming so I decided to pay a Happy Thanksgiving visit to one of my Vets near the end of October. I had not seen this Vet in about two years. He was sitting in a chair by the window. I put my hand on his shoulder, he turned around and yelled "Hey Tom! Welcome Aboard!" Spent a couple of hours with him and I had to hit the road because it was getting dark. As I got up to leave, he grabbed my hand and said, "I want to tell you something," (I've heard this similar story many times) He had a nice home but after his wife died, his family thought he would be better off here. They sold his house and the first few months they always came to see him. He said, "I

spent last Thanksgiving waiting for them and it won't be any different this year." He continued, "You gave me a Thanksgiving today." I gave him a promise I would see him on November 22nd and December 25th (He said, "A promise is just bull \_\_\_\_\_. Give me it in writing.) I had a business card in my wallet and I gave him my Promise in writing. He read it and had a smile on his face from ear to ear. He was still clutching that card as I left his room.

I had good intentions of keeping my promise but my friend died soon after Sandy struck. I think too much about time and often wonder why God has kept me going. I don't have the answer and I'm not supposed to have the answer.

Yes, my friends, put your dreams away for another day. Because TIME STOPS FOR NO MAN.

Do I think about that Veteran I went to see back in October? Yes, I do! Do I wonder if he was still clutching that card in his hand when he died. That is another Yes! He is up above now, and his waiting time is over. Hope you have or had a HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thomas Francis Clark  
Metuchen

### Holiday Home Decorating Contest

SOUTH AMBOY - \$100 prize & a photo collage of your home dressed for the holidays! Home must be decorated completely by December 5. For additional information call Recreation at 732-316-8212

### Salvation Army

PERTH AMBOY - The Salvation Army's Perth Amboy Corps. is making an urgent plea for food donations as the Holiday Season is upon us.

The Corps' Food pantry has been struggling to meet a significantly-greater need throughout the year, and is now faced with providing holiday food distributions to over 500 needy families. Non perishable food donations, cash donations or food vouchers may be dropped off at the Corps Headquarters State And Washington Streets between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

For more information call 732-826-7040.

### Assistance From FEMA.

PERTH AMBOY - The application process for the New Jersey Homekeeper program of assistance to distressed homeowners can now be reached easily.

C2SOH has been advised that applicants must respond immediately to instructions to contact counseling. The application process is very time-sensitive, so there must be no delay.

Apply at <https://www.njhomekeeper.com/> TIME IS OF ESSENCE: applicants must respond immediately.

The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development is assisting residents to complete FEMA applications. Please contact them at (732) 442-1081.

### Holiday Open House

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Holiday Open House on Monday, December 10 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

### Annual Holiday Concert

WOODBIDGE - The Barron Arts Center Presents The Singing Boys of Pennsylvania and the Keystone Girls Choir on Friday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. to be held at Woodbridge Middle School, 525 Barron Ave., Woodbridge. Reservations are NOT required. For more info call 732-634-0413. In the spirit of giving, please bring a non-perishable food item for the Mayor's Food Bank or The Woodbridge Animal Shelter.

### Breakfast with Santa

EAST BRUNSWICK: There will be Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 9 at 9:30 a.m. at the New Brunswick Elks Lodge No. 2370, 21 Oakmont Avenue, East Brunswick, NJ

Join us at the East Brunswick Elks for a light breakfast, coloring, singing, and crafting along with a special arrival from Santa.

Reservations are required. Seating is limited. Cost \$8 per person (children & adults). For reservations or questions, please call (732) 821-9527

Donations of canned goods, non-perishable items such as Mac & Cheese, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, etc. would be appreciated for our Feed the Hungry Campaign.

### Those Registered with FEMA will Receive a Letter From FEMA

Press Release

NEW JERSEY - After registering with FEMA, you will receive a letter from FEMA concerning the status of your application. The letter is a starting point about whether or not you will receive disaster assistance.

Read the letter carefully. Even if the letter says that you are ineligible, the reason might simply be that you have not provided all the information or documentation FEMA needs. It does not necessarily mean "case closed." The letter explains what additional information is needed or how to appeal a decision that you do not qualify for assistance.

Ask for help if you don't understand the letter. Call the helpline at 800-621-FEMA (3362) or

TTY 800-462-7585 OR visit a Disaster Recovery Center where you can talk with a FEMA representative about your particular situation.

To find the nearest disaster recovery center, log on to [www.fema.gov/drclocator](http://www.fema.gov/drclocator).

You may not have qualified for financial help right away, but that decision may change if you submit additional documents. Some of the reasons for an initial ineligible decision can be that you:

- You haven't submitted a settlement or denial determination from your insurance

company.

- FEMA needs more information to process your application.

- You have not provided proof of ownership or occupancy.

- You did not provide records that showed the damaged property was your primary residence at the time of the disaster.

- You did not sign essential documents.

FEMA can never duplicate assistance from insurance or other government sources, but FEMA may be able to cover some of your uninsured losses. Providing the requested information or taking the required actions outlined in the letter might change FEMA's determination. The letter also explains how to appeal a determination. Appeals must be filed within 60 days of the date of the ineligible decision.

Remember: the letter from FEMA is a starting point. You should:

- Read the letter carefully.
- Ask questions and ask for help.

- Tell FEMA if you think the decision is incorrect. You have the right to ask FEMA to reconsider the decision.

FEMA has a video that gives more information about how to appeal a FEMA determination. It can be found at: [http://www.fema.gov/medialibrary/media\\_records/6486](http://www.fema.gov/medialibrary/media_records/6486).

### Need Help After The Storm? Visit A Disaster Recovery Center

Press Release

NEW JERSEY - When Hurricane Sandy survivors need face-to-face help, the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) is the place to go. From Cumberland to Sussex, customer service representatives are ready to help in many ways and in multiple languages.

Thirty DRCs are now open seven days a week. Hours today until Thanksgiving are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (except for Bay Head, which is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. while its curfew remains in effect.)

All DRCs will be closed Thanksgiving Day and will reopen Friday, Nov. 23, with new hours: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., except for Bay Head, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Meet face-to-face with repre-

sentatives from the New Jersey Office of Emergency Services (NJOES), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Small Business Administration (SBA) and other government and volunteer agencies to learn about:

- Housing assistance and rental resources.

- The status of an application.

- Letters from FEMA.

- SBA's disaster loan programs and how to complete a loan application.

- Multilingual assistance.

- Strengthening a home.

- Counseling services.

- Other resources that may be available.

FEMA does not distribute cash, checks, debit cards or vouchers at recovery centers.

### Kiddie Keep Well Christmas Donation

WOODBIDGE - Since 1924, the camp has been providing a residential camping experience for about 600 children between the ages of 6 and 13 who would not normally be able to go to a sleep-away camp each summer. Approximately 60 to 80 of those children are from Woodbridge Township. Many of the campers live with physical, emotional, drug or alcohol abuse, or special health problems.

Every year they hold a Christmas party for the kids, this year Kiddie Keep Well would like to help by collecting new, unused coats, gloves, hats, and scarves. If you would like to contribute, please drop your donation off at the Health Center in the Environmental Department, 35 Roosevelt Dr., Edison by November 21. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. For more information call Erica at (732) 548-6542 Ext. 5027.

Send Your Events to  
Carolyn at  
[Crlynmxwll@aol.com](mailto:Crlynmxwll@aol.com) and  
to Katherine at  
[KMass514@gmail.com](mailto:KMass514@gmail.com)

**Grand Opening of Rincon Tropical Restaurant - Perth Amboy 11/17/12**

*\*Photos by Bob Ned*



Serving the First Customers



Mayor Diaz with Local Business Owners and Roxana Troche



The Rincon owners, Mayor Diaz, Councilman Kenny Gonzalez and Barry Rosengarten



The Grand Opening featured a traditional ribbon cutting

**PRAHD Raising of Puerto Rican Flag - City Hall Circle Perth Amboy 11/18/12**

*\*Photos by Bob Ned*



Saluting the Puerto Rican Flag



Saluting the Puerto Rican Flag



Raising the Puerto Rican Flag



A citation is presented



Group photo



Mayor Diaz and a young observer

**Blood Drive**

PARLIN - Our Lady of Victory Knights of Columbus are holding a blood drive on Sunday December 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All donors will receive a \$10 gift card to Shoprite. The K of C is located at 775 Washington Road directly across from the Parlin post office. If you have any questions, please call the council home at 732-257-2061.

**Story Time with Emily**

SEWAREN Mark your calendars for Fall 2012 - Spring 2013 Children ages 3- 7 and their accompanying adult can enjoy a story, crafts, games, snack, and so much more on the second Saturday of every month at 11 a.m. at the Sewaren Free Public Library, 546 West Ave. in Sewaren. Our Story Time sessions will be held on: December 8th, January 12th, February 9th and March 9th. Sign up is required for each month. Stop by or call the library at 732-634-7571. This FREE event and all Sewaren Library activities and usage is open to families of all towns, not just Sewaren

**County is Hiring Sandy**

**Cleanup Workers**  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY - Applicants should contact the One Stop Career Center in Perth Amboy and New Brunswick. Need a job? You may be able to get temporary employment to help mitigate the destruction of Hurricane Sandy.

Temporary jobs are available to the unemployed to assist with Hurricane Sandy cleanup, and can be obtained by going to the One Stop Career Center in Perth Amboy and New Brunswick. Middlesex County has received funding from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development to assist in the recovery from Hurricane Sandy.

The funds are to be used to hire temp workers to assist with the restoration and cleanup from Hurricane Sandy.

The only people eligible to be hired with these funds are people who are unemployed and not receiving any government assistance or individuals unemployed for more than six months and not receiving government assistance, or those who have lost their jobs due to Hurricane Sandy.

Individuals who may qualify should contact the One Stop Career Centers in New Brunswick and Perth Amboy at (732) 826-3200 to be certified as eligible.

# Anniversaries

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sister Yosaphata Litvenczuk

Press Release  
 PERTH AMBOY - While a 50th Anniversary is quite an event for any family, the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption and Assumption Catholic School have special cause to celebrate. Sister Yosaphata Litvenczuk, MSMG, will commemorate fifty years of religious service at a 10:00 am Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 2, 2012. What makes this 50th Anniversary unique is that Sister has been in the same school and parish for all fifty years! Archbishop-Metropolitan Stefan Soroka will be the main celebrant at the Liturgy after which Sister will renew her religious vows.

Proceeding to a celebration luncheon and program, Sr. Yosaphata and attendees will walk down the same steps that Sister did fifty years earlier when Ukrainian Assumption School first opened. Among those paying tribute will be Archbishop Emeritus Stephen Sulyk, the pastor who opened the school fifty years ago. Students and teachers, both

past and present, parishioners, and friends will be on hand to reminisce and rejoice. The school's glee club, junior drama, and chimmetteer groups will use their performing talents to honor and entertain Sr. Yosaphata.

From a village in Brazil to a 21st century parish school, Sister has successfully met and overcome many challenges. Having taught most grade levels, she has also been the school's librarian and art teacher. Currently she manages the school office including a tuition management program via computer. As vice-principal, Sr. Yosaphata's many duties include disciplinarian, counselor, and dispenser of band-aids. Through the years, her dedication has been vital in the Ukrainian Assumption community. And, even after all these years, Sister can still navigate the school's hallways faster than anyone else! For more information please visit us at 380 Meredith Street Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 or call at (732) 826-8721

### Civil War Round Table

WOODBIDGE - The next meeting of The Robert E. Lee Civil War Round Table of Central New Jersey will be held on Monday, December 3rd at the Woodbridge Public Library. This month's guest speaker is David Martin and his topic will be "New Jersey in the First Year of the Civil War". The meeting starts at 7 p.m. and all are welcome.

### Record Collection

PARLIN - The Friends of the Sayreville Public Library will continue its program of record donations. The records must be either 45's or 33 1/3. We do not accept 78's. Please contact Teri at 732-727-7639 for further information or if you have large record donations.

# Tax Facts

## Ten Year-End Tax Moves To Consider

Courtesy of Tom Ploskonka

Hear those holiday bells? Soon they'll be ringing in the new year. But before the clock strikes 2013, you have opportunities to reduce your 2012 federal income tax bill. Here's a grab-bag of suggestions.

1. Plan for the AMT. The annual exemption may change, but the usual triggers – items that can create alternative minimum tax liability such as certain large deductions – are the same.
2. Education incentives. Pre-paying qualifying expenses for the first semester of 2013 can get you a larger credit or deduction this year.
3. Family gifts. Take advantage of the expiring \$5.12 million lifetime gift exclusion by sharing the wealth – and the tax burden – with lower-bracket family members.
4. Deferred plans. Maximize contributions to retirement plans such as your 401(k) or IRA, and fund other tax-favored accounts, such as health savings accounts.
5. Charitable contributions. Gifts to qualified charities made on your credit card by December 31 qualify for a deduction this year, even though you'll receive the credit card statement in January.
6. Itemized vs. standard deduction. Shift expenses such as property taxes between years to "bunch" deductions and get the most tax benefit.
7. Disaster relief. Check for a potential refund, and consider amending your 2011 return to claim your loss if you live in a federally declared disaster area.
8. Investment cost basis. Understand your cost basis choices before capturing capital gains or losses, especially when selling mutual funds.
9. Temporary depreciation deductions. Assets purchased for your business or rental property before year-end may qualify for accelerated depreciation methods that are scheduled to expire on December 31.
10. Kiddie tax. Instead of transferring assets to your children to save for future education expenses, consider contributing to a 529 plan, which can limit exposure to "kiddie" tax on unearned income. Contact us to discuss these and other tax-saving and planning ideas suited to your particular situation.

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## Thanksgiving at Olive Street, Perth Amboy 11/22/12

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Volunteers from Renovation House, Faith Community Worship Center and Realtors



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Pastor Paul Sears from Renovation House and a Perth Amboy Cheerleader paused for a photo before cleanup



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## Handel's Messiah

SOUTH AMBOY - Saturday, December 15 2012 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a performance of Handel's Messiah " It's just not Christmas for me without hearing Handel's Messiah."

"This is my 7th year in a row attending Messiah, and I'll never miss it!" Come join the rest of the South Amboy area community for the Saint Mary Chamber Orchestra and Choral Society's presentation of George Frederik Handel's timeless oratorio. Under the direction of Maestro Christopher M. C. Deibert, conductor, the Advent/Christmas portion of this work will be performed in its entirety, along with excerpts from the second and third parts. Don't miss this delightful candlelit concert, set in beautiful Victorian-gothic architectural surroundings. This concert is guaranteed to put you in the Christmas spirit! \$15 Suggested Donation Cheerfully Accepted! DVD's of performance on sale. The performance will be at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta St, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-0179 or 732-213-0989.

## Toys for Tots

RED BANK - Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public charity is the fund raising, funding and support organization for the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. The Foundation was created at the behest of the U. S. Marine Corps and provides support in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, who directs the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. The Foundation has supported Toys for Tots since 1991.

The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. Cash donations are also accepted. For more information contact Toys for Tots Coordinator GySgt. Jack Santelli at 732-530-4500 x549.

## Trip to Radio City Music Hall, New York

WOODBIDGE - There will be a trip to Radio Christmas Spectacular on Thursday, December 13. Bus leaves from Woodbridge Community Center at 4 p.m. sharp! Tickets are \$75 per person. To register for more info call the Recreation Dept. at 732-596-4048. Register early! Space is limited on a first come first serve basis. Payment must be received to reserve tickets. No refunds once payment is received.

## Need Your Votes

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy High School sailing team coach Bruce Bertucci has a chance to win a national unsung sailing heroes award - but we all must spread the word and vote on line for him. This is a contest by Old Pulteney Whisky. Please share this link far and wide <http://www.maritimeheroes.com/>. Vote for this man who has given thousands of both paid and unpaid hours (and his own funds) creating and running a free competitive sailing team based at Perth Amboy High School for the past several years, It is open to all students there. If you wish to join or learn more about the PAHS Sailing Team, contact [pahsst@hotmail.com](mailto:pahsst@hotmail.com).

# Senior Scene

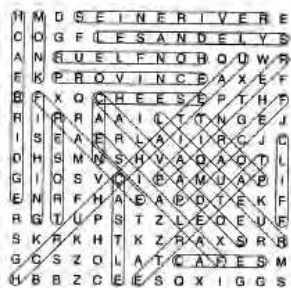
## Happenings

- Perth Amboy**  
 WED. Nov. 28 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.  
 • Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.  
 • St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.  
 THURS. Nov. 29 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.  
 MON. Dec. 3 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.  
 TUES. Dec. 4 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.  
 • Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.  
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 • St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.  
 • Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St  
 THURS., Dec. 6 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.  
 Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 noon Assumption Church Basement, Meredith St.
- South Amboy**  
 MON. Dec. 3 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.  
 WED. Dec. 5 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

## SEND US YOUR CLUB NEWS

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## LOOKING BACK



STATEN ISLAND - Circa 1920's Downtown Staten Island during the holidays.  
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**Prayer To The Blessed Virgin**

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O 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. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O 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). **K.M.**

*Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.*

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*(Never known to fail)*

O 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. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O 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). **C.G.**

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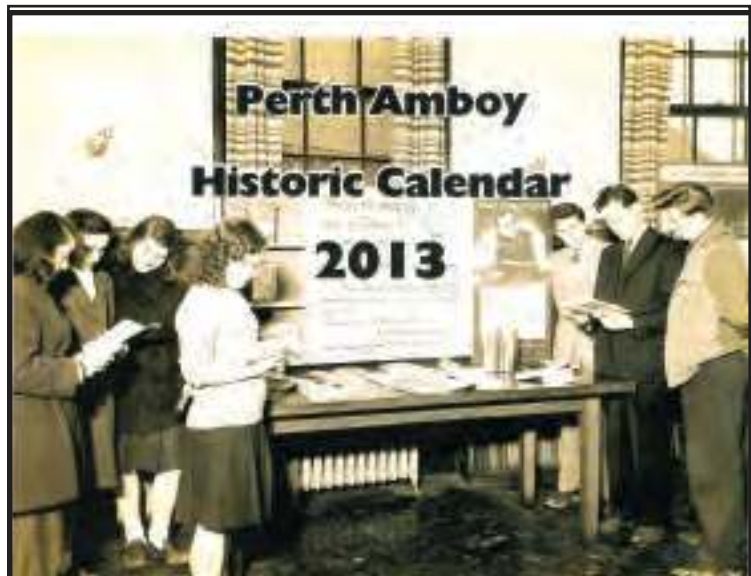
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