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## Keith's Corner



### Summer is almost here

It's beginning to finally feel like summer, and at Helping Makes U Happy that does not mean summer vacation!

June is another busy month for us. We are helping out a couple students for prom, some for camps, and of course, the beginning of the month is scholarship time!

We love going to all the area high schools and presenting our four HMUH scholarships, and funding the Martha O'Brien Hometown Scholarship. It makes us really happy to read about what all the community service students are doing!

We are finally going to be packing up those comfort cases to deliver to Suffolk County for the kids in need. And another year of the "Summer Feeding the Families" begins the last week in June.

Pictured is founder Keith Caputo and librarian Margie DeCaro, along with library director Marcie Litjens, helping to gather eggs for the families referred to us by the school last summer. If anyone has an overabundance of eggs from their chickens or produce from their gardens this summer, please keep us in mind. Last year we fed 27 families with a total of 63 children weekly throughout the summer. We pack the food boxes up on Tuesdays for delivery on Wednesdays, and donations and volunteers are always welcome!

Please call us at 631-848-9008 if you are interested in helping.

June also is the month we start gathering donations and sponsors for our annual HMUH Chinese Auction—the happiest auction around! This is our major fundraiser for helping our communities throughout the year. It's Keith's favorite event and we are sure you'll be seeing his smiling face around town! We wish all the seniors a wonderful and safe prom experience, and congratulations to you and your families on your high school graduation!

Courtesy Photo

## Police blotter

### East Moriches

A Honda Motorcycle was stolen from a home on Lincoln Boulevard on May 10.

### Moriches

Someone stole money from a home on Montauk Highway on May 10.

A 2003 Infiniti G35 had its tires slashed and

exterior "keyed" while parked on Misty Pond Circle on May 12.

### Manorville

A metal box with money inside was stolen from Water Drinker Family Farm on May 7.

Someone smashed the back door of a home on Eastport Manor Road on May 3.



### CRIMESTOPPERS

#### Wanted for grand larceny

Suffolk County Crime Stoppers and Suffolk County Police Seventh Squad detectives are seeking the public's help to identify and locate the man who stole cash from an Eastport gas station in April.

A man stole approximately \$1,600 cash from behind the counter at Mobil Gas Station, located at 520 Montauk Highway, at approximately 1:50 p.m. on April 14.

Suffolk County Crime Stoppers offers a cash reward of up to \$5,000 for information that leads to an arrest. Anyone with information about these incidents can contact Suffolk County Crime Stoppers to submit an anonymous tip by calling 1-800-220-TIPS, texting "SCPD" and your message to "CRIMES" (274637) or by email at [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com). All calls, text messages and emails will be kept confidential.

Photo Courtesy SCPD

## Moriches Bay Garden Club

### Enjoying the rain

In between the chilly, rainy days of May, MBGC gardeners did manage to get vegetables and some annuals planted. In spite of the weather, perennials bloomed. We enjoyed iris, peony, lilac, azalea, bleeding heart, primroses and more. Gardeners like rain; it keeps everything lush and beautiful.

Some members—myself, Betty LeMeyre, Sharon Ott and Skylar—bundled up on Earth Day and spent a couple hours weeding and organizing the garden at the Masury Estate. The deer arrived before us and helped themselves to daylilies, sedum and hosta. We replaced damaged plants with catmint and coreopsis—perennials that are not favorites of deer.

Our summer luncheon is coming up in July. This is our major fundraiser that allows

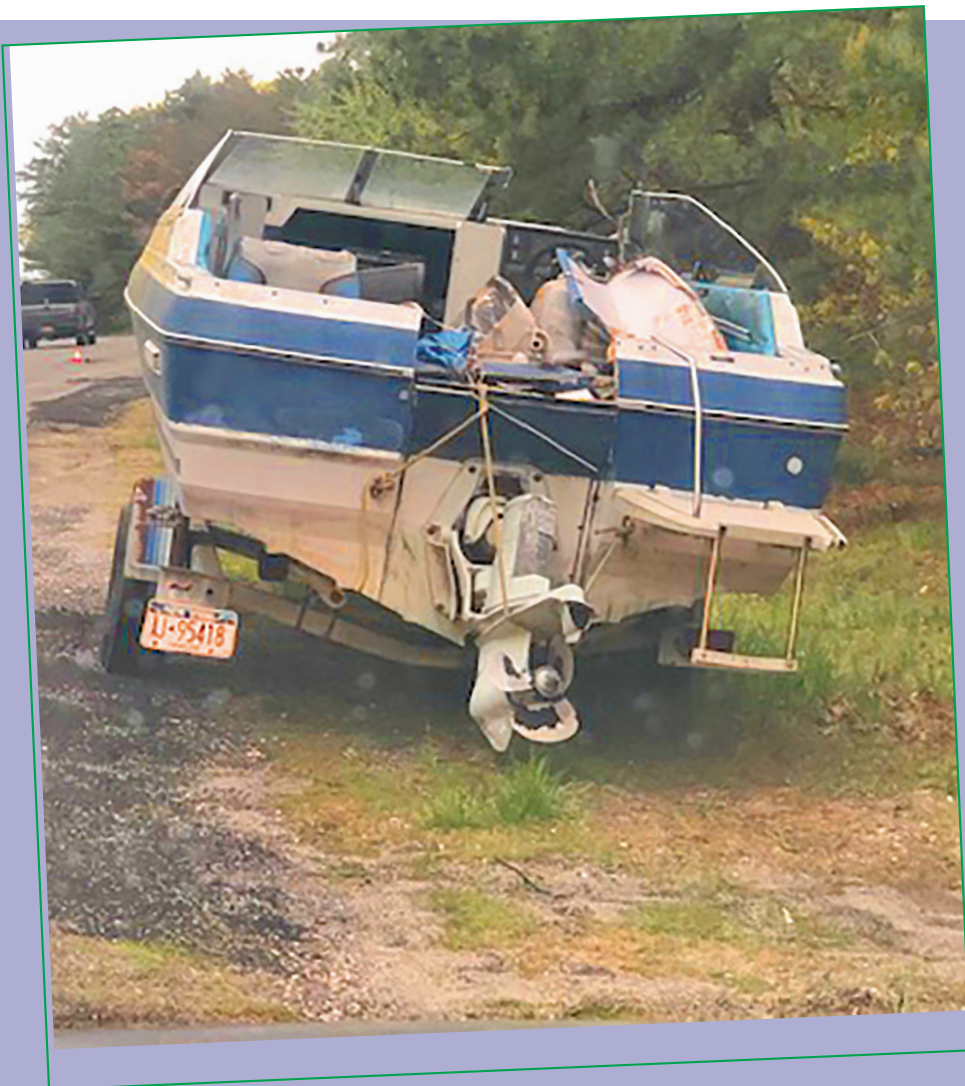
us to continue with our scholarship program, volunteer work, and continuing gardening and environmental programs. The luncheon is at Rock Hill Country Club in Manorville, July 18, cost \$40. Reservations must be in by July 1; MBGC Box 285, Center Moriches. Check our website for more information.

The MBGC was established in 1974; Eileen Newhouse was the first president. Instead of our regular meeting, we have planned an afternoon social to celebrate 45 years of memories. We have taken old photo albums and awards that we have received out of storage. So we are taking a minute to check out old memories and to make some new memories.

—Maureen Pollack



# Brookhaven Town Raises Fines up to \$10,000 For Illegal Dumping

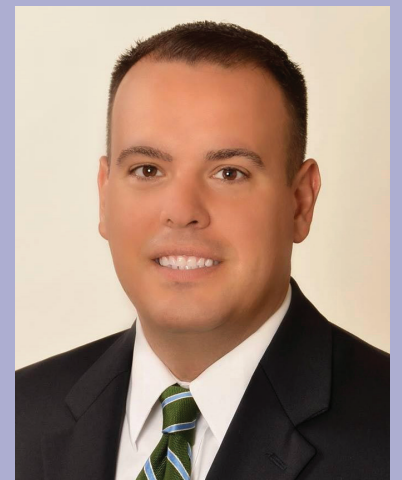


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# Treasures for the grieving

Eastport resident Tova Keblish opens a Center Moriches boutique with unique gifts

BY NICOLE FUENTES

Eastport resident Tova Keblish lost her son, Gavin, at the young age of 23, unexpectedly, about three years ago. After a long career in corporate procurement, she never dreamed of opening up her own shop, until now.

Gavin's Treasures is what she is calling a "unique boutique." After losing her job back in October, she decided it was time to do something new and in the name of her son.

Every day, she looked at a glass mosaic made from her son's trophies featuring red, green and blue. It made her happy, and that's when she got the idea to try to do the same for others.

"I look at it every day and decided to do something to help people as part of the grieving process," she said of the shop that features inspirational, spiritual and memorial gifts with a little fun and beauty. "Everything I have is different and unusual. I hope people will pick something up for others to make them happy."

She also hopes opening the shop will help her in her grieving process as well.

She rented the space, located on Main Street in Center Moriches, and the doors officially opened last month, with a ribbon cutting mid-May. Earlier in the month, Keblish called for

artists to help curate the items for sale.

Pieces include cards as low as \$2.95 to larger display pieces for about \$295, with everything else in between. Most items were purchased from vendors at gift shows, including trunks and trinkets.

"There's a little bit of everything for everyone," she promised.

Her son, Gavin, whom the store was named for, graduated from Eastport-South Manor High School and attended SUNY Albany. Every month, raffles will also be done through the shop for the ultimate goal of creating a "Gavin's Understanding" scholarship fund in his name.

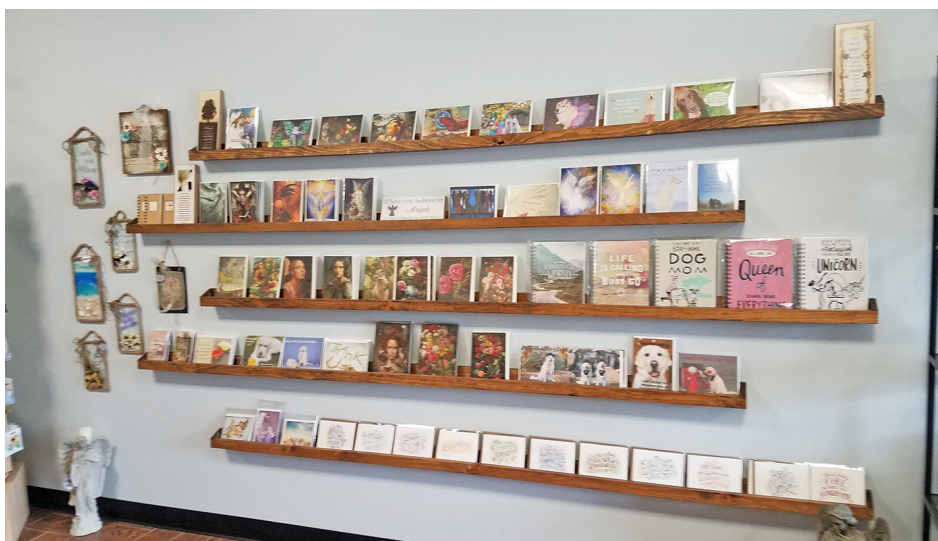
For more information, visit the store at 333 Main Street in Center Moriches or email [GavinsTreasures@yahoo.com](mailto:GavinsTreasures@yahoo.com).

"[Wishing] a warm welcome to Gavin's



The sign that adorns the newly opened shop, located at 333 Main Street in Center Moriches. Courtesy photos

Treasures at 333 Main Street. Tova has set up a beautifully done shop," said councilman Dan Panico of his area's recent addition. ■



The shop, among other gift items, features dozens of handmade and crafted cards, offering unique ideas for any shopper.



Some of the items on display, including Tova's signature trunks, are placed throughout.

# Winning makes them happy

Helping Makes U Happy wins two Imagine Awards, each with a \$5,000 grant

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

The founders of Helping Makes U Happy, Keith and Cassy Caputo, are constantly spending their days giving to others and helping the community. But in a rare occurrence, it was they who received a pretty sweet gift.

Helping Makes U Happy was the recipient of two awards at the Long Island Imagine Awards, hosted by Cerini & Associates, LLP. In its seventh year, it is one of the top award programs for nonprofits on Long Island. Helping Makes U Happy earned two awards: The Vanguard insurance Agency Rising Star Award and the Nerds that Care Fan Favorite Award. The fan favorite was a public poll that allowed people to vote for their favorite nonprofit, from which Helping Makes U Happy received the most, with over 5,000 at the last count. Each award comes with a \$5,000 grant.

"It was amazing," Keith Caputo said of his experience winning the awards and attending

the ceremony.

Keith and his mom started the nonprofit out of their home in 2015, neither of whom had run a nonprofit before, but simply guided by their mission of trying to help others. Since then, they've grown to be one of the staples of the Center Moriches and greater Moriches community and have now officially been noticed as a leader on the island.

"To be recognized as one of the top nonprofits across Long Island is just mind-boggling," Cassy Caputo said.

Over 170 nonprofit applications were submitted to win a grant in each of five categories: Innovation, Leadership Excellence, Rising Star, Social Impact and Arts and Culture. Of this pool, 20 were selected as finalists and one in each category, as well as a fan favorite was awarded the grant live at a ceremony on April 30. Keith Caputo was also proud of the trophy he got for each award. The Helping Makes U Happy team also had a chance to network and meet people from all over the island with whom they shared their mission, and Cassy Caputo said this was as valuable as the grant money and award.

Now, Helping Makes U Happy is looking to expand some more of their programs to



Keith Caputo (left) is awarded the Vanguard Insurance Agency Rising Star Award from Ed Probst at Vanguard Insurance Agency (center) and Ken Cerini of Cerini & Associates, LLP (right).

Courtesy photo

reach more people, especially with veterans. The nonprofit has programs that occur every year and also does new service projects when needed. They are currently preparing to hand over five scholarships to local students. They have also been conducting fundraisers for veterans and collected food and clothing for out-of-work government employees during the shutdown earlier this year.

Their next venture: Hollywood. Keith and Cassy are trying to get on the Ellen DeGeneres show to help spread the message of Helping Makes U Happy. They believe the show is a perfect fit for Keith to spread the nonprofit's message.

For more information on what's going on at Helping Makes U Happy, visit [helpingmakesuhappy.org](http://helpingmakesuhappy.org). ■

# Honoring our fallen soldier

A tree is planted in Kalers Pond Park to commemorate Andy O’Keeffe, who died fighting in Iraq last year

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

Kalers Pond Park is now home to the memory of a Center Moriches soldier who was killed serving the country he loved. Andreas “Andy” O’Keeffe was flying with the New York Air National Guard’s 106th Rescue Wing when he

was killed in Iraq in early 2018.

Organized by the Moriches Chamber of Commerce, the ceremony brought out residents, veterans organizations, police, and O’Keeffe’s family: his mother Mary Ann, brother Shán, and girlfriend Allison Denniston. O’Keeffe earned a bachelor’s degree at the University of South Florida and a law degree from Georgetown University. He joined the 106th in 2013 and was one of seven airmen, along with two other Long Islanders—Master Sgt. Chris Raguso, 39, of Commack, and Staff Sgt. Dashan J. Briggs, 30, of Port Jefferson Station—who were killed when a HH-60G Pave Hawk rescue

helicopter crashed on March 15, 2018.

O’Keeffe was remembered by colleagues, family, and friends as a person who always wanted the best out of others, and was able to inspire them. He emphasized teamwork and was able to make a team better just through his presence. The other names of the men killed alongside O’Keeffe were read at his dedication ceremony, because he would have wanted it.

“He gave his life, and we thank him for that,” said Miriam Gillies, a director on the chamber and the organizer of the event.

A magnolia tree was planted to honor O’Keeffe, and the Town of Brookhaven will be

placing a plaque at its base with an inscription for him. The magnolia tree is seen as a symbol of dignity and nobility.

“This tree will one day provide shelter from the storm, be it teeming rain or blazing sun, much like Andy did during his time here serving with us,” said Col. Michael Bank of the 106th at the ceremony.

O’Keeffe also served during Hurricane Harvey recovery, did missions on the Horn of Africa and was deployed to Afghanistan twice. When he died, his father remembered him as someone who always felt like he had to do more for his country. ■



Andreas “Andy” O’Keeffe’s family stands at the tree that was planted in his honor.

MT/Rohrbacker



The winners of the economic stimulus grant/award were from Lemon Tree in Center Moriches.

All photos MT/Krystle L. DiNicola

## Chamber president honored

The 20th annual Brookhaven Chambers of Commerce Coalition awards reception and dinner was held Tuesday night at the Willow Creek Golf & Country Club in Mt. Sinai. The scholarship winner is Kristine Brittelli, a senior from Bellport High School. The outstanding member for the Brookhaven Chambers of Commerce Coalition winner of the year is Paul Quinn from Mastic Shirley Chamber of Commerce.

“Every community is defined by its business community, its chamber of commerce,” said supervisor Ed Romaine. “Not only are you the economic drivers of the town, but you are the people that define the community and help move it forward.”

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# Run in honor of the late Anthony Parlato

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

On Saturday, June 15, the Moriches Community Center will host the annual Anthony Parlato Memorial 5K Run/Walk and Half-Mile Fun Run for elementary students. This is the 18th year of the race and the sixth year since the race was renamed to honor former co-director, Anthony Parlato, who passed away unexpectedly in 2014.

"The loss of this vibrant man was devastating to our community, and especially to our youth with whom Anthony worked directly, always encouraging them to make more positive behavior choices and to contribute time to improving our communities," said Kathleen Johnson, executive director of the Moriches Community Center. "His favorite saying, 'help someone today,' continues to inspire young and old alike today."

Parlato and Johnson founded the community center in 2000 to address

growing crime for youth in the area, and wanted to provide a place where students could find alternative ways to spend their time. Now, the community center is in a permanent location at the new Moriches Bay Recreation Center, owned by the Town of Brookhaven.

This year's race features a new route which can be viewed at MCC's website: [www.morichescommunitycenter.org/events/5k-run-walk](http://www.morichescommunitycenter.org/events/5k-run-walk), along with links to race registration and sponsorship opportunities. The route starts and ends at Neville Park between Canal Street and Union Avenue in Center Moriches.

## CHECK-IN

Check-in for the 5K will be from 7:15 - 8:30 a.m. at Neville Park, and the 5K goes off promptly at 9 a.m. The kids' Fun Run will start at 8:15 a.m. Entry fees are \$20 for runners pre-registered, \$25 for runners day of the race, \$15 for walkers, and \$10 for Fun Runners. ■



The Moriches Community Center is holding its annual 5K Run/Walk, which is named in honor of its co-founder, Anthony Parlato.

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<b>Week Of</b> JUNE 2 - 8														
<b>Moriches Bay</b>	7:29 AM	7:40 PM	8:13 AM	8:21 PM	8:58 AM	9:05 PM	9:47 AM	9:53 PM	10:42 AM	10:48 PM	11:40 AM	11:47 PM	—	12:39 PM
<b>Moriches Inlet</b>	6:50 AM	7:01 PM	7:34 AM	7:42 PM	8:19 AM	8:26 PM	9:08 AM	9:14 PM	10:03 AM	10:09 PM	11:01 AM	11:08 PM	—	12:00 PM
<b>Smith Pt. Bridge</b>	9:45 AM	9:56 PM	10:29 AM	10:37 PM	11:14 AM	11:21 PM	—	12:03 PM	12:09 AM	12:58 PM	1:04 AM	1:56 PM	2:03 AM	2:55 PM
<b>Week Of</b> JUNE 9 - 15														
<b>Moriches Bay</b>	12:47 AM	1:36 PM	1:45 AM	2:33 PM	2:44 AM	3:31 PM	3:44 AM	4:29 PM	4:45 AM	5:25 PM	5:44 AM	6:17 PM	6:39 AM	7:06 PM
<b>Moriches Inlet</b>	12:08 AM	12:51 PM	1:06 AM	1:54 PM	2:05 AM	2:52 PM	3:05 AM	3:50 PM	4:06 AM	4:46 PM	5:05 AM	5:38 PM	6:00 AM	6:27 PM
<b>Smith Pt. Bridge</b>	3:03 AM	3:52 PM	4:01 AM	4:49 PM	5:00 AM	5:47 PM	6:00 AM	6:45 PM	7:01 AM	7:41 PM	8:00 AM	8:33 PM	8:55 AM	9:22 PM
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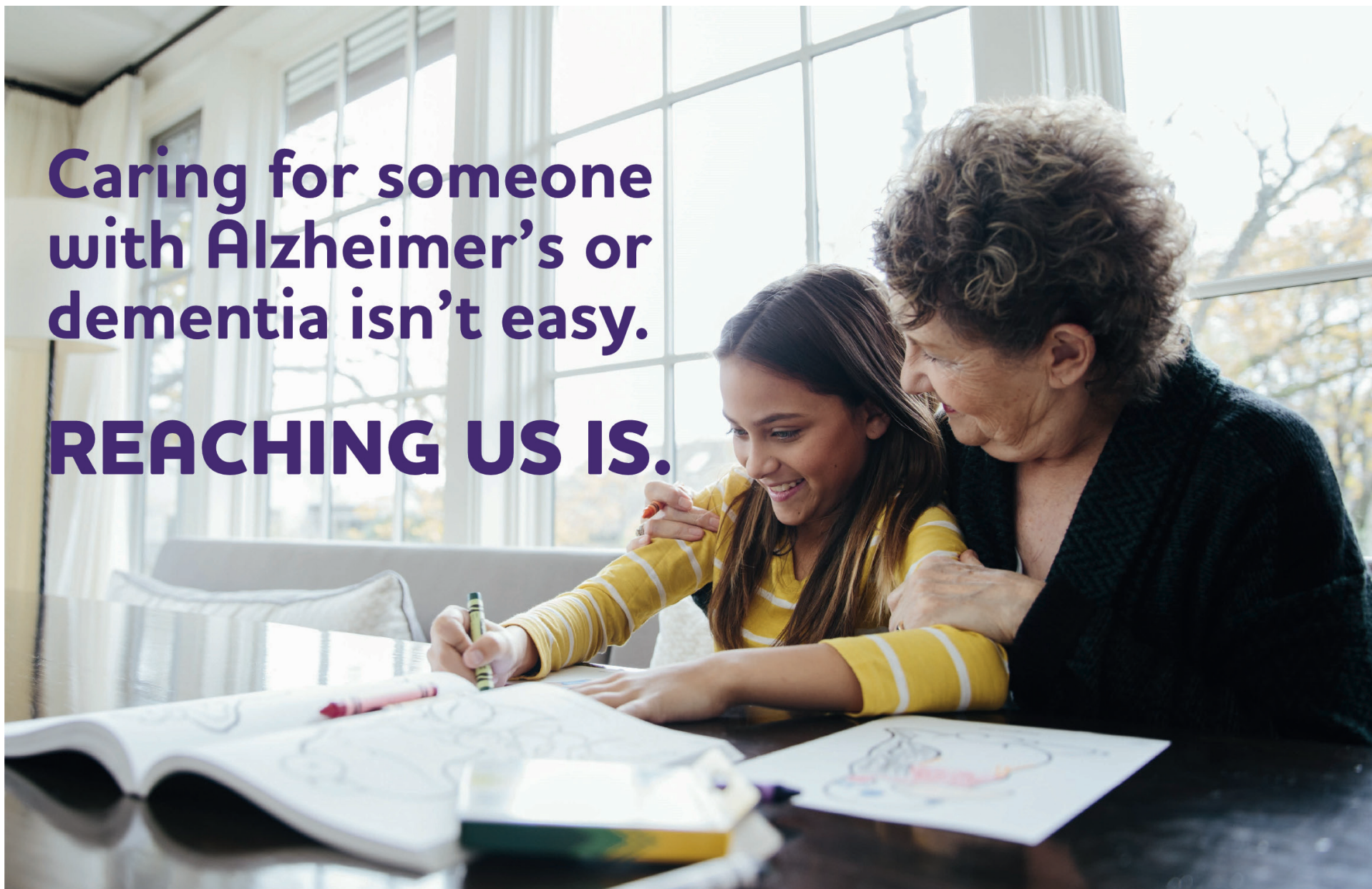
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# New superintendent to focus on 'whole-child' education

Ron Masera will become the new superintendent of Center Moriches schools in July

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

The Center Moriches School District has hired Ronald Masera as its new superintendent. Masera comes from the top post at the 140-student Remsenburg-Speonk School District to replace retiring superintendent Russell Stewart.

"The entire school community will benefit from his knowledge and wealth of experience in education," Stewart told the Tide recently. "I think Dr. Masera will continue the progressive vision of the district and lead Center Moriches to many new achievements."

Masera hails from Eastport, where he's lived for 20 years with his family. He has led the Remsenburg-Speonk district for eight years, after being principal of Westhampton Beach Elementary School for five years. He is also the vice president of Suffolk County School Superintendents Association. Masera also previously lived in the Moriches area before moving to Eastport, and said he's excited to come back to the community for the job.

"I feel connected to the community in a pretty special way," Masera said.

This is Masera's first time leading a K-12 district, upgrading from his 140-student school to the 1,500-plus in Center Moriches. He was attracted to the role by the strong sense of community and the direction that the district has been going in the past few years. He also admires the implementation of International Baccalaureate programming, which will start in the middle school this year and then begin at the high school. He was also

happy to see efforts to educate students on a social-emotional level, one of the philosophies he's been passionate about.

Masera said it concerns him how levels of mental illnesses like anxiety and depression are rising in young people, and how schools can always do better to help students understand that part of their being. He said it takes a close-knit level of really knowing kids and understanding their needs, intervening early when red flags are noticed, and teaching kids how to understand self-care techniques for themselves to adequately educate them.

"I think Center Moriches is doing a lot of things well," Masera said.

The incoming superintendent said he wouldn't be rushing to make changes, as he plans to spend time getting to know his colleagues, parents, and students. A big change, he said, will be the requirement to delegate high-level responsibilities of the district. In Remsenburg-Speonk, he was the superintendent, handled business matters and the budget, curriculum, and was the principal of the elementary school. But now, he has fellow administrators who deal with those areas.

"The Center Moriches Board of Education was extremely pleased to choose Dr. Ron Masera to lead our district," said Joshua Foster, president of the Center Moriches Board of Education. "Our decision was based upon his vast experience as a teacher, principal and superintendent, as well as his track record for success. We believe that he will instill professionalism, build morale, and support the board and community's vision for growth of our academic and athletic offerings, while ensuring that we continue to meet the divergent needs of all children in our district."

Masera will assume his role in July. ■



Masera plans to continue the growth of the district while putting a focus on social-emotional and academic development.

Courtesy photo

## EM, CM, ESM budgets pass

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

### East Moriches

East Moriches voters have approved the 2019-'20 budget, which allocates \$28,585,605 for school services, up almost \$857,000 from 2018-'19. Voters also approved designating three high schools as receiving schools for students for another five years. This includes a 3.3 percent tax levy increase. The board of education race was won by Lori Pagano (291) and Jennifer Burke (289), who will fill the two open seats and defeated Gene Kleine (224).

### BUDGET

Yes: 353 No: 126

### HIGH SCHOOL

Yes: 419 No: 57

### LIBRARY

Yes: 389 No: 87

### Center Moriches

Voters approved the \$44,101,280 budget for district services, an increase of just over \$1 million from last year. It will maintain all current programming and incorporate the debt from recent capital projects. Due to additional state aid, the board was able to decrease the levy from a previously proposed 3.3 percent to 2.9

percent. Two board of education seats were filled by unopposed candidates Thomas Kelly (533) and Marcus Babzien (508).

### BUDGET

Yes: 433 No: 260

### Eastport-South Manor

Voters in the Eastport-South Manor district shot down a proposition to add armed security guards to each of its schools, but did pass the \$96,354,523 budget, a \$2.8 million increase from last year. The tax levy increase would have been 3.69 percent for both propositions, above the allowable cap. The budget

alone is a 2.75 percent levy, below the tax cap. Three board of education seats were granted to Donald Fox (987), Francesco Ferraro (913), and Michael Byrnes (790).

### BUDGET

Yes: 1,211 No: 1,002

### ARMED GUARDS

Yes: 545 No: 1,673

### LIBRARY

Yes: 1,587 No: 615

**Board of Education:** Donald Fox: 987 (elected), Francesco Ferraro: 913 (elected), Michael Byrnes: 790 (elected), Allison McGovern 770, Marie Brown: 724, Tara Mazovec 595

# Community comes together for Kim

A mourning group of teachers, students, and parents pack the lawn of Clayton Huey Elementary in the rain to pay tribute

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

Though she was not a resident of Center Moriches, Kim Hardwick was as much a member of the Center Moriches family as could be. In fact, oftentimes, she was its leader.

A mourning community of parents, students, and teachers gathered on the lawn of Hardwick's second home, Clayton Huey Elementary, on May 14 to pay homage to the leader, mother, and friend, who died suddenly in April at age 50 due to complications from surgery.

"She was a passionate, caring leader, whose impact can still be felt throughout the halls of Clayton Huey," said Dennis Licci, acting principal of Clayton Huey Elementary.

There were dozens of emotional young students in the crowd during the memorial, suddenly, probably not for the first time, realizing the hole that Hardwick has left in the community. Often, when students are known by the principal, it's either for great or bad reasons, more often the latter. But Hardwick, students



Kim Hardwick's family—her sister Donna (left), husband Chris (center), and brother-in-law Paul (right)—share emotional tributes during the memorial service at Clayton Huey Elementary.

and teachers said, took the time to get to know the people around her and showed compassion and a drive to help them realize their best selves. Hardwick was seen as an inspiring figure even

to 10-year-olds, who appreciated her positive posted messages, like "help someone, even when they can't help you back." That statement and those gestures were the embodiment of Hardwick's presence. She called students "rock stars" and offered high-fives and hugs in the hallways, as if pepping up her team to take on the day.

"Mrs. Hardwick taught us to believe in ourselves and to have self-love, and we will remember her and that for the rest of our lives," said Madison Bennett, a fifth-grade student who had a special relationship with Hardwick.

It wasn't just the boss that Kim Hardwick was—though teachers agreed she hated that word—but the friend that was there for everyone. Hardwick told her staff to "live it," choose courage over comfort, and sometimes more bluntly, "Put on your big-girl pants." Whichever phrase she chose to use, those on the receiving end tended to listen.

"Everyone deserves a friend like Kim," said Danielle Sirico, a kindergarten teacher at Clayton Huey.

One day, Sirico called in sick to take care of her son, also at a time when life was just a bit too

much—but then Hardwick called. She asked to drop by Sirico's house for a quick brainstorm about a beautification project. Reluctantly, Sirico agreed, unknowing that when she opened the door, her principal would be joined by the superintendent and a bouquet of flowers, beaming to tell her that she was the winner of the SCOPE Award. Sirico said Hardwick often saw things in her that she didn't see herself.

Hardwick's family also joined in the ceremony, giving a deeper look into how Hardwick wasn't just an exceptional school leader, but a family-lover who somehow found new hours in the day to host gatherings, spend time with her husband and kids, and volunteer to help others.

"I know Kim lived a life that made her happy," said Donna Mandella, Hardwick's older sister. "And for that, I am grateful."

Hardwick married Christopher Honor in 2002, and had four children, Emma, Hannah, Korrey and Jourdan.

"She always wanted to make sure that your kids were kind and passionate individuals," Honor said of Hardwick's passion for the Clayton Huey community. ■

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The crowd at Clayton Huey filled the front lawn, with candles and tree lights donated by local businesses.

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## Saturday, June 8

**Spring Fair** – Vendors and family fun along Main Street Center Moriches, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Monday, June 10

**Hiking on Long Island** - Learn the best way to hike on Long Island at Center Moriches Library, 7-8 p.m. Join naturalist and author Lee McAllister who will present "Hiking on Long Island: A Comprehensive Guide to Parks and Trails," where he'll talk about and show photos of the many local hiking opportunities. To register, call 631-878-0940.

## Saturday, June 15

**Father's Day Event** – The Men's Ministry of South Bay Bible Church welcomes Willie Alfonso, chaplain of the New York Yankees, who will give an inspiring talk about the story of his life, 9 a.m. Breakfast will be served. Free event but reservations are required. Visit [www.southbaychurchli.org/manup](http://www.southbaychurchli.org/manup).

**Patio Container Workshop** – Moriches Bay Garden Club event presented by Debbie Cannarelli at Bay Gardens, East Moriches. For more information, Call 631-605-0760 or visit [www.morichesbaygardenclub.org](http://www.morichesbaygardenclub.org).

## Sunday, June 16

**Manorville Historical** – The society will hold "Passport through Manorville History," an interactive walking tour through historic places in Manorville, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pick up your passport at 50 North St., Manorville for a \$10 donation. Stamped passports will be entered in a raffle. Crafts and complimentary refreshments. Email manorvillehis-

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## Wednesday, June 19

**Mastic History** - The Mastic Peninsula Historical Society will meet at the Mastic Fire Dept. Hall, 7:30 p.m. Call 631-281-7347, email [mphs333@optonline.net](mailto:mphs333@optonline.net), or visit [www.mphistorical.org](http://www.mphistorical.org).

## Thursday, June 20

**Moriches Bay Garden Club Appreciation Day** - Club social gathering to share 45 years of garden club memories in Maureen Pollack's back yard. Call 631-605-0760 or visit [www.morichesbaygardenclub.org](http://www.morichesbaygardenclub.org).

## Friday, June 21

**Outdoor Family Movie** – Enjoy the family film, "Christopher Robin," on the lawn of South Bay Bible Church, 578 Montauk Hwy., East Moriches. Open seating begins at 7:30 p.m. Film starts at 8 p.m. Free movie-style refreshments. Visit [www.southbaychurchli.org/movies](http://www.southbaychurchli.org/movies).

## June 22

**Celebrating Friends Weekend** – Everyone in the Greater Moriches area is invited to attend a special weekend at South Bay Bible Church, 578 Montauk Hwy., East Moriches. Service times are Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 9 and 11 a.m. Friends Weekend includes a catered barbecue dinner after Saturday mass and lunch after Sunday services. The weekend features the beginning of a new sermon series: "Resurrecting Hope: Build on the Right Foundation." This week's topic is The Foundation. Visit [www.southbaychurchli.org](http://www.southbaychurchli.org).

## Events...

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**Tech Help** – The Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library offers free, one-on-one assistance to you get started or solve specific concerns with smartphones, tablets, eReaders or laptops. Call 631-399-1511, ext. 240 to schedule an appointment.

**Brookhaven Veterans** - Those needing information regarding VA compensation, pensions, health care, employment or other benefits can call Sam Stahlman at Town Hall, between 9-10 a.m. at 631-451-6574.

**Volunteers Tutors needed** Colonial Youth and Family Services Community Volunteer Corps is seeking volunteer tutors to spend one hour per week to help an elementary school student in the Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library. If interested call Gary at 631-281-4461.

# Moriches - Years Ago

Compiled by Vanessa Graniello

## 75 Years Ago June 1944

Among the many foreign news broadcasts heard on local radios on D-Day, one voice should have been familiar to residents of Center Moriches: Edward V. (Ned) Roberts, one of only four war correspondents accredited to Eisenhower's Allied Advanced Command Post in England, gave, over W.O.R., a description of allied troops as they departed for the invasion of Europe. A graduate of Center Moriches High School's Class of 1929, Mr. Roberts has been writing for the *World Telegram* and *Herald Tribune* of New York since the invasion of France.

The Rev. William Witman Reiley, pastor of the Center Moriches Methodist Church, received the bachelor of divinity degree cum laude from Drew Theological seminary at the 77th commencement exercises of Drew University, Madison, N.J.

The Class of 1944 of the Center Moriches High School spent Saturday in New York, with activities including a visit to the Statue of Liberty, tour of the N.B.C. in Radio City, attending a play, "Kiss and Tell," lunch at the Swedish restaurant and dinner at the Hotel Taft. Members of the class who attended included Virginia Snow, Richard Eyster, Carol Matteson, Dorothy Reisig, Barbara Federico, Lewis Oppenheimer, Florence Peck and Marilyn Schlackman.

Mrs. William H. Hallock of East Main Street, Eastport, was the hostess at a supper party at the home of Mrs. Carlos Wilcox given in honor of the 85th birthday of Mrs. Wilcox's mother, Mrs. Ida Gordon.

Miss Kathryn Valenti, of East Moriches, graduated from Madison College in Harrisonburg, Va. She has since been teaching in Riverhead High School.

An official notice from Maxwell Field, Ala., says Bruce I. Raynor of Main Street, East Moriches, is now enrolled as an aviation cadet in the pre-flight school, which is an installation of the Army Air Forces Training command.

Miss Dorothy M. Swezey, of Eastport, has returned home from Wells College, Aurora, for the summer vacation.

From Big Spring, Texas, comes an official notice that Center Moriches resident Richard W. Johnson has graduated from the Big Spring Bombadier School with Class 44-8 and received his appointment as a flying officer in the Army Air Forces.

A son, weighing 9 pounds, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Christian Muller of Barnes Road, Moriches, at Mather Memorial Hospital in Port Jefferson.

Seatuck Chapter Daughters of the Revolution enjoyed a picnic luncheon with Mrs. Horace Mott, of Eastport.

Miss Sophia Sabosto of Smith Street, Center Moriches, is spending a two-week vacation with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Stocki of Montreal, Canada. Miss Sabosto is employed at the Grumman Aircraft Plant in Farmingdale.

The Moriches Woman's Club held a dessert-bridge at its clubhouse on Lake Avenue, with 11 tables of bridge. The committee was Mrs. Theodore Lukert, Mrs. John Newman, Mrs. John Matteson and Mrs. Kenneth Mockridge.

Playing in June at the Center Moriches Theatre: Betty Grable in "Pin Up Girl"; Eddie Cantor in "Show Business"; John Wayne and Martha Scott in "In Old Oklahoma"; Ginger Rogers and Ray Milland in "Lady in the Dark"; and Rita Hayworth and Gene Kelly in "Cover Girl."

## 50 Years Ago June 1969

The following Center Moriches High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society: Virginia Osborne, Roberta Nooger, Fran Fingerhut, Barbara Johannesen, Rita Boehm, Sabina Turso, Nancy Shamburg, Mary Ann McLean, Carol Wood, Susan Smith, Carolyn Nawrocki, Paula Treadwell, Joe Lieb, Kay Zegel Andrew Mazzeo, David Muller, Bruce Kronman and George Hawkins.

Tech. Sgt. James J. Cozine, of Center Moriches, was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal in recognition of his "outstanding professional skill and energetic application of his knowledge."

Shryle Faith Roesch, with an academic average of 96.1, was

named valedictorian of Center Moriches High School, while Robert Monzeglio, with an average of 94.6, was named salutatorian.

Students from Mrs. Raynor's sixth-grade class at the Nathaniel Woodhull Elementary School recently completed a creative writing booklet. The young student-writers are Sally Simeca, Patti Hall, Eileen O'Connell, Andrea Quattrochi, Donna Booth, Patty Prevete and Judy Bender.

The play "Doubting Thomas" was presented by students at St. John's School in Center Moriches. Cast members included Ronald Vetter, Michael Stachnik, Kathy Monaco, Deborah Hennessy, Sylvia Foley, Kevin McAllister, Thomas Lupski, Richard Viertel, Joan Regan, Mary Quinn and John Hatton.

Newly elected Center Moriches High School Student Council president Robert Dagradi congratulated Sherri Runyan, who was chosen to lead next year's sophomore class.

The following students from St. John's School in Center Moriches were selected as winners in the "Keep Brookhaven Town Clean" week poster contest: Rosemary O'Connell, Nina Bull, Kathy Drnek, Therese Martin, Nelson Blasini and Thomas Moylan.

Eastport Cub Scout Pack 257 met at the Eastport School for their regular monthly meeting. Cubmaster Paul Rogers presented the following awards: Wolf Badges, Keith Kostuk and Joel Smith; Bear Badge, Frederick Smith; Engineer, Dana Davis; and Artist Aquanaut, Craftsman, Showman, Sportsman and Traveler, Steven Tooker.

Eastport High School's top honors went to David Hindenlang, valedictorian, and Joan Keuch, salutatorian. David has been accepted at Haverford College, where he plans to pursue a liberal arts program. Joan will attend Syracuse University as a biology major.

Richard Bruce Hawkins of Tuttle Avenue, Eastport, received his B.A. degree in English from Brown University at their 201st commencement exercises. Among those receiving honorary degrees at the commencement exercises was Edward K. (Duke) Ellington, well-known composer-musician.

Mrs. James B.M. Bulloch entertained Saghtekoos Chapter Daughters of the Daughters of the American Revolution at her home in Center Moriches with a fingertip luncheon.

Playing in June at the Shirley Drive-In Theatre: Richard Widmark and Lena Horne in "Death of a Gunfighter"; and Oliver Reed and Diana Rigg in "The Assassination Bureau."

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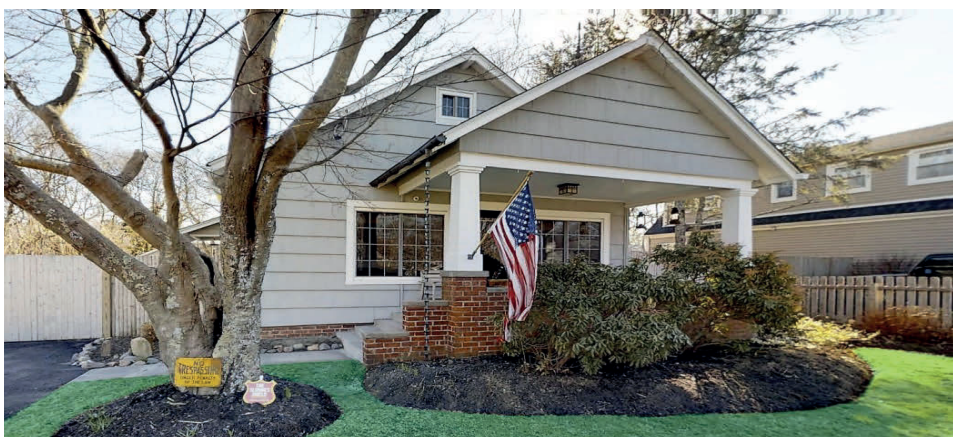
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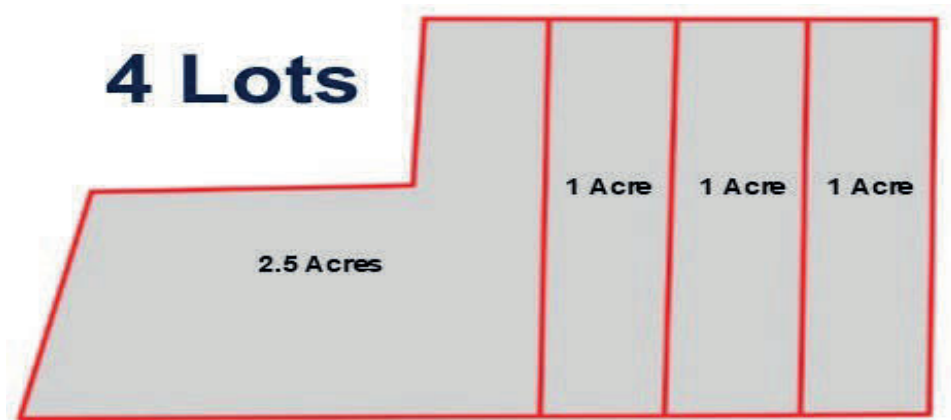
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