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Spotted: humpback

On Saturday, June 8, this humpback whale was photographed right outside the Moriches Inlet about a half-mile out. The adolescent whale was smacking her tail, signaling to the other whales that there was an abundance of menhaden, or bunker, to eat.
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Holistic learning center gets a new home

Bloom Childcare Center's new Moriches facility helps grow program, add services

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

Bloom Natural Learning Center started seven years ago in the Center Moriches home of Tara and Steve Kochanskyj. Tara has been working in preschool education since 1998 and when an opportunity arose to start her own venture, she took it.

So, she converted the home into a preschool center and moved the family into the basement. In 2015, they bought a property at 165 Montauk Highway, and just moved the program there in July of this year.

Bloom has grown exponentially since realizing the new space. The school went from a capacity of 12 preschoolers and six grade-school students during the summer to a total capacity of 66 students. They also grew from just two staff members to over 13. And the school is booked solid for infants and has only a few spots left for preschool. The school has so far attracted mainly people from the Moriches area as well as Mastic and Shirley, but has also seen people from as far as Eastport, Patchogue and Baiting Hollow.

Bloom is a holistic learning environment, where students' social and emotional needs are prioritized, and they are given a structure that allows for experiential development.

"Children learn naturally from experiences," Kochanskyj said.

The property is on two acres, with four outdoor spaces for kids to play, which they do every day. There is also an outdoor classroom where kids can experience circle time and work in a "mud kitchen." The school also has a kitchen where homemade food is prepared every day for breakfast, lunch and snacks. Most of the ingredients are organic and healthy. Kochanskyj said she wants to make sure the children are eating well while at school, stemming from her own experience as a mother.

The programs run from infants as young as six weeks up to children under 12 years. The summer program differs in that it is a looser environment and brings in more kids that are already in school. There is a dance teacher on staff, who also does music and yoga with the kids, and Spanish is integrated into each of the classes. Parents can sign up for a two-, three-, four-, or five-day program, and select a nine-hour time block, which coincides with the staff schedules, allowing for consistency for the children.

The school is also equipped with modern

security measures, like an always-locked front door and key codes to enter each classroom. All classes are monitored with cameras. And for parents that want to check in, Bloom has a smartphone app available

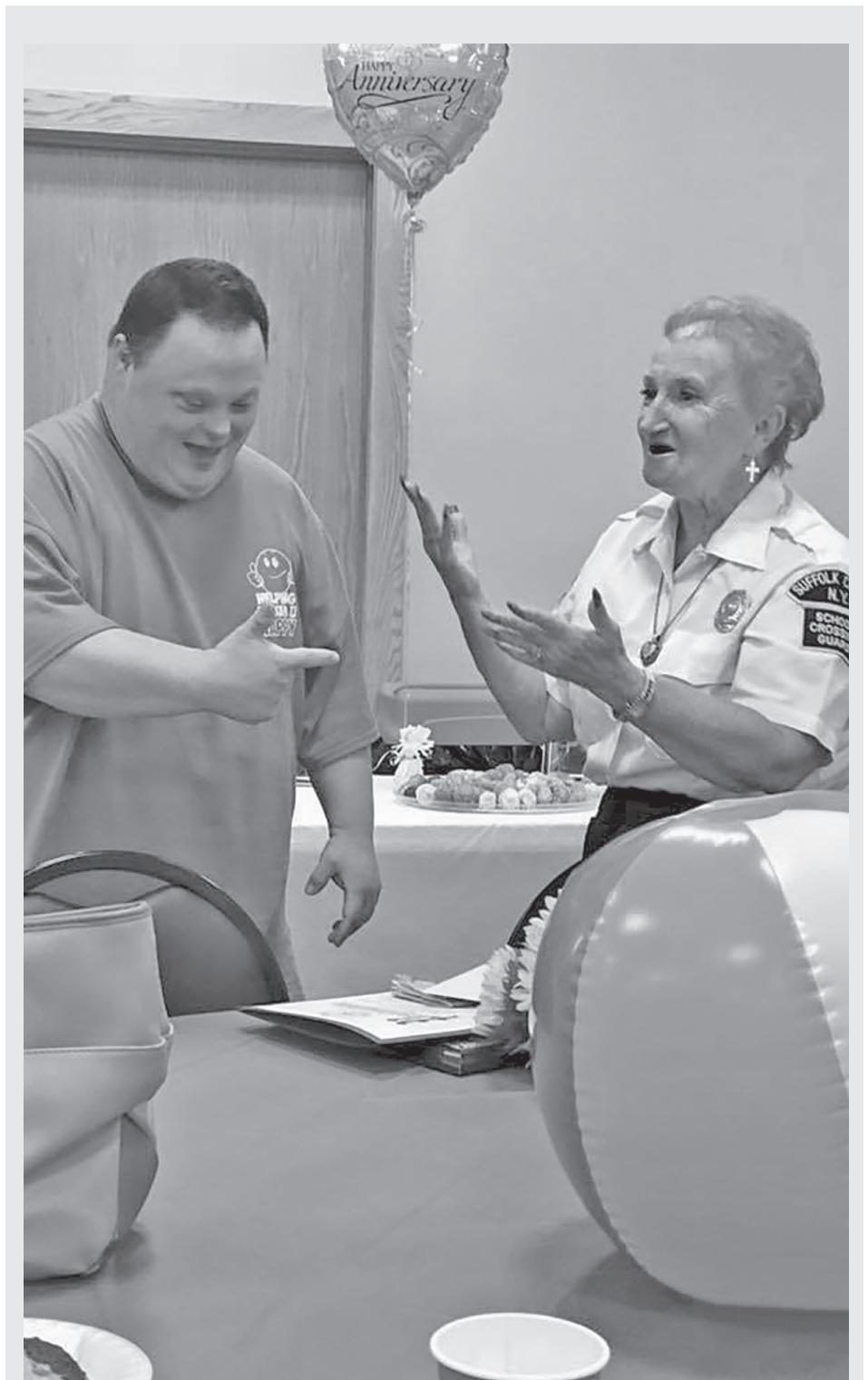
that teachers can use to publish real-time updates for how kids are doing, and even post photos of class activities.

For more information on the school, visit www.bloomlearningcenter.com. ■



Tara Kochanskyj recently opened her childcare center in a new location on Montauk Highway in Moriches.

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Beloved crossing guard honored

Residents and friends said their goodbyes to Melissa Greve, a crossing guard that has made many who pass her intersection happy over the last seven years. Her iconic wave could be seen at Brookfield Avenue and Montauk Highway as Clayton Huey students made their way in and out every day. The retirement party was hosted by Keith and Cassy Caputo of Helping Makes U Happy. Greve is planning to move to Virginia later this year. Pictured is Keith Caputo with Greve.

Courtesy of Helping Makes U Happy

Small online shop grows into Main Street boutique

AJ Sunflower Boutique is now open in Center Moriches

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

About a year ago, Katie Goulding started a small online boutique through company Amelia James, selling casual, boutique-style clothing. Last month, she opened her own store on Main Street in Center Moriches.

Goulding's following had grown so much that she wanted to branch out into a storefront location. She found an empty spot at 380 Main Street, and knew right then that it was the perfect location. Goulding, 22, from Shirley, also felt that Center Moriches was the perfect place for her shop. And it only took about two months from finding the location to opening her doors. She is no longer affiliated with Amelia James.

"I want to be more local," she said.

Her store features many local brands like Carleton, Strong Island, and more. In fact, she promotes these brands to shoppers when they walk around the store. Goulding



Katie Goulding has grown her online boutique into a Main Street store in just a year. Find her at 380 Main Street in Center Moriches.

MT/Rohrbacker

said she wanted to introduce more Long Islanders to their local products, as it's an important part of the culture.

The shop features casual,

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everyday clothing in its front, with some island- and local-themed decor. There's a unique pride in your zip code, right? So why not get a wooden sign

that displays it for your home? There's also a wide variety of clothing available, from dresses to sweatshirts and T-shirts.

The store has very much grown as a brand, with Goulding's personality attached. She is active on social media and has outfitted her new shop with items that she personally would like and wants to share with others (she loves camo, so there's a bunch of camo). She was surprised to see the brand grow so quickly and people from all over have ordered her products.

The success of her venture was even sweeter, due to Goulding being born deaf. She has always kept a motivational attitude to accomplish her goals, and she wants to share that with the world.

"I want everyone to feel like they are something," she said.

Her mother, Lisa Goulding, said it has been a great experience for her to see her daughter succeed in this way.

"It's amazing to see her interact with customers," she said. "Everyone loves her."

Goulding, on top of her new business, is going to school to become a teacher for the deaf. She has one more semester to go. ■

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Town's first oyster bar opens in EM

BY PATRICIA KALOSKI

Brookhaven Town has a new oyster bar, located in Harts Cove in East Moriches. But this isn't your ordinary oyster bar, like one you might find in downtown Patchogue; rather, it's a man-made oyster reef, recently installed on town-owned bay bottom at the end of Moriches Island Road.

On Aug. 14, supervisor Ed Romaine and councilman Dan Panico joined officials from Moriches Bay Project, Cornell Cooperative Extension and Half Shells for Habitat at a press conference on-site to officially announce the completion of the town's first-ever oyster bar.

Designed and constructed by Cornell Cooperative Extension, the oyster bar is made of aged shells, which were provided by Half Shells for Habitat — a nonprofit organization that collects shells from Long Island restaurants — as well as oyster larvae, otherwise known as spat. It measures 530 square feet, providing a natural habitat for sea life such as mussels, crabs and flounder. In addition, the oysters themselves act as natural filters, filtering as much as 50 gallons of water a day, per oyster. The oyster bar is a pilot project that will be monitored by the MBP and Cornell Cooperative Extension for a period of five years for oyster growth and survival, as well as the presence of other animals and plants living on the reef compared to nearby sandy bottom.

"Oysters are a keystone species in Moriches Bay. The more oysters, the healthier the bay," explained Aram Terchunian, coastal geologist and co-founder of the MBP. "Oyster reefs are important because they are like English muffins — lots of nooks and crannies for things to grow and feed. The oyster reef is the keystone that provides focal point." According to Terchunian, man-made oyster reefs are somewhat new to Long



The Town of Brookhaven completes the first-ever installed man-made oyster bar in the Moriches Bay.

MT/ Kaloski

Island, but are extremely beneficial because they mimic the natural reefs that supported a once highly sought-after market for Long Island oysters nationwide, and even worldwide. In fact, the oyster population in New York Harbor was the largest in the world when Henry Hudson arrived in 1609, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration fisheries. There are a multitude of reasons why the oyster population greatly diminished over the years. Erosion from development, loss of wetlands and nutrient pollution are just some of the key contributing factors.

Although there are oyster reefs installed in both Riverhead and Southampton towns, noted Gregg Rivara, aquaculture specialist for Cornell Cooperative Extension, the Harts Cove oyster bar marks the first of its kind in Moriches Bay and in all of Brookhaven Town. However, the town has long been

committed to cleaning its local waterways and has supported the MBP by donating hundreds of thousands of oysters grown in the town's Shellfish Hatchery at Cedar Beach in Mt. Sinai, which have been used in the organization's oyster farms located throughout Moriches Bay. In addition, the town provided oysters and the

location for the MBP's first solar power floating upweller system, which was recently installed at Maple Avenue Dock, also in East Moriches. Brookhaven will also provide as many as 70,000 oysters to the Harts Cove oyster bar reef.

"We need to reverse the damage done to our waterways by years of over-harvesting, neglect and pollutants. Working with the Moriches Bay Project and Cornell Cooperative Extension, we have established a partnership with a natural plan to filter the water with the oyster bar reefs. I am committed to protecting the environment and will continue to do whatever is needed to preserve it for years to come," said Romaine.

MBP Co-founder Laura Fabrizio said that with the addition of the Harts Cove oyster bar, 750,000 oysters will have been put into Moriches Bay by year's end; the group's goal is one million.

"Our environment and economy are tied together here on Long Island, and clean water is of paramount importance," added Panico. "Aside from putting hundreds of thousands of oysters in our bays with our partners, where each mature oyster filters up to 50 gallons of water a day, we plan to implement these oyster reefs throughout our local bays." ■

Shoot hoops with councilman Panico

Congressman Lee Zeldin and WNBA Hall of Famer Sue Wicks to join

Brookhaven Town councilman Dan Panico and teammates, congressman Lee Zeldin and WNBA star of the New York Liberty Sue Wicks, are challenging local teens to a friendly but competitive game of basketball at Panico's annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament being held on Friday, Sept. 13, 5:30 p.m., at the Mastic Athletic Complex, located on Frances Landau Place and Mastic Beach Road in Mastic.

"I always enjoy this annual event because it gives the youth of our community a chance to interact with their councilman, their congressman and many others in fun but competitive basketball games," Panico said. "I encourage everyone to come down and enjoy a nice evening for what I'm sure will be a lot of fun."

This fun-filled evening will feature a series of 3-on-3 games, music by Party 105, light refreshments, prizes and giveaways. There is no charge for this event, which is sponsored by the Brookhaven Town Youth Bureau and part of the Mastic-Shirley Safe Summer Program. Teenagers are encouraged to participate. For more information, visit [Facebook.com/brookhavenyouth](https://www.facebook.com/brookhavenyouth) or call Panico's office at 631-451-6502.

Courtesy Photo



Oyster spat. Oysters act as natural filters, filtering as much as 50 gallons of water a day, per oyster.

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New to school? Here are three tips from seasoned parents

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

Going back to school means getting back to the same grind of meals, rides, sports, clubs... and going back to running on autopilot. But there is a subset of parents who don't have these seasoned routines because it's their first time having a child go off to school every day.

If you are a parent who will drop off your little one or watch them climb the steps of the bus for the first time next week, here is some advice that helped other parents find success for their children.

1 Be involved

One of the top suggestions was to be involved in your child's education. Join the PTO, volunteer for something, or even just sit with them for homework.

"If you are new to the community / district, joining the PTO is one of the best ways to be involved in your child's educational experience," said Susanne Oldring. "In addition, you meet other parents, teachers and administrators, so it's a very quick way to get plugged in to the lay of the land."

A school education doesn't just stay in the school walls, parents said. It takes a village to raise a child, so be involved with all the people who have influence. Parents suggest asking a lot of questions, talking with teachers, and



File photo

even being present in the classroom when appropriate. Getting involved

also gives you a chance to meet other parents, including those who have been through this before.

2 Work with teachers

Teachers are there to support your child, and want them to succeed, just as you do. Feel free to be open with teachers about your child's experience and let them know the concerns you have, if any.

"Support your child's teacher," said Sandy Reid Albano. "He/she is really there for your child. They are your greatest ally."

"They are all fantastic, dedicated professionals, and more than willing and happy to work with you to ensure your child's educational career is a successful

one," added Lisa Scilabro Falco.

3 Join the community

Center Moriches is a small, close community, and that includes the school district. There are multiple opportunities to be involved in different organizations, like the PTO, athletic booster club, and the board of education. Parents say making those connections makes the whole process much better for you and your child.

"Make the time to be present in the school community; you and your children will greatly benefit by the experience and the friends you make," said Jeannine Barr. ■

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Town seeks to bring drain camera program in-house

Highway Department would use cameras to more efficiently inspect pipelines across the town

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

Brookhaven town is moving closer to acquiring an underground camera system to monitor stormwater drain pipes. The cameras would be a town-run program under the highway department.

The town has used the cameras in the past with success, according to highway superintendent Daniel Losquadro. But the cost of their use makes it a difficult thing to continue to contract out. For a couple years, he has been eyeing a spot in his department's budget for the cameras, which he secured this year.

"I would very much like to have that capability in-house," he said of the program.

The cameras are remotely operated, placed in pipes underground, and can detect blocks and damage. They can also help the department decide when it's necessary to upgrade old infrastructure. The alternative to cameras is simply digging up pipes and inspecting them, or having a person look through the pipes

with the naked eye. Losquadro said these methods can lead to guessing, whereas the cameras provide an exact, pinpointed location for an issue.

The grant requests \$100,000 from the Department of Environmental Conservation and would require the town to pay \$20,000. Losquadro said they would move forward with the project either way, but the grant would allow the investment to be returned very quickly.

"This is something that I've wanted to do for the past couple years, but we just haven't been able to fit it in our budget," he said.

There are over 100,000 storm drains in the town, and there were recently some tests done with the cameras in East Moriches. Losquadro said no major issues were found, but the effort was an example of what would be a larger town-wide initiative.

The superintendent added that due to the old infrastructure of some of the town's drainage systems, which stem from the 70s or 80s, pipes are due for repair or replacement and the camera system allows the department a chance to inspect exactly where the best investments can be made.

"I do feel it would be much more beneficial to us in the long run," Losquadro said. ■



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Local's take on wildlife

All the photos were taken at the Maple Avenue dock in East Moriches in July.

About Doug DeFeo

DeFeo is an East Moriches resident since 1990 and a high school social studies teacher at Eastport-South Manor. His wife, Elizabeth, is an elementary teacher and son, Anthony, is a graduate of ESM (2015) and the University at Buffalo (2019). Together, they have a puppy, Pippin, which accompanies him on all his photo adventures. He uses an iPhone 8 and a 3-and-a-half-inch refracting telescope to take his wildlife shots.

MT/DeFeo



These two swans were photographed on July 15 at Maple Avenue, East Moriches. The family had only one baby. In the background you can see a cormorant on the bulkhead and a snowy egret.



This young osprey searches the water for fish.



This adult osprey, found on July 25, brings nesting material to their nest, while the two young osprey watch and learn. The young can be identified by the speckled pattern on their backs — the adults are a solid, dark grey/brown.



Left: The young osprey are successful hunters. This one caught a fluke.



This is a great blue heron — they tend to be shy, but from a distance this one was unconcerned by the photographer's presence.



Another local shot:

East Moriches resident Suzanne McConnell captured this scene of a deer at Smith Point Beach.

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Moriches Bay	9:44 AM	10:00 PM	10:37 AM	10:55 PM	11:31 AM	11:50 PM	_____	12:26 PM	12:47 AM	1:21 PM	1:44 AM	2:15 PM	2:41 AM	3:11 PM
Moriches Inlet	9:05 AM	9:21 PM	9:58 AM	10:16 PM	10:52 AM	11:11 PM	11:47 AM	_____	12:08 AM	12:42 PM	1:05 AM	1:36 PM	2:02 AM	2:32 PM
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Saturday, September 14

Moriches Bay Historical – The society will hold an antique sale at the Haven's Homestead, 15 Montauk Hwy., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain date: Sunday.

Back To Church Weekend – South Bay Bible Church, 578 Montauk Hwy., East Moriches, is part of the national movement uniting churches to invite new members. Saturday service, 5 p.m. Sunday services at 9 and 11 a.m. Visit www.southbaychurchli.org or call 631-909-8241.

Wednesday, September 18

Mastic Peninsula - The Historical Society will meet at the Mastic Fire Department, 7:30 p.m. Call 631-281-7347 or visit www.mphistorical.org or email mastichistory333@gmail.com for more information.

Thursday, September 19

Moriches Bay Garden – The club will meet at the East Moriches United Methodist Church, 370 Montauk Hwy., East Moriches, 7 p.m. Guest speaker Luke Gervase of Long Island Invasive Species Management will talk about invasive species (aquatic) in our waterways. Business meeting at 8 p.m. Horticulture: Sunflowers. All welcome. Free. Call 631-605-0760. Visit www.morichesbay-gardenclub.org.

Friday, September 20

Outdoor Family Movie – Enjoy the family film, "Mary Poppins Returns," 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.

Saturday, September 28

Shredding Event – In conjunction with the help of Friends of the Library, bring your personal and sensitive documents to be shredded to Center Moriches Library, from 9 a.m. to noon. No registration required. Other household materials not accepted. Patrons are encouraged to bring a non-perishable donation for a local food pantry. Call 631-878-0940 or visit www.centermoricheslibrary.org.

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Puppy Raisers Needed - Canine Companions for Independence trains assistance dogs for people with disabilities. Volunteers are needed to mold pups into responsive adult dogs. For more information, call 631-561-0217 or visit www.cci.org.

Volunteers Needed - Assist with general office duties at Parents for Megan's Law and the Crime Victims Center. Fax your resume with three references to 751-1695. For more information call 631-689-2672.

Are You In Debt? - Debt Counseling Corporation will have personal finance counselors at Brookhaven Town Hall in Farmingville by appointment. Call 631-698-2074 for information.

War on Want Project – Help fight global poverty by getting involved with a project aimed to raise funds and awareness of poor families in northeast Brazil. To learn more about the project, visit www.war-on-want.org.

Free Counseling - The Brookhaven Youth Sanctuary Program Bureau offers individual or family counseling for town residents ages 12-21. Call 631-451-8011 to speak with a licensed social worker.

Events...

Parent Leadership Initiative – PLI is a community network empowering parent advocates for children. Evening weekly meetings held in Brookhaven Township.

For more information, call 462-0303 or visit www.childcaresuffolk.org/parentleadership.

Retired Volunteer Firefighters – The

New York Volunteer Firefighters Association seeks new members to stay connected with the companies and firefighters with whom they served. Yearly dues, \$25. For membership information, call 518-459-

Moriches - Years Ago

Compiled by Vanessa Graniello

75 Years Ago September 1944

The last of the series of summer Sunday evening services of the Center Moriches and East Moriches Methodist and Presbyterian churches was held in the East Moriches Methodist Church. Mrs. Walter Prosser will accompany the singers and also play Handel's "Largo" on the piano. Marcus Sherbow, violin soloist, will play "Cavatina" by Raff and "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," a spiritual by White.

Mrs. Gertrude Howell, Mrs. Sadie Butler, Mrs. Harry Baden, Mrs. Gertrude Beers and Mrs. Helen Lane of the East Moriches branch of the Red Cross spent the day at Camp Upton, where they took books, flowers and cookies to the hospital and served for the soldiers and WACS.

Mrs. William H. Hallock of East Main Street, Eastport, was hostess at a party given in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Mary A. Rowland at the home of Mrs. Gerald Tuttle.

A son, weighing 10 and a half pounds, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edwards at their home in Cooks Park, Moriches.

At the monthly meeting of the Moriches Rotary Club, Jack Rudnitsky presented Pvt. William Nizza as his guest speaker, who spoke about his Army experiences in Tunisia and on the Italian mainland. Wesley Sinnickson and Abe Bernstein were welcomed into the club by Chester Swezey and Mr. Sinnickson was presented with the \$25 war bond which he won at last week's clambake.

William J. Presley will return to Eastport School as the new principal. He was formerly athletic director and chemistry instructor.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the East Moriches Methodist Church enjoyed a covered dish luncheon at the home of Mrs. Horace Mott of Eastport. At the business meeting, Mrs. Mott was elected president and Mrs. Edgar Benjamin, vice president.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brocki of Moriches Avenue, East Moriches, became the parents of a baby girl, Catherine.

Robert Carlough, of Center Moriches, was promoted to chief radioman in the United States Coast Guard. His two brothers, Stephen and Howard, also in the Coast Guard, are 2nd class boatswain's mates.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Leek and family have moved from Beachfern Road to their new home East Moriches.

Harriet Mott and Thelma Farlow, both of Eastport, have enrolled at Pain Hall in New York, where they will be medical assistants and live at a Young Women's Christian Association residence.

KayValenti, of East Moriches, is now a teacher in the commercial department of the Patchogue High School.

Mrs. Gibson Howell, of East Moriches, received a telegram from the United States Navy saying that her husband, Gibson Howell, C.R.T., had been rescued and was safe after his submarine, Flier, was reported lost in the Pacific.

Playing in September at the Center Moriches Theatre: Frank Sinatra and George Murphy in "Step Lively"; Tom Conway and Mona Maris in "The Falcon in Mexico"; Gary Cooper and Laraine Day in "The Story of Dr. Wassell"; Margaret O'Brien and Charles Laughton in "The Canterville Ghost"; Don Ameche and Dana Andrews in "Wing and a Prayer"; and Katharine Hepburn and Walter Huston in "Dragon Seed."

50 Years Ago September 1969

Four local girls responded to a call for help during a telethon conducted by Jerry Lewis for the benefit of muscular dystrophy, knocking on doors throughout Center Moriches to collect funds. The girls are Diane Stemnock, Theresa McKay, Linda Stemnock and Mary Ellen Flaherty.

Mrs. Carol Tveekrem, corresponding secretary of the Moriches Bay Audubon Society, informed the Brookhaven Town Board that it is now erecting nesting platforms for osprey on various islands in the Moriches Bay, Forge River and Bellport Bay areas.

John W. Tuthill of Montauk Highway, Eastport, has been

transferred from the destroyer USS Orleck to the USS Leonard F. Mason, home base in Japan.

The Town of Brookhaven Recreation Department has announced plans to open another Senior Citizens Club for residents in Manorville, with meetings held in the Ridge firehouse.

Wally Rowland of East Moriches received second place in the Fluke Fishing Championship with his 10-pound, 5-ounce catch. Laura Rafuse of Manorville won the Women's Division with her 8-pound, 12-ounce fluke.

Mrs. Arthur Dawson, Mrs. Tracy Ceruti and Miss Marion Ceruti, all of Eastport, enjoyed a trip to the Pennsylvania Dutch Country. They also went to Downington Inn and through an Amish farm homestead near Lancaster.

The Moriches Bay Audubon Society conducted a field trip to Hoyt Farm, New Highway, Commack, led by Leroy Wilcox.

The Rev. Ronald E. Smith was installed as pastor of Christ Church Evangelical Lutheran, East Moriches, administered by the Rev. Henry Keopchen, circuit counselor for the area.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Mott of East Moriches Boulevard celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on Sept. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dyke of North Bay Avenue, Eastport, are the parents of identical twin daughters, Lisa Louise and Lorie Marie.

Some Eastport college students returning to various colleges are Judith Alfred to State University of New York at Geneseo; Ann Kostuk to State University of New York at Oneonta; Nancy Privett to State University of New York at Oneonta; Mark Tuttle and Brian Penney, both to Houghton College.

Manorville Fire Department Capt. James Rafuse was presented with a Division 1 first place trophy won by his team in the Fire Police Drill. Center Moriches Fire Department Capt. Elton Tank accepted the runner-up trophy on behalf of his team.

Playing in September at local theatres: William Holden in "The Wild Bunch"; John Wayne in "The Green Berets"; and John Wayne, Glen Campbell and Kim Darby in "True Grit."

Keith's Corner



Back to school

September means it's a new school year, and another year for Helping Makes U Happy to keep inspiring students!

Pictured above with founder Keith Caputo is ESM student Zachary Froberg, who did a service project in his community by distributing Pennies for People donation bags. His neighbors donated change, which he then collected and brought in as a donation of \$160 to HMUH. Never doubt that your pennies make a difference! We especially love this because in May of 2017, Zachary's older brother Douglas surprised us with a "Pennies for People" project he did, and which funded 28 backpacks for students in need.

To keep inspiring students year after year is something we are so proud of! During this month, with the help of the kind folks at the Center Moriches Library, we will be collecting donations of and sorting Halloween costumes for our annual free Halloween Costume Giveaway.

The giveaway will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28 at HMUH, 1 Neville Street, Center Moriches, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Costumes and accessories are free to all, so come on down!

We are also working furiously on our annual HMUH biggest, happiest Chinese auction around, which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19 at the CMHS gym. Doors open at 4 p.m. this year; watch for more info on flyers, Facebook, and our website www.helpingmakesuhappy.org. We are still gratefully accepting sponsors and prize donations. Remember, what we raise goes back to helping your neighbors in need!

Have a great school year, all!

Police blotter

Center Moriches

Outside of Harbor Church on Frowein Road, a woman was arrested for "intentionally" ramming her 2015 Jeep into a Suffolk County Police vehicle on Aug. 9.

At 7-Eleven, someone stole a can of Twisted Tea on Aug. 6.

Someone damaged two sliding rear window panels of a house on Estate Road on Aug. 22.

Moriches

Someone damaged two tires on a Honda parked on Misty Pond on Aug. 8.

Someone misplaced their wallet at Stop n' Shop which contained credit cards, cash, and a license, and the credit card was used at another store.

Manorville

Seven cases of beer were stolen from Speedway on Aug. 8.

CRIMESTOPPERS Teacher arrested for sexually abusing student

Suffolk County Police have arrested a Hauppauge High School teacher for sexually abusing a teenage boy at the teacher's home in Moriches.

An 18-year-old male reported to detectives that when he was a 16-year-old student at Hauppauge High School, he was sexually abused by his chorus teacher, Mark Kimes, at the teacher's home. Following an investigation, Seventh Squad detectives determined Kimes had inappropriate contact with the teen while serving as his teacher.

Kimes, 53, of Moriches, was arrested at his home at approximately 6:45 p.m. on Aug. 13 and charged with criminal sex act first degree and three counts of endangering the welfare of a child. He was held overnight at the Seventh Precinct and was scheduled to be arraigned at First District Court in Central Islip on Aug. 14.

The investigation is continuing. Anyone with information is asked to

call the Seventh Squad at 631-852-8752 or anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-220-TIPS.

Bicyclist injured in crash

Suffolk County Police Seventh Squad detectives are investigating a motor vehicle crash that critically injured a teenage bicyclist in Moriches on Aug. 12.

Stephanie Pesantez was riding a bicycle westbound on Beaver Spur when she entered the northbound lane of Jerusalem Hollow Road and collided with a 2013 Ford F-150, driven by Jason Demme, at approximately 6:05 a.m.

Pesantez, 14, of 81-17 Beaver Spur, was transported to Long Island Community Hospital in East Patchogue and later transferred to Stony Brook University Hospital in critical condition. Demme, 48, and his male passenger, were not injured.

The vehicle was impounded for a safety check. Detectives are asking anyone with information on this crash to call the Seventh Squad at 631-852-8752.

Wanted for hate crime

Suffolk County Crime Stoppers and Suffolk County Police Hate Crimes Unit detectives are seeking the public's help to identify and locate the person or people who vandalized property at a Manorville shrine earlier this month.

Symbols and letters were spray painted on walls, benches and walkways at Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, located at 258 Eastport Manor Road, sometime between Aug. 9 and Aug. 10.

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.tipssubmit.com.

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Monarch butterflies have arrived

If you have flowers in your garden, you surely have noticed all the monarch butterflies fluttering around. They are pollinating our veggies and flowers, but they are also looking for milkweed plants to lay their eggs.

Last month's presentation by Katie Kleinpeter about raising monarch caterpillars was enjoyed by all attendees. The

most important thing we learned was that monarchs only lay their eggs on milkweed plants. We were shown how from finding a tiny white pearly egg on the underside of a milkweed plant, one could clip off that branch and protect the egg from predators — spiders, mice, praying mantis, wasps — by putting the egg in a mesh butterfly house

(vivarium) or critter keeper.

Kleinpeter recommended using a deli cup with top to hold the milkweed upright. From this point, you can watch the egg emerge into a caterpillar, grow antenna, form a chrysalis and finally become a beautiful orange-and-black monarch. You must add more milkweed as the caterpillar's food supply and spritz leaves to avoid dehydration. The above is my five-sentence summary of a wonderful process to behold.

For much more information, check out <https://monarchbutterflygarden.net>.

In the garden we are enjoying the very showy dahlias and gladiola now. Dahlias are like peonies; if you want a bigger flower, you must pinch off the side buds. I have balsam blooming now. Balsam is an old-fashioned perennial member of the impatiens about

24 inches tall, pink, and deer do not like it. It blooms at a perfect time when other perennials are fading out.

On Sept. 21, the National Garden Club's standard flower show "A Social Whirl" will be open to the public at historic Brecknock Hall, Greenport. It's free and our garden club will have a horticulture entry. The guest speaker at our regular meeting this month is Luke Gervase, who will talk about invasive aquatic plants.

Take a minute to find a spot in your garden for milkweed. Swamp milkweed, which has nice pink or white flowers and is about 36 inches tall, or butterfly weed, the bright-orange flowers you see blooming along our roadways now, are available at most nurseries.

-Maureen Pollack



Obituary

Cheryl Smith Von Stetina

Cheryl (Smith) Von Stetina, of East Moriches, died on Aug. 6. She graduated from East Moriches Grade School and Center Moriches High School. Mrs. Von Stetina was a life member of the Westhampton Yacht Squadron in Remsenburg.

She is survived by her brother, Hampton Smith.

A memorial service was held on Aug. 25 at the Westhampton Yacht Squadron.

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