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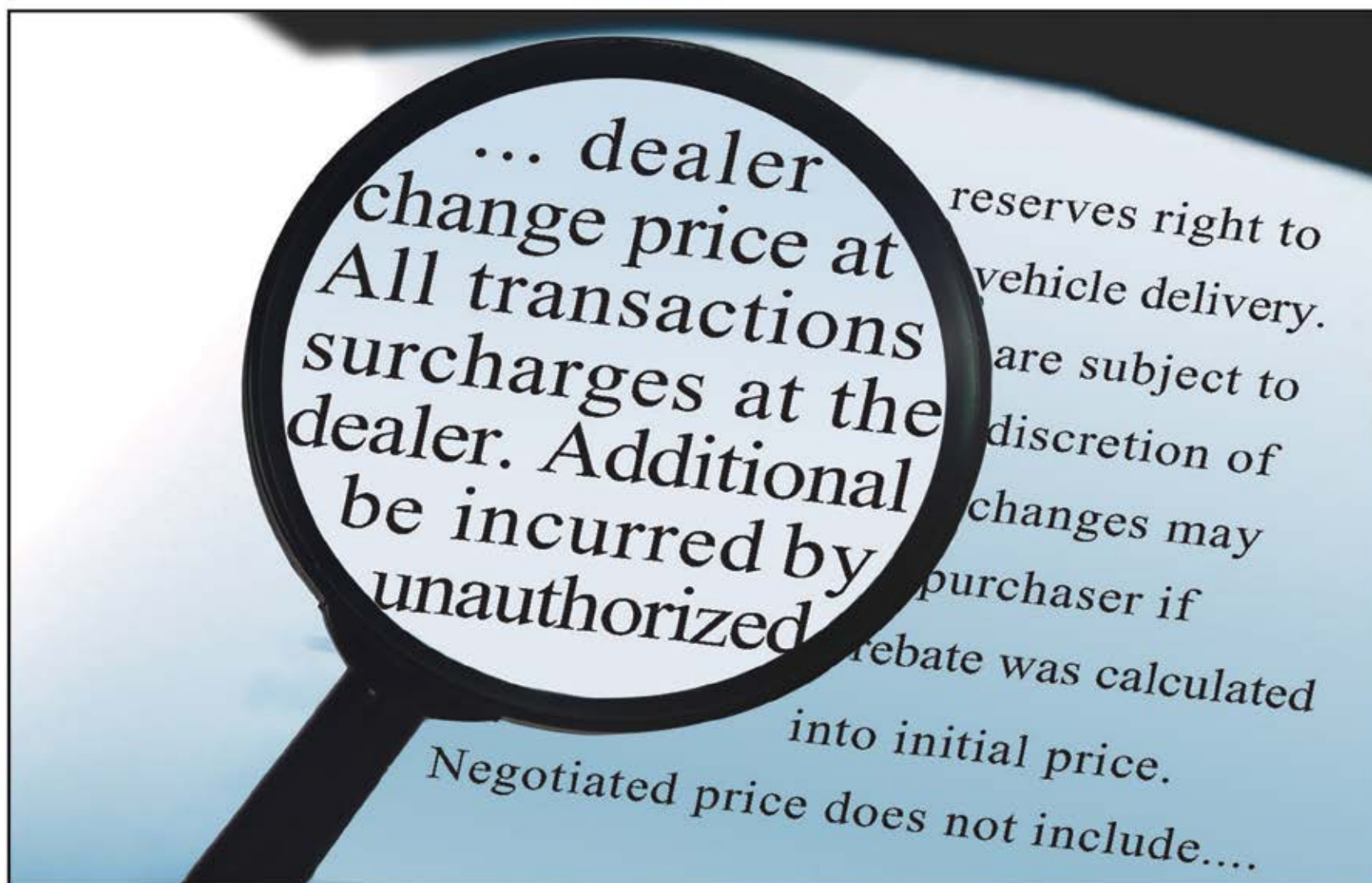
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Moriches chamber schedules summer movie nights

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

The Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches has announced their summer movie/concert lineup for this summer. The events will take place at St John the Evangelist, 25 Ocean Avenue in Center Moriches. The parking lot will be open for cars to park and view a movie or a concert.

The launch date for the series is Fri-

day, July 10, and will follow every Friday thereafter. There will be a live concert on the last Friday of July and August. Parking for the event will begin at 7 p.m. and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The event is free, but the chamber is asking that patrons bring a nonperishable food item to be donated into the pantry.

"This is a free event for our families in the Moriches area," said Julie Pike, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

For updates on the movie night schedule, visit www.moricheschamber.org. ■

Event lineup

- 7/10 "Grease"
- 7/17 "Field of Dreams"
- 7/24 "Beethoven"
- 7/31 (concert) Chain Reaction
- 8/7 "Mamma Mia!"
- 8/14 "Elf"
- 8/21 "Back to the Future"
- 8/28 (concert) High Tide

Summer sidewalk sale

The Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches is promoting an upcoming sidewalk sale along Main Street in Center Moriches. On July 18 and 19, businesses will be setting up shop outdoors to promote their products and encourage shopping local.



Solar array moves forward on Town Hall roof

Brookhaven supervisor Ed Romaine and members of the Town Council were on the roof of Brookhaven Town Hall to assess the progress of the solar array installation project. Upon completion, the Town Hall rooftop will include more than 2,500 solar panels and generate 960 KWDC of power, enough to provide electricity to over 100 homes for 24 hours a day, each year. It will be managed by Agilitas Energy, LLC, a solar developer that has a Power Purchase Agreement with PSEG Long Island and a an \$18,225 yearly lease agreement the town. Agilitas will also pay \$581,242 toward the cost of the new roof at Town Hall as additional solar projects become operational.

In May of 2014, the town was awarded a Feed-In Tariff from PSEG Long Island for solar arrays at Brookhaven Calabro Airport, Manorville Compost Facility and Holtsville Ecology Site. The Manorville, Holtsville and Town Hall parking lot solar arrays are currently generating electricity. Since then, more sites have been added, including the Brookhaven Amphitheater parking lot and Brookhaven Town Hall roof. Additional solar and alternative energy projects are being considered for future development at other town-owned properties. The Town of Brookhaven solar array sites were selected after a review was conducted by PSEG Long Island, on behalf of LIPA to determine the likelihood of a successful project. These projects are part of Romaine's "Green Initiative" and PSEG's multi-phase Clean Solar Initiative program designed to produce clean, renewable power for Long Island.

Pictured left to right are councilmen Michael Loguercio, Dan Panico, Kevin LaValle and Neil Foley and supervisor Romaine.

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Moriches Bay	8:21 AM	8:39 PM	9:10 AM	9:26 PM	9:59 AM	10:13 PM	10:49 AM	11:01 PM	11:39 AM	11:48 PM	—	12:26 PM	12:34 AM	1:11 PM
Moriches Inlet	7:42 AM	8:00 PM	8:31 AM	8:47 PM	9:20 AM	9:34 PM	10:10 AM	10:22 PM	11:00 AM	11:09 PM	11:47 AM	11:55 PM	—	12:32 PM
Smith Pt. Bridge	10:37 AM	10:55 PM	11:26 AM	11:42 PM	—	12:15 PM	12:29 AM	1:05 PM	1:17 AM	1:55 PM	2:04 AM	2:42 PM	2:50 AM	3:27 PM
Week Of July 12 - 18	Sun a.m.	Sun p.m.	Mon a.m.	Mon p.m.	Tues a.m.	Tues p.m.	Wed a.m.	Wed p.m.	Thurs a.m.	Thurs p.m.	Fri a.m.	Fri p.m.	Sat a.m.	Sat p.m.
Moriches Bay	1:19 AM	1:55 PM	2:05 AM	2:39 PM	2:53 AM	3:25 PM	3:46 AM	4:14 PM	4:43 AM	5:05 PM	5:39 AM	5:55 PM	6:30 AM	6:41 PM
Moriches Inlet	12:40 AM	1:16 PM	1:26 AM	2:00 PM	2:14 AM	2:46 PM	3:07 AM	3:35 PM	4:04 AM	4:26 PM	5:00 AM	5:16 PM	5:51 AM	6:02 PM
Smith Pt. Bridge	3:35 AM	4:11 PM	4:21 AM	4:55 PM	5:09 AM	5:41 PM	6:02 AM	6:30 PM	6:59 AM	7:21 PM	7:55 AM	8:11 PM	8:46 AM	8:57 PM
Week Of July 19 - 25	Sun a.m.	Sun p.m.	Mon a.m.	Mon p.m.	Tues a.m.	Tues p.m.	Wed a.m.	Wed p.m.	Thurs a.m.	Thurs p.m.	Fri a.m.	Fri p.m.	Sat a.m.	Sat p.m.
Moriches Bay	7:17 AM	7:25 PM	8:02 AM	8:09 PM	8:47 AM	8:53 PM	9:33 AM	9:40 PM	10:23 AM	10:31 PM	11:17 AM	11:24 PM	—	12:11 PM
Moriches Inlet	6:38 AM	6:46 PM	7:23 AM	7:30 PM	8:08 AM	8:14 PM	8:54 AM	9:01 PM	9:44 AM	9:52 PM	10:38 AM	10:45 PM	11:32 AM	11:41 PM
Smith Pt. Bridge	9:33 AM	9:41 PM	10:18 AM	10:25 PM	11:03 AM	11:09 PM	11:49 AM	11:56 PM	—	12:39 PM	12:47 AM	1:33 PM	1:40 AM	2:27 PM
Week Of July 26 - August 1	Sun a.m.	Sun p.m.	Mon a.m.	Mon p.m.	Tues a.m.	Tues p.m.	Wed a.m.	Wed p.m.	Thurs a.m.	Thurs p.m.	Fri a.m.	Fri p.m.	Sat a.m.	Sat p.m.
Moriches Bay	12:20 AM	1:05 PM	1:16 AM	2:00 PM	2:14 AM	2:56 PM	3:14 AM	3:55 PM	4:19 AM	4:56 PM	5:24 AM	5:54 PM	6:23 AM	6:48 PM
Moriches Inlet	—	12:26 PM	12:37 AM	1:21 PM	1:35 AM	2:17 PM	2:35 AM	3:16 PM	3:40 AM	4:17 PM	4:45 AM	5:15 PM	5:44 AM	6:09 PM
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CM Class of 2020 says 'thank you'

BY PATRICIA KALOSKI

Members of Center Moriches High School's Class of 2020 wanted to say 'thank you' to the Center Moriches community for the many contributions that were made in recognition of the class' graduation during the COVID-19 pandemic, which prohibited seniors from enjoying a traditional commencement ceremony. Pictorial tributes and video montages were just some of the special gestures made by the close-knit hamlet to properly honor the Class of 2020.

Under the guidance and leadership of senior class advisors Laura Sandberg-DeJohn and Daniel Kudreyko, both high school art teachers, seniors decided to organize a food drive to give back to their community, said class advisors, and chose Helping Makes U Happy, a Center Moriches nonprofit organization dedicated to helping residents in need, as the benefiting organization. The food drive was held Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6.

"Helping Makes U Happy was extremely generous when asked to make a donation towards the planned graduation festivities for the Class of 2020, so having HMUH be the benefiting organization was an easy decision," said Sandberg-DeJohn.

Keith Caputo, HMUH founder, didn't hesitate when asked to support the Class of 2020, noted his mom, Cassy Caputo. Each year, without fail, Keith meets with Center Moriches High School principal Ed Caswell to see how HMUH can assist the district in celebrating its senior class. In the past, he has purchased prizes for the prom. Keith also helped establish the district's Senior Walk, a time when graduates walk the halls of Clayton Huey Elementary School in their caps and gowns to pay homage to where their education began.

"When Keith realized that these senior traditions weren't going to happen, in addition to graduation, he became

extremely sad for the students and their families. With the approval of the HMUH board, we donated \$2000 and an additional \$200 to senior display boards at Clayton Huey Elementary School," noted Cassy Caputo.

Mindful of the financial impact that COVID-19 had on many families, the senior class chose to organize a food drive. However, organizing this type of event amid the various COVID-19 restrictions and requirements, such as social distancing, was somewhat challenging, explained Sandberg-DeJohn, as most food drives involve close contact with organizers and participants. She said the senior class followed the format that HMUH used for one of its recent food drives, in which specific houses – in this case, the homes of graduates – served as food drop-off sites.

To mark these sites, students painted large wooden pallets, generously donated by Speonk Lumber, in the color scheme of red, white and blue, to honor and thank Keith, as those are his favorite colors. Designs for the pallets were hand-painted by each student. Some students made a peace sign, while others painted a heart. A special pallet was created with the official Helping Makes U Happy logo, which was presented to Keith at his home, at the conclusion of the food drive.

Besides the home sites, the front lawn at Clayton Huey Elementary School on Main Street also served as a donation drop-off. Donned with masks and equipped with hand sanitizer, seniors and their advisors set up shop to accept donations. Sandberg-DeJohn said many folks who saw the collection as they drove down Main Street that day made special stops at King Kullen just to purchase food to donate.

"It really was incredible to witness how many people went out of their way to participate in the senior food drive. The generosity of our community was overwhelming," said Sandberg-DeJohn.

In total, the seniors collected enough

items to fill 85 boxes and bags of food. Much of the food was donated to various senior citizen drop-and-go locations and was also made available at HMUH's own drop-and-go site. Caputo said a portion of the food will also be distributed at HMUH's upcoming Feed the Families Program, which takes place every summer. A number of local families will also receive weekly boxes of nonperishable goods to make up for the free/reduced breakfast and lunches they do not receive during the summer months from the school districts, Caputo said. Food pantries at the

Center Moriches Presbyterian Church Food Pantry and Christ Lutheran Church will also benefit from the food drive.

"My classmates and I are very appreciative of the many tributes that the community surprised us with and were happy to plan and conduct the senior food drive," said Nick DeVelvis, senior class president. "We wanted to give back to those in need during these unprecedented times and thank the community for being so supportive of us over the last couple of months." ■



Diane, Melinda, Chela and Ranch the Rooster.

Photos by Corinne Bernath

Long Island Game Farm founder Diane Novak retires after 50 years

Diane Novak has retired after founding the Long Island Game Farm with her husband, Stanley, in 1970, and passing it on to her daughter Melinda Novak, who plans to keep it going and make improvements. Her granddaughter, Chela Novak, continues to support the farm and recently hand raised an injured Emu chick in her house.

Diane remembers that Manorville back in 1969 was very quiet, except for the noise from National Speedway on weekends. To build the farm, they used ideas from the zoos they would visit when camping, especially the Catskill Game Farm.

She also remembers having many different animals living at times in her kitchen, such as a baby deer, kid goats and sometimes a chimpanzee or baby lion would come in to visit a family birthday party.

On the opening day, she and Stanley wondered if anyone would come. And they did, making memories for generations.

"Diane really cares about how the gardens look. She spent a lot of time making the farm look special," said Jennifer Riehl, head keeper for 30 years.

Diane's husband, Stanley, died in 1999, and her daughter Susan, who managed the park, died in 2001.

While the park is closed to the public due to COVID-19, new changes and repairs are underway.

"All the animals are doing just fine, but they miss seeing our guests," said Novak. ■



Stanley and Diane in 1985.



Senior class members and class advisors display their signs outside of Clayton Huey Elementary.

Photo by Corinne Bernath

How to access the library moving forward

Reopening plan for Center Moriches Library

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

Libraries are one of the many gathering locations closed since March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But now, as New York moves through its reopening phases, libraries, too, are taking steps to bring back services that had been completely virtual.

“Although it’s different, different doesn’t have to be bad,” said Center Moriches Library director Marcie Litjens.

The Center Moriches Library is projected to open to the public on July 6, with restrictions, as long as safety measures are able to be put in place by that time. The library is upgrading HVAC systems, adding sneeze guards at service stations, and other protocols to comply with safety mandates.

Patrons must wear a face covering, and will be restricted to a 30-minute visit. No more than 20 guests will be allowed in the library at once. People

will still be able to select their items, print, and use the computer. The children’s area will have tables, chairs, and toys removed, but will now feature a sensory play area that gives different options. Passport service study rooms will not be available.

The library will also continue to offer the services that have been present since closing in March, like curbside pick-up. The library also installed a locker system that is accessible 24/7, where patrons can order items and pick them up using their library card and password. This was a new venture that came out of adapting to the pandemic, and Litjens expects this and other services to continue.

“We definitely expect these services to go forward,” she said.

Visitors should also expect to see hand hygiene stations throughout the library and markers for social distancing. Returned items must be placed in the book drops outside and larger items can be placed in a designated bin inside the library. All materials will have a 72-hour hold period to disinfect before being lent out again. ■



Curbside pickup is also still available, where people can pick up items between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, or 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Courtesy photo

Summer activities at Moriches Community Center

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

Though the Moriches Community Center headquarters is closed, the organization will be doing different events to engage the community this summer.

MCC will host a week-long half-day Olympic Camp behind the building on the athletic fields. Olympic Camp 2020 will be open to kids in grades 5-8 and led by coaches Michael Valentine, Sonny Saguto and Carly Saguto. The camp will offer fun, engaging, and socially distant activities 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily. There are four registration sessions, with cost being \$130 per child, or \$125 for siblings. Campers must bring their own mask, water, sunscreen, hand sanitizer, and a

snack. There will be no Camp Creativity or Theater Arts Camp this year.

MCC has also partnered with Yoga for Health Long Island, which offers yoga, meditation, and wellness classes virtually. There are live sessions that can be joined for \$10 per household, or pre-recorded sessions on the Yoga for Health LI YouTube page. There are sessions for both teens and adults.

MCC is hoping to have the center open again in September to be able to offer their in-person programs once again. For more updates, events, or information, visit www.morichescommunity-center.org. ■

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The outdoor locker system is available to patrons 24/7 and is accessible with a library card.

Courtesy photo



House bill seeks to overturn sewer grant tax

Congressman Lee Zeldin (R, NY-1), member of the House Financial Services Committee, and Congressman Tom Suozzi (D, NY-3) are supporting bill H.R. 7280, which would undo a ruling by the Internal Revenue Service that Suffolk County residents are liable to pay taxes on county grants used to upgrade their aging septic tanks.

"When it comes to hardworking Long Islanders' taxes, there has been too much shooting from the hip. We must protect these taxpayers, and this complex issue requires an effective solution," Zeldin said. "This program's goals are laudable, but we must ensure people can actually use the program to achieve those goals. While all levels of government work to find a solution, due to the urgency of this situation, we are running the gamut on every option, including this legislation, to provide immediate relief."

In 2017, Suffolk County initiated the Septic Improvement Program, which provided grants for homeowners to

replace old septic systems that discharge nitrogen pollution. In January 2020, the IRS ruled that these grants would be taxable to the homeowner as gross taxable income.

H.R. 7280 would:

- Exclude from gross income any subsidy "provided (directly or indirectly) by a state or local government to a resident of such a state or locality for the purchase or installation of any waste management measure, but only if such measure is with respect to the taxpayer's principal residence";
- Define the Wastewater Management Measure as "any installation or modification of property primarily designed to manage wastewater (including septic tanks and cesspools) with respect to one or more dwelling units";
- Retroactively allow subsidy recipients to amend their 2019 tax returns for grants received in 2019. ■

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KEITH'S CORNER

Food and comfort

July is a busy month at Helping Makes U Happy—even the pandemic can't slow us down!

As you can see, Keith is busy packing food and setting up comfort cases. The first week of July begins our fifth year of our Summer of Feeding the Families, preparing and delivering weekly boxes of nonperishables, fresh eggs, bread and vegetables for 35 families referred to us by the schools. We are very grateful for the help we've been offered by local businesses, specifically Netties Bakery (bread), Carlos Pizza (pasta), Lucharitos (vegetables), some members of the Eastport Green Project (vegetables), and the Angels of Long Island (nonperishables). We are also so thankful for the community members who always come to our aid with food drives, fresh eggs, donations of various items, and offers to box and/or deliver the food to the families. It truly takes a village, and to be honest we were a little worried about how we'd accomplish it all this year, but it's clear that the pandemic hasn't affected the helping hearts in our communities!

If anyone is interested in donating nonperishables or surplus fresh vegetables or eggs, please give us a call at 631-848-9008, or just leave them in our beautiful new Eagle Scout Project drop-box at the HMUH building at 1 Neville St., Center Moriches.

We've been asked by local groups if we have any upcoming volunteer opportunities and the answer is yes! We will be getting in some masks to tie-dye, so let us know if you'd like to be involved in doing that at home. We'll also be putting together a quick "Summer Staycation" raffle in the next couple weeks, which will include items families can enter to win to make their summer more enjoyable. Watch for more information about that in flyers around town, at the building, and on our Facebook page and website.

Lastly, we will also start collecting items to supplement the comfort cases we put together each year: a throw-size blanket or fleece, a small toy, journals and/or toiletries. We put these in new backpacks and they are delivered to boys and girls who have been removed from their homes due to neglect. For the last few years, we have donated 250 each year and believe me, sadly, that doesn't cover all the children.

Thank you again for all you do to help us keep helping others.

We wish you all a happy and safe Fourth of July!



MORICHES BAY GARDEN CLUB

You can still garden without restrictions

My goodness, it's July already.

We are still in the midst of a very different way of going about our daily business. Gardening is one activity that we can do without a lot of restrictions and some members are doing just that.

Betty Ronston does volunteer gardening at the Lady of the Island Shrine. Rita Sepenoski tends to the Crystal Beach Community park. Maureen Pollack does maintenance at the Remembrance Garden on the Masury estate. Lillie Brown continues her volunteer work at Cornell, albeit, via virtual Zoom meetings.

While the peonies and irises are just

fading, the day lilies are coming in. We had a nice tour through member Paula Schmidt's garden. Paula specializes in hybridizing day lilies and so there are many, many interesting lilies among all her other flowers.

While raking leaves from under azalea bushes, I noticed a catbird hopping along beside me. I decided to get my camera in hopes of snapping a picture. Sure enough, he or she came back and continued to follow me. Take a minute to be aware of your surroundings; I hope you are lucky enough to meet a friendly, fearless catbird.

-Maureen Pollack

POLICE BLOTTER

East Moriches

Two cars were damaged on Montauk Highway on June 5 and a radio was stolen.

Eastport

A deadbolt on a door on Montauk Highway was broken on June 15.

At Marinelli Jewelers, someone damaged the air conditioner and attempted to enter on June 8.

Manorville

Lugnuts were stolen from tires on a vehicle on Winding Path on June 17.

A wallet was stolen from a South Street home on June 14.

A bike was stolen from a Winding Path home on June 12.

CRIMESTOPPERS

SCPD identifies Gilgo Beach victim in Manorville

The Suffolk County Police Department, together with the FBI, announced the identification of "Manorville Jane Doe," also referred to as "Jane Doe No. 6," after utilizing genetic genealogy.

Valerie Mack, who also used the name Melissa Taylor, went missing in 2000 at

the age of 24. She was working as an escort in Philadelphia at the time of her disappearance and family members last saw her in the spring or summer of 2000 in the area of Port Republic, N.J. Mack's partial remains were found in a wooded area off Halsey-Manor Road in Manorville the same year she went missing and more than a decade later, her dismembered remains were found along Ocean Parkway.

This is believed to be the first time a law enforcement agency in New York State has used genetic genealogy to identify an individual as part of a police investigation.

"For two decades, Valerie Mack's family and friends were left searching for answers and while this is not the outcome they wanted, we hope this brings some sense of peace and closure," said Suffolk County police commissioner Geraldine Hart. "I would like to thank the FBI for its continued support and partnership in the Gilgo Beach homicide investigation and for their assistance utilizing scientific techniques that has moved this case forward. We will continue to use every investigative tool available to aggressively investigate these murders."

Additional details and photos can be found at www.gilgonews.com.

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Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library – The library now has curbside and sidewalk pickup during regular hours. Patrons can request library items by

Thursday, July 9

Meal Makeovers – Brookhaven's Dress for Success® will hold Zoom class at 3 p.m. Eat Smart New York Long Island is dedicated to strengthening families and communities. The goals of the Eat Smart New York Long Island program are to eat more fruits and vegetables, drink less sugar-sweetened beverages, exercise more and balance calories eaten as part of a healthy lifestyle. For login access, visit www.brookhaven.dressforsuccess.org.

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placing a hold. Once materials are ready, the library will call patrons to schedule a pickup time. Expect longer than usual wait times for reserved items, as there is a demand and a large backlog of requests. For more information, visit www.communitylibrary.org/pickup.

Brainfuse Adult Learning – The Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Library has a free online center for adult learners. Access the center online at www.communitylibrary.org. Live online help available from 1 to 11 p.m. weekly. On

ing with Brookhaven's Dress for Success® fitness class via Zoom. Plyoga at 11 a.m. includes a combo of plyometrics with active recovery in yoga pose. For login access, visit www.brookhaven.dressforsuccess.org. Call 631-451-9127.

Saturday, July 11

Cheer Up the Lonely Day – A national day to offer the gift of comfort and support to someone in need. A small act of kindness, a word, or special consideration can make a big difference to someone.

the website, select Learn New Skills: Academic Assistance Online. Brainfuse Adult Learning Center features test preparation (including GED and U.S. citizenship preparation), writing assistance, and study tools for math, reading and writing. Live, online one-on-one interaction with a tutor or job coach is available. Live sessions can be conducted in English or Spanish.

Virtual Screenings – The Plaza Cinema & Media Arts Center in Patchogue offers a couple of new films to their virtual release selections:

"Lucky Grandma," "Shirley," and "1 Angry Black Man," along with several other films. To select, rent and stream any movie, visit www.plazamac.org.

Art Exhibit Opening Reception – MARQUEE PROJECTS at 14 Bellport Lane, Bellport, will host "Strangers in Stranger Lands," a group exhibition of paintings and sculptures by Felipe Ariza Castro, Mary DeVincentis, Genieve Figgis, Philip Gerald, Carly Haffner, Brandon Lipchik, Janet Maya, Peggy Robinson, Carol Saft, Peter Schlesinger, and Emily Quinn on display through July 26. Social distancing guidelines, groups of four or less, and masks are requested. Contact info@marqueeprojects.org or call 631-803-2511.

Food Pantry – Word of Life Ministries, 15 Frowein Rd., Center Moriches, will open its Angel Food Pantry Mondays and Fridays, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. Call 631-208-4050.

Free Food for Seniors – The Commodity Supplemental Food Program is offering free food for seniors age 60 and over who meet income guidelines. Food packages include cheese, milk, starches, cereals, juices, canned fish, meats, vegetables and more. Call 631-491-4156 for information.

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Staff Sgt. Mona A. Darnell, of East Moriches, was awarded the Bronze Star for exceptionally meritorious service by her commanding general at the Air Supply Division in Naples, Italy. Part of her citation reads, "She has worked far beyond her required tour of duty on many occasions... working on highly confidential reports for representatives of Army Air Forces."

If **George Smith Jr.** and **Lewis Bropson**, of Center Moriches, were a little older the Army Signal Corps might have two ace observers. Walking through the woods on Reeves Road, they spied a small parachute with a device attached, hanging from the branches of a tree. The climbed the tree and retrieved it, whereupon they discovered it was a signal corps device. It was turned over to the Center Moriches Police Station, 4th Precinct.

The music pupils of **Lucille Byrd Dawson** gave a piano and organ recital at her home on Montauk Highway, Eastport, where 45 guests enjoyed the selections of the students. Among the student performers were **Judy Baker**, **Gloria Heil**, **Patricia Privett**, **Lucille Capozzola**, **Janice Mottola**, **Antoinette Capozzola** and **Betty Lashuk** of Eastport; and **Dorothy Glover** of East Moriches.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel L. Brown of Union Avenue, Center Moriches, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with an open house at their home. In the evening, they renewed their vows with a double ring ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Smith, of East Moriches, entertained aboard their cruiser, *Kumalong*, with their guests, including **Mr. and Mrs. Steven Dayton**, **Mrs. E. Anderson** and **Mr. and Mrs. D. Haight**.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mott, of Eastport, and their daughter, **Theda**, attended the graduation of their daughter, **Harriet Mott**, from the Paine Hall School. Ms. Mott has accepted a position as a medical assistant to **Dr. Leroy Davis** of Westhampton.

Ms. Stella Daichum, of Eastport, has accepted a position as a secretary in the war office in Washington, D.C.

Capt. Ezra Hawkins celebrated his 83rd birthday on July 2 by receiving friends and relatives at his home on Union Avenue, Center Moriches.

The 10th annual dinner of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Center Moriches Fire Department was held at the Long Island Hotel, Center Moriches. The toastmaster was **Mrs. Gladys Loper**, and a coffee table was presented to the retiring president, **Mrs. Lillian Clark**.

Fred Finke, an honorably discharged war veteran, has bought the former Chapman property on Main Street, East Moriches, across from the

Methodist Church, where he and his wife will now reside.

At a July 5 meeting of the Rotary Club of the Moriches, **Chester Swezey** hosted **Maj. Gardner Simes**, of East Moriches, as the guest speaker. Maj. Gardner related his experiences from the time he landed in England, reached the French coast, and later was captured by the Germans, until his rescue by U.S. Command.

John H. Glover, of East Moriches, former prominent sandlot baseball player, carried the colors for the United States Naval turnout in the VE-Day parade in an English city where he was stationed. He has been overseas nearly two years.

The East Moriches Civic Association met at the fire hall, with **Arthur Lane**, president, in charge. A committee was appointed to plan a permanent memorial for those who served in the Second World War, the members being **Arthur Lane**, **Frank Valenti**, **Harold Chapman**, **Fred Martin**, **C.P. Smith**, **Albert Olson** and **Edward Hancock**.

About 250 servicemen from Westhampton Air Base, East Moriches Coast Guard and radio stations enjoyed a United Service Organizations social event at the private estate of **Mrs. Ralph A. Sturges Sr.**, on the Center Moriches shore. There were dancing and games, bowling, Ping-Pong and pool, the large house having specials rooms for these diversions.

An official item from the aboard a seaplane tender in the Atlantic says **William E. Corey, S 1/c**, of East Moriches, is serving aboard the small seaplane tender which carries supplies to outlying Atlantic bases and provides support for a fleet air wing during his routine crossings of the North Atlantic. In 1944, this tender helped several torpedoed merchant vessels and rescued survivors of a disabled blimp.

Pvt. Lucille Rowe, W.A.C., of Eastport, has been transferred from Fort Des Moines, Iowa, to Camp Crowder, Mo.

A musical and tea was given by the Moriches Woman's Club at Shorelands, the home of **Mrs. Frank G. Wild** on Senix Avenue, Center Moriches. **Mrs. George Stone**, of East Moriches, was chairperson of the committee in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. E.M. Benjamin, of East Moriches, was guest of honor at a party celebrating her birthday at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Horace Mott** of Eastport.

Playing in July at the Center Moriches Theatre: Joel McCrea and Gail Russell in "**The Unseen**"; Robert Lowery in "**Dark Mountain**"; Bette Davis in "**The Corn is Green**"; **Humphrey Bogart** in "**Conflict**"; Van Johnson and Esther Williams in "**The Thrill of a Romance**"; and Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in "**The Naughty Nineties**."

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