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Silly Lily receives marine commercial code change

Public hearing held in May

BY NICOLE FUENTES

After a public hearing was held during the May 26 Town of Brookhaven Town Board meeting, Silly Lily, located at the end of Adelaide Avenue in East Moriches, was approved for a change of zone from A1 residential to marine commercial. The code change will allow the site to legalize what was there and to normalize the parking of vehicles, boats, and add a small, vegetated buffer to the north.

Joe Sanzano, member of the town Planning Department, described the property as being located just south of Montauk Highway with about 1.4 acres. The property was used for boat storage and parking since 1967, and went before the zoning board of appeals in 1981 for a fishing station certificate, and then authorized a letter of correction in 1984.

The purpose of the most recent code change is to conform with town code for its current use as a marina with boat slips, water rentals, a building for repairs and a building for retail. The owners also proposed proper parking changes, as well as an added buffer to the north with landscaping.

However, the representatives and owners of the property vowed not to allow the site to become a private club or a party location. Additionally, photos

were put on the record showing the various upgrades made by the owners, Jay Scott and Steve Chiros, since taking ownership six years ago.

Scott read two articles from the '30s and '40s highlighting the importance of the community staple. He said he hopes to continue to serve the people of East Moriches, but also stressed the need for some change.

"I promised to always keep it a fishing station," he said. "This rezone is to have it continue for another 100 years."

The public was then heard, with over a dozen speakers. The majority spoke in support of the marina, though a handful discussed their concerns as neighboring residential properties.

Resident to the north, Patricia Melia, who has lived there for over 40 years, claimed the new owner has changed the property tremendously without proper approvals or a public hearing.

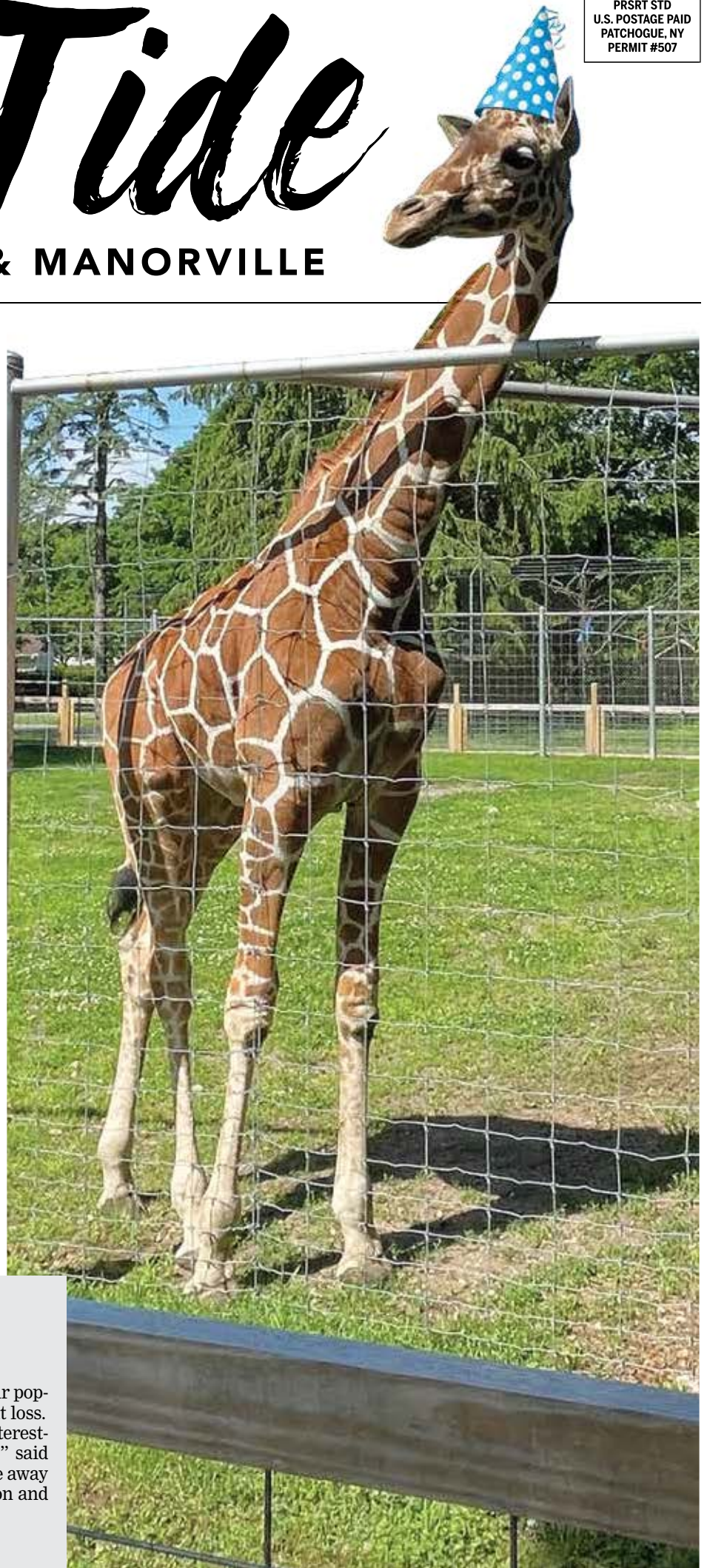
"As an abutting property owner, I am uniquely affected by the zoning violations," she said, frustrated, and noting that a 10-foot buffer is not enough to ensure the privacy of her home.

She also said there are two food trucks, which are not permitted, utilizing the land both for service and overnight parking.

Others residents like Adam Lowenbein described the marina as a gathering place and a family gem in the community.

"These guys came and refurbished

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Happy Birthday, Bobo!

Giraffes worldwide are on the "vulnerable" list—an even more important reason they celebrated Bobo's 2nd birthday at the Long Island Game Farm on July 3. They sang "Happy Birthday" and gave him his favorite lettuce cake.

According to the IUCN, the world's largest conservation organization, species of giraffes

are on the "vulnerable" list because their populations are compromised due to habitat loss.

"When visitors can get close to interesting and uncommon animals like Bobo," said owner Melinda Novak, "they often come away with a new appreciation for conservation and nature, even life in general."

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LI Honor Flight takes off

First group of Vietnam veterans sent to nation's capital

BY NICHOLAS GRASSO

Alongside family and friends, Christine Mundy-Ortutay stood in MacArthur Airport, the air saturated with excitement, a handmade sign at her side.

The poster board displayed a photo of a young man in his green helmet and fatigues. Blue confetti circles spelled the words, "Welcome Home Dad."

Mundy-Ortutay floated in a sea of hundreds waiting to greet the passengers of a LI Honor Flight that sent veterans to Washington, D.C., for free on June 4, after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the first time in the Long Island chapter's history, the nonprofit flew veterans of the Vietnam War to the nation's capital, where they could take in the Vietnam Memorial wall in person.

Five decades ago, a nation divided on the Vietnam War showed sparse support for those who fought it. When those who served in Vietnam returned home, they were not given nearly as warm a welcome as the one that awaited them that Saturday evening.

"I'm really hoping that it just shows that everybody supported him then and he has support now," Mundy-Ortutay said, waiting to greet her father, Paul Mundy. "I think he's just honored to see everybody with the support. He's my hero, I love him. He was 18 when he went to Vietnam; he's 75 now, and I think this is amazing and he'll love it."

Family and close friends of the 37 Vietnam veterans and sole World War II veteran on the Honor Flight comprised a small portion of the crowd at MacArthur. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts stood at the ready with boxes of cookies and flags, and groups of families and friends arrived with signs to offer thanks to the veterans they had never met.

"We're always here to welcome them, appreciate their service," Peter Hanson said, his wife Sherri Hanson at his side, a "Combat Veteran Vietnam" cap atop his head. "I know what it was like having been over there."

"It's great to see the children and the young adults here," he added. "These guys and gals are going to feel so great coming through here seeing all these people."

The 38 veterans aboard the Honor Flight headed for Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport from MacArthur at 6:15 a.m. After a ride to the nation's capital, the veterans

visited the World War II Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery.

To date, Honor Flight has sent over 250,000 veterans to Washington, and the Long Island chapter has flown over 1,800. Even after so many trips, Honor Flight board member and fellow veteran William Donahue said the emotional weight remains heavy.

"You're just not ready for it," he said. "You think, Well you've seen it, you've watched them experience the appreciation that they get when they arrive at Baltimore or at the memorials, but it just impacts you in a way all over again that makes you feel proud to be a part of this organization."

On the flight home, Honor Flight surprised the veterans with a mail call, a lifeline which supported them through their service and kept them connected with civilian life. Some letters were simply addressed "Dear Veteran," from school children or other groups, while others came from family and friends.

"These are letters that, for the most part, no family member would probably write, ever, to their veteran, but this gives them the opportunity to do that," Donahue said. "The veteran is just overwhelmed to read the appreciation and gratitude that they have. It opens up a whole new world between the veteran

and that family member, so it's mighty cool."

When they landed in MacArthur Airport at 8:45 p.m. that Saturday evening, the veterans received their Girl Scout cookies, shook hands, saluted, and soaked in the thunderous cheers and applause that rivaled the volume of the Eastern Long Island Police Pipes and Drums Band.

The procession of servicemembers, surprised by the fleet of support, displayed a breadth of emotion. Smiles were plentiful and the tears were genuine when family members embraced.

Such was the case when Paul Mundy waded through the crowd to his family and friends awaiting him.

"It started as soon as we got here this morning to leave," Mundy said. "They were clapping, they were clapping everywhere I went—the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, going for dinner, every place. Then I get off, and this! My best friend for 70 years, cousins, my wife, my daughters, everything."

"It's amazing," he continued, himself tearing up as his children wept and grandchildren hugged his leg. "It's amazing. It really is touching; we really appreciate it. I guess I never thought of the appreciation maybe we should have got."

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Memorial Day parade honors fallen veterans

BY NICHOLAS GRASSO

As the sun shone high above Center Moriches on May 30, families lined up along Main Street for the annual Memorial Day parade.

The procession kicked off promptly at 9 a.m. from Lake Avenue and headed east towards Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Families sat in lawn chairs along the sidewalk or tailgated in truck beds as marching bands, firefighters, Paquatuck Squaws, Little League teams, and other local groups and busi-

nesses marched and drove down the pavement.

The VFW Post 414 had been planning the parade since the beginning of the year, according to post commander Bobby Galbraith, to secure performers and organize floats. Perhaps more important was the planning for the ceremony after the parade at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

"To me, the most important part isn't even the parade, it's the ceremony," Galbraith said. "The big part at the ceremony are the eulogies, the

remembrance of all that served and had passed, the laying of the wreaths, the laying of the flowers. Everything has a meaning: the 21-gun salute, the taps, singing 'God Bless America.'

"It's all about the remembrance of all the veterans that have served and have passed," he continued. "Not necessarily that died in war, but all the men and women that served that are now gone. It's a day for us to remember them and honor them. That's the important part."

While a few hundred people flocked to Main Street for the parade, Galbraith

said he hopes for a larger crowd at both the parade and the cemetery service next year.

At this year's cemetery ceremony, the commander delivered the eulogy, senior VFW officers laid flowers, and a clergyperson from St. John's led those in attendance through a prayer.

"It's a nice day, it's an emotional day, and it's an important day," Galbraith said of the celebrations. "Veterans Day is for all the living. Memorial Day is for all the guys that have passed."

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Fun at the farm!

The Long Island Game Farm is open for the season

BY NICOLE FUENTES

As the largest combined children's zoo and wildlife park on Long Island, The Long Island Game Farm offers a natural environment to learn about wildlife and animals through education and entertainment.

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SILLY LILY: Code change legalizes operations

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Silly Lily by opening it to the public, [and it] has become a town square," he said. "They've created a place where everyone goes to hangout."

Others described it as a magic place, bringing back their childhood.

After the public was heard, councilman Dan Panico proceeded to question the applicant, ensuring certain promises were made on the record in an effort to protect the community.

"We sit here tonight to help keep Silly Lily going into the future, but also affording the property owners to keep it from becoming something it was never intended," Panico said.

He first asked about the hours of operation, to which the owners promised to close by 8 p.m., though they had no intentions to chain off the property at night. Panico also requested the food truck leave at the end of the day by 9 p.m. without parking on site overnight.

"It has to come and go," he said, explaining the code.

Then, he questioned the property owners' intentions of alcohol sales. The owners said they are waiting on permission to serve beer and wine from the State Liquor Authority, though they noted, again, the business will be closed by 8 p.m. every night and will only be seasonal from Memorial Day through October.

Directly following the public hearing, after much discussion, the board unanimously passed the resolution for the code change.

"Silly Lily lives on, and a piece of Long Island's maritime history will be



The code change will allow the site to legalize what was there and to normalize the parking of vehicles, boats, and add a small, vegetated buffer to the north.

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able to continue. As one of the last fishing stations in Brookhaven, we worked to craft zoning approvals that enable the tradition to continue into the future, but also safeguard the residential community in the area," said Panico of the passage. "I believe we struck the right balance."

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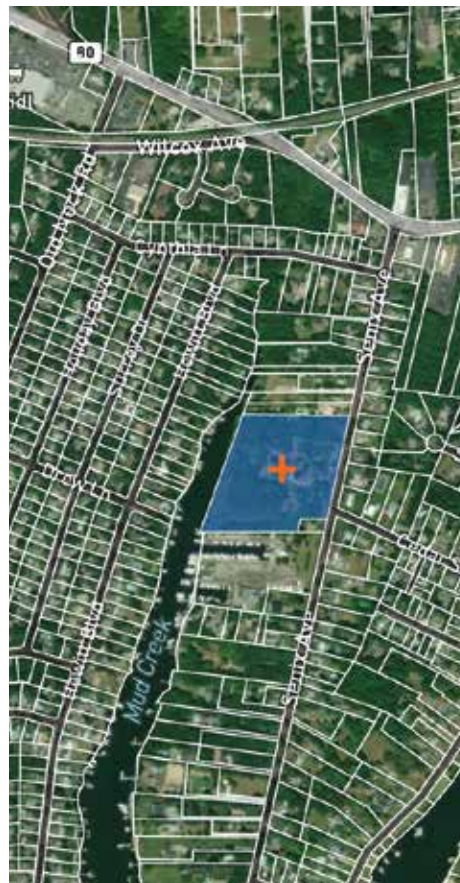
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The Town of Brookhaven recently approved the purchase of 10.5 acres on Senix Creek. The purchase, according to councilman Dan Panico, is to be paid over three years from the Joseph Macchia Environmental Preservation Fund.

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-Nicole Fuentes

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CM Spring Fest returns

BY NICHOLAS GRASSO

Main Street in Center Moriches came alive on June 12 for the 2022 Spring Fest.

Vendors offering clothing, accessories, and toys lined both sides of the street as friends, family, and furry companions strolled several blocks. Several Center Moriches businesses set up tents of their own among the vendors to promote their work within their community, including the Center Moriches Free Public Library. Other groups, from the Ancient Order of

Hibernians to the VFW Post 414, set up tents along the road to attract new supporters to their respective missions.

As they walked along, attendees stopped for hot eats like sausage and peppers and gyros, classic street fare snacks like cotton candy and popcorn, beer samples from the Moriches Field Brewery and—perhaps the most popular item of the day—fresh pickles on a spear.

Guests also enjoyed a handful of live performances. A musical duo played near the event's eastern boundary, while

girls ages 7 through 11 from East Moriches' You Gotta Dance performed for an applauding crowd of spectators.

"It's absolutely amazing for the girls to dance for the community, especially because we do a lot of fundraisers," Tina Quaglino, a teacher at You Gotta Dance, said. "It's just good for them to get out and be a part of the community."

In the morning, attendees arrived donning raincoats, as this year's street fair began under a cloudy sky giving way to rain. Eventually, as the Sunday pro-

gressed, the sun prevailed overhead.

"Given the weather, I think we're doing well," Gerry Sapanaro, treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches and the fair's organizer, said. "People came out with their umbrellas, so they still want to support us."

"It's unfortunate that we can't control what happens," she continued. "But I think overall we're going to be fine. I think this is going to pass through and we'll have a nice afternoon."



All photos MT/Grasso

Girl Scouts earn highest award

Eighth-grade Girl Scouts from Troop 400, Emma S. from East Moriches, Emily B. from Center Moriches, and Chloe K. from Center Moriches, recently built a music pavilion at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck earning them the Silver Award.

The Silver Award is the highest award a Girl Scout cadette can earn. It requires them to improve their community and devote at least 50 hours to a sustainable project.

"The girls have been planning and raising money for this project for some time," troop leader Nicole Stork said, explaining that they have been selling items and cookies to raise funds for the project. "They also held a car wash last summer."

Community sponsors of the project include Craftsman Fence Co. of East Moriches, Drucek's True Value of Center Moriches, Jimmy Osborne Music of Center Moriches, Family Melody Center of Patchogue, The Home Depot of Shirley, Muriel Corcoran of East Moriches, and



Emma S. (purple shirt), Emily B. (grey shirt), and Chloe K. (white shirt) show off their recently built musical sound garden installed at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck.

Courtesy photos

Carole Lesselbaum of East Moriches. "We are so blessed to have such a gen-

erous and supporting community!" she said.

Why did they choose the project?

The girls said they wanted to make a difference in the community and bring people together. The musical sound garden, they explained, would do just that for the camp. And so, after receiving approval from the camp's executive director, Alyssa Pecorino, and the board, the girls got to work, spending many weekends contacting companies, writing letters, gathering materials, building, painting and installing.

"As their troop leader, I am very proud of them; these three girls are role model community leaders at just 14 years old, very impressive," Stork said.

The girls plan to share their project and how they made the musical sound garden with other Girl Scouts within the Girl Scouts of Suffolk County community, with hopes of getting others to think big, create, and make a difference in their communities as well.

-Nicole Fuentes

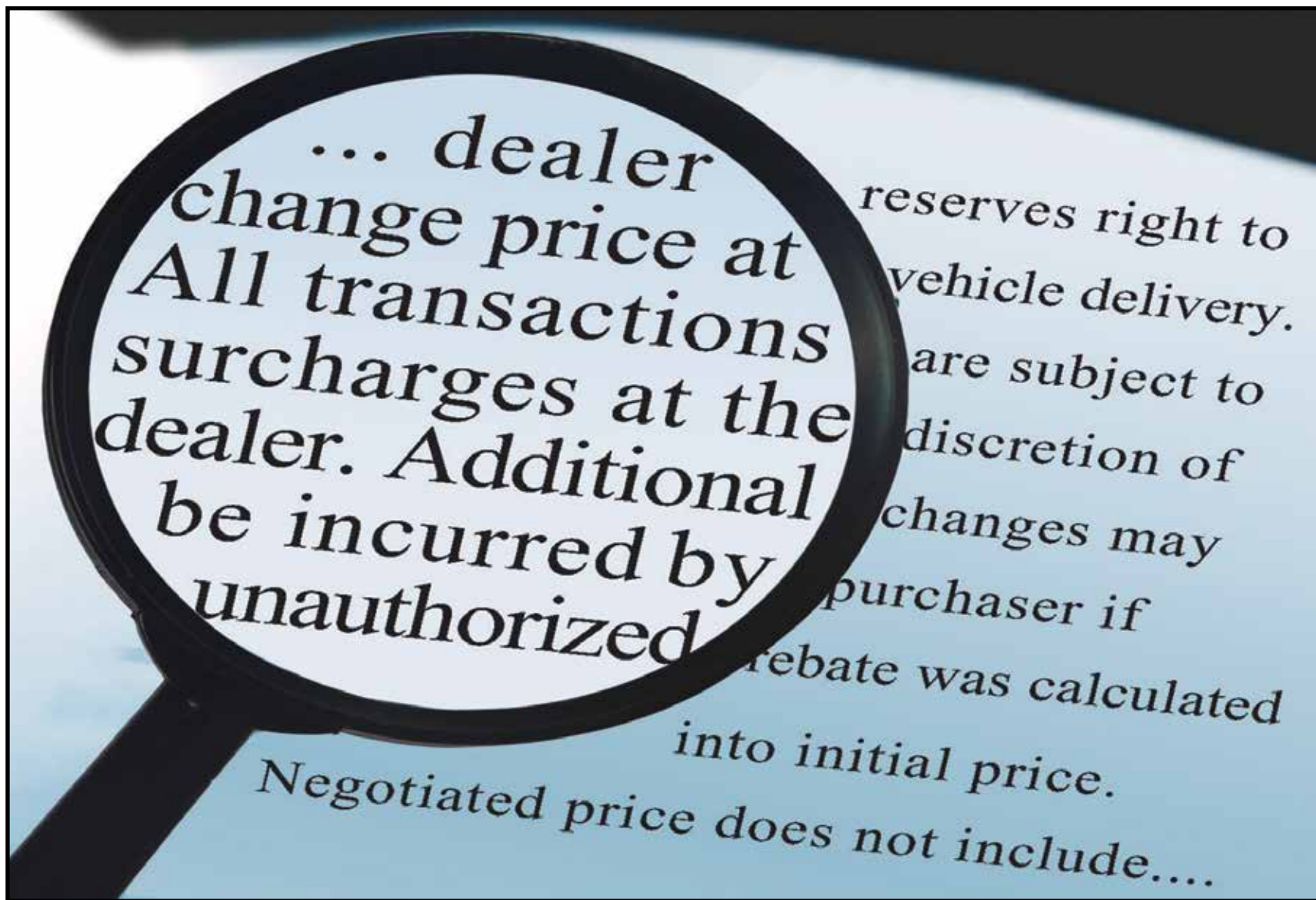


Two awarded Eagle Scout rank

Boy Scouts Connor Hipp (left) and Jeremy Masterson (right) from Troop 23 had their Eagle Scout ceremony on

May 23 and were awarded their Eagle Scout rank. The ceremony was held at the Center Moriches firehouse.

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the Tide SPORTS

Community Center hosts annual Anthony Parlato 5K Run/Walk

BY NICHOLAS GRASSO

Forty runners lined up on Canal Street at Neville Park for the Moriches Community Center's 2022 Anthony Parlato Memorial 5K Run/Walk on June 4.

James Mintel and Helena Roy were declared the overall winners of the race, which raised nearly \$10,000 for the center's youth programs, according to its website.

The event, now in its 19th year, was renamed in honor of Parlato after his death in 2013. The local basketball coach was an integral part of the community center when it was formed over two decades ago and became its vice president.

"The community center has been around for 22 years and Anthony was one of our founders," Kathleen Johnson, executive director of the Moriches Community Center, said. "He was the life force of the Moriches Community Center back in the beginning."

"The older kids still talk about him and how he influenced their lives," she added. "And a lot of them who were young and came up through the programs with Anthony now work for us. It's really gratifying to see that."

Alongside Johnson, under a tent, stood Parlato's mother, Susan Parlato, who said she was pleased by the turnout of the race.

"I feel it's great," she said. "I see a lot of young people today."

As the race began, runners jolted out to the front of the pack, while others jogged or walked, many of them pushing strollers or holding leashes. The event has many regular participants, including Gabrielle Comanda, who was joined by her mother, Lisa Comanda, and dogs, Portia and Oats.

"My brother actually knew Anthony Parlato; he was his basketball coach," Gabrielle Comanda said. "So we always want to come out and support. Typically, the weather is nice and it's a great cause."



Runners lined up at Neville Park for the Moriches Community Center's Anthony Parlato Memorial 5K Run/Walk on June 4.

MT/Grasso

A conversation with ex-Met Bill Pulsipher

Former pitcher played 19 seasons of professional baseball

BY JORDAN STANKOVICH

Bill Pulsipher pitched 19 seasons of professional baseball, spent six seasons in Major League Baseball with the New York Mets, Milwaukee Brewers, Boston Red Sox, Chicago White Sox, and St. Louis Cardinals, as well as four seasons with the Long Island Ducks from 2004-2007. Pulsipher is the father of Leyton Pulsipher, member of Center Moriches varsity baseball 2022 Long Island Champions, who is committed to Central Connecticut State this fall. Pulsipher currently is a pitching instructor at 365 Athletics in Bellport.

Q&A

TIDE: In June 1991, you were 17 years old and just graduated Fairfax High School in Virginia, then were drafted in the second round 66th overall by the New York Mets. What were your initial emotions on being drafted?

Pulsipher: Well, I was ecstatic, obviously, to be drafted by the Mets the team I had grown up watching play. Even though I wasn't from New York, I was a Mets fan because obviously the Mets were very good during the mid-'80s when I was growing up, so I was ecstatic to be drafted by the team that I had followed growing up. I actually wore a Mets hat throughout high school, so it was a dream come true. My favorite team of all time.

Tide: Your third season of professional baseball was quite a summer! As a starting pitcher on the Binghamton Mets, the New York Mets Double A affiliate, you, Edgardo Alfonzo, and Jason Istringhausen were the superstars of the team, leading your

club to the Eastern League Championship. You threw a no-hitter in Game 2 of the championship series and that season logged 201 innings, striking out 171 batters. Talk about the thrill of that season and about playing ball with Alfonzo, Istringhausen, and other teammates in which you reunited a few years later in Queens.

Pulsipher: That was a special team. The majority of that group we lost in the finals the previous year in the Florida State League, and we kind of felt like we had some unfinished business, and obviously moving up to Double A, that's kind of the most competitive league that's full of prospects, so we kind of felt like we had to go take of our business, and that was a heck of a season and great group of guys there. Rey Ordonez ended up coming and being on that team during the season as well. He came up. Alberto Castillo played in the Major Leagues with the Mets as well, and that group of guys kind of came up together, so to speak, and it was a special, special summer. One of the best summers of my life and a lot of fun.

Tide: In June 1995, you were 21 and took the mound at Shea vs. the Houston Astros making your Major League debut. I know it didn't go the way you would have liked, but can you describe your emotions when you first ran out of the dugout and took your warmups about to toe the rubber in Flushing?

Pulsipher: Well, I would say that the first inning didn't go how I would like. I always felt like I gave up five runs in the first inning; those were a couple of balls hit into the gaps. I ended up going seven innings that day and did get the loss and only gave up two more runs in the final six innings that I threw, and even though I lost I kind of felt like I came out with the win, because to be able to go from giving up five runs in the first inning to

be able to go through and walk off the mound after getting that final out as opposed to the manager come out and take the ball from you. But that's another thing I tell people. That's the second thing I did that will never happen again, is I threw 131 pitches my first start in the Major Leagues and that will never happen again. I was very nervous in the first inning, being a Mets fan growing up and now living the dream, you're standing there on Shea Stadium field, the same field that Dwight Gooden, my hero growing up, and Tom Seaver and all the great names of the past, and it was a great moment and it didn't go exactly how I wanted, but like I said, to be able to walk off the mound after getting 21 outs as opposed to having to walk out of there after the first inning giving up five runs. But it was a dream come true.

Tide: What brought you to Long Island?

Pulsipher: Obviously, playing for the Mets originally. And my wife, who I met in Florida, her family is originally from Lindenhurst, West Babylon area, and when I got done playing I was coaching for a while and coaching wasn't making enough money and [I] had young kids at the time, so my brother-in-law was in the construction business and I had got offered a chance to go work there with him and got into the road construction and my wife wanted to go back up to Long Island, and that was where my opportunity to work was, so we ended up back out here.

Tide: You were a starting pitcher on the 2004 Long Island Ducks championship team. Talk about how exciting that must have been bringing the first championship to Long Island.

Pulsipher: It was a lot of fun. We had a really good group of guys—veteran guys, a lot of guys that had been playing a long time, and guys that had big league service time, and guys that were hungry

to still get back, and I did end up signing with Seattle during that year and went out and played Triple A and finished the season there. I was actually well, but my back went out on me and I had back surgery and I missed the last couple weeks of the season and the opportunity to get called up in Seattle, but I was healthy enough to come back for the playoffs with the Ducks and there were a few guys that signed elsewhere during the year. We all came back towards playoff time and finished the goal there. I always tell people, it doesn't matter where you're at to be able to win a championship, especially those athletes that go their whole lives, whether it be Little League or high school or all the way up to pro ball and the Major Leagues, that never get a chance to play in the championship, let alone win a championship.

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Carmine Henry “Hank” Sardella was called to heaven on May 23, 2022 at the age of 85 after a courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by loved ones who will honor his legacy by living their life with courage and a smile just as he did. A Korean War veteran, he proudly served in the 6th armored cavalry. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jessie Grogan Sardella, his sister Eugenia Martucci, his children and their spouses, David, Raymond (Rebecca), Tracey (Timothy), Michael, Jessie (Edward), Salvatore; grandchildren Brittany, Angelina, Michael, Rachel, Patrick, Danny, Corey, Melissa, Cassidy; great-grandchildren Xavier, Avery, Lyla, Delaney, AJ and James, his many nieces and nephews and wonderful friends.

Born in the Bronx, Hank would walk to school in the snow, uphill, both ways, or so he claimed. He moved to Long Island in his late teens where he was a member of a car club known as the Dynatones. He met the love of his life and married her in 1962 and eventually settled in East Moriches, NY to raise his family; in 2016 he relocated to Carolina Shores, NC.



The simplest pleasures in life gave him great joy and his sense of humor was contagious. He always had a smile, a joke and a hug for everyone and loved being with his family and friends, enjoying sunny days with his garage squad buddies and spending time at the VFW. His cheerful outlook on life and happy disposition will be deeply missed.

Services were held at St. Brendan’s RC Church, Shallotte, NC with interment at North Myrtle Beach Memorial Gardens. Any donations in Hank’s honor can be made to his favorite charity, Rico Memorial Fund, PO Box 725, Center Moriches, NY 11934 or online at uncommongiving.com.

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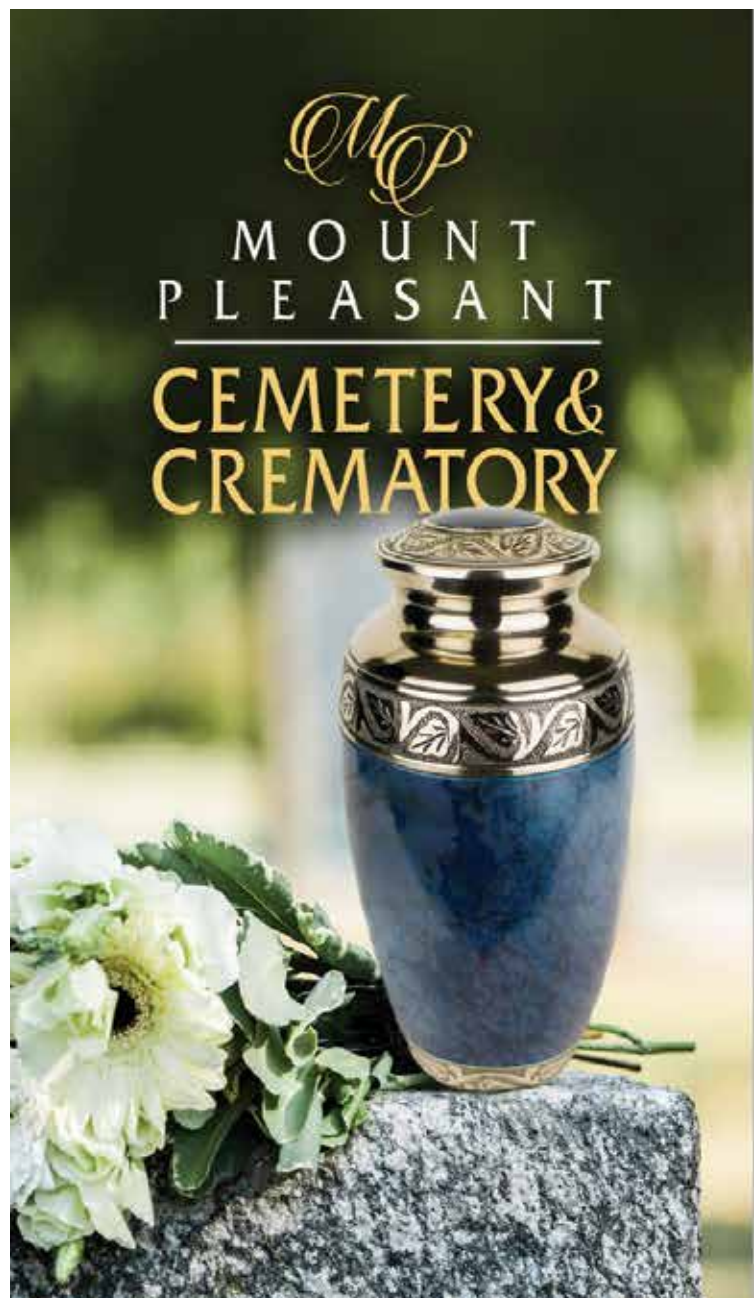
I asked members to send a preview photo of their favorites. Here are some of them: sempervivum (hens and chicks) from Lois Gareau, because they are always different and reliable; Sonia

Thomas’s perfect iris; Lillie Brown’s red honeysuckle, a favorite to attract hummingbirds; and my clematis, which is always a showstopper.

Next month, we are off to Sunken Meadow National Park for a tour on Aug. 18 and to a picnic at the Cornell Horticulture Center in Riverhead—no date yet.

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-Maureen Pollack



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REVIEW: Hampton Coffee Company

Grab a good cup at the library

BY NICOLE FUENTES

The Hampton Coffee Co. officially opened at the Center Moriches Library with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Feb. 13. One hundred percent of the coffee is hand-roasted in small batches at their roastery in Southampton.

The library is Hampton Coffee Company's sixth location, and its farthest west. Its location in Water Mill is the company's flagship, as it was the first to open nearly 30 years ago. The flagship is where company owners Jason and Theresa Belkin met.

Back in October, the café was constructed to make way for Theresa and Jason, who live in Westhampton. The new library café offers a menu of homemade hot breakfast and lunch, with coffee and espresso drinks as well as lots of bakery items—all baked right at the library!

The café is open Monday through Sunday from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Strawberry and cheese Danish

The perfect pairing with a plain cup of coffee to your liking. We added cream and sugar and enjoyed the soft Danish with cheese and strawberry filling.

Cinnamon roll with vanilla icing

Surprisingly really good, with moist pastry and not-too-sweet icing. My son loved it and was forced to share with my daughter.

Mocha Freeze

It was a hot day, so I went with the Freeze. The icy slushy was a fun way to get my coffee fix, and I added some mocha to also satisfy my sweet tooth. I also decided to use nonfat milk to make it a little lighter.

Vanilla Freeze

A small, non-caffeinated Freeze for the kids—they loved it. It wasn't a shake consistency, but a slushy consistency with creamy milk added.

Mt/Fuentes



LETTERS

The real meaning of Memorial Day

I'd like to commend the *Tide* and its reporter, Nicholas Grasso, on including a story about the real meaning of Memorial Day, the sobering aspects of which are

often overlooked. Perhaps at some future date another story, on flag etiquette, might be welcome.

So many of us are proudly displaying our country's flag, but increasingly it seems as if what was once general knowledge about

when and how to display it is missing. As a retired English teacher, my other suggestion is that someone correct Mr. Grasso's use of the word "burrows" when describing the potential reorganization of the Northport VA hospital. I believe he

meant to describe the locations of human residents, in which case "borough" might be a more appropriate choice. Otherwise, I fear we may all take to looking underground for medical facilities.

-Cynthia Parry

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contact us at 631-848-9008. As in the past, we will be putting a signup genius on Facebook for interested people as well. On the last delivery date, Aug. 29, we also include a new backpack filled with school supplies for the students. We are also optimistically looking forward to once again holding our big basket auction, which funds most of the helping things we do, and is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 15. We have already begun collecting baskets and donations for that

as well. It's a great evening—lots of fun and friendship—and takes months of hard work and preparation. If you would like to donate or help out, let us know—we'd be most appreciative! Summer has finally arrived, and I know we are all looking forward to it. The chamber of commerce is bringing back movie nights and concerts, the Fourth of July will be celebrated, and there will be lots of fun events all summer long, so enjoy, be safe and happy 4th!



SCHOOL NEWS

Center Moriches

The fourth graders enjoyed field day.



Third and fourth graders had fun at the spring dance hosted by the PTO.



East Moriches

Congratulations to the incredible Students Who Make A Difference award winners for showing excellent character and academics.



Eastport-South Manor

Two-time Hackathon champs

The Eastport-South Manor Junior/Senior High School Hackathon team took home the title of defending champions after winning first place at Code Conquest 2022. Under the direction of coach Greg Gosselin, the nine-member team defeated 19 teams in grades 9-12 in the virtual competition, in which students were directed to conquer a map with defined territory with computer science and coding challenges.

"They are not only defending champs, but they're also the first repeat champi-

ons and two-time champions," principal Alaimo said. "We couldn't be prouder."

Team members include Brendan Archibold, Joseph Barca, Joseph Belfiore, Benjamin Isaacson (captain), Thomas Lavallee, Edward Leselrod, Zhen Loffreto, Caitlin McGovern and Diana Schryver. The team scored 33 total points solving algorithm challenges, tackling cypher scripts and creating an original project using multiple program languages. Hewlett-Woodmere and East Williston school districts trailed the Eastport-South Manor team with a score of 22 points.

KidOYO executive director and founder Melora Loffreto was on hand with Cisco Systems representative and Code Conquest master of ceremonies Mat-



thew Pomara to present a trophy to the team. Loffreto said, "This has been our biggest year in inter-district coding, with over 650 participants and 2,700 projects island-wide. This team should be very proud to have placed first in the competition."

Students shine in Virtual Enterprise Competition

Eastport-South Manor Junior-Senior High School's Virtual Enterprise team recently placed 27th out of 1,305 submissions in the 2021-2022 National Video Commercial Competition. The competition entailed creating a 30- to 60-second commercial promoting the team's company and its products and services.

-Compiled by Nicole Fuentes



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Valedictorian

Kaylie Roberts is part of Center Moriches High School's first cohort of International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidates. She earned a GPA of 104.59 and will be attending Georgetown University in the fall. Roberts has been part of the varsity softball (team captain, all-county & all-state), varsity tennis (team captain, All-League), French Honor Society (president), Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society (vice president), Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society (president), National Honor Society, Science Honor Society. She has been a leader throughout all of high school in her school and community.



Salutarian

Alyssa Morano earned a GPA of 103.66. She is the president of the Science Honor Society, captain of the varsity girls tennis team, vice president of the Robotics Team. She has also been part of the varsity softball team for five years and drama club for seven years. Morano has earned All-League Awards for varsity softball and varsity tennis. Morano will be continuing her education at SUNY New Paltz double majoring in biology and chemistry adolescent education.

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AROUND TOWN

Sunday, July 3

New Sermon Series – South Bay Bible Church's new ten-week teaching series, "Summer on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to Experiencing Heaven on Earth," will be presented Sundays, 9 and 11 a.m. Visit www.southbaychurchli.org or call 631-909-8241.

Monday, July 4

4th of July – Independence Day is a federal holiday commemorating the Declaration of Independence, which was ratified by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776.

Thursday, July 7

Mastic Peninsula - The Historical Society will meet at 373 Neighborhood Rd., Mastic Beach, 7:30 p.m. Call 631-281-7347 or visit www.mphistorical.org or email mastichistory333@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday, July 9

Not Your Mama's Bingo – Drag Bingo with Miss Tomato at Mama Farm, 279 S. Country Rd., Brookhaven, 6:30-9:30 p.m. A lively dinner and bingo session with Mama Farm's Miss Tomato, a bingo game with a fusion of drag, comedy, and cabaret. Expect a tomato-based menu including offerings like fried green tomato parmesan & cheesecake with tomato ginger jam. To secure tickets, email Elettra at info@mamafarm.us or visit <https://www.mamafarm.us/happenings>.

Free Outdoor Concert – Free concert featuring the musical group "Just Sixties" on the front lawn of Clayton Hey Elementary School, 7-9 p.m. Attendees should bring their own seating and snacks. Visit <http://www.justsixties.com>.

Sunday, July 10

Library Concert – The Liverpool Shuffle will perform Beatles music at Center Moriches Library, 2-3:30 p.m. Register online or call 631-878-0940.

Tuesday, July 12

Caregiver Support Group – Anyone providing care to someone with Alzheimer's Disease or other dementia disorder is invited to join Alzheimer's Disease Resource's (ADRC) monthly support group at Center Moriches Library, 235 Montauk Hwy., Center Moriches, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For information, call Sharon Reichman at 631-580-5100, ext. 302 or email Sharon.Reichman@ADRCinc.org.

Wednesday, July 13

Sunset Cruise on Moriches Bay – Join the Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches for a 3-hour sunset cruise from 215 Atlantic Ave., East Moriches, 6-9 p.m. \$50 includes food and water. Participants can bring their own alcoholic beverages. Reservations must be paid in advance. Call Gerry at 631-241-6747.

Saturday, July 23

Outdoor Family Movie – Free showing of Disney's "Encanto" on the front lawn of Clayton Hey Elementary School, 8-10:15 p.m. Attendees should bring their own seating and snacks. Alcohol not permitted.

Saturday, July 30

Defensive Driving – 6-hour safety class at Center Moriches Library, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Drivers who complete the Empire Safety Council's course save 10% on car insurance and reduce 4 points off their driving record.

In-person registration only. \$30 fee due by check or money order made payable to Empire Safety Council at the time of registration. For more information, call 631-878-0940.

Of Note ...

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.

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Moriches Chamber of Commerce – Meetings held at the Moriches Bay Diner, Montauk Hwy., every second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m.

Moriches Civic Bay – The association meets every fourth Thursday at the Center Moriches Library, 7 p.m. Visit www.morich-esbaycivic.org for details.

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Instructional Tutorials – The Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library offers Lynda.com, an online library of instructional videos by professional instructors, free to all library patrons with a valid library card. Log onto www.communitylibrary.org/learning/ for more information on the types of courses offered and to register.

Child Care Program – Parents in need can reserve a spot for quality childcare programs offered by Colonial Youth and Family Services, Moriches. To find out more, call 631-281-446 or visit www.colonialyfs.com.

Domestic Violence – Is a loved one attacking you physically, verbally or emotionally? Contact the L.I. Against Domestic Violence. 24-hour hotline: 631-666-8833. Tell them, they'll listen. For more information, visit www.liadv.org.

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Connecting with Seniors – The RSVP Telephone Reassurance Program makes daily phone calls to seniors living in the community. If you have a loved one or know of someone living alone who could benefit from a daily phone call, call 631-979-9490 or visit www.rsvpsuffolk.org.

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YEARS AGO

75 Years Ago

JULY 1947

The Baby Parade and Carnival was held on the lawn of the Methodist Church in Center Moriches, where **Robert George Dyke**, of Eastport, was crowned king and **Sheila Ann Hudson**, of Center Moriches, was crowned queen.

John Kean, of Manorville, a member of Troop 23, Center Moriches Boy Scouts, was given the Eagle Scout award at court of honor ceremonies held in Center Moriches High School.

Tenor **Edward Syrewicz**, a 1941 alumnus of Center Moriches High School, will be the guest soloist in the fourth series of summer concerts offered by the Center Moriches High School band, under the direction of **Chester G. Osborne**.

July 14 marked the 98th anniversary of the founding of the first post office in East Moriches in 1849. The original post office was established in the building, which is now the bungalow occupied by **Mr. and Mrs. Percy B. Raynor**, and the first postmaster was **Jacob H. Miller**, father of **Jacob H. Miller Jr.**, who now resides in East Moriches.

Donald Hamilton and his father, **Dick Hamilton** of Montauk Avenue, East Moriches, towed in a mammoth tuna, weighing over 500 pounds.

Robert Carlson, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carlson** of Atlantic Avenue, East Moriches, who is employed by the Arabian-American Oil Company in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, attended a banquet given by the nation's King.

Margaret Hettrick, of Manorville, is now employed in the Center Moriches

bank. She is a recent graduate of Center Moriches High School.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Koegel of Railroad Avenue, Center Moriches, announced the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy May, to Cmdr. **Royal T. Petersen**, in the First Methodist Church, Seattle, Wash. The bride is a graduate of Center Moriches High School and the Cornell School of Nursing. She served 15 months as a second lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps.

After alterations were completed, Deane's Hardware store in Center Moriches, owned by **Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Deane**, of East Moriches, now has entrances on both Canal and Main streets and boasts 2,760 square feet of retail floor space.

Among those from Center Moriches who attended the bazaar held at the Moorland Hotel in Westhampton Beach, for the benefit of Sunrise Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, were **Mrs. Sylvia Bernstein**, **Mrs. Helen Kronman**, **Mrs. Eunice Belli**, **Mrs. Sally Heller** and **Mrs. Belle Bernstein**. Accompanying them was **Mrs. Eva Lukert** and **Mrs. Lila Burtzell**, of East Moriches.

The **Rev. and Mrs. Claude McIntosh** and family entertained at a clambake at their cottage on Moriches Avenue, East Moriches.

At the Center Moriches Presbyterian Church, **Mrs. Eric Lemmen**, of East Moriches, was guest soloist, singing "Eye Hath Not Seen."

Playing in July at **The Center Moriches Theatre**: James Mason in "Odd Man Out"; Ann Sheridan and Lew Ayres in "The Unfaithful"; John Mills and Valerie Hobson in "Great Expectations"; and Van Johnson and Marilyn Maxwell in "High Barbaree."

50 Years Ago

JULY 1972

One of the many reasons why the Swap Shop in Center Moriches has been in business for 25 years is the keen business sense and bright outlook of the owner, **Mary Goldsmith**, who with her daughter, **Mary Ann Flynn**, have been running the family antique business at 125 East Main Street.

A new Western Union office opened in Center Moriches as part of Berk's Center, which will be operated by **Louis Berkowitz** and his daughter, **Phyllis**.

A rock concert was held at the Atlantic Ball Field on Atlantic Avenue, East Moriches, that featured local musicians. The concert was sponsored by members of the Youth Activities Committee of the Moriches Narcotics Counseling Center in Center Moriches. The committee members were **Matthew Rosso**, **Irene Verity**, **John Verity**, **Bobbi Zaneski**, **J.J. Swan**, **Mrs. Helen Luckingham** and **Cherri Swan**.

An exhibit on show during the month of July at the Center Moriches Library features the photographs **Mr. L. Rosser LeGwin**, of Center Moriches. The black-and-white photographs have won various prizes and have been published in nationally renowned magazines.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix C. Tardona of Cynthia Lane, Center Moriches, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a buffet dinner with music and dancing.

Mrs. Martha Rojan of Carriage Lane, Center Moriches, caught a fluke weighing 12 pounds, 14 ounces in the annual Moriches Bay Fluke Fishing Contest, earning her second place in the private



June 1947: Sinbad, the famous Coast Guard mascot, poses with rookie seaman John Hean, son of Lt. John Hean, U.S.C.G., of Center Moriches. The world-traveling dog is now spending a quiet liberty at the East Moriches lifeboat station after earning campaign bars for service aboard the U.S.S. *Campbell*.

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Playing in July at local **United Artists Theatres**: Marlon Brando and Al Pacino in "The Godfather"; "Straw Dogs"; William Holden and Susan Hayward in "The Revengers"; and Alfred Hitchcock's "Frenzy."

- Compiled by Vanessa Graniello

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be a barbecue for those who participate at 3 p.m. at the Union Avenue Dock. All the bait will be donated by Harts Cove Bait and Tackle and the entire trip will be made possible by the Moriches Chamber of Commerce and private donations.

To get involved, participate or help sponsor the free trip, contact Goldstein at 914-804-5875 or email him at kaler-gold@yahoo.com.

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