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## \$17.9 million bond proposition fails with close margins

### Center Moriches FD needs expansion and renovation

BY NICOLE FUENTES

The Center Moriches Fire District failed a \$17.9 million bond proposition on June 20, with a total of 221 no votes to 201 yes votes. The board is currently weighing their options.

The bond would have paid for the renovation and expansion of the department's firehouse, which presently does not have the capacity to accommodate larger trucks required by National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards.

The proposal included a reconstruction of a portion of the facility originally built in 1930, as well as renovations that will bring the overall building into compliance. The apparatus bay built in the '70s is too narrow for the safety of the firefighters and to efficiently dispatch. The '90s-built annex building also requires roof and exterior repairs and is too small for modern fire trucks. In addition, the existing radio room on the ground floor of the main firehouse will be reused to accommodate the 24-hour presence of EMS personnel, who currently lack a dedicated space at the firehouse.

The passage of the bond would have increased Center Moriches Fire District residents' taxes from \$24.188 per \$100 of assessed valuation to \$35.212. This, according to fire department officials, equals less than \$6.50 per week for a typical home assessed at \$3,000.

"To protect the safety of Center Moriches residents, it's essential for us to upgrade our obsolete firehouse," said commissioner Edward Stypulkowski ahead of the vote. "These renovations will not only bring us into compliance with current fire safety codes and standards; they will also help protect the health and safety of our volunteer firefighters and the community at large."

The district's fleet of vehicles, accord-  
See **CMFD** on page 20

## Big catch at the shark tournament!

Members of the Great Gun Moriches Anglers hang a 275-lb. thresher shark at their shark fishing tournament. The Moriches Anglers hosted their annual Shark Tournament on June 24. This year is the first year under the new name as the Great Gun Anglers have merged with the Moriches Anglers to form a whole new club.  
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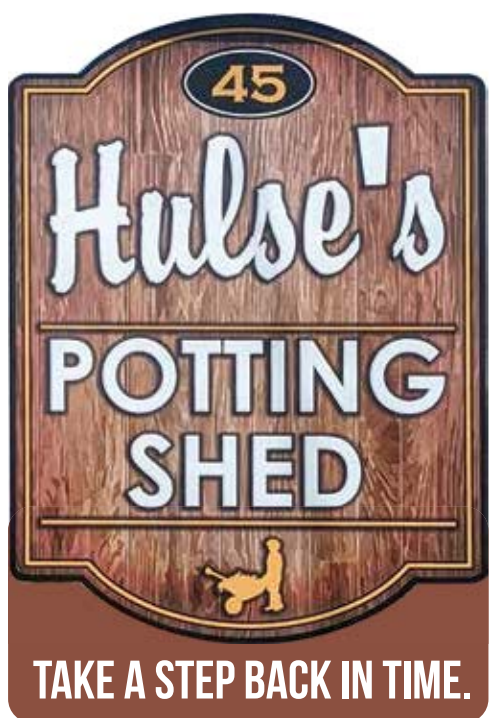
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# Beautiful gowns and dapper suits at prom

Center Moriches High School and Eastport-South Manor both celebrated their 2023 senior prom last month on June 22 and June 7, respectively. Center Moriches High School held their senior prom at the Bellport Country Club with a “Great Gatsby” theme. The Eastport-South Manor senior prom was held at Georgio’s and the theme was “Hollywood Night.” Below are compiled submissions from community members.

*-Compiled by Nicole Fuentes*



Savanna Lee at the Center Moriches High School Senior prom.



Eastport-South Manor seniors Shane VonKampen and Mia Da Cunha.



Also pictured is Kate Smith with Mia Da Cunha before the ESM prom.



Center Moriches prom attendants Sophia Raimondi and Joey Hiller.



Jade Slodysko attended the Center Moriches senior prom.



Trevor Beck and Jenna Godeck at the Center Moriches prom.



Gavin Kleine and Courtney Davila at Center Moriches HS prom.



Junior Cammy Palomino (hot pink) and her cousin Laila Cole attended the Center Moriches Junior/senior prom.



Lauryn Mitchell and Noah Reed before the CM prom.



Evan Kaloski and Gabby DeAngelis at the CM prom.



Center Moriches students from Left to right, starting in the front: Hailey Poach, Jimmy Deedy, Mackenzie Sweeney, Jordan Jastrzebski, Spencer Buff, Alex Babzien, Ryan Standard, Nicky Lyons, Hayden Jakubowski, Stephen Buff, and Derek Mare.



Chloe Raupp and her boyfriend and Center Moriches prom king Kyle Vail.




Sophia Montesanto and William Lanzetta at the Center Moriches prom.



Katelyn Cooper and Danny Jurgens ahead of the CM prom.

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# Local professor shoots on black-and-white film

BY AIDAN PELLEGRINO

Everyone in life has something that they are passionate about. Suffolk Community College professor John Stefanik's passion is photography, primarily through pictures taken with black-and-white film and photogenic drawings.

The reasoning for this interest in photographs with black-and-white film rather than digital photography (which arrived at Suffolk Community College in 2005) is that, in Stefanik's words, he is a purist that is very particular about his pictures. He especially feels that black-and-white film can do a better job at creating an atmosphere within each photo that leaves the viewer of his work feeling more peaceful than before looking upon it.

As for his interest in photogenic drawings, the primary catalyst started relatively recently when Stefanik was preparing for a photography history class and reading a book covering the works of a British man named William Henry Fox Talbot, who is often credited with creating some of the first photogenic drawings via a chemical process that revolved around coating paper with silver nitrate, known for reacting to light, and then placing botanicals on top of the paper to create a print of said botanical.

In terms of how the process of creating these drawings work, it is one of both complexity and patience, as Stefanik has described it as a "long, laborious process." For starters, the paper or canvas has to be covered with silver nitrate and then developed in the sun for 15 to 30 minutes. If this part of the process is too long, the canvas could get too dark, making it harder to see the prints.

Afterward, it is required to stop the development of the process with a salt solution for around five to six minutes. Finally, the prints must be washed for an hour and a half to remove the chemicals. Stefanik also explained that during this process, everything needed to come

together, and after two to three months of hard work, Stephanik had his first successful photogenic drawings. This often leads many to wonder why exactly is going through this kind of experiment important.

"In one year, 1.8 trillion images are taken worldwide (50,000 in a day)," Stephanik said. "Therefore, we owe our allegiance and our thanks to William Henry Fox Talbot."

Stephanik's appreciation for photographic history does not stop at photogenic drawings, since most of his photography is with traditional black-and-white film and uses a Nikon FM-2 camera. This type of camera is entirely manual, which means that the photographer has to set up everything themselves but also obtain, as Stephanik describes, "full creative control." Stephanik has been using this consistent method of taking photographs for 40 years.

Regarding his life outside of photography, Stephanik grew up in New Jersey and moved to Center Moriches from Sag Harbor after the COVID-19 pandemic. He got interested in photography by having to document his artwork since he was initially an aspiring painter.

Stephanik often uses other art forms to get inspiration for his photography work: painting, sculpting, and even classical music. In terms of what photography, in general, means to him, "Knowing that I can go out with this camera and document anything in the world that I wish, and I can share it with the public," he said.

In terms of what the future holds for Stephanik, he hopes that this summer, before the new semester, he can create more photogenic drawings and perhaps take photos at some of his favorite cities, such as Suffolk County Park, Canal Street, and Sound Avenue in Riverhead.

"That's what it's all about. Enjoying life and doing pleasurable things," he added. ■



Suffolk Community College professor John Stefanik's passion is photography, primarily through pictures taken with black-and-white film and photogenic drawings.

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# CM softball finishes season with LI championship loss

BY NICOLE FUENTES

After a mixed season, the Center Moriches varsity softball team took on Seaford last month, on June 1, during the Long Island Championship game, ending in a close loss, 1-0.

The team took on Babylon in May for the Suffolk County Championship three-game series, dominating in an only two-game win (6-4 and 8-4).

The team, according to coach Rich Roberts, who has been with the team since 2002, has been to the championship for 13 consecutive years.

“We were excited to have the opportunity to play in the Long Island Championship; obviously, we had some bumps along the way with a regular season we didn’t dominate as we normally do,” he said, proud of the team. “We were very happy, [despite] the 1-0 nine-inning heart-breakers.”

Leah Franchi, senior pitcher, said the season was one to remember.

“The bond between the girls this year was incredible, and we just came together and worked so hard every day as a team,” she said of her last season with Center Moriches, noting that it was a rebuilding year with a large portion of their starting lineup being ninth graders. “I was hon-



ored to be able to help them and mentor them. It’s such a good feeling as an upper-classman having the other girls come up to you and ask you for advice or what they could do better.”

For the majority of Franchi’s career, she was a second baseman, but this year Coach Roberts asked her to play first base.

“At Center Moriches, we have a long tradition of winning, and there was the pressure of keeping that streak going

and we all knew this. We were not going to go down without a fight,” she said, reflecting on the season. “As a senior, your last season is always special, but this team truly made it unforgettable. Center Moriches softball will forever have a special place in my heart, and I can’t wait to come back and watch these girls honor the game.”

Franchi will be attending Binghampton University, studying pre-law.

Their season was overall 3-12. The

team started off the season with a loss to Mt. Sinai in March, then went on to their first win the same month against Hampton Bays. The season continued with a mix of wins and losses, but finished strong with five-straight wins in May against Shoreham-Wading River (2-0), Pierson/Bridgehampton (15-1), Mattituck/Greenport/Southold (13-1).

The 2023 roster included seniors, shortstop Emma Morris, infielder and pitcher Leah Franchi, and centerfielder Courtney Davila; juniors Megan Stypulkowski, UTL, and Emma Powell, INF/P; sophomores Jenna Killkenny, OF, and Joselyn Juers, OF; and freshman Makayla Montecalvo, OF, Lilah Eten, C, Karly Coonan, INF, and Gabriella Cerillo, INF.

With three graduating seniors, Roberts said his team will be coming back with a strong core next year.

“Starting out the season as a young team, we pushed through, and I’m very proud of how far we made it,” said senior centerfielder Courtney Davila. “This team has built connections that will last a lifetime, and we put everything we had out on the field.” Davila will be attending Florida Atlantic University, majoring in elementary education. ■

## Inaugural Murph Workout at Mike’s House

Let the pilgrimage begin

BY JAMES BERTSCH

“They gave up their tomorrows for our todays,” Dan Murphy declared this Memorial Day at the Lt. Michael P. Murphy Navy SEAL Museum. Dan Murphy, the Gold Star father of Medal of Honor recipient Michael Murphy, in whose name the museum was built, also remarked that each Memorial Day, athletes take on the brutality of a Murph Workout as a tribute not just to his son, but to all of the fallen.

The Memorial Day Murph Workout has been done worldwide by thousands of athletes to honor veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice. This was the first time the Murph Workout was done where it all started, at Mike’s House, the Lt. Michael P. Murphy Navy SEAL Museum.

Over 200 CrossFit athletes gathered this Memorial Day at the Lt. Michael P. Murphy Navy SEAL Museum to perform the inaugural tribute. The museum was completed this past June. The hope is that one day, athletes will make a pilgrimage to the museum to pay tribute by completing their Murph Workout at Mike’s House.

No one won the inaugural Murph Workout at Mike’s House. You never do. The goal is for all of the athletes just to survive... and hopefully, complete it!

After the grueling event, a crowd gathered on-site for the installation of a monument designed to complement a similar monument at MacArthur Airport. This monument was donated by the Ronkonkoma Rotary. It was created by local businessman and craftsman, Tom Fricke, to recognize Michael Murphy and the other 18 soldiers who perished on June 28, 2005 at Operation Red Wings, in Afghanistan.

Some of the museum’s most fervent supporters were on hand to celebrate the installation. Supporters included Michael Murphy’s Gold Star family: his mother, Maureen; father, Dan; and brother, John. Also on hand was county exec-



utive, Steve Bellone. The museum would not have been built if not for Bellone, Dan Murphy remarked. Another key speaker was Navy SEAL Mike Sauers, whose company, Forged, is among the museum’s and the Murph Foundation’s most generous supporters. Sauers came all the way from California to attend.

“Body Armor.” That’s what Michael Murphy called the grueling workout he invented as part of his SEAL training. If you don’t find the opening mile painful, you will be sufficiently punished after completing the 100 pull-ups, 200 push-ups, 300 squats and 1-mile run to complete the workout. And if you have a particular penchant for flagellation, or if you want to train as Murphy did, you complete the workout in a 20-pound vest! Many did.

Since 2007, each Memorial Day, CrossFit athletes from around the world complete a Murph Workout. Athletes take on the suffering of the workout as a tribute to their hero, Lt. Michael P. Murphy. It’s actually a tribute to all veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Completing Michael Murphy’s Body Armor workout as a community event goes a little further back, to a time right after Operation Red Wings. On Aug. 17, 2005, CrossFit posted the workout to their website as the Workout of the Day

(WOD). That was just over a month after Murphy gave his life when he “unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his own life” stepped from cover to make a distress call to save his team at Operation Red Wings (June 28, 2005), according to the U.S. Navy. Murphy was posthumously awarded a Medal of Honor for his bravery—the first sailor since Vietnam and the only Penn State graduate to be so recognized.

Two years after Operation Red Wings, in 2007, Dr. Joshua Appel gathered between 13 to 15 athletes to complete a Murph Workout at a gym in Albany, N.Y., on Memorial Day. In 2010, after three years of trading in beers and burgers to complete a Murph Workout, Dr. Appel approached Dan Murphy, Michael’s father, about making the Murph Workout an annual event. The rest is history.

Honoring Michael Murphy’s legacy was important to Appel. He was the team leader for the Air Force pararescue team that received Murphy’s distress call. Appel’s team saved the lone survivor of Operation Red Wings, Marcus Luttrell. They also recovered the lifeless Murphy and remainder of his immediate team, including Danny Dietz and Matthew Axelson, and the eight additional SEALs and eight Army Night Stalker service members lost in Operation Red

Wings.

The workout continues to grow worldwide. Nearly 8,000 athletes participated in 2011. Ten thousand completed it in 2012. Nearly 38,000 participants completed it last year. Mike Sauer’s Forged CrossFit and, most importantly, the powerful life story of Michael Murphy, are to be thanked for the popularity of the workout.

Since 2014, Forged has raised over \$2,000,000 for the Lt. Michael P. Murphy Memorial Scholarship Foundation. Forged also stepped up at a critical time, donating \$300,000 during the pandemic to put the finishing touches on the Lt. Michael P. Murphy Navy SEAL Museum.

Scholarships in Michael Murphy’s name have been awarded to Patcogue-Medford, Shoreham Wading River and Rocky Point high school students and many others. The newest Michael Murphy scholarship is in memory of NYPD Sgt. James Bast, a longtime Sayville resident and Little League coach who led Mayor Bloomberg’s security detail in retirement. One graduating Sayville High School recipient will be honored by the Sayville Michael Murphy Team and Maureen Murphy, Michael’s mother, at the school’s awards night on June 7.

The sentiment of the day was best captured by Michael Murphy’s roommate from Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL, or BUDS, Kaj Larsen. BUDS’ low pass rate (20 percent) makes it the most demanding training in the world. They call it Hell Week for a reason.

Right before the first heat of the Murph Workout, Larsen addressed the crowd.

“When I turned into the museum and I saw all those flags, it hit me. It took ahold of me. I was overcome with emotion. I didn’t know that was going to happen. Mike and I, we were roommates at BUDS 20 years ago,” he said. “But even after all that time...” Larsen’s voice trailed off. He didn’t finish the sentence. Instead, he left all that emotion—along with plenty of sweat and tears—on the course. He completed his Murph Workout at Mike’s House. It meant a lot to him. It means a lot to all of us. ■

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# Man on the Street—Fourth of July edition

What does it mean to be an American?

BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN

To commemorate the Fourth of July, we reached out to a variety of Moriches residents to gain their perspectives on what it means to be an American. The range of responses we received were insightful and thought-provoking, leaving us with a truly diverse image of what it means for so many of your neighbors. Now, we invite you to explore these viewpoints. What do you think it means to be an American? We encourage you to share your own thoughts on our Facebook page and join in the ongoing conversation.



**Sebastian Villablobos**

“For me, as a Hispanic American, the idea of being an American is deeply intertwined with a sense of pride. Without the freedom I have here today, I wouldn’t be working; I wouldn’t be here.”



**Vickie Brockmann**

“To me, it means being united, supportive, and grateful. United because being ‘one nation’ is comforting. I feel supported because my country supports and defends me - and I’m grateful for all of it.”



**George Webber (from the U.K.)**

“I can’t talk about the experience of being an American because I’m from the U.K., but I like how the Fourth of July celebrates your history and culture. It’s a great day for Americans to come together and celebrate the history of the nation.”

**Jessica Duciond**

“For me, this is a good question. We are so privileged and lucky to live in the country we live in. To be an American is to have the freedoms we have.”



**Willie Graham**

“It’s the land of the free and the home of the brave. I served this country. It’s not perfect, but when you see what’s going on in the world, it’s a great place to be. That’s why so many people from so many places want to be here. This country has a lot to offer its citizens, like freedom and prosperity. That makes it a great place to be.”

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# Center Moriches Memorial Day parade and ceremony

BY KRAIG KLEIN

A Memorial Day parade through Center Moriches was held on May 29, culminating in a ceremony at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The parade featured local organizations such as Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 414 and the Center Moriches Fire Department. The Center Moriches High School Band and other groups involved with education also participated in the parade. Prayers for the deceased were offered during the concluding ceremony at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, and attendees were invited to place American flags in front of veterans' graves. ■



Center Moriches Memorial Day parade participants, such as members of the local fire department, congregate on Lake Avenue shortly before the Memorial Day parade begins.



A floral wreath is offered as a tribute to deceased veterans at the Center Moriches Memorial Day ceremony at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

MT/Klein

## Take a vet fishing!

On Saturday, July 22, The Moriches Anglers will be hosting their annual Take a Vet Fishing trip. This year is the first year under the new name since the Great Gun Anglers merged with the Moriches Anglers to form a whole new club.

Registration for veterans will begin at the Brooklyn Dock at the foot of Union Avenue in Center Moriches at 7:30 a.m. During the event, vets will be treated to a day of fishing with all bait, tackle, and boats supplied by the club and local volunteers. Then, at 3 p.m., it's back to the dock for a barbecue.

"This is our way of showing our veterans how much we appreciate all they do for us and our country," said Evan Goldstein, president. "Our efforts are minuscule compared to all the sacrifices these people have made for us." ■

-Nicole Fuentes

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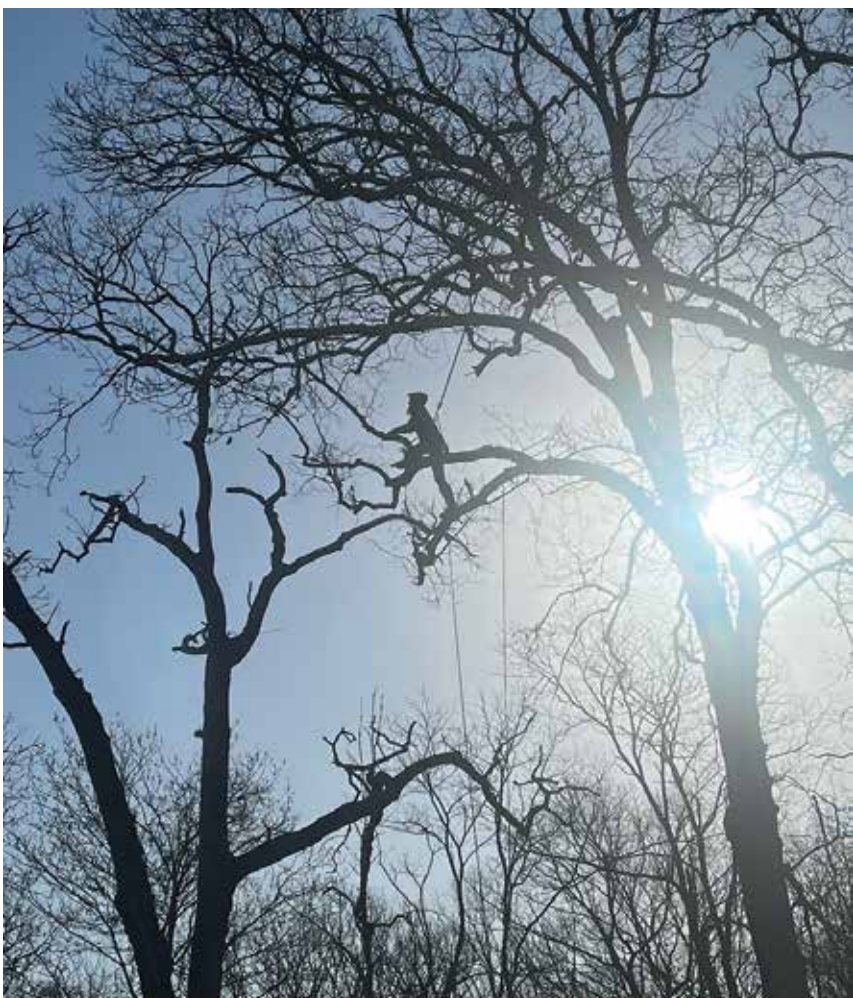


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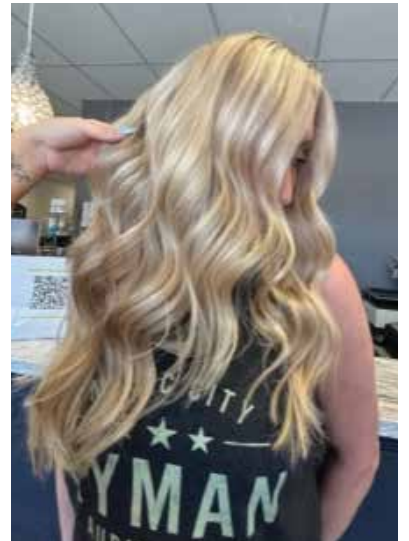
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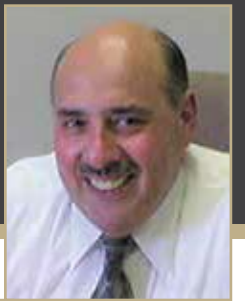
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# Find your 'missing pieces' at the library

Teen volunteer aids in project completion

BY NICOLE FUENTES

The Center Moriches Free Public Library is now providing an additional unique offering this summer. "Missing Pieces" was created with the help of a teen volunteer and includes a drawer-turned-treasure trove of possible missing pieces to complete your game at home. Pieces included in the drawer can be anything from dice, cards, Monopoly, Battleship pegs and more.

"For years I've wanted to do this but never had the time. A teen volunteer made this a reality for me," said library director Marcie Litjens, explaining that Delaney Mattiolo had volunteered her time and collected the pieces. Mattiolo lives in East Moriches and is a ninth grader at Westhampton Beach High School.

Mattiolo has been an avid library user since she was a preschooler and, according to Litjens, has always been one of the first to offer a hand when a project needs to be done. When she asked if there were any opportunities at the library, Litjens immediately thought of the missing pieces idea.

"Missing the dice or property cards from Monopoly? Can't sink a battleship without the pegs? That's no longer an issue! Just come down and get what you're missing," added Litjens.

"I was really excited to work on this project," Mattiolo said, explaining that she started it after completing her Girl Scouts Silver Award with a collection of boxes for a hygiene drive at the library last year.



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How did she get all the pieces? She said it was simply done by word of mouth, social media, and flyers. She created flyers and hung them at local supermarkets and made Instagram and Facebook post soliciting donations of missing board game pieces. Mattiolo also placed decorated collection boxes at the East Moriches

schools and at the library.

"We had a lot of donations; my mom drove me to pick up from people and we needed a car to pick up from the school and library!" she said of the process.

After going through all the games, she said, she first tried to create full games. Then, all of the full games were re-donat-

ed to the library. But if the game could not be completed, then the pieces went to the missing pieces bin. The bin was then grouped together by games or pieces to make it easy for people to locate specific game pieces.

"Really, the entire project was so much fun!" she added. "I liked getting to put games together and creating an area so games don't have to be thrown out and harm the environment. I also discovered a lot of older games that I had not heard of before. I hope people will try those out at the library, too!"

The best part, aside from being able to play your game again, according to Mattiolo and Litjens, is the missing pieces are being saved from ending up in the landfill.

"This new resource fits nicely into our new Sustainability Initiative and will help keep games that are not usable from ending up in the landfill," said Litjens. "Anyone is welcome to browse the collection of pieces that are located in the lounge area by the puzzle swap table and take what they need to complete their game at home. It's a great way to reduce, reuse, and recycle!" ■

**Teen volunteer Delaney Mattiolo helped create the new library offering.**



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## Moriches chamber awards scholarships

BY NICOLE FUENTES

The Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches recently awarded two students scholarships during the Center Moriches High School awards ceremony held last month.

The Business Student of the Year was named as Abigail Schaming, the chamber's September Business Student of the Month. Schaming committed to SUNY Oswego with a major in marketing. She is the president of the DECA Club, a varsity tennis player, a member of the National Honor Societies, and is on the Principal's Honor Roll.

This award, according to the chamber, was given to a graduating senior with an interest in a career that is business oriented. Schaming was also selected for her involvement in the school and community while also excelling academically. She received \$1,000 from the chamber.

In addition, Jillian Ryan was named the Moriches Citizenship Award winner by the chamber. The scholarship recognizes citizenship within the community and school and requires an essay to win. She won \$500 from the chamber.

Ryan is also this year's Center Moriches High School valedictorian. Ryan has a 104.99 GPA and will be attending Cornell University majoring in environmental engineering. During her time in high school, she served as the vice president of the Class of 2023. She was also involved in six honor societies: the National Honor Society, English Honor Society, Foreign Language Honor Society, Math Honor Society and Science Honor Society. Ryan has also been named to the Academic High Honor Roll and has been recognized as an AP Scholar with Honors. Her extracurricular involvement extends to

the Ecology Club, Friends and Buddies Club, Future Teachers' Club and Peer Leadership Club.

Ryan is an active member of the Center Moriches community. She is a volunteer with the Moriches Bay Project, where she helped improve the water quality of the Moriches Bay through fundraisers and beach cleanups. Additionally, Ryan is a manager at Barn Blue family farm and a head counselor at Pony Camp, where she gives horseback-riding lessons and teaches children how to care for animals.

### A complete list of the Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches Center Moriches High School Business Students of the Month for 2022-23:

- September- Abigail Schaming
- October: Meghan Bukowski
- November: Megan Magill
- January: Joshua Iehle
- February: Savanna Reyes
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# Former member and past president of the Moriches Bay Historical Society dies



Mary E. Field passed away peacefully at home on June 25, with her daughters in attendance.

Born Mary Elizabeth Strebel in Southampton on March 29, 1931, the middle child of Louis and Clara Strebel, Mrs. Field grew up in Center Moriches and lived there most of her life. Predeceased by her husband, Van R Field, she is survived by her daughters, Gail Field of Center Moriches and Holly Borak and husband, Gerry Borak, of Yorktown, Va. Mrs. Field is also survived by four grandsons, three great-grandchildren, with one more on the way; and sister, Jeanette Bonk, of Blue Point. She lived a very full life.

As a young woman, she worked in the family business, The Sunrise Restaurant in Center Moriches (now the Sea Cove). She started peeling potatoes and washing dishes, then moved on to be a waitress, baker, and short-order cook as time went on.

At the insistence of her husband, she acquired an amateur radio license (K2BRC) and built a working radio. There were few things she would say she couldn't do, from sewing dresses for herself and children, to making props for kindergarten graduation, baking cakes

for weddings, birthdays, graduations and more. She cut down trees before breakfast for her new home to be built, and painted and finished portions of the house.

She also catered various affairs for friends and family. Her home was always open to friends of her husband and daughters. Mrs. Field preferred to have people come to her home rather than to go out. She hosted many parties for the radio club, BOCES teachers, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and high school proms.

Never one to sit still, she took courses in home extension, later teaching those same skills to others. She was named Homemaker of the Year in 1978. She was a 4-H group leader, in which her daughters participated. She was also a substitute teacher for BOCES cooking and baking classes and taught adult education classes in catering.

After her husband retired, she coaxed him into writing a local history book, "The Illustrated History of the Moriches Bay Area," as it was a project they could work on together. She was always inter-

ested in local history, and since he had a minor in history, it was a good plan. She became active in the Moriches Bay Historical Society. She worked as a volunteer, cataloging donations to its museum for 17 years, and served as president for one term. Shortly thereafter, she became a founding member of the Ketcham Inn Foundation; she worked tirelessly there to raise funds for its restoration for nearly 30 years.

In 2017, she was honored as a Center Moriches High School Alumni of Distinction for her contributions to the community. In 2018, she received recognition from the Town of Brookhaven Office of Women's Services 32nd Women's Recognition ceremony.

Mrs. Field was always one to step in to do what needed to be done, a loving parent, and a staunch friend. She will be missed by many. A memorial is planned for a later date at the Ketcham Inn in Center Moriches. In lieu of flowers, donations to East End Hospice or the Ketcham Inn would be appreciated. ■

## CMFD: Bond vote fails

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ing to Stypulkowski, has expanded from 10 to 19—almost double—including five fire trucks, three ambulances, two fire police vehicles, an advanced life support first responder, and two rescue boats. The plan would have also allowed for the department to bring their communications system, which is currently in the basement, to the ground level to provide better protection from the threat of flooding.

Additionally, the new space would have provided the firefighters with a separate gear storage space, improving conditions by minimizing exposure to carcinogens. The current overcrowding is also a violation of NFPA standards.

Lastly, according to the department, the renovations and expansion would have been less costly than building a new facility.

"This renovation is long overdue and is

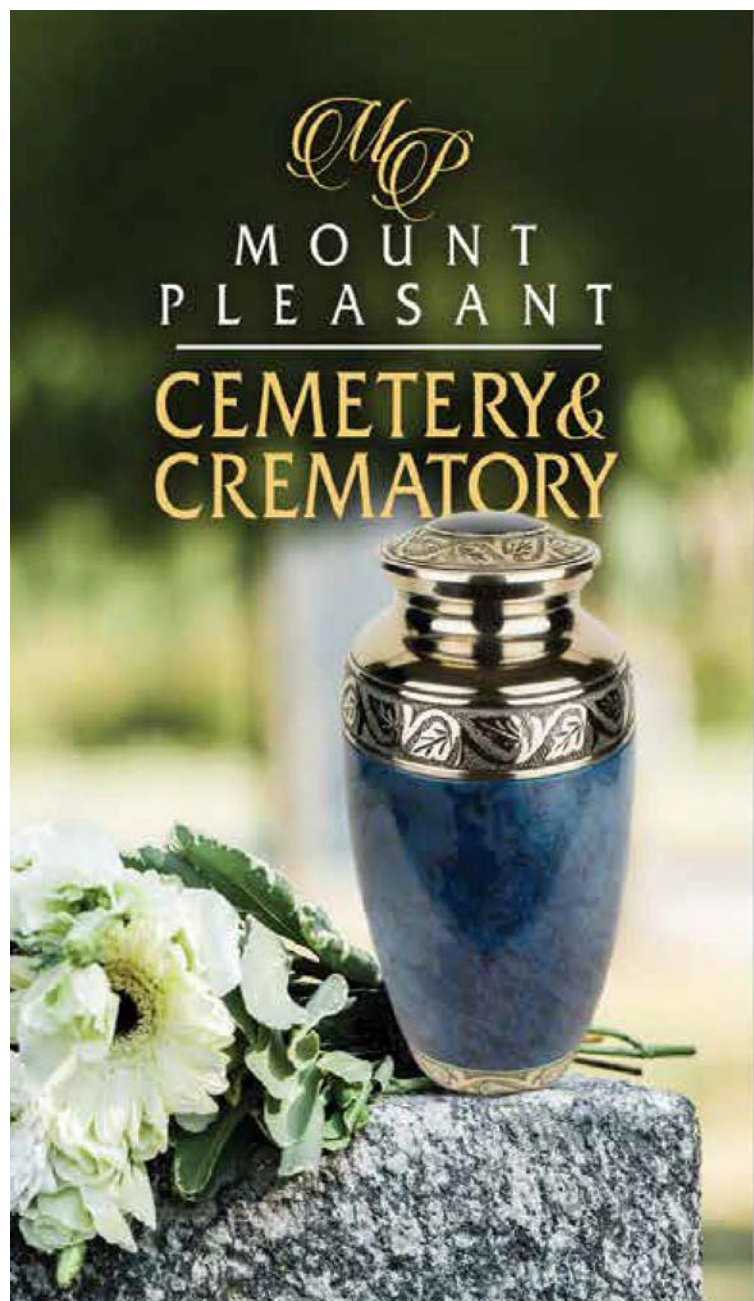
a cost-efficient plan for our community's taxpayers," added commissioner John DeLong. "Building an entire new facility would not be the best use of taxpayer dollars. We worked hard to devise a plan that promotes public safety, protects our firefighters, makes us code compliant with NFPA, and saves money."

The \$17.9 million bond would have been supplemented with \$500,000 in reserve funds, bringing the total project

to \$18.4 million. Sandpebble Project Management of Speonk, N.Y., was to serve as construction managers.

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# Seniors celebrate graduation!

## Eastport-South Manors Class of 2023

To the joyous cheers of family, friends and faculty, the Eastport-South Manors Junior-Senior High School Class of 2023 processed into the school gymnasium on June 23 for the annual commencement ceremony, honoring their collective accomplishments and one of the most important milestones of their lives.

After the graduates took their places, class vice president Clare Gayer led the recitation of the pledge of allegiance, followed by a performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by trio Kylee Jehle, Lennon Lotardo and Maeve Meyers.

The ceremony continued with a welcoming address by board of education president James Governali, who compared graduation to crossing the finish line of a 13-year marathon. He noted that the marathon taught each graduate the importance of consistency, to embrace change, to never give up on themselves, about failure, that they have support, and that hard work works.

"The foundation that you received here at ESM during your marathon has prepared you to be successful wherever your path may go," Governali said.



The Eastport-South Manors Jr.-Sr. High School Class of 2023's top 10 were honored during the commencement exercises.



Eastport-South Manors Jr.-Sr. High School graduated 250 seniors on June 23.

Photos courtesy of the Eastport-South Manors Central School District

## Center Moriches High School Class of 2023

The Center Moriches High School symphonic band played "Pomp and Circumstance" as the gymnasium became a sea of red caps and gowns for graduation on June 24. Graduates walked into the gymnasium for one last time as their friends and family cheered in the stands.

Principal Marissa Mangogna welcomed the crowd to Center Moriches High School's 123rd commencement ceremony. Senior class president Noelle Jordan led the Pledge of Allegiance before the symphonic band performed the national anthem.

Following the performance, several speakers delivered congratulatory remarks, including board of education president George Maxwell and vice president Danielle Dench.

Class president Noelle Jordan returned to the podium to reflect on the class' journey at Center Moriches High School. Additionally, Center Moriches High School graduate Hannah Slifstein spoke to the seniors and offered advice for the future.

One of the top academic leaders of the class, salutatorian Emma Morris, addressed her peers, reminding them the importance of teamwork and encouraging

them to cherish connections as they move forward.

"There are those without a team. Reach out; include those you think would benefit. Add new members to your team and join new teams yourself. We are all only as strong as our connection to others," she said.

Senior student-musicians then joined the symphonic band for a brief musical tribute. They played "Prairie Dances," as Mrs. Mangogna noted it would be their last time performing as a high school student.

Superintendent of schools Dr. Ronald Masera congratulated the soon-to-be graduates before class valedictorian Jillian Ryan took the stage. Ryan summarized all of the positive changes her peers have

made through their involvement in community fundraisers and charities. She urged the Class of 2023 to continue to make change in their future. ■



Valedictorian Jillian Ryan (left) and salutatorian Emma Morris led their peers into the gymnasium for the 123rd commencement ceremony.



Students proudly displayed their diplomas as they waited to toss their caps in the air. Photos courtesy of the Center Moriches School District

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## KEITH'S CORNER

# Happy Fourth of July, everyone!

We have begun our seventh summer of feeding families referred to us by local school social workers. It gives a great and happy feeling to know you are helping your neighbors in need.

If you are interested in either packing or delivering food, please reach out to us at 631-848-9008. By now, this annual project is like a well-oiled machine—we get 34 boxes packed and ready to go in half an hour on Friday nights at 6 p.m., and deliveries on Tuesday mornings starting at 10 a.m. take about the same amount of time. As always, nonperishable goods and fresh eggs are always appreciated!

Our focus right now is on our Be A Hero: Every Child Matters carnival to

be held Saturday, July 15, at the Center Moriches High School! The event will be held outside if the weather is nice, inside if it rains.

There'll be games, prizes, activities; superheroes for take-your-own photo ops, music, a petting zoo, food trucks, vendors, a basket raffle—fun for all ages! The Suffolk County Sheriff's Office will be providing free medical aid at the event for anyone interested.

Only \$5 per person; children 2 and under are free. Whatever Helping Makes U Happy raises will be donated to the Center for Child Advocacy to promote child abuse awareness and prevention—such an important cause!

Won't you please join us? ■



## MORICHES BAY GARDEN CLUB

# Garden Club awards scholarship winner

Jillian Ryan has been selected to be the winner of our \$1000 scholarship. Jillian is the valedictorian of the 2023 graduating class of Center Moriches High School. She plans to attend Cornell University and study environmental engineering.

Some of her many achievements are Cutinella Memorial Foundation Service Award winner, Rotary Club Student

of the Month, Moriches Bay Project volunteer, and member of six honor societies. Congratulations and good luck, Jillian!

Our progressive lunch and garden tour was enjoyed by everyone. I asked members to send me photos of their best or favorite flower, and here's some of what I received. ■

-Maureen Pollack



## Enter for your chance to win an e-bike

The June 13 Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches meeting was held by Rich Flynn at the Moriches Field Brewing Co., and Yakeev Chance provided a great Jamaican-style banquet.

June's Spring Fair, according to chamber president Jackie Osborne, was a huge success, with over 100 vendors.

"The community really came out in support and enjoyed a beautiful day!" she said.

During the meeting, the Miller Business Center spoke about all their programs to help small businesses. Also, in June, the chamber gave out Scholarship Awards to Cici Bransford of Our Lady Queen of the Apostle and Dillion Fitzgerald, at the eighth-grade moving-up ceremony in East Moriches, as well as Jillian Ryan for the high school senior Citizenship Award and Jaxon Wylie and Ryan Formisano for the Citizenship Award at Clayton Huey Ele-

mentary School during the fifth-grade moving-up ceremony.

Don't forget to enter the chamber's raffle for an e-bike, a Big Cat 2023 Fat Cat XXL-Fat Tire. The value is \$2,1000 and tickets are \$20 each. The winner will be announced at the Aug. 12 concert series but does not need to be present. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the chamber's website or scan the code. The e-bike is currently being displayed at AJ Sunflower Boutique and tickets can also be purchased in person at the Moriches Bay Deli, Druek's True Value Hardware, Moriches Bay Realty, Jimmy Osborne Music, and AJ Sunflower boutique.

New businesses welcomed included M&T Bank and Demil LLC. To continue to support the chamber events and local business, visit the chamber website at <https://moricheschamber.org>. ■

-Nicole Fuentes

## Don't miss the first concert!

Moriches Chamber of Commerce's summer concert series is returning for the season starting Saturday, July 8. Dates also include July 8, July 22 and Aug. 12 and 26. The concerts will be held on the Clayton Huey Elementary School front lawn from 7 to 9 p.m.

"We are looking to make this year the best one ever," said chamber president Jackie Osborne.

There will be four different musical groups performing. The performances will include 95 South (July 8), Milagro (July 22), Chain Reaction (Aug. 12) and High Tide (Aug. 26).

The chamber suggests participants bring chairs and/or a blanket for seating on the grass and to dress appropriately for an evening outdoors. Parking will be available in the lot.

Also this year, the chamber is offering sponsorship opportunities for local businesses. Lawn signs for sponsors will be posted on the school grounds during the performances. Yard signs will be 18-by-24 and will be positioned in the front of the lawn by the performers. For \$100, businesses can get their

lawn sign posted for all four of the performances, reaching not only the attendees, but car traffic passing by the school during the concert. The funds received from the sponsorships help the chamber to offset some of the costs of the performers and the advertising/marketing expenses to make the concert series a success.

To register for sign, visit their website: <https://moricheschamber.org>. ■



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## AROUND TOWN

### Wednesday, July 5

**Mastic Peninsula** - The Historical Society will meet every month at the Mastic Fire Department, 7:30 p.m. Call 631-281-7347 or visit [www.mphistorical.org](http://www.mphistorical.org) or email [mastichistory333@gmail.com](mailto:mastichistory333@gmail.com) for more information.

### Saturday, July 8

**L.I. Antique Power** - The association will hold their annual summer show Saturday and Sunday at 5951 Sound Ave., Riverhead, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring large and small antique engines, kids corner, vintage race cars, saw mill and blacksmith demonstrations, and more. Admission: \$10 donation. Free for all veterans and children under 12. Visit [www.liapa.com](http://www.liapa.com).

**Your Home's Electrical System** - Join Brian Schnee at Community Library to learn how the electrical system in your house provides appropriate power for your electrical needs, 10 a.m. to noon. Discussion will include a home's incoming service, the main electrical panel board, wiring materials, outlets, smoke detectors and safety measures. Register online or call 631-399-1511.

### Saturday, July 15

**Race the Narrows** - Paddle craft enthusiasts of all levels are invited to join in on a new, fun, approximately 2-mile paddle race

at Marina 5, 242 Bayview Dr., Mastic Beach, 8:30 a.m. Prizes awarded for best times and best sea creature costume. This event will support Mastic Beach Conservancy's mission of preserving waterfront parkland and protecting the natural beauty and biodiversity of the area. Early registration is recommended. To register and learn about sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.paddleguru.com/races/RacetheNarrows](http://www.paddleguru.com/races/RacetheNarrows).

### Monday, July 17

**Hidden Cemeteries of Brookhaven** - Join local history librarian Brad Shupe on a visit to The Old Southaven Church Cemetery in Brookhaven, 2-3 p.m. A brief history of the church and those interred at the site will be provided. To register or get more information, call Community Library's information desk at 631-399-1511.

### Tuesday, July 25

**Stroke Support Club** - Peconic Bay Medical Health holds free in-person and virtual meetings in the multipurpose room by the front lobby at 4 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month to discuss topics of interest, rehabilitation, mindfulness exercises, physical therapy and guest speakers. Survivors and caretakers welcome. To find out more, contact [dlyburt@northwell.edu](mailto:dlyburt@northwell.edu), [csaxtein@northwell.edu](mailto:csaxtein@northwell.edu), or 631-548-6422.

### Of Note ...

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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](http://www.cci.org).

**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](http://www.childcaresuffolk.org/parentleadership).

**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.

**Teen Counseling** - The Sanctuary Program of Brookhaven Youth Bureau offers free individual or family counseling for town residents ages 12-21. Call 451-8011 to speak with a licensed clinical worker.

**Abuse & Abduction Prevention** - Parents for Megan's Law and The Crime Victims Center will hold educational workshops for children, teens, staff and adult community members. Call the helpline at 689-2672 for information or to schedule a workshop.

**Conservation** - Citizens Campaign for the Environment (CCE) along with the Sierra Club, RELI and National Wildlife Federation urge residents to support renewable energy goals for Long Island. To find out more, contact: David Alicea (Sierra Club) at 223-6330, Adrienne Esposito (Citizens Campaign) at (516) 390-7150 or Gordian Raacke (Renewable Energy Long Island) at (516) 313-6611.

**Historic House Tours** - Tour the John Scudder Haven Homestead (circa, 1755) located at 15 Main St., Center Moriches. Call Loren at 631-457-9763 to make an appointment. Visit the museum shop on the premises, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Antiques and collectibles. Follow them on Facebook.

## YEARS AGO

### 75 Years Ago

JULY 1948

Reports given out by several deep-sea fishermen in the Moriches area indicates that the run of tuna off the coast of southern Long Island is bigger and better than it's been in about 28 years. **Ken Mockridge**, an avid Center Moriches deep-sea fisherman, claims that he has never seen the likes of it in his life, and recently saw a local angler reel in a 125-pounder.

A photo taken by Center Moriches resident **Ted Rybicki** during last December's snowstorm won a special award in the National High School Photographic Contest.

**Frances Hammond**, a native of Center Moriches, is playing the part of Olive in "The Voice of the Turtle," which is playing at Gail Hillson's Hampton Playhouse, in Bridgehampton.

**Miriam Zilli** was presented with the American Legion award for good citizenship at the Center Moriches High School's commencement exercises.

**William Presley**, of Eastport, was been appointed lifesaving director of the Hampton chapter of the Red Cross and will conduct classes in swimming at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck, East Moriches.

A fishing trip to Block Island was enjoyed by **Al Pendzick**, **Lou Danowski**, **Otho White**, **Fred Hutton**, **Lewish Havens** and **Sherman Robinson**, all of Center Moriches. Nine tuna were caught, two of which weighed over 100 pounds.

**Mrs. Edna Kaler Gracey** entertained the officers and committees of Col. Josiah Smith Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution at her home in Center Moriches.

**Mrs. Roger Criado**, of East Moriches, was in charge of the fancy articles at the Woman's Club Sale, and **Mrs. R.J. Simes** was in charge of the cake table.

**Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bigora**, of East Moriches, went to New York City, where they visited the WABD television broad-

casting company and saw the broadcast of an amateur hour.

Playing in July at **The Center Moriches Theatre**: Merle Oberon and Robert Ryan in "Berlin Express"; Cary Grant and Myrna Loy in "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House"; Judy Garland and Gene Kelly in "The Pirate"; and Gregory Peck in "The Paradine Case."

### 50 Years Ago

JULY 1973

A clown show and barbecue were the order of the day for the first group of campers at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck. The festivities were staged by the Moriches American Legion Post 929. Among those present were **August Stout Jr.**, camp president; **Thomas King**, Moriches commander, Post 929; and Moriches commander **Fred Valitzski**.

**Luanna Roberts**, of Mastic Beach, was presented the Elmira College Key, which signifies her outstanding academic achievements, participation in school activities and community involvement. As Key Award winner, Ms. Roberts will also receive a scholarship for full room, board, and tuition for one year.

The second phase of the program to replenish and improve the available supply of clams took place at the Union Dock, Center Moriches, where local baymen cooperated with marine inspector **Robert Conklin**, bay constable **Bayard Fenner**, and director of purchase **Michael Helfant**.

Cadet 2nd Lt. **Kevin F. Magnani**, of Manorville, graduated with honors from the Eastern Military Academy at Cold Spring Harbor in Huntington, where he is a drum major in the band company. He plans to enter Suffolk Community College in September.

**Jackie Siemet** and **Patricia Cardamone**, both of Center Moriches, were among the attendees at the annual Community Bazaar, a gathering of the Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Episcopal and Catholic churches and Jewish Center.



**July 1973: William Floyd High School students represented by their senior class paid tribute to America's Unknown Soldier during their annual senior class trip to Washington, D.C. Pictured are class essayist Mitchell Mandell and valedictorian Adele Roberts handing a wreath to a military honor guard at the Arlington National Cemetery.**

More than 80 homemade cupcakes were baked by the Center Moriches Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary for children at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck, and Auxiliary member **Mary Quinn** helped present the tasty treats to campers.

**Daniel L. Maret**, of East Moriches, and **Bruce J. Kronman**, of Center Moriches, appeared on the dean's list at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for the spring semester.

Air Force First Lt. **Daniel A. Adamovich**, of East Moriches, arrived for duty at McChord AFB, Wash., where he has been assigned to a unit of the Aerospace Defense Command.

**Matthew J. Rosso Jr.**, of East Moriches, was appointed as chairman of the Brookhaven Town Narcotics Guidance Council.

A new thrift shop in Eastport opened

for official business called Catch All, with all funds going toward the construction of a 200-bed private hospital in Eastport. Among the committee members for the shop are **Mrs. Edward Collins**, **Mrs. John Kuech**, **Mrs. Martin Skarka**, **Mrs. Haskell Warner**, **Mrs. Ronald Michne** and **Mrs. Victor Kostuk**.

Two local residents, **Dorothy J. Payne** and **Ray Hernandez**, were promoted from managers to officers-in-charge at the Center Moriches and Mastic beach branches of Security National Bank.

Playing in July at local United Artists Theatres: Roger Moore as James Bond in "Live and Let Die"; Sidney Poitier in "A Warm December"; Anne Bancroft in "The Graduate"; and Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke in "Mary Poppins."

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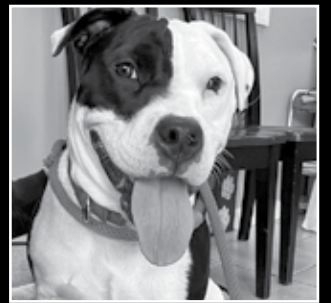
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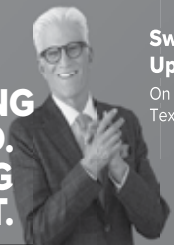
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