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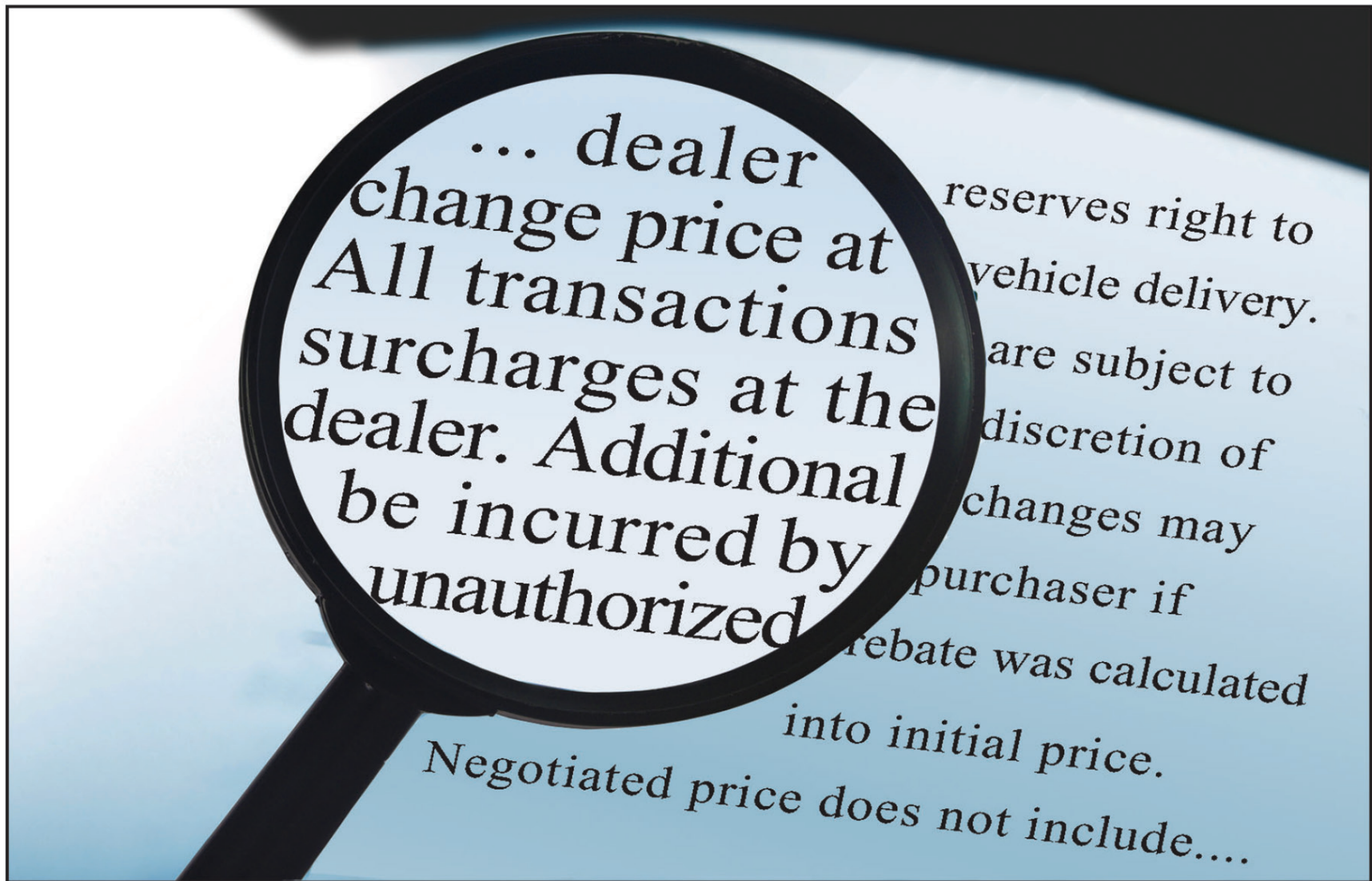
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Visitors welcome: Game Farm celebrates 50 years

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

Gates opened for the 2019 season, celebrating the Long Island Game Farm's 50th anniversary. During the opening, various animals welcomed the company of visiting families, who took advantage of spring break.

During the opening weeks, until mid-May, guests will have the opportunity to learn about the rescued animals that now have safe homes at the Game Farm as well as the new baby animals, including chicks, bunnies, ducklings and kid goats. Visitors will also be able to pet and hand-feed the animals once they are born as well as enjoy the amusement rides, including the carousel, spinning teacups and pony rides.

According to farm officials, some of the popular animals are still in a Florida sanctuary, where they go to escape the cold weather (just like a lot of New Yorkers). Giraffes, camels, lemurs and more will make their appearances in the middle of May.

Stanley and Diane Novak founded the Long Island Game Farm in 1970, but its

true origin is 70 years earlier. The house on the Game Farm was built in 1900, the barn was constructed before the end of the 19th century, and the property was once a sheep farm. On the park's first opening day, the admission price was \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

While there were not as many animals on the park back then, there were a few animals that the Game Farm no longer exhibits. In the 1970s, the Novaks featured a sea lion show.

Each year since then, the park switches up the shows by introducing new animals and animal shows, such as this year's "Squawk! The Amazing Bird Show," which performs daily starting May 23 through Sept. 2.

Today, the Game Farm is operated by three generations of Novaks: co-owners Diane and her daughter, Melinda, along with granddaughter, Chela.

"My family started the park when I was 9. I've witnessed the Game Farm grow from just a piece of land on a road, to an enriching environment for families of all ages," Melinda Novak said. "As each year

has come and gone, I still look forward to seeing happy little faces light up the farm, whether they be those of our nursery animals or visiting children."

For the month of May, the park is open Thursdays to Sundays, May 2-19. During these dates, the park is open on Thursdays

and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Weekend hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Long Island Game Farm will be open seven days per week, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday starting Wednesday, May 22. For more information, visit www.longislandgamefarm.com. ■



Who's the G.O.A.T.? This guy has his own enclosure all to himself, but still welcomes passersby who may have some treats.



One of two wallabies at the game farm, hailing all the way from Australia, and a cousin of the kangaroo.



Stan (right) and Yukon (left) run over for some treats from their adopted mother and owner of the LI Game Farm, Melinda Novak.

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Center Moriches adopts \$44M budget

Students will see more college field trips and new clubs in 2019-2020

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

The Center Moriches Board of Education adopted the 2019-'20 budget in a meeting last month and will present it to the community for a vote in May. The budget calls for a 2.9 percent tax levy increase, which is under the 2 percent growth cap.

The budget allocates \$44,101,280 for district services, an increase of just over \$1 million from last year. It will maintain all current programming and incorporate the debt from recent capital projects. Due to additional state aid, the board was able to decrease the levy from a previously proposed 3.3 percent. About 1.34 percent of the levy is to address the debt from capital projects, which was approved by the district already.

Added to the budget for this year was more implementation for the Foreign Language in Elementary School program. It also adds an additional security guard at each campus. The high school and elementary school will have additional clubs, such as a Technology Honor Society and a Leadership Club added, and high school students will have the opportunity



to visit more colleges on field trips.

The budget will also see some spending reductions. The district will put \$100,000

less into its applied fund balance for next year, a goal of the board. There will be no money put into the repair reserve, which saves \$50,000, an amount that was saved annually. Employee benefit prices decreased, and insurance payments decreased, all mounting some savings for the district. Spending for school programs is the overwhelming majority of expenses, at \$32 million, with administrative and capital costs at roughly \$5 million and \$6 million, respectively.

The district got happy news last month when it was granted \$64,000 more in state aid than in the original proposed state budget in January. Much of the aid is to offset the costs of capital projects, but allowed the district to reduce the tax levy

well under the 3.8 percent cap. The district is making a \$200 estimate for increased school taxes this year, though the real numbers are due from the assessor in November.

Board members and school officials discussed how the community could be more informed about the budget details and how money will be spent. The district will attempt some outreach meetings in the coming weeks with families and community organizations, as well as distribute the annual budget brochure with detailed information.

The annual budget hearing is on May 7 at 7 p.m. The budget vote is on Tuesday, May 21 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Clayton Huey Elementary School. ■

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Beloved elementary principal dies suddenly

Kim Hardwick is remembered as an immensely dedicated teacher who was always there for students and parents. She died at age 50 due to complications with surgery

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

The community was shocked, late last month, by the sudden death of beloved Clayton Huey Elementary School principal Kim Hardwick. She died on April 15 from complications due to surgery at 50 years old; a notice was sent to parents in the district that day.

"Mrs. Hardwick was an exceptional person," said superintendent Russell Stewart in a statement. "Her passion for life, kids, and education could not be rivaled. Positivity, creativity, and productivity predominated and reigned in her being. She was always ahead of the game, and dedicated herself to promoting and producing excellence in all aspects within and outside her field. Everywhere she went, and every ear she caught, was going to leave a little more encouraged and challenged."

Keith Caputo, of Helping Makes U Happy in Center Moriches, said that Hardwick, a friend, was always promoting happiness and kindness. "She had so much energy, so much positivity, and was all about promoting helping and kindness," he wrote on Facebook. "Kim made you feel like you were HER hero when, in fact, she was all of ours."

Members of the community said Hardwick always gave her time and love to students, and often went above and beyond for those in her school who were less fortunate. She had embodied the



News of Kim Hardwick's death has left the Center Moriches community in shock, and in remembrance, due to her infectious attitude toward education and her students.

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Hardwick was an active volunteer for LEAP, which provides educational services to communities in Ghana

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concept "no child left behind," Stewart added.

Hardwick was born on March 14, 1969. She married Chris Honor in 2002, and had four children, Emma, Hannah, Korrey and Jourdan. Hardwick began her career as an English teacher in 1992 at Franklin K. Lane High School, in Brooklyn. She taught in Copiague High School for 10 years before moving into administration. She then served as a 6-12 English coordinator and K-12 ELA director in other districts. She had been principal of Clayton Huey Elementary for the past six years and was an active volunteer for Literacy Empowerment Action Project and most recently served as board secretary. LEAP provides educational services to impoverished communities in Ghana.

Center Moriches parents remember her as accessible, open, and willing to

make sure every student has a chance to succeed. From time to time, she had even given out her personal contact information to parents to better connect with them and their children's journey.

"Just last week, she apologized (for no reason) for not getting back to me sooner because she was having dinner with another parent, as she was on her way to the PTA meeting (and that was after she was at the fourth-grade science fair)," said Melani Accardi, a parent of a child at Clayton Huey.

"Mrs. Hardwick's passing will leave an emptiness that cannot be filled, and a silence that cannot be quelled," Stewart said. "She will forever be remembered and missed."

Hardwick's family is requesting that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to LEAP by visiting leapglobal.org. ■

Picture this: a thriving county

County executive Steve Bellone offered his view of a thriving Suffolk County during his State of the County address last week. Improvements include a new 311 data management call system to relieve 911 calls, a charitable donation fund to combat tax cuts and efforts to tackle the opioid and drug epidemic

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

Suffolk County executive Steve Bellone touted the successes of the past few years in his eighth State of the County address at Suffolk Community College in Brentwood on April 17. The speech was given to an audience of local officials and community leaders and was broadcast live.

Bellone said the county is on the “slow march” to recovery, as he pointed out the ways his administration aimed to reel in county finances, which were in disarray when he took office in 2012, including a mounting \$500 million in debt. As recently as this year, the county executive submitted new legislation to establish multiyear budgeting, a debt management plan, and reduce circumstances for short-term borrowing. He added that the county’s debt service payments are decreasing.

“This administration’s steadfast determination to make the difficult decisions in partnership with like-minded legislators has delivered significant results,” Bellone said.

Bellone also spoke about his efforts to reform government and make it more efficient. The shared services plan the county has been pursuing has collected over 100 municipalities as members since its inception. He added that processes countywide have been under scrutiny to make them cost- and time-effective.

“We make decisions based on not what is most convenient, but what is right,” Bellone said.

The county executive also announced that Suffolk County would become the first suburban county in New York to utilize a 311 data management system. The 311 program began as a nonemergency line for law enforcement and in the early 2000s was utilized for the first time as a route to municipal services. Former mayor Michael Bloomberg brought the practice to New York City, which reformed many practices of their government. Another goal is to reduce nonemergency calls to 911. Bellone said the system will be active in 30 days.

Bellone also talked about the capping of SALT tax placed under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. He has been a



Suffolk County executive Steve Bellone presented his future for the county, while celebrating his successes from the past few years, including debt and budgeting management.

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vocal opponent, along with other high tax state officials, saying it unfairly targets Long Island residents. This tax day was the first under the new law, and taxpayers are seeing larger-than-normal bills due to the changes.

“For too many Long Island families this year, this was a day unlike any other,” Bellone said, adding that he would object to an IRS ruling that challenged the county’s plan to mitigate the damage. “We will not take this without a fight.”

The county plan is to set up a charitable gift fund that provides tax credits to those who make a voluntary contribution. It complies with a state law passed last year and is the first county-sponsored version of the plan. Bellone has been collecting signatures for an online petition and plans to take them down to Washington to support the effort to repeal the cap.

Bellone highlighted the efforts of his colleagues, district attorney Tim Sini, police commissioner Geraldine Hart, and police chief Stuart Cameron, in reducing crime and tackling issues like MS-13 and

the opioid epidemic. Crime is down to “historic lows,” according to data from the county. Sini has made strides to combat human trafficking, including being more sympathetic to victims and infiltrating the organizations that prey on them.

“MS-13 is on the run in this county,” Bellone said.

Since 2016, there have been 500 arrests of 300 affiliates. The police department has also been targeting vulnerable youth to prevent them from entering the recruitment pipeline. On the opioid front, Bellone reported that narcotic drug warrants are up 300 percent since 2015, but law enforcement is not enough to address the issue. The county has invested in prevention and treatment methods, and Bellone said for the first time in years, deaths have decreased related to overdose.

In schools, Bellone said 95 percent of Suffolk districts have signed on to the RAVE panic program, which connects buildings to law enforcement through accessible buttons. The text-to-tip line, started last year, also gives residents a

chance to report suspicious activity to law enforcement anonymously.

“Just as no young person should ever fear for their safety in school, neither should anyone attending a house of worship,” Bellone said, referencing recent shootings that have prompted increased police presence and collaboration to make communities safer.

Bellone also highlighted the new sewer program coming to Mastic and Shirley, which is the biggest investment the county has seen in sewers in half a century. The county executive also promoted renewable energy, saying there is new opportunity for economic growth and job creation by bringing the industry to Long Island.

“Suffolk County can serve as the epicenter of the renewable wind industry in the 21st century,” he said.

Bellone concluded his speech by reiterating the successes the administration has seen, while encouraging people to work together to build on what has been done already. ■

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This year, Helping Makes U Happy will be selling bright-yellow smile mugs filled with delicious Nettie's cookies for Mother's Day. The proceeds from this sale will be donated to a special kindness award honoring the memory of recently departed Clayton Huey principal, Kim Hardwick. Everyone who knew Kim remembers her huge smile, so this is a perfect remembrance and a way to keep promoting kindness.

Only 36 mugs will be sold, so put your request in early!

On Sunday, May 19 (rain date May 26), we will be supporting the CMPTA's first annual festival and car show from noon to 5 p.m. on the grounds of the high school. We will also be selling tie-dyed HMUH shirts in patriotic colors. Come on down—it's going to be an awesome event!

Our projects for this month are finishing our comfort cases for Suffolk County, and — to say thank you — collecting and filling bags with goodies for the 100 veterans who utilize the Veterans Food Pantry in Yaphank every month.

On Memorial Day, May 27, we will also once again be preparing and serving our annual complimentary breakfast to veterans and military personnel at the CM VFW Post 414. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. If you are interested in volunteering for a project or the breakfast, or if you are a veteran or military personnel (your families are welcome also) who would like to attend the breakfast, please email us at helpingmakesuhappy@gmail.com.

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May 5 - 11														
Moriches Bay	8:37 AM	8:45 PM	9:17 AM	9:22 PM	10:02 AM	10:05 PM	10:53 AM	10:56 PM	11:50 AM	11:55 PM	—	12:49 PM	12:56 AM	1:49 PM
Moriches Inlet	7:58 AM	8:06 PM	8:38 AM	8:43 PM	9:23 AM	9:26 PM	10:14 AM	10:17 PM	11:11 AM	11:16 PM	—	12:10 PM	12:17 AM	1:10 PM
Smith Pt. Bridge	10:53 AM	11:01 PM	11:33 AM	11:38 PM	—	12:18 PM	12:21 AM	1:09 PM	1:12 AM	2:06 PM	2:11 AM	3:05 PM	3:12 AM	4:05 PM
May 12 - 18														
Moriches Bay	1:58 AM	2:49 PM	3:01 AM	3:50 PM	4:05 AM	4:51 PM	5:08 AM	5:48 PM	6:06 AM	6:39 PM	6:59 AM	7:27 PM	7:48 AM	8:12 PM
Moriches Inlet	1:19 AM	2:10 PM	2:22 AM	3:11 PM	3:26 AM	4:12 PM	4:29 AM	5:09 PM	5:27 AM	6:00 PM	6:20 AM	6:48 PM	7:09 AM	7:33 PM
Smith Pt. Bridge	4:14 AM	5:05 PM	5:17 AM	6:06 PM	6:21 AM	7:07 PM	7:24 AM	8:04 PM	8:22 AM	8:55 PM	9:15 AM	9:43 PM	10:04 AM	10:28 PM
May 19 - 25														
Moriches Bay	8:35 AM	8:56 PM	9:23 AM	9:41 PM	10:11 AM	10:27 PM	11:02 AM	11:14 PM	11:54 AM	—	12:04 AM	12:44 PM	12:52 AM	1:33 PM
Moriches Inlet	7:56 AM	8:17 PM	8:44 AM	9:02 PM	9:32 AM	9:48 PM	10:23 AM	10:35 PM	11:15 AM	11:25 PM	—	12:05 PM	12:13 AM	12:54 PM
Smith Pt. Bridge	10:51 AM	11:12 PM	11:39 AM	11:57 PM	—	12:27 PM	12:43 AM	1:18 PM	1:30 AM	2:10 PM	2:20 AM	3:00 PM	3:08 AM	3:49 PM
May 26 - June 1														
Moriches Bay	1:41 AM	2:22 PM	2:30 AM	3:11 PM	3:21 AM	4:01 PM	4:14 AM	4:50 PM	5:07 AM	5:37 PM	5:58 AM	6:20 PM	6:44 AM	7:00 PM
Moriches Inlet	1:02 AM	1:43 PM	1:51 AM	2:32 PM	2:42 AM	3:22 PM	3:35 AM	4:11 PM	4:28 AM	4:58 PM	5:19 AM	5:41 PM	6:05 AM	6:21 PM
Smith Pt. Bridge	3:57 AM	4:38 PM	4:46 AM	5:27 PM	5:37 AM	6:17 PM	6:30 AM	7:06 PM	7:23 AM	7:53 PM	8:14 AM	8:36 PM	9:00 AM	9:16 PM

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EM adopts \$28.8M budget

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

The East Moriches Board of Education has adopted the 2019-'20 budget, which allocates \$28,585,605 for school services, up almost \$857,000 from 2018-'19. The budget accounts for a 3.3 percent tax levy increase, resulting in an estimated property tax increase of 2.83 percent.

Charles Russo, superintendent of East Moriches School District, told the *Tide* that the budget would continue to maintain fiscal stability for the district. According to a budget presentation, the district has improved its financial quality based on fiscal stress ratings. In 2013, it was rated as moderate fiscal stress, and by 2016 it was brought down to no designation, where it remains and is projected to remain next year.

Unlike some larger school districts, East Moriches didn't receive much more state aid in the legislative budget passed in April. Only about \$20,000 in additional money was received, which doesn't put much of a difference into the budget, Russo said.

The 2019-'20 budget will increase psychological support systems for students, including counseling and educational programs. Russo has said previously that he wants to focus resources on social-

Year	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20
K	78	78	81	75	80	65	80	66	65	77	67	75
1	60	79	77	81	74	77	75	69	68	68	80	67
2	81	61	78	77	79	77	78	71	72	69	71	80
3	80	81	68	78	87	83	73	79	81	78	76	71
4	69	79	81	68	84	86	79	83	84	84	83	76
ES Total Students	368	378	385	379	404	388	385	368	370	376	377	369
5	93	76	78	81	73	82	88	73	76	86	88	83
6	86	91	69	78	81	76	83	83	87	77	84	88
7	100	89	95	69	83	93	77	93	97	97	79	84
8	63	96	92	95	67	90	89	93	90	99	93	79
MS Total Students	342	352	334	323	304	341	337	342	350	359	344	334

emotional health in students.

District officials also expect the enrollment rate to drop in the next few years. Middle school and elementary school enrollment has been basically steady on average over the past decade. The district expects high school enrollment to drop by 30 students by the 2022-2023 budget year.

While in recent years the acceptance rate of the budget has increased, the total number of votes has been cut in half. Only an average of 369 votes were cast per year

in the past three years. Should the budget not pass in May, the board has the option to propose a reduced contingency budget, which would cut some services to lower the tax levy.

The reduced budget would get rid of two elementary teachers, an administrative and secretarial position, and an itinerant teacher. It would also eliminate after-school clubs, athletic equipment purchases, and the high school late bus. Approximately 86 percent of the budget is on program expenses.

"The budget continues to maintain the quality of programs within the East Moriches School District and keeps us financially stable," Russo said.

Community members will have a chance to vote on the budget, which requires only a simple majority, on Tuesday, May 21 from 1 to 9 p.m. at the elementary school. A public hearing on the budget will be held on May 8 at 7 p.m. The last day to register to vote is May 16. ■

Super placed on leave, ESM adopts budget

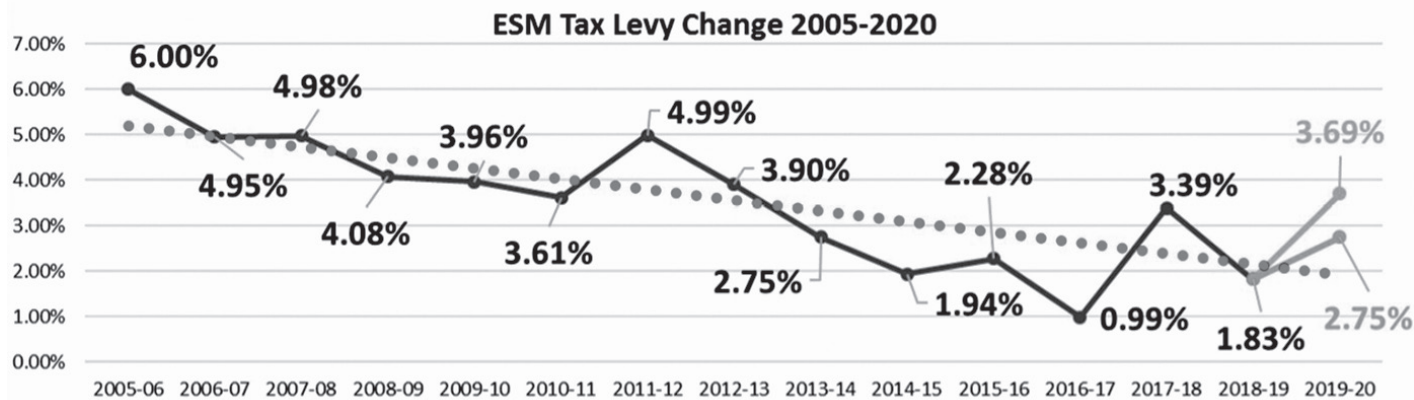
BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

The Eastport-South Manor school community is digesting two decisions by the board of education this month: a proposed budget that breaches the tax cap and the sudden administrative leave of superintendent Patrick Brimstein.

Board president Nicholas Vero confirmed the placement of Brimstein on a paid administrative leave indefinitely at a board meeting last month. Vero did not respond to a request for comment, but said at the meeting that the board would not answer questions on a personnel issue. Assistant superintendents Tim Laube and Linda Weiss would assume control of the district until an interim superintendent is hired.

In the meantime, the board presented the final version of the budget, along with a ballot proposition to hire armed security guards for school facilities. The proposal is a \$96,354,523 budget, a \$2.8 million increase from last year. The tax levy increase is 3.69 percent for both propositions, above the allowable cap. The budget alone is a 2.75 percent levy, below the tax cap.

Additions to the 2019-'20 budget include newly established funds for students to participate in music competitions like SCMEA and NYSSMA and a pay line for theater tech positions. It will fund late busses for 4:15 and 5:15 p.m. and funds an additional psychologist, state-mandated health teacher, state-mandated guidance counselor, high school administrator



The Eastport-South Manor School District will ask taxpayers to pay above the growth cap established by New York State for the first time since its inception. If the 3.69 percent increase fails to reach a 60 percent majority, it will be reduced to 2.75 percent.

Courtesy photo

and assistant special education assistant administrator. It will also maintain all high school programs, chaperones for over 70 student events, all sports teams, class sizes and transportation routes.

The district also set aside funds to continue HVAC improvements district-wide and purchase new interactive displays for classrooms to replace smart boards. The budget also plans for the purchase of a bucket truck and flatbed truck for district use.

The district is expecting over \$37 million in state funding, a .9 percent increase from last year. Just under \$600,000 will be rolled

over for retirement funds in the new budget, from monies that were not spent in the 2018-'19 year.

Proposition 2 is a proposal to spend \$512,000 to hire armed guards at each of the ESM schools in 2019-2020. Two would be hired at the high school.

There is additional math when it comes to how the budget vote will work. If Prop 1 (budget) and Prop 2 (security guards) each receive more than 60 percent of the vote, then the district pierces the cap with a tax levy increase of 3.69 percent. If Prop 1 receives more than 60 percent of the vote and Prop 2 receives less than 60 percent of

the vote, then the effort to pierce fails, but the original budget passes with a tax cap-compliant levy increase of 2.75 percent. If Prop 1 receives more than 50 percent but less than 60 percent of the vote, then the results of Prop 2 are irrelevant and the budget passes with a tax cap-compliant levy increase of 2.75 percent. If Prop 1 receives less than 50 percent of the vote, then the results of Prop 2 are irrelevant and the budget fails.

The board will host a public hearing for the budget on May 8 and the community can vote on both propositions on May 21. ■



Moriches Bay Garden Club

Ticks! The discussion of the month

May is a busy month for the MBGC. Our annual plant sale is Saturday, May 18. We will be in front of the Haven's House between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Hope you can stop by; there will be lots of bargains.

Guest speaker for this month is Dr. Anna-Marie Wellins from Stony Brook Southampton Tick Research Center. She will lead a discussion about ticks and tick diseases and what you need to know. A free tick removal kit will be given out to all attendees. The Federated Garden Clubs of NYS is having their annual three-day conference this month; several members will attend. And we will be marching in the Memorial Day parade.

Last month's speaker, Erich Weltsek from the Town of Brookhaven Department of Waste Management, gave a very interesting and informative presentation on recycling. Recycling is complicated and a challenge for sure. When asked what was the one thing that frustrated the town the most, he replied plastic bags in the trash—they jam up the separating machines.

In the garden, a lot of us are battling deer—they love those daylilies and tulips. Be consistent and keep up with whatever line of defense you are using and hope for the best. I've heard that sprinkling a small amount of grated Irish Spring soap around plants is a deterrent. I'm trying it; I'll keep you posted.

Local nurseries are fully stocked for your shopping pleasure. It's a little too early to plant annuals (except pansies), but it's a good time to plant shrubs. Take a minute to look around for new hybrids of old-time favorites. I found wave pansies.

-Maureen Pollack

Police blotter

Center Moriches

Someone stole nail polish from MoneyGram on April 16.

A shed was damaged and garbage pails were stolen from a home on Nugent Street on April 15.

Eastport

John Miller, 43, of Shirley, was arrested for stealing cigarettes and a razor from Rite Aid on April 3.

Money was stolen from Mobil on April 14.

A black leather jacket was stolen from Marilus Multi Service on April 11.

Moriches

Three 18x18 sticker decals were stolen from Bloom's on April 2.

Manorville

At Dream Come True Farm, two males entered and demanded cash, displayed a handgun and fled with the money on April 7.

Someone cut a chain link fence at a home on Par Drive and stole a 2010 Yamaha ATV.

CRIMESTOPPERS

Wanted for attempted robbery

Suffolk County Crime Stoppers and Suffolk County Police Seventh Squad detectives are seeking the public's help to identify and locate the man who attempted to rob an Eastport gas station last month.

A man entered Valero, located at 125 County Road 51, on March 11 at approximately 11:35 p.m., displayed a knife and demanded money from the employee. The employee hit the panic alarm and the man fled with no proceeds. The suspect ran northbound on County Road 51 and entered a waiting vehicle near the intersection of County Road 51 and Eastport Manor Road.



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Saturday, May 4

Spring Craft Fair – Shopping event at Leonard E. Burket Christian School, 34 Oak St., Center Moriches, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 631-878-1727.

Sunday, May 5

Sermon Series – South Bay Bible Church, 578 Montauk Hwy., East Moriches will continue with the series, “Down & Out: Finding Hope.” This week’s topic is What Do You Do When you Lose? Services at 9 and 11 a.m. Visit www.southbaychurchli.org.

Thrift Shop – The Moriches Bay Historic Society’s Barn Shop is open for the season! Find rescued treasures, local artists work, and unique one-of-the kind items. Shop purchases support the historic John Scudder Havens Homestead, 15 Montauk Hwy., Center Moriches. Shop hours are: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 11

Mother’s Day Tea – Celebrate Mom at the Presbyterian Church of Moriches, 263 Main St., Center Moriches, 1-3:30 p.m. \$20 at the door includes choice of tea, fresh baked scones, finger sandwiches, and a sampling of pastries. Visit their Mother’s Day shop for gifts. Call Nancy at 631-399-2505.

Mother’s Day Photo Shoot – Celebrate Mother’s Day at South Bay Bible during their 9 or 11 a.m. services. All attendees will receive an 8x10 digital image at no charge. Visit www.southbaychurchli.org.

Wednesday, May 15

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

Thursday, May 16

Moriches Bay Garden – The club will meet

at The East Moriches United Methodist Church, 7 p.m. At 8 p.m., guest speaker Dr. Anna-Marie Wellins will present “Tick Borne Diseases—What You Need to Know.” Attendees will receive free tick removal kits. Horticulture: members will bring perennials with ID. All welcome. Call 631-605-0760 or visit www.morichesbaygardenclub.org.

Friday, May 17

Outdoor Family Movie – Enjoy the family film, “Peter Rabbit,” on the lawn of South Bay Bible Church, 578 Montauk Hwy., East Moriches. Open seating begins at 7:30 p.m. Film starts at 8 p.m. Free movie-style refreshments. Visit www.southbaychurchli.org/movies.

Saturday, May 18

Plant Sale - At The Havens House, 15 Montauk Hwy., Center Moriches, 9a.m. to noon. Call 631-461-6271.

Events...

Student Volunteers - Colonials Community Volunteers Corp is looking for students

in grades 7-12 to help with graffiti removal, flowers for friends, tutoring, newsletter publication, youth council and community events. To get involved, call 631-281-4416 and ask

for Ray.

DVDs for Military Personnel - AMVETS Task Force DVD is an appeal to patriotic

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Sunday Worship – Join the Presbyterian Church of the Moriches Sundays for worship and Sunday school at 10:30 a.m., and teen class at 9:30 a.m. Call 631-878-1993.

County Pass Discount for Veterans – Veterans can purchase a Suffolk County Green Key Card at a reduced rate with state driver’s license and 2 additional proofs of residency. For more information, visit www.suffolkcountyny.gov.

Boating Classes - The United States Power Squadrons offers classes, free vessel safety checks and more. Visit www.WeBoatSafe.org or call 800-341-8777 to find a squadron location near you.

Books - The Ketcham Inn Book Shop in Center Moriches is open Thursdays at noon, Friday at 1 p.m. and weekends, at 10 a.m.

Moriches - Years Ago

Compiled by Vanessa Graniello

75 Years Ago

May 1944

Valedictorian of the Center Moriches High School graduating class with an average of 92.69 is Miss Marion E. Buckheit of Barnes Road, Moriches, while salutatorian honors, with an average of 91.74 have been earned by Miss Lily E. Lukert of Pine Street, East Moriches.

Principal Harry W. Huson and members of the eighth grade of East Moriches School enjoyed an inspection of the Suffolk County Court House and jail in Riverhead.

Mrs. Hubert Vogl was elected chairperson of the Center Moriches Branch of the American Red Cross. Officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: vice chairperson, Mrs. Fred Howell; secretary, Mrs. C.A. Spedick; and treasurer, Mrs. Marie King-Brown.

Mrs. Harold Chapman, Mrs. Helen Howell, Mrs. Clarence Howell, Mrs. Harry Huson, Mrs. Charles Alden, Mrs. Alvah Tuttle, Mrs. Herman David and Mrs. Lawrence Smith, all of East Moriches, attended the meeting of the Book Club at the home of Mrs. Roswell Hallock.

Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Reeve, of East Moriches, were guests at a dance given by the victory shift of the Republic Aviation Corporation at the Hotel Pennsylvania. They also enjoyed the circus at Madison Square Garden.

Mrs. Nettie Hooper of Center Moriches has received word from her son, Kent Hooper, a seaman 1st class in the Coast Guard, that while in England he has met two Hall brothers from Mastic, Allie and Donald, both servicemen.

Shirley Lukert was hostess to the Stamp Club of East Moriches School at her home, with principal Harry Huson and 15 members present. There were talks on three new stamps and a stamp swap.

Rowland H. Butler, of Eastport, graduated from the Service School at Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Illinois with the petty officer ranking of machinist’s mate, 3rd class.

Thomas Havens has been appointed acting postmaster of Center Moriches, succeeding Mrs. Frank Skarka.

Mother’s Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Chichester of East

Moriches included Mr. and Mrs. Jack Price, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Massey and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maran.

Mrs. Dorothy Raynor and Mrs. Ann Jayne, of Eastport, were guests of honor of the telephone operators of the Westhampton Beach exchange at a supper party at Basso’s.

Edna Kaler of Center Moriches was married recently to Capt. J. Robert Gracey, A.U.S. Mrs. Gracey is a prominent musician.

The scholastic leaders of Eastport High School’s graduating class who have been selected as valedictorian and salutatorian are Bruce Warner and Miss Mildred Raynor, respectively.

Lt. Fred Fechtman of Eastport and Ens. Dora Cline of Virginia were united in marriage in New Zealand.

Miss Jessie Pelletreau of East Moriches, a descendant of Col. Josiah Smith of Revolutionary fame, celebrated her 97th birthday on May 19 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Edwards, where she resides.

Playing in May at the Center Moriches Theatre: Errol Flynn in “Uncertain Glory”; Joel McCrea and Maureen O’Hara in “Buffalo Bill”; Wallace Beery and Marjorie Main in “Rationing”; Donna Reed and Robert Walker in “See Here, Private Hargrove”; and Walt Disney’s “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.”

50 Years Ago

May 1969

The Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches has arranged with the Gateway Playhouse in Bellport for a special Bayview Hospital Night, from which proceeds will be earmarked for the local hospital. “The Sound of Music” will be the stage presentation for this special event.

Gary Tuttle of North Bay Avenue, Eastport, has returned home after serving in the Armed Forces.

The regular monthly meeting of the Eastport American Legion Auxiliary was held with Mrs. Emma Miller presiding. Mrs. Anna Keck, chaplain, opened the meeting with a prayer for world peace. Miss Sophie Kostuk, Mrs. Anna Keck and Mrs. Marie Tuttle were

appointed on the nominating committee.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Gregory Coker of Lily Pond Road, Eastport, are the parents of a son, Craig Allan, born at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital.

Jack Ferguson was honored as Fireman of the Year at Center Moriches Fire Department and received an award from ex-chief Michael Malanchuk.

Elton Tank, of Center Moriches, was elected as treasurer of the Brookhaven Town Fire Police Association.

Two Moriches Bay college students were placed on the Dean’s List at their respective colleges. Roger Cottingham of Cedar Street, Center Moriches, earned his place on the Dean’s List at Colby College in Waterville, Me., where he is majoring in French. Elvin Russell of Frowein Road, Center Moriches, was named to the Dean’s List at the New York Institute of Technology, where he is a freshman majoring in fine arts.

The all-star cast of Center Moriches High School’s production of “The Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court” includes Faith Roesch as Queen Guinevere; Edward Schieferstein as King Arthur; Glenna Hitz as Queen Morgan Le Fay; Jeffrey Sunray as Merlin; and Steven Pribut as Hank Bennett, the Connecticut Yankee.

In appreciation for 41 dedicated years of teaching students at the Center Moriches High School, Miss Freda Terwilliger was honored at a class reunion held by the graduating Class of 1959. Miss Terwilliger, who taught a variety of commercial subjects, will retire in June.

Raymond Ceruti of Manor Road, Eastport, earned a purple belt in connection with the Town of Southampton Judo Recreation program.

Committee members of the 10th reunion festivities for the Center Moriches High School Class of 1959 were Mrs. Peddy Warren, Mrs. Maryann Leonardi, Mrs. Judy Mitterando, Mrs. Nancy Perrier, Mrs. Sandra Palermo and Mrs. Alice Conti.

Playing this week at the Shirley Drive-In Theatre: “Twisted Nerve”; Jerry Lewis in “Hook, Line and Sinker”; Robert Mitchum in “Anzio”; and Hayley Mills (and Hayley Mills!) in “The Parent Trap.”

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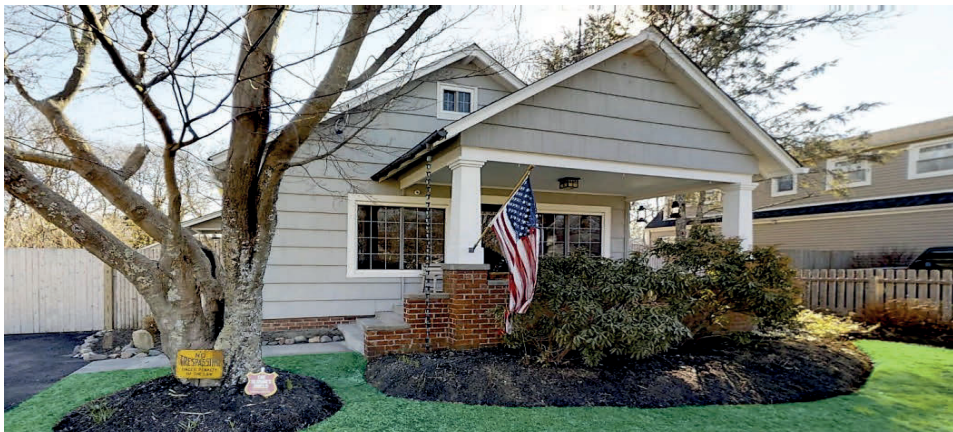
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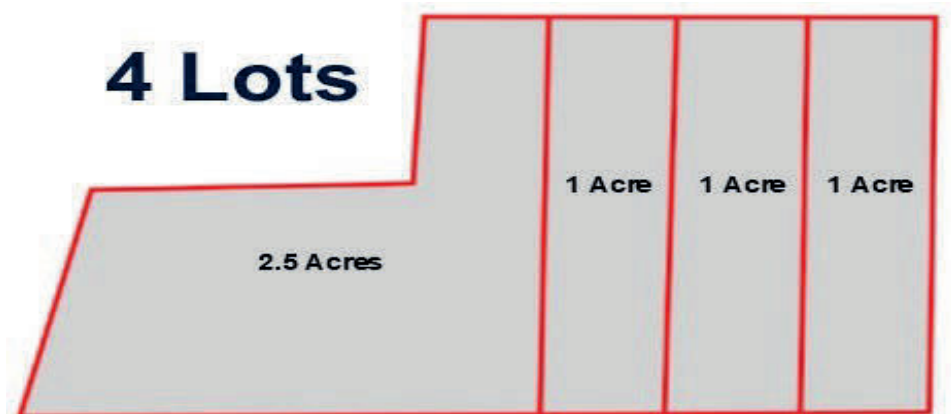
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