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'Hoppy' farming at Route 27 Hemp Yard

BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN

The story of how Route 27 Hemp Yard came to be is an interesting tale, involving the CBD craze, a United States bill, and a family that originally sought out to farm hops.

Five years ago, Ryan Andoos was looking for farmland so he could grow hops, the plant that gives beer its bitter taste. He'd spent a chunk of his young but blossoming (pun intended) career working on a hops farm in New Zealand, and he wanted to use his degree in landscape design and horticulture on a project back home on Long Island.

Sure, he'd spent his time traveling the world, putting his knowledge to work at the family botanical garden in Norway and at the Claude Monet Museum in Giverny, France, but home is where the heart is. right? That's where Mark ("Uncle Mark") Carroll comes in (Carroll is Andoos's uncle). Carroll's friend was selling a plot of farmland in Moriches, tucked away from the hamlet's suburban neighborhoods in the middle of a swath of sod farms. So, Andoos and Carroll partnered and began tilling the land, once a nursery growing rows of trees and shrubbery, and turned it into a hops farm.

For two years, Carroll and Andoos exclusively farmed hops, cultivating the perennial plants in 1,000-foot runs, while steadily growing another crop: customers, who purchased the hops for craft beer-making in Long Island's local breweries, enticed by the hops being eco-friendly and grown on Long Island, and the fact that they could come to the farm and talk beer. By this time, growing hemp in New York State was legal, following a 2014 farm bill. But the duo hadn't yet contemplated the option for themselves—until someone brought it to



Mark Carroll (left) is pictured with Ryan Andoos (right) and Shelby (front, center) in front of a hops plant.

their attention.

"A friend said to me, 'Why don't you try hemp, it would go along well with the hops?' and so we did," said Carroll.

Many aspects of the plants are similar, beginning with the terpenes, which Andoos explained are the aromatic compounds that give a plant its signature scent. Terpenes don't just exist in hemp and hops—they exist in lavender, pine, rosemary, lemon balm and other plants,



The hemp plant is identical in appearance to the marijuana plant. The difference is that a hemp plant contains 0.3 percent or less THC and a marijuana plant contains more. According to Mark Carroll, co-owner of Route 27 Hemp Yard: "Marijuana and hemp plants are identical in appearance, but the genetics are different. It would be impossible to tell them apart."

herbs and even animals.

"The same terpenes that flavor your beer are the same terpenes, in different percentages, that flavor your CBD flower," he said.

Now, three seasons into the hemp-growing business, Carroll and Andoos look back on their decision to farm hemp as a time similar to California's gold rush or the Silicon Valley startup craze of the early aughts.

"It was like a land rush deal when everyone started," said Carroll.

The only difference was that most people didn't strike it rich. Also, Carroll said, many of his competitors didn't anticipate the difficulty of growing hemp.

"A lot of people thought they'd get rich quick with it, and then they bailed out when they realized that wasn't going to happen," he said. "There' a lot of labor involved in this plant. A lot of time and effort and money. Not that fruits and vegetables are any easier to grow—but getting this plant to market is very time-consuming and very expensive."

To understand the expense in growing it, Carroll explained how the plant is farmed. Hemp is an annual plant, meaning it grows from seed to plant within a 90-to-120-day period, graduating into the finished product within about five months. Route 27 Hemp Yard grows a dozen different strains of the plant each year. This year's batch includes: Hercules, Peach Goliath, Super Sour Space Candy and Hawaiian Haze. Though, Andoos can't take credit for the creative names. "A breeder names the seeds," he said. During the six-week period known as harvest, 12 to 18 workers spend long days out in the hemp fields cutting the plant by hand. No chemicals or pesticides ever touch the plant, which adds to its costly nature. Also adding to the steep price of cultivating hemp are unanticipated events. Last year's harvest saw catastrophe when rain drenched the eastern bit of Long Island seven days in a row, and they lost nearly half of the entire year's production to bud rot.

After all of the work, time, and effort in farming the plant, the end result can prove to be a lucrative business. In addition to selling CBD products to 80 local smoke shops, Route 27 Hemp Yard also sells on their website. They have beauty products, including CBD lip balm, soap and lip scrub. They also sell smokable CBD flowers in various sizes, including 1/8, 1/4 and 1 ounce, as well as pre-rolled cigarettes containing CBD.

Asked how business is going, Carroll said, "Every day we're at the post office."

Of all the products they have, Carroll said the CBD cream, which is a full-spectrum topical cream, is their best seller. It incorporates all-natural ingredients and 1,000 mg of CBD.

"The cream is really where it's at. We get a lot of seniors and people of all ages that want this cream," he said.

The decision to grow hemp is one Andoos and Carroll both said they're happy with. Both men said the benefits of the hemp plant are exponential, from the plant's benefit in oxygenating the soil, to the benefits CBD has on human health.

"They're finding out more and more every day. The hemp plant is just an amazing plant; it really is. Now that I'm in it, it really is a cool plant," added Carroll. ■



A spread of the products Route 27 Hemp Yard sells, including (from left to right) 1/8 glass jar of smokable hemp flower, another 1/8 glass jar of hemp flower, CBD-infused soap, topical cream, and lip balm.

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Welcome to the new Robertaccio

Former funeral home transformed new

BY NICOLE FUENTES

Stanley Savicki and his son David, CEO funeral directors and owners of Robertaccio Funeral Home in Patchogue, are proud to welcome the community to their newly space at the former Wesche Funeral Home in Center Moriches.

"It's a great town. The people are great and the property is great," David said of acquiring the property. "It just needed a whole update."

Since purchasing the building, in April of 2019, from the former owner that has since retired, David said that the building has been fully renovated, including an expanded parking lot, improved handicapped accessibility and new bathrooms.

The site now also features fresh paint, new furniture, and TVs for tributes. As you walk in, there is a large and expanded entrance foyer, accompanied by two chapels for gatherings, one of which can be closed off for smaller, more intimate receptions.

"We kept the fireplaces and blended the old with the new," he said, proud of the work done. "The siding is all brand new, too."

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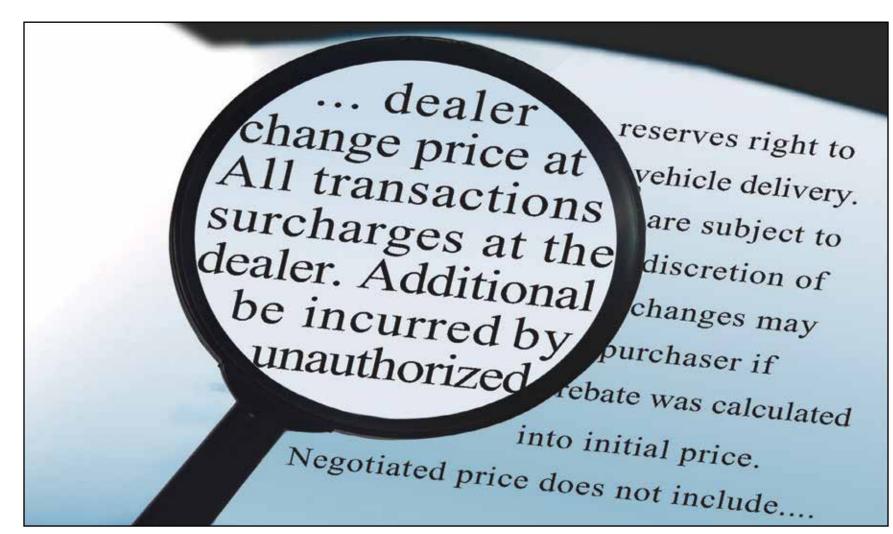
All the funeral services, he added, are done in-house, with an extensive staff with seven licensed funeral directors and five additional family care associates.

"Ever since we opened our doors, we have approached life [and death] differently," Stanley added of the close-knit community. "While some just see the end of a loved one's life as a time for grief and mourning, we prefer to think of it as a time for reflection, appreciation and even celebration. This is evident in everything we do—from the way we conduct our services, to the amenities we choose to offer." ■





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Man on the Street: back to school

What's your favorite subject?

BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN

Now that back-to-school season is upon us and people are beginning to ditch their iced coffees in favor of the legendarily early-fall pumpkin spice latte, or PSL, we figured it was time to hit the streets and ask people, young and old, what their favorite subject in school was. We ventured into Eastport and stopped on Montauk Highway's downtown shopping area; then we went into Center Moriches to visit Kaler's Park.

If you have a question or idea for next month's Main Street Q&A, email us at advletter@optonline.net.

Eastport, Montauk Highway



Linda Fontana-Pratt (left) and Grace Papagno (right)

Name: Grace Papagno Favorite subject: English

Why: "I liked English because it deals with kingdoms and humans, and it tells us where we came from and why we're here; and it also deals with grammar and I like grammar. I became an English teacher because of it."

Name: Linda Fontana-Pratt Favorite subject: Art

"I loved art all throughout school and then eventually wound up working in advertising, doing creative print ads."





Charley Moore

Name: Charley Moore Favorite subject: Math "I always liked playing with numbers."



Rebecca Robinson

Name: Rebecca Robinson Favorite subject: English literature

"I'm a lover of books; 'Gone with the Wind' was one of the first books I fell in love with. Then I found British literature; Jane Austen's 'Pride and Prejudice' is one of my favorites. I love a strong female lead." Center Moriches, Kaler's Park



Rich and Amelia

Name: Rich Favorite subject: History

"I liked history because it's a more narrative thing than science or math, but also if we're going to understand the world we're living in now, we have to first understand the world we came from."



Kaitlin Arnasate (back) with Lucas (left) and AJ (right)

Name: Kaitlin Arnasate Favorite subject: Physical education

"I always liked PE because that's how I got my energy out. I just enjoy sports." Name: AJ

Favorite subject: Gym

"Coach B is my favorite. I like running around and playing."



Anthony Handy, Adriana Handy and Christine Handy

Name: Christine Handy

Favorite subject: English

"I liked English because I always really liked writing and I've been really good at spelling my whole life."

Name: Anthony Handy Favorite subject: Math

"I like math because I'm good at division and fractions."

Name: Adriana Handy

Favorite subject: Art

"I'm good at painting just like my mom. I like when we glue stuff and when we make projects."

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Bradstock canceled for second year

Annual music event rescheduled for 2022

BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN

It was with heavy hearts that Bradstock organizers said the beloved annual music event wouldn't be taking place in 2021. In an Aug. 5 letter, Gail Saetta announced that the cancellation of what would have been the 27th Bradstock event was due to the Delta variant of COVID-19, and that plans for a 2022 Bradstock event are underway and are expected to be big.

Bradstock organizers, affectionately known as the "Circle of Chiefs," were concerned that the Delta variant would peak on Labor Day weekend, according to the letter. Organizers didn't want the event's jovial atmosphere to become a hotbed for sickness, and they decided to pull the plug on the event, which would have been held at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4 and 5. "Pradstock is like baging a family

"Bradstock is like having a family reunion. We've got people hugging and kissing and being really close to each other," she said. "We don't want anyone in our family getting sick."

Family is how Saetta categorizes Bradstock fans—and it's no wonder, because the event got its start in the backyard of Bayport resident Brad Ringhouse in 1994, and has grown exponentially each year since, tapping into the hearts (and ears) of generations of music and peace-loving Long Islanders as well as their family, friends and neighbors.

This was the second year in a row the Bradstock festival was interrupted or cancelled by the pandemic. The 2020 event was cancelled due to COVID-19, but some of the musicians got together and played music, which was broadcast online. Stony Brook University's radio station also celebrated that Labor Day weekend by playing past Bradstock recordings. In the end, Bradstock was able to give Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck a donation; a big part of Bradstock is being able to give back to the community and provide donations with the money made from ticket sales, according to Saetta.

It doesn't look like they'll put on any substitute streaming events this year, like they did last year. As of now, Bradstock is cancelled and nothing further is known about whether a smaller performance, without concertgoers, will happen.

"I just don't know if because of the last minute, we'll do anything [this year]," said Saetta.

Organizers said the event will be really big next year, bringing out the normal Bradstock family, as well as newfound

friends. Had this year's event occurred, it would have brought out 55 musical acts, plus a poetry stage with a dozen poets.

"I think next year is going to be monstrous because people have so much pent-up desire," she said.

In the Aug. 5 letter, Saetta referred to next year's event, asking would-be concertgoers to mark their proverbial calendars.

"Thank you Bradstock family for your continued understanding, patience and support of the Circle of Chiefs and your love of Bradstock. Stay safe, love one another, and circle Sept. 3 and 4, 2022, on your calendar now. It will be big," she wrote. ■



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BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN

Districts have slowly been unveiling reopening plans for the 2021-2022 school year. Below are local plans for the Center Moriches Union Free School District, East Moriches School District and Eastport-South Manor School District.

Center Moriches

Dr. Ronald Masera, superintendent, Center Moriches Union Free School District, would not comment on any specific plan for the district yet.

"We will be making a community reopening presentation at our Aug. 25, Board of Education meeting," he said.

In an Aug. 13 letter to the community, available on the district's website, Masera wrote, "As you can imagine, we have been anxiously awaiting guidance for reopening since the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year in June. You may have seen in the media that school districts in our county finally received such guidance this week from both the New York State Education Department and the Suffolk County Department of Health Services."

Masera continued, stating that reopening committees are working to figure out plans for the school year and that they are consulting with guidance they received to make those decisions. "As we review the guidelines we have received, it is clear they align closely with those from the Center for Disease Control regarding items such as masking, distancing and quarantines," he added.

District reopening plans

Masera also warned that a countywide increase in infections due to the Delta variant is cause for extra caution when planning to reopen.

"At this time, the entire country, including Suffolk County, continues to see a daily increase in the infection rates due to the Delta variant. While our goal is to reopen our schools as close to normal as possible, we can anticipate that these guidelines will bring limitations and restrictions to some district operations."

Eastport-South Manor

With school slated to open Sept. 1, an "Opening of School Plan" was posted to the district's website. The plan outlined recommendations that the school board is set to vote on at an Aug. 25 meeting. The recommendations include mask-wearing, social distancing, contact tracing, remote learning and more.

In regard to masks, students will be required to wear them while on school transportation but not while outdoors. Mask-wearing will also be "highly recommended" while indoors.

The proposed opening plan said this of mask-wearing: "Consistent with the

information shared by the Center for Disease Control, the New York State Education Department and the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, it is highly recommended and encouraged that all students and staff wear masks while indoors at school."

The district said that as per guidelines, positive cases of COVID-19 will be reported to the SCDHS as they were in the past.

District guidelines for social distancing are nondescript, with the proposed plan stating only that students and faculty will be "distanced to the maximum extent feasible in each area of the building."

The proposal shows the district is loosening some restrictions. As an example, students will not be required to provide daily health screenings or daily temperature checks. Also, sports, extracurricular activities, and field trips are back on. Student-athletes won't be required to provide a COVID-19 test to participate in sports. Spectators will be able to attend events and are required to wear masks indoors.

In the last few sentences of the proposal, the district warned that once the plan is approved by the BOE, it is subject to change based on government mandates and a rise in COVID-19 cases.

District representatives wouldn't answer calls or emails for comment or clarification on the reopening plan.

East Moriches

An "Opening Plan" presentation was uploaded to the district's website. The presentation is part of a "public packet" for an Aug. 25 BOE meeting. All other references to reopening on the website are from the 2020-2021 school year and are currently void.

The public packet presentation pointed out that 77.9 percent of parents were comfortable sending their children back to school in September 2021. The presentation also outlined plans for the district's Sept. 1 opening (students' first day is Sept. 2). The district will follow an in-person model for learning, as well as a remote model and a hybrid model.

In the presentation, a slide asked the question, "What would the in-person setting look like?" with bulleted points below, including: cleaning, training for staff, personal protective equipment, hand-washing, social distancing, student cohorts, adjusted dismissal and arrival procedures, limited sharing of items, daily health checks and open communication. These bulleted points would likely be further expounded upon at the Aug. 25 BOE meeting.

The presentation also had a slide for the "Governor's formula to reopen" and bulleted points for the remote and hybrid-learning models.

District officials wouldn't comment on the reopening plan; as of right now, no decision has been made for September. ■



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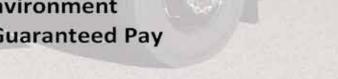
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In the first project, eight roadways were resurfaced in a residential area of Eastport/East Moriches. Last year. in anticipation and preparation for paving, crews inspected drains and made concrete improvements, including replacing damaged concrete sidewalks, curbing and aprons. Crews removed and replaced 1,275 linear feet of concrete curb, 258 square feet of concrete sidewalk, 775 square feet of ADA-compliant handicap ramps, and 1,436 square feet of concrete aprons, at a cost of \$91,686. The total cost for this project was approx-

Name Address include: Bradley Lane, East Moriches Boulevard, Hawthorne Lane, Hickory Lane, Locust Avenue, Magnolia Court, Seatuck Avenue and Thornewood Court.

In the Manorville paving project, crews resurfaced Wading River Road from South Street to the North Sunrise Service Road, as well as Wading River Annex. The total cost for this project was approximately \$717,700.

'Wading River Road is heavily-traversed and was in need of resurfacing. Similarly, the roadways in the neighborhood off of East Moriches Boulevard had greatly deteriorated. Motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists can now enjoy traveling on safer, smoother roads,' Losquadro said.

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Beware of ticks!

BY NICOLE FUENTES

Ticks are not just a cause for concern for hikers. Ticks can live anywhere in grassy, busy and wooded areas. They can even be found living on your pets and can be carried into your home on your clothing. Though exposure is possible year-round, ticks are mostly active in the warmer, summer months.

If you enjoy the great outdoors camping, gardening or even just walking outside—you should be aware of these tips, provided by Suffolk County Legis. presiding officer Rob Calarco, to avoid, prevent and handle ticks.

To remove ticks from clothing, tumble dry in dyer on high heat for 10 minutes; for wet clothing, additional time might be required. If you would like to wash the clothing first, be sure to use

Blacklegged (Deer) Tick

Ixodes scapularis

hot water, as cold and warm will not kill the tick. Check often and wear pants tucked into socks. Also, use repellant containing permethrin. The best course of action, though, is to avoid brushy areas by walking in the center of trails. It is also recommended to treat your pets with tick prevention prior to going outdoors.

Upon returning indoors, always check your clothing. Also, examine your gear, pets and children as well, and it is recommended to shower soon after to reduce the risk of tick-borne illnesses. Good places to check include under the arms, around the ears, inside the belly button, back of the knees, around the hair and between your legs.

It is also important to be aware of the different types of ticks and their potential to carry Lyme disease. Blacklegged deer ticks are the primary carrier. They are teardrop in shape with a reddish-orange abdomen and a solid-black dorsal shield. Males or nymphs can be dark brown to black in color. The lone star tick is a secondary carrier and is rounder in shape, with a single white spot in the center of the body. The male has a chestnut-brown color with no markings. The American dog tick is not a carrier and is oblong in shape, with white markings on the dorsal shield with a dark-brown abdomen. The male has white markings all over its body and the nymph is oblong and solid dark hrown

If you find a tick, there is no need to panic. Prompt removal of ticks greatly reduces the likelihood of disease transmission.

How to remove a tick: Use a fine-

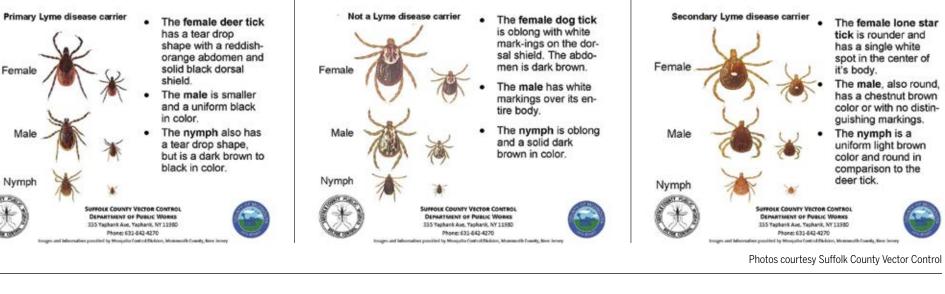
tipped tweezers and grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible, pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or jerk the tick to cause the mouthpart to remain in the skin. After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area with alcohol or soap and water. Never crush a tick with your fingers. To kill it, put it in alcohol in a sealed container.

Not all ticks are infected. About 20 to 40 percent of deer tick nymphs are not able to transmit Lyme disease. If you have been bitten by a tick, symptoms to look for include fever, chills, aches and pains or a rash.

Though the deer tick is the primary carrier, all ticks can carry and transmit disease. For more information visit <u>www.cdc.gov/ticks/diseases/</u>. You can also visit the site to see a map of reported tick bites. ■

Lone Star Tick

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American Dog Tick

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Aspiring Eagle Scout to install blessing box

Blessing Box Eagle Scout Project



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Jeremy Masterson is pursuing his Eagle Scout ranking by building a blessing box/food pantry at The Christ Luther-

an Church in East Moriches. The blessing box will allow donors to leave nonperishable food and others to take what is needed.

"This box will allow people to stay anonymous, to not be judged for their economic situation, and still get the food or necessities they need," he said, noting his GoFundMe page already garnered \$500 of his \$550 goal. "Your support will help many people in my community and will make my community stronger as a result."

The funding, he said, will help to collect materials needed to build the box as well as the first donations to fill it, and food and water for his crew. All additional proceeds will go to the beneficiary, The Christ Lutheran Church, into donations.

Masterson is part of BSA Troop 23 in Center Moriches. To contribute to the GoFundMe page, visit: https://gf.me/v/c/ wjl4/blessing-box-eagle-project. ■

-Nicole Fuentes Courtesy photo

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Peconic Bay's newest physician

Josephine Champlin is a doctor, baker and dancer

BY NICOLE FUENTES

Josephine Champlin is looking to move to Center Moriches with her husband. They were married earlier this year. Champlin, a 2009 Bellport High School alumna, said the move comes out of love for her new job.

Champlin, 30, is the newest physician at Northwell's Peconic Bay Medical Center in Riverhead. She was raised on Long Island grew up in East Patchogue, and ventured out to SUNY Geneseo for her undergrad and then attended med school at NYIT in Old Westbury. She took her residency at Peconic Bay and "fell in love" with the hospital. Now, she works full-time in the hospital's outpatient clinic.

"I like that all over the hospital and outpatient office have a smalltown feel," she said. "You get to know your patients with great continuity of care.

She also noted the sense of security in having Northwell backing the system.

"We have a lot of resources in terms of training," she added. "It's been fantastic."

She was hired full-time as of July 9 and will be spending her time at the outpatient center four days a week, also working per-diem shifts in the main hospital on the weekends.

"I am certified to see anyone-newborns to death," she said, explaining she has already seen 11-year-olds, 90-year-olds and conducted primary care exams for women in good health.

As for becoming a doctor during the COVID-19 pandemic, she said it was certainly an interesting time.

"I feel it has made me a stronger doctor," she said. "It has really taught some resilience working long hours with patients who were really, really sick '

In her free time, Champlin enjoys dancing, often teaching classes at Star Lite in Medford, and baking for her side business, Dessert Doc Jo.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Champlin, a graduate of our Family Medicine residency, to our team as we expand family and specialty care in Center Moriches," said Amy E. Loeb, Ed.D, MBA, RN, executive director at PBMC. "It's vital to have well-trained family physicians to care for residents in any community, and the entire Moriches area will benefit from her experience training alongside our top physicians."



Dr. Josephine Champlin is Peconic Bay Medical Center's newest physician and soon-to-be **Center Moriches resident.** Courtesy photo

About Peconic Bay Medical Center

Located in Riverhead, NY, Peconic Bay Medical Center is a 200-bed nonprofit hospital committed to providing exceptional care and improving the health of the communities it serves. Peconic Bay Medical Center offers wide-ranging, full-scope services and programs, including advanced surgical, cardiac,

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orthopedic and women's health care, comprehensive inpatient medical care, palliative care and an extensive range of outpatient services, along with state-of-the-art technology. Peconic Bay Medical Center joined Northwell Health in 2016. For more information, visit PBMCHealth.org and follow us @PeconicBayMedicalCenter on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

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KEITH'S CORNER It's time for back to school

September is all about school supplies and comfort cases.

After a busy summer of feeding families, Helping Makes U Happy, with the assistance of our amazing communities, has been busy putting together backpacks for students in need and "N-docket" children—those removed from home due to neglect.

Pictured is Zach Froberg, who saved his tips from his summer job and used them to purchase school supplies for HMUH. Two years ago, Zach did a summer service project for us where he collected and donated backpacks. And two years before that, his older brother did the same thing for us. It makes us feel so good when students are inspired to help, time after time!

In a few weeks, we'll be assembling approximately 250 "comfort cases" we give annually to CPS for the N-docket children so they have something to call their own when they relocate. We are also continuing to maintain and look for volunteers to help fill the community Blessing Box located on Railroad Avenue in Center Moriches. At the current time, we have volunteers lined up through Sept. 7. It really is such an easy way to help your community and it makes you feel so good!

If anyone is interested in helping out, please email us at helpingmakesuhappy@gmail.com, or call or text 631-848-9008.

We are also optimistically planning for our casino night in early November, which will help us raise funds to provide for a happy holiday for our neighbors in need. Watch for more information on this event and how to participate at <u>www.helpingmakesuhappy.org</u>.

Lastly, we'd like to give a big thank you to everyone who helped us this summer in so many ways! You're awesome! To all the students returning to school, we wish you a great and successful year! ■



Heading for fall



As we head into autumn, for our next meeting members are going to the seashore to select some shells, which we will shape into botanical art creations.

The date is Sept. 16, 1 p.m. As always, the public is invited to our meetings; we are happy to recruit new members; call Diane for more information (631-325-1828).

Last month our club finished two projects we have been working on for a long time. The dedication for the Blue Star memorial plaque that was installed at the Banks Street Park and our National Garden Club Standard Flower Show at the Masury Estate. Well, to be honest, the flower show was a half-standard show. A big thank you to everyone who worked hard to accomplish this.

In the meantime, I'm continuing my member garden tours; Sharon Ott invited me to her garden and it was spectacular. Sharon has been a mem-

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ber of MBGC for over 20 years. She is a retired special education teacher, a master gardener, manages the Cornell Youth Program and children's garden in Yaphank, and is a past president of MBGC. Sharon's garden is a mature garden that wraps around her house. It is mostly perennials, and so something is blooming all the time. Butterfly bushes, black-eyed Susan's, dahlia and hibiscus are in full bloom now. Coreopsis and beauty bush have buds just ready to burst. As you walk around the house, one can visualize the gladiola, hydrangea and iris that have already bloomed. Sharon also has a substantial vegetable garden-she gave me two tomatoes and they were delicious.

Take a minute to enjoy the abundance of Long Island—there's still time to check out peach, blueberry, raspberry and tomato picking at local farms and farmers' markets. ■

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AROUND TOWN

Thursday, September 9

Community Outreach Health Bus – Catholic Health Services' bus will be in the parking lot of Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Library to provide free blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index, and glucose screenings along with patient preventative health education and referrals as needed, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Open to all 18 years and older. No appointment necessary. Call 631-399-1511.

Saturday, September 11

Quilt Exhibit – Eastern Long Island Quilters Guild celebrates the art of quilt making at Hallockville Museum Farm, 6038 Sound Ave., Riverhead, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop locally made quilts, other handmade items, notions, books and fabrics. Basket raffle. **5K Run for Literacy** – Annual Smith Point Bridge run/walk for Community Family Literacy Project, Inc., 9 a.m. rain or shine. \$25 fee includes T-shirt for first 300 runners, bagels at the end of the race, and awards ceremony. For information and to register, visit <u>https://events.elitefeats.com/literacy21</u>.

Thursday, September 16

Garden Club – The Moriches Bay Garden Club will meet at Cuspogue Beach in Westhampton for a workshop on creating with shells, 1 pm. Horticulture: Members will bring annuals with IDs. Visit www.morichesbaygardenclub.org.

Friday, September 17

Anxiety Workshop - South Bay Bible

will hold a free one-hour virtual workshop "Replace Fear, Worry, and Anxiety with God's Comforting Peace," with author and biblical counselor Elyse Fitzpatrick, 7 p.m. Register at <u>www.southbaychurchli.org/fear</u> by Sept. 8. Questions? Call 631-909-8241.

Sunday, September 19

New Sermon Series – The South Bay Bible Church's new five-week teaching series, "Time Flies: Don't Waste Another Second," will be presented Sundays, 9 at 11 a.m. or Saturdays at 5 p.m. Visit <u>www.</u> <u>southbaychurchli.org</u> or call 631-909-8241.

Friday, September 24

Oktoberfest Fundraiser – Moriches Rotary weekend-long benefit event for Camp Paquatuck features German food, beer gardens, carnival, vendors and live entertainment, Friday, 6-11 p.m.; Saturday, 12-11 p.m.; and Sunday, 12-6 p.m. \$15 admission fee to enter Oktoberfest grounds includes one beer or soft drink. Ages under 21 are free. Visit <u>www.camppaquatuck.com</u> or call 631-878-1070.

Of Note ...

Prayer for Revival – The Bible Church of Moriches at 287-289 Montauk Hwy. in Moriches invites all local churches to join them every Thursday, 6-8 p.m. Join for two hours or any part of that time. For information, call 631-905-1942.

YEARS AGO

75 Years Ago

SEPTEMBER 1946

Due to an ever-increasing circulation and rapidly expanding advertising clientele, *The Moriches Tribune* is blossoming into a full-sized newspaper beginning with its first issue in October.

Two large airplanes landed at Mastic airstrip carrying **Walter T. Shirley**, head of the Mastic Acres development, **Mrs. Shirley**, and a group of prominent press, radio and magazine writers from New York, to celebrate Mr. Shirley's 20th anniversary in the real estate business. The plane carried them to an honorary luncheon at Brook House, with Capt. **John T. Tuthill Jr.**, publisher of the *Moriches Tribune*, serving as toastmaster for the occasion.

Lillian Rudnetsky, Virginia Eyler and Marjorie Triestman, all of Center Moriches, left together by auto for Cortland, where they will enter the New York State College for Teachers.

Barbara Parr, of Mastic, was the high score winner in the Civic Association's game party held at the Civic clubhouse.

Veteran Moriches Bay sailor **Harold Halsted**, sailing *Chuckle VI*, triumphed in the Star Class at the three-day regatta held at the Bellport Bay Yacht Club over Labor Day weekend.

Jimmy Nekerman, Donald Hamilton, Robert Bishop and Nickie Chapman, all of East Moriches, attended the outboard races at Marlboro.

Mrs. Roger Criado, of East Moriches, attended a class in stenciling at the Home Bureau in Riverhead.

Chief **Edward Ringhoff**, of East Moriches, presided over the meeting of the East Moriches Fire Department, at which time plans were made for the annual dinner to be held in October in the firehall.

Audrey Strefel of Mastic, Gladys Davis of Center Moriches, and Lawrence and Arthur Penny of Moriches, enjoyed a day's motor trip to Montauk.

The first fall meeting of the Eastport Woman's Club was held at Mechanic's Hall with a covered dish luncheon and business meeting. The acting committee for the luncheon consisted of **Mrs. Alan Bell** and **Mrs. Pickford Robinson**.

George Rutter, who opened a radio store in August on Neighborhood Road, Mastic Beach, plans to keep his store open year-round. Mr. Rutter is an honorably discharged Navy veteran of five major engagements in the Pacific theatre.

An amount of more than \$4,000 has been contributed by the people of East Moriches and neighboring communities toward the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial fund, according to committee chairman **Edwin Hancock**. Among the donations was a plot donated by **Clarence Howell** on which the monument will be erected.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Townsend of Senix Avenue, Center Moriches, appeared on the "Hi Jinx" program, which is broadcast over WEAF at 8:30 a.m. They gave an interview as owners of the new prefabricated houses, which are rapidly becoming popular.

Jean Bedson, of East Moriches, has returned to Ithaca to resume her studies at the Ithaca School of Music, after spending the summer at her home on Woodlawn Avenue.

A son was born on Sept. 3 in the Southampton Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meyer, of Eastport.

Friends and members of the Presbyterian Church of Center Moriches gathered at the church for a final farewell supper and tribute to their retiring pastor, the **Rev. Dr. George C. Fort** and **Mrs. Fort**, of Center Moriches.

Playing in September at the **Center Moriches Theatre**: Dorothy McGuire, Guy Madison, Robert Mitchum and Bill Williams in "Till the End of Time"; Jerome Kern's "Centennial Summer"; and Barbara Stanwyck, Van Heflin and Lizabeth Scott in "The Strange Love of Martha Ivers."

50 Years Ago

SEPTEMBER 1971

Three Center Moriches girls were among those who pledged money for the benefit of muscular dystrophy awareness during the Jerry Lewis telethon. This is the fifth-straight year that **Diane Stemnock** and her sister **Linda**, along with friend **Lynne Tenke**, have gone doorto-door in the Center Moriches area and collected \$163.71 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Mrs. Rose Vetter of Hewitt Boulevard, Center Moriches, is the proud teacher of two art students, Mrs. Marie Schaeffer and Mrs. Anne Tzoucalis, who won a combined five awards in the fifth annual Long Island Ceramic Show held in Farmingdale.

Daniel Maret, a senior at Eastport High School, has been named a semifinalist in the 1971-72 National Scholarship Program.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the grand opening of Jonesy's Hardware Store in Center Moriches. Among those in attendance were **Ronald Leonard**, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches; owner **Richard Jones**; and store employees **Mrs. Helen Luckingham** and **Janet Smith**.

David Schmidt, of Center Moriches, is the recipient of one of 600 Regents War Service Scholarships for Veterans for the 1971-72 school year.

Mastic Sports Club president **Chuck** Zeigler presented a trophy to Larry Gualtrieri Jr., who has served the club as Little League manager and coach as well as a member of the club's various baseball teams since he was 9 years old.

Playing in September at local United Artists Theatres: Mia Farrow in **"See No Evil"** and Al Pacino in **"The Panic in Needle Park."**

Compiled by Vanessa Graniello



September 1971: The Moriches Bay Fluke Championships ended on Labor Day, but there are still plenty of fluke in the Moriches Inlet. Mary Skidmore, of Skidmore's Fishing Station, gives proof with two of the five she caught on killies while drifting on the inlet.

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BOOK REVIEW

A dark exploration of childhood imagination

'The Ocean at the End of the Lane MARIANA DOMINGUEZ

The best part about being in a book club is reading great books that you would never pick up otherwise. This happened to me with Neil Gaiman's "The Ocean at the End of the Lane." This short novel follows a middle-aged man who returns to the town where he grew up and is overcome with memories from his past.

Fans of Gaiman's will recognize the author's love of stories that make the hairs on the back of the reader's neck stand up. This book terrified me in

Who would enjoy this book?

If you've already read Gaiman and have enjoyed his writing, you're sure to love "Ocean" as well. Again, this would be a great book club read and is definitely a must-read for those who love fantasy or more mythic stories. This novel would also make a great beach read because at 171 pages, it can easily be read in one sitting. (This book would make a great 'one-sitting" book because it is so immersive.)

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the best way possible. It explores the intersection of a child's imagination and the nightmares that can come along with that imagination. It's been a long time since I thought about the nightmares I had as a child, but this novel dives into them head-on. The novel also explores memories from childhood and the idea that what we remember may not be the truth.

"Ocean" was published in 2013, but it has the feel of a classic written in the 20th century that you're forced to read in 11th grade English but actually end up enjoying. It's a perfect book club read because it gets the gears in your head turning and would be great to discuss with others and find out what they thought. \blacksquare



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Dedication ceremony held for new Blue Star Memorial

BY MARIANA DOMINGUEZ

On Tuesday, Aug. 17, the Moriches Bay Garden Club held a dedication ceremony for the new Blue Star Memorial marker in the Banks Street Park in Cen-

ter Moriches.

The plaque was installed by Eagle Scout Steven Rosche and Boy Scout Troop 414 in coordination with the Moriches Bay Garden Club.

Besides members of the garden club and family and friends of Steven Rosche, Brookhaven Town supervisor Ed Romaine, councilman Dan Panico and Legis. Al Krupski were also on hand to congratulate Rosche.

The Blue Star Memorial program honors all men and women that serve in the United States Armed Services. The program began in 1944 when the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs planted 8,000 dogwood trees as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. The Blue Star was adopted because it had become an icon in World War I on banners that represented a son or daughter who was away at war.

For over 70 years, the Blue Star Memorial Program has had a partnership with garden clubs in order to have the markers placed in public areas such as parks, civic, and historical grounds. ■



Members of the Moriches Bay Garden Club and friends and family of Steven Rosche gather around the newly dedicated Blue Star Memorial.



Eagle Scout Steven Rosche is presented with a citation from Suffolk County Legis. Al Krupski. All photos MT/Dominguez



Brookhaven Town supervisor Ed Romaine (in black) and town councilman Dan Panico (in blue) present members of the Moriches Bay Garden Club with a citation.

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Moriches Bay 8:14	14 AM	8:19 PM	8:54 AM	8:57 PM	9:35 PM	9:38 PM	10:18 AM	10:22 PM	11:05 AM	11:11 PM	11:56 AM		12:05 AM	12:48 PM
Moriches Inlet 7:3	35 AM	7:40 PM	8:15 AM	8:18 PM	8:56 AM	8:59 PM	9:39 AM	9:43 PM	10:36 AM	10:32 PM	11:17 AM	11:26 PM		12:09 PM
Smith Pt. Bridge 10:3	30 AM 3	10:35 PM	11:10 AM	11:13 PM	11:51 AM	11:54 PM		12:34 PM	12:38 AM	1:21 PM	1:27 AM	2:12 PM	2:21 AM	3:04 PM
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Moriches Bay 1:02	02 AM	1:43 PM	2:02 AM	2:41 PM	3:06 AM	3:44 PM	4:15 AM	4:50 PM	5:23 AM	5:52 PM	6:24 AM	6:48 PM	7:18 AM	7:38 PM
Moriches Inlet 12:23	23 AM	1:04 PM	1:23 AM	2:02 PM	2:27 AM	3:05 PM	3:36 AM	4:11 PM	4:44 AM	5:13 PM	5:45 AM	6:09 PM	6:39 AM	6:59 PM
Smith Pt. Bridge 3:12	18 AM	3:59 PM	4:18 AM	4:57 PM	5:22 AM	6:00 PM	6:31 AM	7:06 PM	7:39 AM	8:08 PM	8:40 AM	9:04 PM	9:34 AM	9:54 PM
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Moriches Bay 8:0	07 AM	8:25 PM	8:53 AM	9:09 PM	9:38 AM	9:53 PM	10:22 AM	10:38 PM	11:07 AM	11:23 PM	11:51 AM		12:10	12:35 PM
Moriches Inlet 7:28	28 AM	7:46 PM	8:14 AM	8:30 PM	8:59 AM	9:14 PM	9:43 AM	9:59 PM	10:28 AM	10:44 PM	11:12 AM	11:31 PM	11:56 AM	
Smith Pt. Bridge 10:23	23 AM 3	10:41 PM	11:09 AM	11:25 PM	11:54 AM		12:09 AM	12:38 PM	12:54 AM	1:23 PM	1:39 AM	2:07 PM	2:26 AM	2:51 PM



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