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## **Homecoming at Center Moriches**

Center Moriches kicked off its homecoming weekend with a pep rally on Sept. 22. At the end of the school day, the student body gathered in the gymnasium to show their school spirit and cheer for the fall season athletics teams. Each of the teams paraded into the gymnasium to applause from their peers. The marching band and cheerleaders brought the energy with their performances and routines. Additionally, the homecoming king and queen Chris Tietjen and Grace Marrin were announced in front of the crowd.

Due to the weather forecast, the homecoming parade was moved from Saturday to Friday evening. Each class decorated a float following a board game-theme and the king and queen circled the high school track in an old-fashioned fire truck. Throughout the weekend, each varsity sports team played a homecoming game.

In addition to the high school festivities, Clayton Huey Elementary School

held a pep rally on Sept. 22 to get younger students in the district excited about homecoming weekend. The Clayton Huey band performed as the Center Moriches PAL football players and cheerleaders were introduced to the school. The Center Moriches pride was evident across the district, no matter the age.



Elementary school football players in the district ran onto the back field for a pep rally celebration.



The Clayton Huey Elementary School band performed at its outdoor pep rally.

Photos courtesy of the Center Moriches School District

## Public meeting dates announced for bond vote

Center Moriches Schools to host vote on Oct. 24

BY NICOLE FUENTES

The Center Moriches School District will be proposing a just under \$45 million bond vote for two phases, including major building upgrades as well as a turf football field. The vote will take place on Oct. 24 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Main Street gym of Clayton Huey.

The district will be hosting a community forum on Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. in the high school library. There will also be open house building tours on Oct. 12 for Clayton Huey and Oct. 16 for the high

school and middle school. Tours will be given every 20 minutes between the hours of 5:30-7 p.m.; this is open to all community members to come see the buildings and project proposals.

The project, according to Keri Loughlin, assistant superintendent for business, has a main focus on health and safety, with roof replacement and side-

walk repair. Also part of the proposal is the bus loop construction for 559 Main Street, which was purchased after last year's referendum passed.

This year, the bond will include two propositions:

The first proposition will be for infrastructure including the roof replace-See **CM VOTE** on page 3

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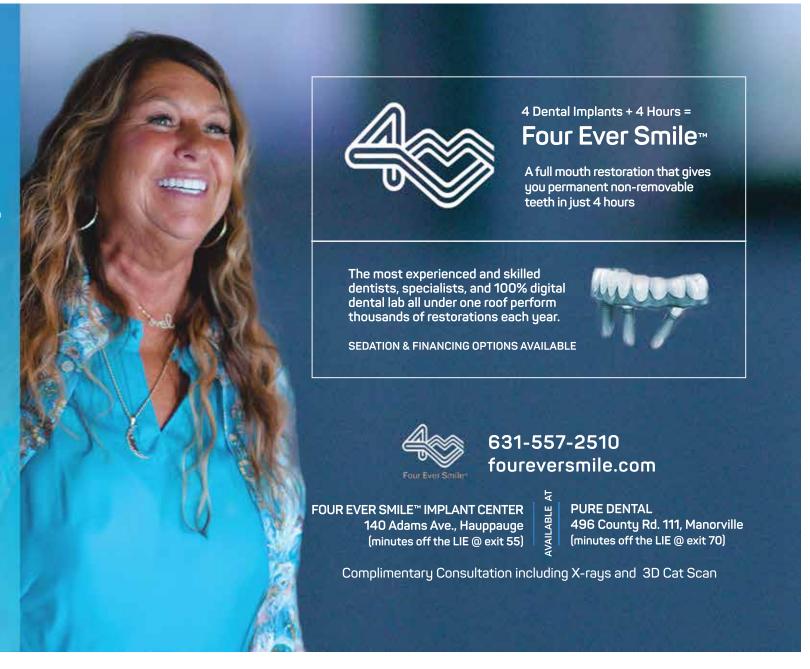
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## Voting nearly doubles, bond still fails by two votes



#### Center Moriches Fire District revote fails

#### BY NICOLE FUENTES

The Center Moriches Fire District held a \$17.9 million bond proposition with nearly double the voter turnout, but it still failed by slim margins on Sept. 12. The proposal was defeated with 389 "no" to 387 "yes" votes out of 776 cast.

"While we are disappointed with the outcome, we are also heartened by the community's heightened participation and support. The result, however close, underscores the challenges ahead in providing essential fire and ambulance services, particularly as the demand for these services continues to rise significantly year after year," the department said in a statement. "We are grateful for the significantly greater number of 'yes' votes compared to the vote on June 20, as it demonstrates increased community support for our mission to protect life and property."

The original bond vote failed on June 20, with a total of 221 no votes to 201 yes

The bond proposition would have paid for the renovation and expansion of the department's firehouse. Due to the larger size of modern fire trucks, the present firehouse fails to meet federal and fire industry codes.

If passed, the bond would have allowed 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) stan-

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 firefighters to safely and 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.

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.

"Despite the results of the vote, our dedicated team of volunteer firefighters and EMTs remains committed to serving the Center Moriches community with unwavering dedication," the fire department statement read. "Although this setback poses challenges to our ability to meet increasing service demands, our

commitment to public safety remains resolute?

Department officials said they now plan to evaluate the best paths forward to ensure they meet the community's growing needs while remaining good stewards of taxpayer dollars.

'In the months ahead, we will engage with the community to explore alternative solutions that will allow us to maintain the high level of service you have come to expect from us," officials said. ■

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, equaled less than \$6.50 per week, less than \$1 a day, for a typical home assessed at \$3,000.

### CM SCHOOLS: Community forum set for Oct. 4

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ment, door replacements, sidewalk repair, new boilers, library upgrades, an auditorium revamp, a dedicated space for the music department and as well as family consumer science classroom upgrades and new locker rooms at both the middle and high schools.

The second proposition is for a new turf field. The district currently uses the nearby Town of Brookhaven turf field, though there are no bleachers. The new field would include the existing, already replaced lighting as well as new bleachers for viewing and a press box.

The total cost for the field would be about \$3.6 million. However, Proposition 2 is contingent on Proposition 1 passing, and cannot pass unless Proposition 1

The work will most likely be done in phases over the course of three to four years, spreading the costs. Dr. Ronald Masera, superintendent of schools, said that the board is considering utilizing the capital reserve to offset some of the costs in the amount of about \$1.5 million. However, to utilize that funding would also require a referendum vote.











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## Locals raise service puppy

#### BY NICOLE FUENTES

Marissa Pfeiffer, of Manorville, is currently raising service pup, Freckles, with her daughter, Erin.

The puppy is part of Canine Companions puppy raiser program.

Pfeiffer first met a puppy in training years ago, but with working full-time and raising children, she said, it was never the right time. "I always said, when my son is in kindergarten and all my kids are full-time, I am going to do it. My son is now in eighth grade, so now is the time," she said, also adding that she is a lifelong volunteer and an animal lover. "I believe in giving back and doing good for other people."

Canine Companions provides service dogs to adults, children, and veterans with disabilities and facility dogs to professionals working in health care, criminal justice, and educational settings. Since their founding in 1975, their dogs and all follow-up services are provided at no cost to their clients.

Volunteer puppy raisers provide the future service dogs a safe home, take them to obedience classes, provide a healthy diet, socialization opportunities, and give lots of love.

Freckles is a 7-month-old female Lab-golden cross, who is expected to graduate and be matched with a person with disabilities in February 2025.

The Pfeiffers will have her until August 2024. At that time, she will say goodbye for six months until gradua-

It's their family's first Canine Companions puppy.

"It's been a very interesting learning experience about myself and a true lesson in patience. The brilliance that this dog has-it's mind-blowing how smart she is," she said. "I am really looking forward to turning her in and seeing where she goes, as hard as it's going to be," she added. "She's our puppy, but someone else's dog. The whole point of doing this is for someone else."

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## Halloween-loving local continues his journey

Now in N.J., 19-year-old lands job for Spirit Halloween

#### BY NICOLE FUENTES

For 10 years, until 2022, local Center Moriches graduate Max Mastropierro prepared for Halloween, hosting haunted walks, fixing mechanical decorations, and fundraising for Spirit of Children, Spirit Halloween's charity.

In 2021 and 2022, Max, with the help of his father, hosted a family and friends party at a law enforcement motorcycle club in Bohemia. Since then, he and his family have moved.

But the former local who loves Halloween has been on a great journey, pursuing his childhood dream. His parents, Patti and Mario, are also moving back to the Moriches to be closer to Max-fittingly, this October.

"Nothing screams Halloween like fall in the New York, New Jersey areas," said his parents.

Now living in New Jersey, 19-yearold Max recently completed a summer internship at Spirit/Spencer Corporate Offices in Egg Harbor Township. The internship was in Product Development, his dream job since childhood. He

grew up surrounded by all his Halloween animatronics purchased from the pop-up Spirit Halloween stores near the Center Moriches area.

He has also been helping a friend repair animatronics for a haunt done each year at a campground in the Philadelphia, Pa., area.

After his internship, to no one's surprise, he was offered a full-time position in the Dr. Zombie Tech Squad area of Spirit Headquarters.

"He helps talk customers through fixing technical glitches and repairing or replacing non-working animatronic components," his father explained.

Max is also looking forward to going back to college and working his way back to being full-time on the Product Development Team.

But does he still love Halloween?

Max said his love and passion for everything scary has not wavered since he was 5 years old. If anything, it has grown infinitely. He said he loves living

in New Jersey, working for Spirit, and prepping for each upcoming Halloween season.

As for his future plans, he wants to help his parents run a local, private Spirit of Children charity fundraising event, where all monies raised go towards helping make hospitals less scary for children battling illness.

To donate, reach out directly to Max or head to your nearest Spirit Halloween pop-up store, where donations are graciously accepted for Spirit of Children charity. ■



Halloween-loving Max Mastropierro continues on his journey of creating and fixing Halloween animatronics.

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BY VIRGINIA WHITE, LE

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## Spooky Walk to celebrate 35 years

#### Oct. 20, 21, 27 and 28 at Camp Paquatuck

#### BY NICOLE FUENTES

Celebrating its 35th year, the Spooky Walk will be held to benefit the camp for children with disabilities. The walk will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. at 2 Chet Swezey Road in Center Moriches on Oct. 20, 21, 27 and 28.

The Spooky Walk began in 1989 and has developed into one of Long Island's most popular Halloween events. The Camp Paquatuck Fundraisers, were the first volunteers, along with family and friends, to set up, dress up, and haunt unsuspecting visitors as they strolled through the camp grounds. Today, they have more than 500 volunteers who make the Spooky Walk possible.

Many of the booths, according to Marcella Weiss, the camp board representative and Spooky Walk coordinator, president of the The Moriches Paquatuck Fundraisers, formerly the Squaws, many of the groups for the walk start setting up right after Labor Day and work several hours getting their exhibits ready.

'Our first exhibit, Alice in Zombieland, hosted by Amanda Epp, Daniel Szabo and friends, is worthy of Disney World," she said. "The artistic ability of this group is amazing and makes the best start of the Spooky Walk."

The exhibit is then followed by The Wicked Woods, made by the Ferington family, who goes above and beyond making sure guests are spooked by many scary surprises.

Next is the Back Trail into deeper



woods for more frights and hidden monsters! This area is manned by several volunteers with a stop at The Cult, hosted by Jessica and John Del Cuore. The Cult is an eerie area that takes walkers through a dark tunnel. The walk continues up the path and to the water's edge to visit the Lost Pirates as they try to welcome you aboard.

Walkers then head up the hill to the Haunted Hospital to visit patients that never left.

"Volunteer 'Dr.' Roger Sciorsci will guarantee survival," she said. "The Ghost Busters, John and friends, will capture any ghost that follow our

Also, Richard Ringhoff and Megan St. John will be hosting the Little Shoppe of Moriches for the first time this year.

The last exhibit, Club Boogie, hosted by Chris Burian, then invites everyone to dance along with his happy monsters.

"This is always one of the most popular stops at the Spooky Walk," Marcelle added.

After warming up with the dancing monsters, customers are welcomed at Marie's Food Tent with hamburgers, hotdogs, sausage and peppers, roasted corn, homemade candy apples and more. There is also a beer tent sponsored by Long Island Farm Brewery.

Kids of all ages enjoy the DJ entertainment on the great lawn. Music and lights are provided by Chuck and Bonnie Schultz, former owners of the Village Music Shoppe in Mastic.

"The Spooky Walk provides an evening of total entertainment. The lines can be long, but when asked, customers don't mind the wait," she continued. "We try not to rush anyone through, so everybody gets a good scare. It is amazing to sit back and listen to the laughs and screams as this 35-year-old tradition continues to entertain and to support Camp Paquatuck."

Delivering about 45 minutes of scares, the Spooky Walk is considered the longest-lasting haunted walk on Long Island. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to the camp.

Tickets are \$20. For more information visit spookywalk.com. ■ Courtesy photos



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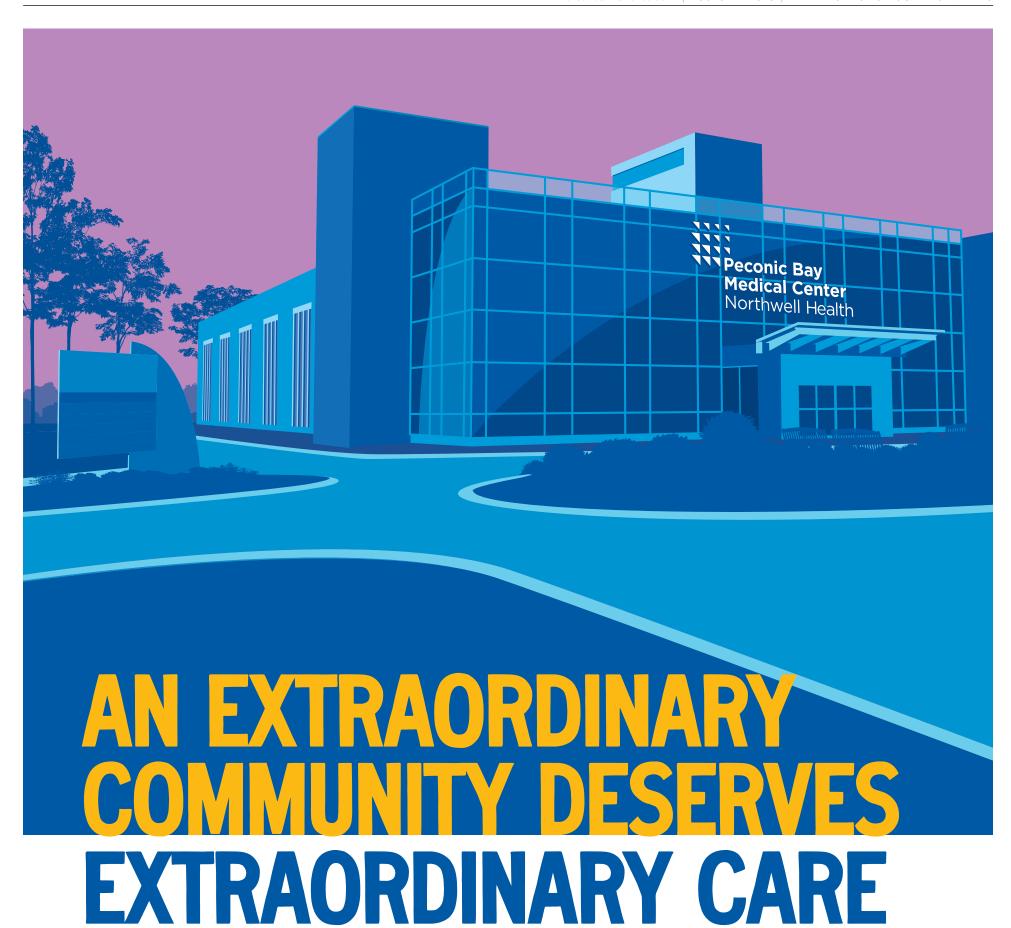
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## **Artists at Gallery 90**

BY C. E. PARRY

"Artists see what many overlook," curator Linda Prentiss told a visitor as they gazed upon the inventive bamboo paradise that is Seung Lee's transformation of the gallery's Block Barn interior. Inside the space, jewel-toned swaths of painted fabric cascade above viewers, while silvery fronds of drying bamboo tumble across the rafters overhead.

A pre-recorded *Newsday* interview plays on a corner television, where Lee recounts his humble beginnings in Korea and the good fortune that brought him and members of his family to the United

States, changing their lives. Despite the early loss of his father and the ensuing poverty the family endured, Lee's arrival in America, and a gift of art supplies, helped forge the resilience and strength he would later express through his renderings of bamboo, an equally humble, but no less versatile and resilient subject, as well as an apt metaphor for his life.

Interpreted in ceramics, painted on canvas and fabric in colors that glow in the changing natural light as the sun shifts position throughout the day, the viewer is transported to a singular world in Lee's "Bamboo Forest II.'

See ARTISTS AT GALLERY 90 on page 13



"The Garden," Bruce Lieberman, oil on canvas

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#### **ARTISTS AT GALLERY 90**

FROM PAGE 12

Next door in the main gallery, Prentiss has mounted an homage to Long Island as seen through the eyes of seven resident artists. Taking advantage of the abundant natural light in all four rooms inside are paintings, photographs, pottery, and prints by leading local artists Nancy Bueti, Ray Germann, Larry Johnston, Bruce Lieberman, Puneeta Mittal, Doug Reina and Mary Jane van Zeijts.

Plein air artists selected from among those who participated in this year's "Paint the Great South Bay" event are also featured in the show. Artists James Hughes, Christina MacDonagh, Zenaida Madurka, Joseph Napolitano and Annette Napolitano selected scenes from the surrounding area as subjects for their work during the weeklong event.

At the Sept. 2 artists' opening reception, vehicles filled all available spaces outside, while guests enjoyed delicious refreshments prepared by gallery volunteers and music by Gail Storm and Back on Bourbon Street Band.

Prentiss, herself a painter and printmaker, is pleased with the show's success and the popularity of the gallery, part of the Ketcham Inn Foundation and the Suffolk County Parks system that includes the adjacent field, a nature preserve, and Tyrell River Park. Having grown up in the community, she is excited to have the opportunity to bring the arts to life here and extends a warm and friendly greeting to each visitor.

Seen through the eyes of these artists, and because of her invitation to them, the show presents Long Island in a whole new light. ■

"Long Island: Artists at Gallery 90" Aug. 26 -Oct. 15, Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., 90 Montauk Highway, Center Moriches, NY 11934.



"Vase with lugs," Puneeta Mittal, wood-fired stoneware clay



"Detail Bamboo Forest II," Seung Lee All photos MT/Parry



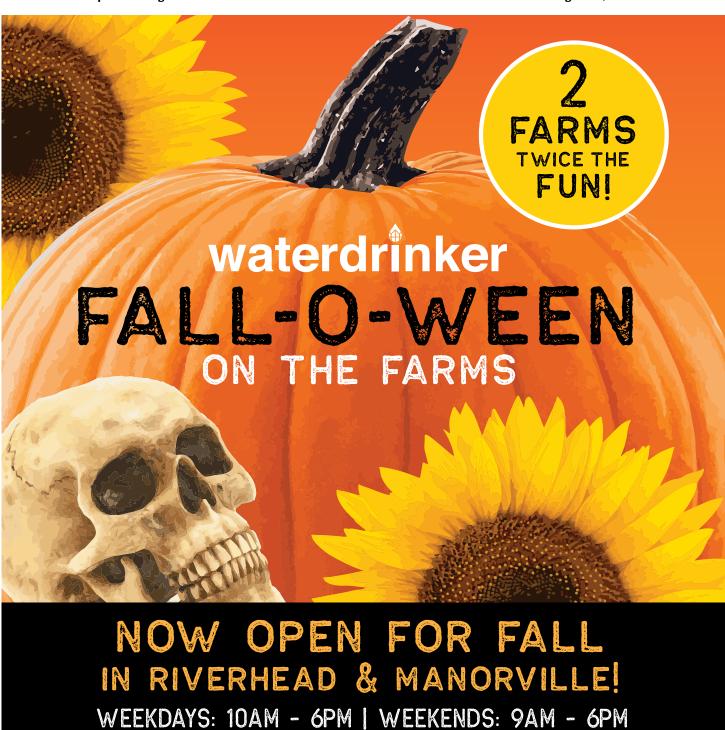
"Boy and Girl at the Beach," Nancy Bueti, solar-plate etching



"Wading," Doug Reina, acrylic, acetate and resin



"Couple on a Pier," Doug Reina, oil on canvas



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## Fourth annual Keith Romaine Snapper Derby

BY KRAIG KLEIN

The Town of Brookhaven and the Montauk Surfcasters Association hosted the fourth annual Keith Romaine Snapper Derby at the Union Avenue dock in Center Moriches on Sunday, Sept. 17.

'[We want to] keep it going, make it bigger and bigger," Montauk Surfcasters Association president Bill Jakob said.

The derby was for minors under the age of 18 and took place from 11a.m. until 3 p.m. at the dock. Each angler competed to catch the longest snapper and had the option of receiving either a commemorative T-shirt or a fishing rod upon signing

up for the Snapper Derby. The event was held in memory of Keith Romaine, son of Brookhaven Town supervisor Ed Romaine.

"It's great for kids," Montauk Surfcasters Association member Maddie Davis said. "Especially for kids who are loners."

Participants were divided into two age groups: 3 through 11 and 12 through 18. The first-place winners of both groups received a \$75 cash prize and a \$20 gift certificate to Smith Point Bait and Tackle. Nicholas Dzanovcakis won the age 3 through 11 prize with a fish measuring 9 inches, while Grace Scezli won the age 12 through 18 prize with a fish that was 11

inches long. All winners also received a fluke combo fishing rod.

'We donate, every year, 50 rod and reel combos to the kids and T-shirts." Jakob

Event organizers collected \$5 donations for the Joseph Rera Memorial Scholarship Fund. Rera was a high school student who was lost at sea while fishing in nearby Moriches waters in 2020. A plaque in Rera's memory was erected at one end of the Union Avenue dock. At the end of the Snapper Derby, a check for \$2,900 was given to the memorial scholarship fund.

"He was the type of person everybody

wanted to be around," Rera's mother, Erin Rera, said. "Since he was a baby, he was always attracted to water and fishing. We would go to picnics and shark tournaments. He would ride his bike down here [to the Union Avenue dock]... He was known down here by the regulars."

An ice cream truck arrived during the Snapper Derby to offer cold desserts to attendees. Local radio station 96.1 FM broadcast country music throughout the event and also hosted a booth where participants could spin a wheel to win prizes. The event ended at 3 p.m. with the announcement of the two winners.

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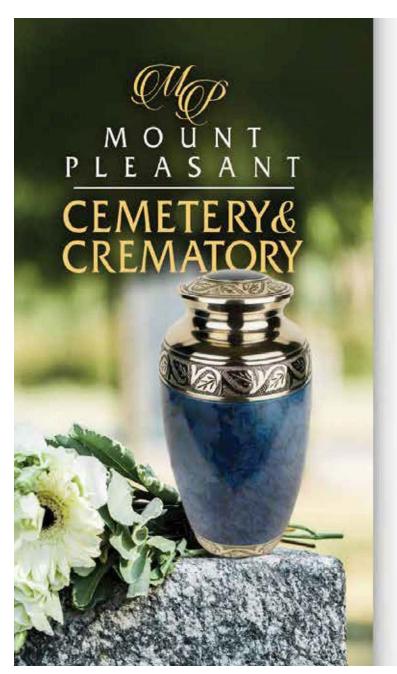
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## This one's for the birds

#### Project to help identify and count local bird populations

BY C. E. PARRY

You may have seen this cute couple or one of their friends hanging about your yard recently. The charming house finch is making its home on Long Island, descendants of birds imported from the West and sold as "Hollywood Finches" in the 1940s by New York City pet shops, until a crackdown when shop owners released them to avoid punishment. In the years since, they have thrived, extending their presence well across the Northeast as well as parts of Canada.

You can find out more about the house finch, and many other local birds, at All About Birds, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology website devoted to all things bird. And, they want your help.

In an effort to encourage people with or without prior experience to connect with birds, Cornell lab is sponsoring "Citizen Science: Be Part of Something Bigger," a project to help identify and count local bird populations and contribute that information to eBIRD, the world's largest citizen-based science database. Those who sign up will find activities posted and have access to its free birding apps, MER-LIN, to identify birds by sight and sound, and eBIRD, a source of useful tools for finding birds and recording those observations on standardized checklists.

Participation is free. Sign up at eBIRD (allaboutbirds.org). Once you've registered, you can find more ways to attract these friendly winged neighbors to your yard. To begin, keep a supply of seeds and dried fruits or mealworms in a backyard feeder.

Finches especially like black oil sunflower seeds over larger, striped varieties, as well as dried fruit and millet. Commercial birdseed mixtures are designed with specific local bird species in mind and help to support them.

Community resources such as Forge River Nursery in Mastic (631 399-3777), Shirley Feed and Pet (631 281-2152), and Neptune Feed and Saddlery in Calverton (631 369-0965) offer a wide array of feed choices, as well as other useful products to help develop your yard's attraction as a bird-friendly destination.

Make sure to place the feeder in a location high enough to give birds easy access, but with enough foliage cover to protect them from potential threats, such as hawks and community cats or dogs. To increase the variety of birds in your yard, consider adding more than one kind of feeder and seed mixture. And, if possible, offering a ready source of fresh water in a clean birdbath is always welcome.

With or without a bird feeder, you can participate in the Citizen Science project. With 10,000 bird species in the world, scientists need help from thousands of people who can observe, record, and report what birds are doing in backyards, neighborhoods, and wild locations.

One event coming up is October Big Day, on Oct. 14 (eBiRD.org/octoberbigday).

Take the eBIRD Essentials Course to make checklists for data scientists and conservationists can use, then consult the MERLIN bird ID app to help identify birds you see. Spend as little as 10 minutes of your day participating with people around the world and contribute to this worldwide checklist used by millions of bird lovers and collect data for scientific study. Download the free eBIRD mobile app, watch birds any time from midnight to midnight on Oct. 14, and record what you see and hear on eBIRD no later than Oct. 17.

Follow results from over 180 countries on the eBIRD October Big Day page. Share your findings on social media #OctoberBigDay.

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Birding is a wonderful way to engage in local exploration and discovery, involve children in a science project close to home, and learn more about what's going on in our own backyards while contributing valuable information to an international database available to others.

Join Cornell Lab of Ornithology's effort to study and become part of a community looking for the birds. ■





The female house finch (left) and the male house finch (right).

Photo credit Constance Parry

## **The Great Give Back**

#### Local library hosts social workers

BY NICOLE FUENTES

In addition to the growing list of activities to do at the Center Moriches Free Public Library, the team is preparing to host another year of The Great Give Back as well as social worker interns for the fifth year.

#### **The Great Give Back**

Center Moriches Library encourages their staff and patrons to be involved in the community. The Great Give Back is an excellent opportunity for the local teens to make a difference in someone else's life.

The event will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. In anticipation of the Great Give Back, on Oct. 21 the library will be making craft kits to donate to LI Lends a Helping Hand. An hour of community service will be given to each teen that participates.

According to the youth service coordi-

nator at the Suffolk Cooperative Library System, Derek Ivie, the initiative began as an idea that came to fruition for the first time in 2017. "A few colleagues and myself wanted to create an event in Suffolk County that brought positivity to our communities and showed that libraries are a central hub for giving back and creating good," he said.

That first year, all of the member libraries in the country participated. The following year, Nassau County came on board and after that, it grew to a statewide initiative. Last year, 299 libraries across New York participated in The Great Give Back!

According to Jessica Ceramello, head of teen services, Center Moriches has been participating in the Great Give Back since the start. For their first Great Give Back, teens came down to the library and worked on various community service projects.

Then, for their second Great Give Back, teens met at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck and helped them get ready for their annual Spooky Walk.

"Each year since 2017, we have provid-

ed teens in our community a variety of community service opportunities for the Great Give Back, ranging from handknitting scarves for our annual Mitten Tree, to making dog toys for shelter animals," she said.

This year the library will be making craft kits to donate to LI Lends a Helping Hand.

We think it is important for our library to participate in the Great Give Back because it gives teens an opportunity to participate in their community and feel a sense of pride in what they accomplish," she added.

For more information visit: https://thegreatgiveback.org/index. php/list-view/.

#### Social Work Intern

The library will welcome a brand-new set of social work interns, Natasha and

The social work interns can help assist with emergency shelter, family matters, food assistance, and other related services. This service is not for counseling services. To schedule an appointment, please call the reference desk at 631-878-0940 ext. 5. There is no fee to use this service. All are welcome and all information is confidential.

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## Fall happenings

#### **NICOLE FUENTES**

This fall, the Chamber of the Moriches has prepared with events sure to please every trick-or-treater.

#### Fall Fest, Sunday, Oct. 15

The fair will be held on Oct. 15 with a closed-off Main Street in Center Moriches from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be vendors, food trucks, and of course, the Main Street merchants displaying their merchandise as well as the Main Street eateries serving up tasty snacks and meals.

Vendor spots are \$85. Nonprofit vendor spots are \$45. Chamber Member vendor spots are \$45. For more information or for application contact Geraldine Sapanaro at 631-878-3849 or visit moricheschamber.org.

#### Spooky Walk, Oct. 20, 21, 27 and 28 at Camp Paquatuck

Celebrating its 35th year, the Spooky Walk will be held to benefit the camp for children with disabilities. The walk will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. at 2 Chet Swezey Road in Center Moriches.

Delivering about 45 minutes of scares, the Spooky Walk is considered the longest-lasting haunted walk on Long Island. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to the camp.

Tickets are \$20. For more information visit spookywalk.com.

#### Fall Festival, now through Oct. 31

Waterdrinker Farms will be hosting a fall festival every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at their farm, located at 663 Wading River Road in Manorville. There will pumpkin-picking, havrides, a corn maze, and animals.

#### **Full Moon Halloween** Dance, Oct. 28

The event will be hosted by the VFW Post 414 from 7 to 11 p.m. Eventgoers are encouraged to gather up their dead and come out to have a howling good time. The event includes dinner and dessert as well as beer, wine, and soda. There will also be a DJ, 50/50 raffle, and prizes for the best costumes, most creative, and best couple. Tickets are \$50. For tickets call commander Bobby at 845-475-4571 or Patti 631-317-0923.

#### March of the Goblins, Oct. 31

The trick-or-treat event will be held for the children of the community to provide a safe environment to get candy along Main Street. Businesses along Main Street are welcomed and encouraged to have candy for the children. Main Street will be closed to traffic from Chichester to Railroad avenues. Since the event started in 2002, the fire department has staffed the streets intersecting with Main Street to ensure the children's safety.

The event will be held on Main Street in Center Moriches from 4:30-6 p.m.

#### Veterans Parade, Sunday Nov. 6

The chamber will be hosting the annual Veterans Day parade on Nov. 5 starting at 3 p.m. on Main Street in East Moriches. If you or someone you know is a veteran and would be interested in participating in the parade, please call Miriam Gillies at 631-878-1111. If you are unable to walk, the chamber will drive. For more information visit: www. moricheschamber.org



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Note: November 7

## the Tide SPORTS

## ESM football falls to Kings Park, 27-6

#### **BY GARY HABER**

Eastport-South Manor picked up its first loss of the season on Sept. 13, falling on the road to Division 3 rival Kings Park, 27-6.

The Sharks' record stands at 1-1.

Kings Park's tough defense keyed on ESM running back Daniel Odell, who was limited to 63 yards on 15 carries, including a 2-yard run with 2:57 left in the fourth quarter for the Sharks' only score. Odell rushed for 264 yards in ESM's 21-6 win over Amityville in the

The Sharks could have put more points on the board, but the Kings Park defense squelched a pair of potential first-half scoring drives.

The Kingsmen recovered a Sharks fumble deep in Kings Park territory with 9:52 left in the first quarter. They also stopped ESM inside the Kings Park 1-yard line with 9:26 left in the second quarter.

"I knew they were going to be very tough," Sharks head coach Chris Prokesch said of Kings Park, which improved its record to 1-2. "They lost to two very tough teams. They lost to

Sayville and East Islip and they gave both of them a good effort. They were very scrappy and physical, so I knew going in it was going to be a very tough game.'

ESM relied mostly on its running game.

In addition to Odell, sophomore quarterback Max Ferraro rushed for 54 yards on 16 carries. He completed two of five passes.

"We didn't break a lot of long runs," Prokesch said. "It was a lot of 3- and 4-yard gains."

Prokesch credited his team, which

was down 27-0 at the end of the third quarter, with playing hard to the very end against a Kings Park team that always plays well at home.

"We ran for a lot of hard yards and we didn't quit," he said.

Safety Aidan Murfitt and middle linebacker John Izzo were the leading tacklers for the Sharks.

ESM has a tough schedule ahead. The Sharks will face both Sayville and East Islip later in the season.

Sayville travels to ESM on Oct. 6. The Sharks finish the regular season at home against East Islip on Oct. 27. ■



Eastport-South Manor running back Daniel Odell scores the Shark's lone touchdown in a 27-6 loss at Kings Park on Sept. 13.



Kings Park's defense put pressure on Eastport-South Manor quarterback Max Ferraro throughout the game. Ferraro ran for 54 yards and completed two passes in five attempts.

## Hometown coach inducted into college hall of fame

James Frederick of East Moriches was inducted into the Slippery Rock University Soccer Hall of Fame on



Sept. 15. Frederick captained the 1974 men's soccer team as they won the PSAC (Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference) championship, which hadn't been won since 1954. The game was won in sudden-death overtime, finishing the season with a 17-1-1 record.

Frederick is a lifelong soccer player who attended and played at Center Moriches High School as a student, then later on went on to teach physical education and coach there for over 25

During his time at C.M., he coached many talented athletes (also coaching golf, basketball and track). One of his players, Jodi "Foresti" Failla, who is being inducted into CMHS Hall of Fame this week, had asked "Coach Fred" to attend that ceremony, which he quickly agreed to. A week later, Slippery Rock invited him to the Ring of Honor Ceremony in Pennsylvania. At first, he turned the invitation down, believing there was a conflict in the dates. Later on, when it was clarified that the events were a week apart, he accepted the invitation from the col-

"I'm so glad I was able to be there for both," he said. "After almost 50 years, it was so great to see my teammates in

As was pointed out by the presenter at "The Rock" induction ceremony, these men rekindled their friendship during COVID a few years ago with regular Friday night Zoom meetings. The banter that continues to this day seems to have no expiration date on it!

The Slippery Rock Field House tro-

phy case will now display a plaque with a photo of the team on the day they won "The States." It will no doubt be placed near the team ball signed by Frederick and his teammates and the PSAC trophy that has been proudly displayed for the past 49 years. ■

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## Man on the Street

#### What do you like to do in the month of October?

#### BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN

Let's face it—autumn on Long Island is an unrivaled experience. We might be a touch biased, but the undeniable truth remains: October means fun. It means lots of unbeatable seasonal activities, from pumpkin picking to wine tasting,

to venturing into eerie haunted houses, and even savoring pumpkin spice lattes while in the company of friends-the options are endless.

Curiosity piqued, we asked Moriches locals what their go-to pursuits and discoveries across Long Island were. This is what they said. Do you have an opinion? Let us know. What do you like to do in the month of October? Share your thoughts on Facebook and join the conversation



#### Marie

"Every year during the month of October, we used to have a fundraiser for the animal rescue. We don't do it anymore, but we used to. We'd have raffles and prizes. There was a prize for best costume. Everyone would get dressed up. It's a beautiful memory, but it doesn't happen anymore."



#### **Jessie Gerbino and Antonio Gerbino**

According to Jessie: "I love going out to the Milk Pail. They make fresh potato chips. They have corn husks. There is apple picking. It's very family oriented and fun. It's been our favorite place for at least 10 years."

According to Antonio: "I love to go on spooky walks. There is one nearby. It's fun to do it with my friends and to get into the Halloween spirit.'



#### Kim and Ray

According to Kim: "We like going out East. We like to go out to the farms and pick pumpkins, do stuff like that, but we also go out to see the flowers, the tulip festival."

#### (Not Pictured) Paul

"Pumpkin beer is the best."



#### **Karen Piciullo and Giavanna Piciullo**

According to Karen: "We do so much this time of the year. We usually visit the u-pick apple orchards farther east. We pick berries out there, too. We also do a bunch of different haunted houses and spooky walks. There's so much to do here."

According to Giavanna: "I love going apple picking. It's fun. I always liked weighing the apples as a kid.'



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## The smell of fall was in the air

#### Waterdrinker Family Farms hosts Garlic Festival

#### BY HAYLEY BIRMINGHAM

Hold your nose—the stinkiest festival on Long Island is back for its 21st year.

The Long Island Garlic Festival took root in a new location, at Waterdrinker Family Farms in Manorville, for just one weekend this past Saturday and Sunday.

"The Long Island Garlic Festival is all about celebrating the harvest season, supporting local vendors, enjoying great garlic, and most of all, having fun on our 85-acre farm," tout the festival's promotion flyers.

The Garlic Festival started in 2002 as a small gathering of Long Island local farmers sharing their love of garlic. Over the past two decades, it has grown into a highly anticipated event with the addition of vendors, contests and, of course, new ways to enjoy garlic. Waterdrinker has also added its own flare to the festival with the inclusion of their brewery's beer garden and farm animal shows.

Garlic Festival vendor Vincent Macchirole, co-owner of Greenport Jerky Co., has been coming to the festival for seven years. People line up at the Greenport Jerky Co.'s tent to browse their wide selection of homemade jerkys, including a garlic festival exclusive, Garlic Head Jerky.

"This is our first year coming out here and it's an awesome space. It's a beautiful facility and everyone here is so friendly," Macchirole said about the location switch to Waterdrinker.

Mario Pecoraro, of Arlotta Food Studio in the Hamptons, is celebrating the company's 10th year at the garlic festival. Arlotta's booth featured coldpressed extra-virgin olive oil, with garlic olive oil being the weekend's bestseller.

"This is our first year at Waterdrinker, but many of us vendors have been coming to the festival together for years. We're all friends [...] all of us vendors are a group here," Pecoraro said.

Waterdrinker has continued to carry on the traditions of the garlic festi-

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val initiated by the original location at Garden of Eve farms. Activities like a garlic-eating contest and how to grow garlic demonstrations remain at the festival this year.

"We attended the festival back when it was at Garden of Eve," said garlic farmer Phil Barbato. "We are glad to be able to continue to represent organic farming this year."

The Long Island Garlic Festival is scheduled to return next year with more stinky offerings.

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## Happy birthday, Keith!

We just love October at Helping we hope you'll join us! Makes U Happy!

First up is our annual Free Halloween Costume Giveaway, which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Brookhaven Fire Department's Fire Prevention Open House, at 10 Camp Upton Road in Shirley (the building behind and across from Zwanger-Pesi-

In addition to the 200 or so costumes we have for you to choose from, you'll be able to see live fire demonstrations, vehicle extrication, and there'll be giveaways, refreshments, and more! We are looking forward to enjoying the Fall Festival on Oct. 15 put on by the Moriches Chamber of Commerce, and of course, Keith's Mega Auction for Helping Makes U Happy on Oct. 21, beginning at 3 p.m. in the Center Moriches High School gym.

It's Keith's most favorite event of the year-he's been working on it for months and months, and has the most amazing prizes (some of which are pictured)! The event is only \$10 admission, which includes 25 tickets, plenty of seating, food for purchase from Chubs, music by DJ Jay Legend-it's a great afternoon/evening of raising funds to help families in local communities and

Finally, there's Keith's birthday— Halloween! If you happen to see him that day, please make sure to wish him a Happy Birthday—he'll love it!



#### **CHAMBER RUNDOWN**

## **Fall Fest and Veterans** Day parade

The Moriches Chamber is now preparing for their Fall Festival, planned

There will be vendors, food trucks, and of course, the Main Street merchants displaying their merchandise as well as the Main Street eateries serving up tasty snacks and meals.

Also, the chamber will be hosting the annual Veterans Day parade on Nov. 5

starting at 2 p.m. on Main Street in East Moriches.

If you or someone you know is a veteran and would be interested in participating in the parade, please call Miriam Gillies at 631-878-1111. If you are unable to walk, the chamber will drive. For more information visit: www.moricheschamber.org.

-Nicole Fuentes

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### Helping Makes U Happy makes students happy and prepared

#### BY NICOLE FUENTES

This year was Helping Make U Happy's ninth year of providing new backpacks and school supplies for children in need. According to founder Keith Caputo, not only does it make the students and their families happy, but it also makes the donors happy as well.

This year, they collected 300 backpacks to fill with school supplies for an organization called Strong Youth, in Brentwood. HMUH also plans to help those who are in need of back-to-school clothing.

"Sometimes it really does take a village, and we are so thankful for all the support we get from local communities, especially when it's time to collect school supplies for students referred to Helping Makes U Happy by school social workers in the Center Moriches and ESM school districts," said Keith's mother and co-founder, Cassy Caputo.

School-supply donations are still coming in from local families, as the organization provides supplies throughout the year on an "as-needed" basis to area schools upon request. ■



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### **AROUND TOWN**

#### Friday, October 6

**Costume Donations** – Now through Oct. 20, Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Library is accepting donations of clean, gently used costumes of all sizes for an upcoming costume swap on Saturday, Oct. 21. Donate without obligation to swap. Call 631-399-1511, ext. 1028.

#### Saturday, October 7

Free Faith-Based Fitness Classes – Kelli Schoefer will be offering a variety of fitness classes free of charge in the fellowship tent of South Bay Bible Church Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. All are welcome. Bring water, a towel, and mat. Contact Kelli at kelli@sbbcli.org. Visit www.southbaychurchli.org/blog-announcements/revelation-fitness.

#### **Tuesday, October 10**

**Positive Parenting** – Multi-session program at Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Library meets on Zoom Tuesdays through Nov. 7, 6-7:30 p.m. Discussion will include how to set boundaries, discipline without punishment and treat children with respect so that they will respect you. Register online or call 631-399-1511.

**Caregiver Support** – Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center (ADRC) offers a monthly support group at Center Moriches Library, the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Group offers caregivers the opportunity to discuss challenges and share feelings about the many challenges of caring for a person living with cognitive decline as well as gain emotional support. For additional information, contact Sharon Reichman, LMSW at 631-580-4416 or by email at: sharon.reichman@adrcinc.org.

#### Saturday, October 14

**Recycling Day** – Center Moriches Library is hosting a Paper Shredding, E-waste Collection, and Drug Take Back Event, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Safely dispose of unneeded medications, electronics, and personal documents. For details, visit centermoricheslibrary.org or call 631-878-0940.

#### Saturday, October 21

**Costume Swap** – "Shop" from donations of clean, gently used costumes of all sizes at Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Library, noon to 3 p.m. While supplies last. Call 631-399-1511, ext. 1028.

#### **Tuesday, October 24**

**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, csaxtein@northwell.edu, or 631-548-6422.

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#### Saturday, October 28

Witches Haunted Tea – Wear your favorite witch's hat (and costume) and bring a teacup to this adult costume tea-party at Center Moriches Library, 2-3:30 p.m. Enjoy tea with an orange pumpkin or green apple scone served with clotted cream. Make and enjoy spooky finger sandwiches. Register online at centermoricheslibrary.org or call 631-878-0940.

#### Of Note ...

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#### **YEARS AGO**

#### 75 Years Ago

OCTOBER 1948

W. Wallace Thomas, principal, and Mrs. Arthur H. Austin, supervisor of the art department of the Moriches Grammar School, announced the winner of the Parent Teacher Association program cover contest to be Alan Rocklein, with honorable mention going to Maurice Brower.

Mrs. Harry Cozine, of Center Moriches, was installed as president of the Ladies' Auxiliary to Moriches Post 929, American Legion at the clubhouse.

**Mr. and Mrs. P.B. Raynor**, of East Moriches, went to the West Point-Cortland football game, where their son, **Bruce Raynor**, played on the Cortland team.

A successful party was held by Teen Town of Center Moriches. Soda was furnished by **Dr. Lyle Borst** and **William Kostynick**, and refreshments by the P.T.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lukert and children, Gwen and Gary, of Center Moriches, enjoyed the Yankee-Boston ballgame at Yankee Stadium.

The piano pupils of Ms. Lucille B. Dawson, of Eastport, participated in a songwriting contest, and the winners in the Moriches area who received pins with musical motifs as prizes were Dorothy Grover of East Moriches, Betty Lashuk of Eastport, and Rosalie Chornoma of Eastport.

Chief Harry S. Baker, C.C. Keck, Robert Pitney and Alexander Lashuk, of the Eastport Fire Department, returned from Conshohocken, Pa., where they had taken pumper No. 1 for repairs at the Hale Fire Pump Company. The engine was completely rebuilt in time for the winter season.

A new book, "Biology for Everyone," authored by East Moriches resident W. Gordon Whaley, Ph.D., was published by Halcyon House. The illustrations for the book were drawn by his wife, Mrs. Whaley.

Mrs. Edward Townsend, who is employed in the Center Moriches garage, was the recipient of the radio-phonograph awarded by Center Moriches Teen Town at the Legion clubhouse on Senix Avenue The radio was donated by Kostynick and

McGunnigle Inc., of Center Moriches.

Playing in October at **The Center Moriches Theatre**: Susan Hayward and Van Heflin in "Tap Roots"; James Cagney and William Bendix in "The Time of Your Life"; and Rosalind Russell in "The Velvet Touch."

#### 50 Years Ago

OCTOBER 1973

The Athlete of the Week award went to William Floyd's **Gary Weger** for his outstanding playing with Floyd's varsity football team against Riverhead in their Saturday game, leading the team in tackles and in running with the ball on offense.

**Nathan Goldstein**, owner of a flower shop in East Moriches, attended a floral design school and workshop at the Tappan Zee Inn in Nyack.

Among those on hand for the third annual fashion show sponsored by the East Moriches Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary were Frances Consentino, Florine Ingeneri, May Yuen, Connie Stypulkowski, Dot Dillon, Dianna Pendzick and Janet Loper.

The Johnson triplets of North Shirley—Dorothy, Margaret and Joya—turned 2 years old and held a party to celebrate. Among the attendees were their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Johnson, older brother, John, and their great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Margatliotti and Mrs. Katherine Demonaco.

Virginia Osborne, of Center Moriches, was in the cast in productions of both comic and dramatic opera at the State University College at Oneonta, playing the part of Lauretta in Pergolesi's "The Music Master," and Monica in Menotti's "The Medium."

Guided by two Center Moriches residents—Roger Coker and Brian Newhouse—the Center Moriches Library Chess Club is underway for its second annual season.

James E. Iverson, of East Moriches, was promoted to sergeant in the U.S. Air Force and was assigned as a weapons



October 1973: He's smiling now, but Fred Humphry of Moriches has a lot of work ahead of him—namely, 108 miles of bike riding to complete the Center Moriches-Montauk Medley, sponsored by the Pa-Qua-Tuck Squaws for the benefit of the health camp in Center Moriches.

maintenance specialist in Loring AFB,

A preview of coming fashions to be shown at the Holiday Fashion Show next month at the Rock Hill Country Club in Manorville for the benefit of the American Cancer Society were modeled by Phyllis Rino, Rose Mauro, May Yuen, Charles Mehr, Florine Ingeneri, June Cosentino, Eleanor Bindel and Diane Skarka.

Artists from pre-school to high school are showing their artwork at the Friends of the Library Clothesline Art Show held at the Center Moriches Library, under the direction of Friends committee chairperson Mrs. Theresa Seng, of Center Moriches.

Four William Floyd High School students have been selected to participate in the New York State School Music

Association All-State Conference at the Concord Hotel in Kiamesha, N.Y. They are Robert Walker, Irene Heckel, Daniel Pacimo and Patricia Busick.

Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice **George L. Schneider**, of Manorville, has reported for duty at the Coast Guard station in Petaluma, Calif.

A surprise baby shower was held for **Mrs. Lynn Bukowski**, of Center Moriches, by her friend, **Mrs. Kathie Spaccarotella**, of West Hampton, and Mrs. Spaccarotella's home

Playing this week at local **United Artists Theatres:** Bruce Lee in "Enter the Dragon"; Steve McQueen in "Bullitt"; Donald Sutherland and Elliot Gould in "M.A.S.H."; "Jesus Christ Superstar"; and George Segal in "A Touch of Class."

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#### **MY TURN**

## Bradstock, a unique group of like-minded people

#### BY MONICA MUSETTI-CARLIN

I had the opportunity to chat with one of the organizers of Bradstock, Dennis O'Doherty. The festival celebrated its 30th anniversary of freewheeling fun and music over this Labor Day weekend out at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck in Center Moriches.

The very first thing he said was, "I didn't do this alone. The Bradstock Festival is totally managed and run by volunteers. It has attracted a unique group of like-minded people from all walks of life. It started out as a small group of friends who wanted to have a backyard party and give an opportunity for local musicians to show their talent, but soon blossomed into a vibrant circle of volunteers eager to do good for the community, support music and the arts, and have some fun. One of the reasons Bradstock is so special and successful is that all the volunteers are passionately giving their time, talents, and energy for reasons other than money. So many times in our lives, it seems that people are motivated for personal gain, whether it is money, prestige, or some other self-serving reason. Then you look at all the Bradstock volunteers, or even the attendees who've left their egos at home and are just there for the love of it. Brian Hassett, author of "The Hitchhikers Guide to Jack Kerouac," drove 14 hours from his home outside of Toronto, Canada, to attend this year's Bradstock. His essay, entitled "The Power of the Collective in Art" (he read from it at the Poet's Stage), discusses the importance of musicians, artists, and all people getting together. "Being together counts, whether it is a few thousand at Bradstock, or four-hundred thousand at Woodstock, or a group of Beat Generation writers and artists that hung out with David Amram in the 1950s, or even just a collective of two people. Supporting someone who is supporting you is the seed of a generation. That is what Bradstock is all about."

They don't advertise either, or do

media outreach to attract attendees; it's more of a "iykyk" kind of event, which my friend Monique cryptically posted on FB days leading up to it. The story of how it started is wonderful. It's a local event that simply started with a late-night conversation in a bar between friends. Dennis O'Dohertv and Fred Fryer, about going to the 25th anniversary of Woodstock. Their friend Brad Ringhouse, who had just bought his first house in Bayport, didn't want to go, so they convinced him to have a party in his backyard and said jokingly, "We'll call it Bradstock." They invited musician friends to play; another friend built a 6-foot canvas backdrop to decorate a stage that carpenter friends built just for the party... and proverbially, the rest is history!

Three hundred people showed up, grills were fired up, a fish store donated food, and at the end of the night someone randomly passed around a spaghetti pot, and they'd amassed a fair amount of donations. Inspired by Pete Seeger's Clearwater Festival, they decided to donate the money to environmental organizations and worthy causes in their respective communities (as they continue to do every year). By Bradstock III, its popularity grew such that they had to move it to a larger venue and had it on the bucolic grounds of Meadow Croft, in Bayport. Artists came to display their work, more and more bands volunteered to perform. information booths about environmental causes were set up, along with a spot for canned food stuffs to be donated. It was "A Happening!"

By the fifth year, due to larger attendance, they moved to the Flowerfield Fairgrounds, in St. James, followed by a few years at the Long Island Maritime Museum.That fifth year was a monumental entertainment year, though, as they were graced with the legendary musician David Amram, whose talent and presence took Bradstock to a whole other level.

O'Doherty shared a serendipitous tale of how Amram ended up at Bradstock.

"When I was around 8 years old, our family spent summers at Davis Park. David Amram lived in a house (with a piano where he'd composed the score for 'Splendor in the Grass') near us, and you could find him on any day of the week like the Pied Piper leading a musical parade of we kids about 10 of us all in a row, marching along the shore banging out tunes on a hodgepodge of instruments made up of pots, pans, and whatever else he could muster up," he said.

Fast-forward to years later, where O'Doherty was invited backstage at Amram's show, who proceeded to point straight at him with an "I know you!" welcome, though they hadn't seen each other in about 20 years. At Bradstock that year, the day of Amram's performance, he opened with a song he'd fully improvised all about how he was delayed and lost driving out to the Island from the Bronx... and it rhymed! Multitalented Amram, who is now 93, improvised a number this year at Bradstock as well, while alternately playing several of his instruments including flutes, whistles, percussion, and the clapping of his hands as he conducted the audience along. Amram, who has performed at about 23 Bradstocks, said he "[...] would cancel any gig to play at Bradstock!" His son Adam, a music producer based in Brooklyn and an accomplished musician, played percussion in the band as well. Other amazing bands at the current site of Bradstock, Camp Pa-Qua-tuck, performing on three stages included an eclectic mix of celebrity Long Island bands: Buddy Merriam and Backroads, Soundswell, Funkin' A, Gathering Time, Miles to Dayton, Quarter Horse, The Famous Dr. Scanlon Band... there was a poets' and kids' stage... a 30 years of Bradstock wake-up parade of children, artists, food vendors, and an army of golf carts and a tractor-driven wagon to shuttle people from area to area. WUSB Stony Brook partnered with Bradstock to simulcast Sunday's show, interviewing bands in real time. Island Harvest collected bags and bags of food items generously donated by festival revelers. Gathering Times Jerry McKeveny and his wife brought the whole extended family this year and said, "Bradstock is the kind of festival you come to once and want to come back to every year." This year, a special music scholarship was set up to honor their son Travis, a talented singer-songwriter who had been a part of the Bradstock family and died in 2021. Honored to have attended Bradstock's 30th anniversary this year, I definitely will be attending every year with friends, a comfy chair, and enjoying the spirit of community and caring for one another through kindred spirits, music and art. Peace out!

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