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‘Off-Bottom’ Oyster seeding

On July 7, Brookhaven Town supervisor Ed Romaine and deputy supervisor Dan Panico were at the Moriches Yacht Club for the Moriches Bay Project’s 11th Oyster “Off-Bottom” seeding event. During this event, small oysters are placed in plastic, porous cages and suspended off the bottom of the bay. This protects the oysters from predators and allows them to significantly grow before being released. Founded by Westhampton residents Laura Fabrizio and Aram Terchunian, the Moriches Bay Project works to improve the water quality in Moriches Bay through oyster farming and education. Since being established in 2012, the group has planted more than two million oysters in the bay and made numerous educational presentations at local schools. After more than a decade, the Moriches Bay Project remains committed to “saving the bay, one oyster at a time.” Go to www.morichesbayproject.org for more information about the Moriches Bay Project’s “Off-Bottom” seeding. ■

Pictured (left to right) with Moriches Bay Project volunteers are deputy supervisor Dan Panico; Town of Brookhaven bay management specialist I and Moriches Bay Project co-founder, Dwight Sorgan; Moriches Bay Project Advisory Board/West Hampton Beach Village trustee, Brian Tymann (fourth from left); supervisor Ed Romaine (center with sign); Town of Brookhaven bay management specialist II, Craig Strong; and Moriches Yacht Club vice commodore, Gina Soto. Courtesy photo

Summer library tour!

CM Library participates

BY NICOLE FUENTES

The Suffolk County Public Libraries Summer Tour is underway.

The tour, which includes the Center Moriches Free Public Library, allows library-goers to visit libraries across Suffolk County.

How does the program work?
Those who participate are given a free

Suffolk Summer Tour booklet allowing them to take a trip and visit various public libraries. After making a destination visit, any time between July 1 and Aug. 31, library-goers get their booklet stamped.

During their visits, they get to see new sights, learn fun facts, and even be entered into a raffle. Raffle prizes include Barnes & Noble gift cards and a grand prize of a Nook eReader.

- Receive a stamp from five libraries: one entry into a raffle for \$50 Barnes

& Noble gift card

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- Receive a stamp from 25 libraries: one entry into a raffle for a Nook and \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card

Once you hit each of the above milestones, show it to a library staff member and they will give you a raffle ticket to fill out. To be included in the raffles, you must show your stamps at any library by

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East End Hospice cares

Q&A with president and CEO

BY NICOLE FUENTES

East End Hospice offers more than the basics of end-of-life care, with services including home hospice care and facility hospice care at their Kanas Center, and bereavement and children's bereavement with a dedicated center, both located in West Hampton Beach, as well as health care services and volunteering opportunities.

East End Hospice is Eastern Long Island's only independent, not-for-profit hospice, where charitable donations sustain their work. Insurance covers about 80 percent of the cost of caring for their patients; however, they accept all patients regardless of insurance status, and no patient or family ever receives a bill for care.

What happens when a person is admitted?

When a person is admitted to hospice at home, EEH develops an individualized plan of care for the patient and their loved ones, managed by an interdisciplinary team of health care professionals including social workers, nurses, hospice aides, volunteers, chaplains, and others.

All medical care is provided under the direction of the patient's primary physician or the EEH medical director, depending on the patient's preference. Care might include: medications and medical equipment, such as oxygen and hospital beds, delivered to the home; personal care, such as bathing, dressing, and feeding, performed by hospice aides; visits by nurses and nurse practitioners, who are available 24/7 to educate caregivers about their loved one's day-to-day needs; emotional support and help with practical matters, like insurance benefits and final arrangements, from licensed social workers; alternative therapies such as massage and healing touch; visits from volunteers to offer socialization and caregiver respite; and spiritual guid-



Courtesy photos

ance and pastoral care.

"Families tell me all the time that our Kanas Center for Hospice Care is unlike any medical facility they've been to previously," said Mary C. Crosby, president and CEO. "From the beautiful surroundings and calming interior spaces to the singular and specialized focus of our staff, we consider every aspect to ensure that our patients and their loved ones are supported physically, emotionally, and spiritually."

Crosby took the time to chat with the *Tide of Moriches* to answer the following questions:

TIDE: How long has EEH been around?

MC: East End Hospice has been providing hospice care for more than 30 years. Originally conceived by a dedicated group of friends and neighbors in the



late 1980s, EEH received hospice certification in 1991.

TIDE: What makes it special? What do you offer that sets your establishment apart?

MC: EEH is Eastern Long Island's only independent not-for-profit hospice. Our 98.5-plus average caregiver satisfaction is testament to the quality of care we provide. We serve families across more than 450 square miles at our Kanas Center—the only inpatient hospice in the area. Our Zinberg Family Bereavement Center offers specialized grief and bereavement support from licensed therapists. Our services are free of charge.

TIDE: Why is hospice care important, and how do you help families through this time?

MC: The specialized training that hospice nurses, aides, social workers, staff and volunteers bring to this work brings a level of support that benefits patients and their loved ones. Every patient's plan of care encompasses the goals and needs of the extended family unit, not just the patient. We support everyone, and continue supporting family and friends with check-in calls and grief and bereavement support for as long as needed after the death of a loved one.

TIDE: What is Camp Good Grief? How long have you been offering that service?

CONTACT INFORMATION

To make a referral or inquire about hospice or bereavement services, call 631.288.8400

To speak with someone at the Kanas Center for Hospice Care, call 631.288.8100

To inquire about Camp Good Grief, call 631.288.8400 or email info@eeh.org

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To support East End Hospice, call the Development Office at 631.288.7080

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MC: Camp Good Grief was established in 1997. We combine traditional camp fun with a variety of therapeutic modalities to help children, ages 4 to 17, process and adapt to the loss of a loved one. Camp happens here in Center Moriches at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck. We have a great partnership with the camp.

TIDE: How has EEH been able to become part of the community? Do your employees live nearby?

MC: EEH was conceived of by local community members, many of whose children and grandchildren are still involved today. We have more than 150 local volunteers, and many of our donors at all levels live right here in the community. Our staff live in the area, too. EEH employees live in towns across the North and South forks; several are current residents of or grew up in the Moriches.

East End Hospice is a registered 501(c)3 charitable nonprofit organization, tax ID number 11-2878502. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. To learn more about opportunities to support East End Hospice call 631.288.7080. Donate online at eeh.org/donate. ■

LIBRARY TOUR: Passport program offers summer fun

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Aug. 31. All raffles will be drawn on Friday, Sept. 8. Booklets can be picked up in the Children's Department.

"It's a fun and exciting activity to do with friends or with your family," said CMFPL library director Marcie Litjens. "Suffolk County libraries have so many resources available and each library is unique, offering a variety of services for the community they serve. It's also a great opportunity to explore a new town."

The Suffolk County Public Library Tour was funded through New York State's Love Your Library fund. This fund is supported by the taxpayers of New York who checked a box when filing their annual taxes. These donations helped to create the fund, which is dedicated to running summer programming at New York libraries.

According to Derek Ivie, Suffolk County Library System's youth services coordinator, this is the first year of this program.

"Inspired by other systems in the state that have run similar tours in the past, the Youth Services Department (my colleague Darla Salva Cruz and myself) at the Suffolk Cooperative Library System came up with this booklet and stamp version of the tour for the county," he



CM Library visitors Noah and Nolan Kaufman and their mom, Hope, having a great summer and participating in the Summer Library Tour.

Courtesy photo

explained. "With this year's Summer Reading theme being 'All Together Now,' we knew this was the perfect time for all of the libraries to offer something altogether... now! Everything was designed in-house by SCLS's marketing coordinator, Noah Reed."

The booklets were then printed by a local printer on recycled paper.

"The idea was fully supported by the member libraries in the county, which was truly exciting!" he added.

Three weeks into the program, he said, they have already received hundreds of raffle tickets from Suffolk County library patrons. Also, they received their first completed 25-stamp raffle ticket the first week.

"It's been wonderful hearing stories from the library staff members in the county about how many people are visiting to receive their stamps," he continued. "Recently, my colleague and I were visiting the Floyd Memorial Library in Greenport and a family was stopping in from western Suffolk. They were spending their day traveling the North Fork collecting library stamps! Nothing beats seeing patrons of all ages visit libraries they may have never seen before!"

For more information visit: <https://www.livebrary.com/SummerTour>.

OTHER LIBRARY EVENTS THIS AUGUST

Coffee With a Cop & Operation Medicine Cabinet

Thursday, Aug. 17 from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.
Join Suffolk County Police COPE officers from the 7th Precinct for an informal meet and greet to express concerns. They will also be able to accept any expired or unwanted prescription drugs. All are welcome.

Blood Drive

The Center Moriches Free Public Library will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday, Aug. 31, between the hours of 12:30 - 6:30 p.m. Your donation will help to save up to three lives.

- Bring NY Blood Center or alternate ID with name and photo.
- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- Age 16 - 75 (16-year-olds must have parental permission). Age 76 and over (need doctor's note).
- Eat well (low fat) and drink fluids.
- No tattoos for the past three months.

For additional guidelines or questions concerning medical eligibility/ information, or to make an appointment, call 1-800-933-2566 or call the library at 631-878- 0940 ext 5. ■

Annual Veteran Fishing Trip

Great Gun Moriches Anglers host fourth fishing trip for veterans

BY KRAIG KLEIN

The Great Gun Moriches Anglers hosted their fourth annual Take a Vet Fishing event at the Union Avenue dock on Saturday, July 22.

"We like giving back to the community," Great Gun Moriches Anglers member Evan Goldstein said. "A lot of worthwhile people served our country."

Active and retired veterans were invited to board boats and spend the morning fishing in local waters. Participants in the event congregated at the Union Avenue dock at 8 a.m., received bait for the day's fishing, and were assigned to boats. Fishing boats returned to the dock at 3 p.m. for a barbecue. The Great Gun Moriches Anglers use the event as a means of expressing their gratitude for the United States armed forces.

"[The event] was my brainchild," Goldstein said. "I saw them doing it in Florida; I brought it up to my club, and we've been doing it ever since."

"Our outing is a small way for us to thank our current and past veterans for their service and sacrifice," Great Gun Moriches Anglers member Tim Markart said.

Members of the Great Gun Moriches Anglers worked together to provide supplies and coordinate the fishing trip. Bait and barbecue supplies were provided by some members, while other members were responsible for registering veterans, assigning veterans to boats, and selling T-shirts promoting the club. Some club members even volunteered their own boats for the event.

"We come down, we set everything up, we get [the veterans] on the boats and we get them bait," Great Gun Moriches Anglers member James Tolson said.

The Great Gun Moriches Anglers reached out to veterans' organizations in order to promote the Take a Vet Fishing event. The club contacted Veterans of

Foreign Wars Post 414, a local veterans' organization operating out of its own meeting hall on Main Street in Center Moriches. The club also posted flyers in local bait and tackle shops.

"This year, we [had] veterans coming in from as far as North Carolina for the event," Markart said.

Boats sailed into Moriches Bay and surrounding waters from the Union Avenue dock at 8 a.m. and spent the next seven hours fishing. Past angler events had fished for fluke, sea bass, porgies, bluefish and striped bass. Participants Greg Menegio and Rocco DeVito caught species such as fluke, sea robins, bluefish and bunker. DeVito is a Navy veteran who previously participated in military operations in the Middle East, such as Desert Storm.

"I caught a [bluefish]... and a black fluke and a bunker," DeVito said.

"I like fishing and I like... just being part of the local fishing community," Menegio said. "We find the fish by [using sonar], by the splashing [of fish near the surface], and by the birds [congregating

near the fish]."

The 3 p.m. barbecue at the Union Avenue dock marked the conclusion of the event. Great Gun Moriches Anglers members served chicken wings, burgers, and hot dogs to the returning participants. Members of the fishing club estimate that around 45 veterans participated in this year's fishing trip.

"This is probably one of the best events that anybody could [have]; it's free for veterans and lets them know the American people [respect them]," Tolson said.

"Our hope is that... we are able to grow the event to support any and all veterans in the Greater Moriches area," Markart said.

The Great Gun Moriches Anglers previously hosted a shark fishing tournament on June 24, where a thresher shark weighing 275 pounds was caught and displayed. The club will be hosting a fluke tournament on Aug. 5. The tournament will also be hosted at the Union Avenue dock and will last from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. ■

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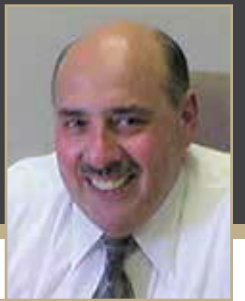
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Long Island Game Farm announces senior social club

Long Island Game Farm (longislandgamefarm.com) is thrilled to announce a new social club for seniors. Every Tuesday morning from Aug. 1 through Sept. 26, senior citizens (65 years-plus) can visit the animals, walk the grounds (get your steps in!), and attend a presentation in the newly renovated Woodland Hall, and enjoy a beverage and snacks with fellow seniors. The special rate is \$10 per person. Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling 631.878.6644.

“Inspiring a love of nature through educational programming is important to our mission,” shares Long Island Game Farm president Melinda Novak. “Being able to launch a special social club for seniors and utilize the newly renovated Woodland Hall for this purpose is pretty exciting for us. I’m also excited to give the first presentation about life on the game farm, including my family’s 50-plus-year history.”

Each week, guests will begin a walk on the grounds at 10 a.m., visiting animals and learning more about the various

species at the game farm. At 11 a.m., seniors will gather in Woodland Hall for talks that will vary weekly. Topics include rescued animals, birding, nature photography, and more.

Tickets are \$10 per person and for seniors only. Please do not bring grandchildren. Pets are not allowed.

Long Island Game Farm is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about the game farm and upcoming programming, visit longislandgamefarm.com.

ABOUT LONG ISLAND GAME FARM

Long Island Game Farm Wildlife Park and Children’s Zoo was founded in 1970 by Stanley and Diane Novak. As the largest combined children’s zoo and wildlife park on Long Island, they offer families a natural environment where they can learn about wildlife and animals through education and entertainment. A member of American Association of Zookeepers and Zoological Association of America,



the farm is located at 489 Chapman Boulevard, Manorville, New York 11949.

For more information, visit longislandgamefarm.com, email info@longislandgamefarm.com, or call 631.878.6644.

Find Long Island Game Farm on Instagram and Facebook at [@longislandgamefarm](https://www.instagram.com/longislandgamefarm). For press inquiries, contact Rachel Bosworth at rachel@rachelbosworth.com or 631.220.1220. ■

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LI Game Farm welcomes squirrel monkeys

Last month, the Long Island Game Farm welcomed three new additions to the animal line-up, squirrel monkeys Gilbert, Leo, and Bonnie.

According to the farm, they carefully considered the next species to bring in and wanted animals that were active

and fun to observe. Squirrel monkeys are diurnal, which means they sleep at night and are active during the day. They are intelligent and considered one of the most-clever species, with a large brain. They are very vocal and have around 25 different calls—plus, they are cute!

Gilbert and Leo are 1-year-old males and Bonnie is a 6-year-old female.

“She is certainly the matriarch and teaches the younger two how to be good monkeys!” the farm leaders said.

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Helping Makes U Happy hosts a carnival for a good cause

Fundraiser for child abuse awareness

BY NICOLE FUENTES

Last month, on July 15, Helping Makes U Happy held a carnival to help promote child abuse awareness/prevention.

“After the tragedy which occurred several years ago in our community, and more recently learning of another local case of alleged child abuse, it was very important to Keith to bring the communities together in a happy, helping way,” said Keith Caputo’s mother and co-founder Cassy Caputo, referencing the Thomas Valva case.

On Jan. 17, 2020, Thomas Valva died after authorities said his father, Michael Valva, and his fiancée, Angela Pollina, forced him and his brother to sleep in an unheated garage overnight as the outside temperature fell to 19 degrees.

According to Keith, his intent was to raise funds for the Child Advocacy Center EAC-Network and bring information to community members as well as teachers and administrators as to how to recognize and help abused children.

“We were very fortunate in that WPIX11 news morning show invited us in to speak about the carnival and also News 12 promoted it, and ultimately we ended up having over 300 people attend,” said Cassy of the attendance and support.

The event was a very family-friendly, affordable carnival. There were carnival games, face painting, a basket auction, small-business vendors, the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Office with medical IDs, 7th Precinct COPE officers, the Center Moriches Library, a Girl Scout troop with an activity table, a magician, balloon twister, a DJ, and a touch-a-truck. There were also food trucks, which donated back to the cause.

“So many people told us how much they and their families enjoyed it!” added Cassy. “It really was a community event in every sense of the word—so many organizations and businesses participated and sponsored and donated back to the cause.”

The event raised about \$4,000 for the Child Advocacy Center EAC-Network. The Suffolk County Child Advocacy Center reduces the trauma of child sexual/physical abuse or neglect and promotes the coordinated prosecution of offenders. ■

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Milagro performs at Clayton Huey



BY AIDAN PELLEGRINO

This past Saturday, the second concert in the Center Moriches Summer Concert Series took place on the front lawn of Clayton Huey Elementary School. The feature act of the concert was a small tribute band named Milagro, who was chosen to perform at Clayton Huey by Jackie Osborne, Paul Quinn, and Jimmy Osborne's Music Store, located on the Main Street.

Milagro mainly focused on covers of songs by the band Santana, and the crowd in attendance certainly enjoyed the performance. Concert attendees could also enjoy concessions courtesy of CMPTO and Center Moriches Music Booster Club members, where all purchases would be directed to the high school symphonic band's Music in the Parks trip to Disney in March.

The concert was sponsored by Suffolk County Legis. Jim Mazzarella and set

up by members of the Center Moriches Chamber of Commerce. The treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, Gerry Sapanaro, provided insight into how these summer concerts are successful. She explained that the concert had been held at Clayton Huey for around 25 years and that the primary motivation behind these concerts is to benefit the community, stating that these types of events help all of the things they do for seniors and kids in general, and it helps bring the community together.

Currently, two more concerts are being planned as part of the Summer Concert series: one on Aug. 12 and another on Aug. 26. Both concerts will be played live at the Clayton Huey front lawn. Readers can visit the Center Moriches Chamber of Commerce's Instagram page for more information, which will post about any future details discussing both the Summer Concert Series and other community events in Center Moriches. ■



From left to right: Members of the Center Moriches Chamber of Commerce: Gerry Sapanaro, Miriam Gilles, Mary Ann Reid and Anne Montanez. All photos MT/Pellegrino



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Don't forget to enter the chamber's raffle for an e-bike, a Big Cat 2023 Fat Cat XXL-Fat Tire.

The value is \$2,1000 and tickets are \$20 each. The winner will be announced at the Aug. 12 concert series but does not need to be present. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the chamber's website or scan the code.

The e-bike is currently being displayed at AJ Sunflower Boutique and tickets can also be purchased in person at the Moriches Bay Deli, Drucek's True Value Hardware, Moriches Bay Realty, Jimmy Osborne Music, and AJ Sunflower Boutique.

Speaking of the summer concert series, it continues on the lawn of the Clayton Huey Elementary School from 7 to 9 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and some snacks and enjoy. August dates include Aug. 12 with Chain Reaction Band and Aug. 26 with High Tide.

This month's new members include Robertaccio Funeral Home, Ameriprise Financial, Main St. CM LLC, and Nest Seekers.

The chamber is also offering a chance to advertise your business with a discount. Check out their Facebook page and click on the link for information.

Upcoming events include the VFW's Be a Hero Blood Drive on Aug. 7 from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the VFW, located at 437 Main Street, Center Moriches.

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Folkie Fest returns at Moriches Field

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The local favorite Folkie Fest will return to the Moriches Field Brewery this August.

In addition to good, cold drinks (wine or beer), the event will feature a mix of emerging and established artists, who will share their original works as well as some from mainstream artists. The lineup includes Kerry Kearney, Rorie Kelly, The Karpenters Duo, Butterfly Cody Duo and Kathy Patterson. Also, new to the stage is local favorite Marty Attridge.

Kearney is known for his slide guitar and his “psychedelta” style; Kelly is an award-winning singer/songwriter; Henry and his wife, Kristi, are part of the popular tribute to the Carpenters band; and Attridge is singer/songwriter/musician that has been

writing and performing music for several decades.

Folkie Fest is an ongoing concert series with local acoustic artists in the spirit of folk music as envisioned by the late Pete Seeger. They provide a listening space and support live, local, singer/songwriters sharing their original work. A portion of the proceeds are donated to the community center, and a 50/50 raffle is held to benefit Long Island Cares: The Harry Chapin Food Bank.

Like “Folkie Fest” on Facebook to keep up with all of their events. Past events are on the Folkie Fest YouTube channel.

Join them on Tuesday, Aug. 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Moriches Field Brewing Company, 1 Wilcox Avenue, Center Moriches, NY 11934. It is \$10 at the door. ■

Photos courtesy of Erick Fieldstadt



Passport Rotary fishing trip

On July 15, the Passport Rotary Club held a Fundraiser Fishing Trip in order to be able to administer to nomadic families living in Suffolk County.

A few years back, just prior to COVID, St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, located in Yaphank, started a community outreach program called Neighbors Being Human, by opening a food pantry. Soon after, the group began including the nomadic families living year-round at the Suffolk County campgrounds by creating blessing boxes and filling them with food. Families were able to take what they needed, and the church replenished it daily.

The need continued to grow, and in search of assistance, a partnership formed with the local Passport Rotary, which stepped in and helped distribute to the campgrounds. Twice a month, Passport Rotary visits the campsites, bringing much-needed supplies. They serve over 500 people a month.

On Thanksgiving and Christmas, the Rotary also helps prepare feasts to share, as well as food and warm clothing for the harsh winter days and nights. And, this year, with the generosity of Lewin Farm, the group was able to acquire fresh vegetables to distribute to the campers.

You can support Neighbors Being Human by making a financial gift or purchasing an item off their Amazon wish list. If you’re a resident of Suffolk County and interested in getting involved, please email info@Neighbors-BeingHuman.com.

Additionally, Passport Rotary holds food drives and fundraisers in order to continue to provide much-needed assistance for these families. Donations are tax deductible and can be sent to Passport Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 1305, Center Moriches 11934, or visit their website, @rotarypassportclub.org. ■

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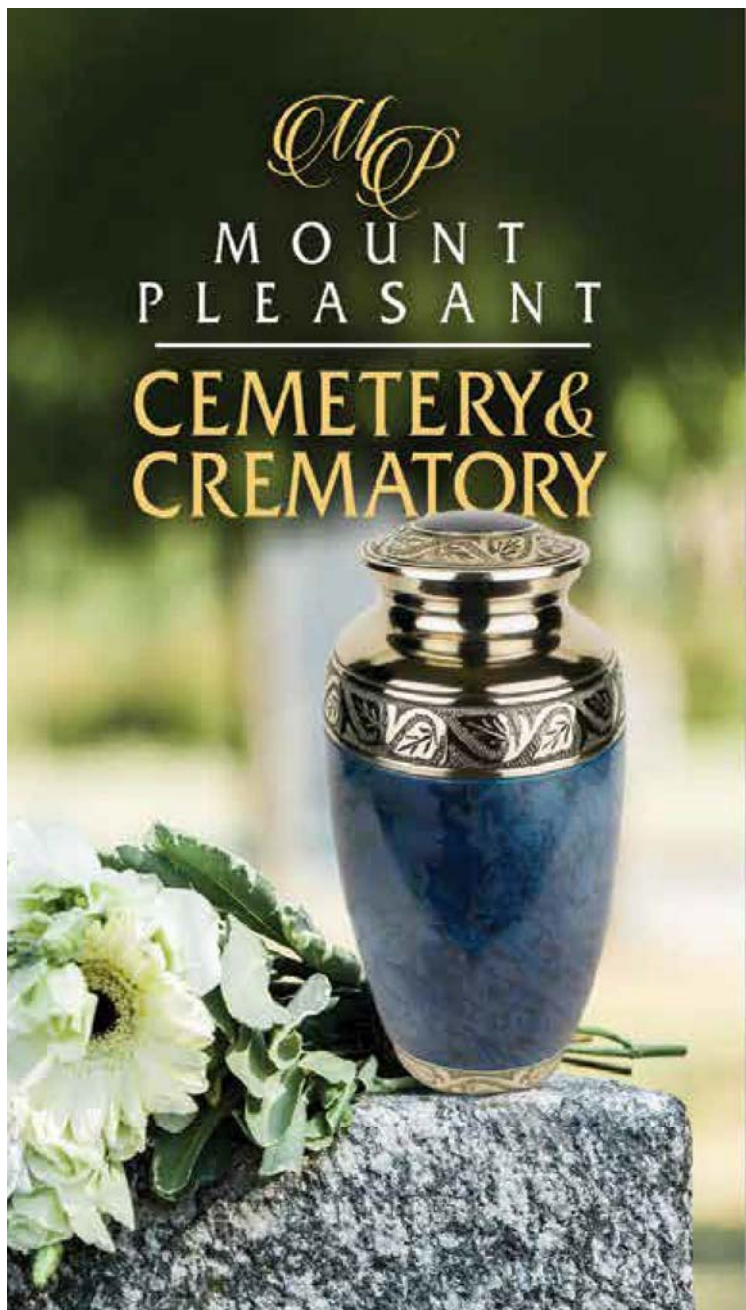
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MLB pitcher graduate of CM High School

Q&A with Paul Gibson

BY JORDAN STANKOVICH

Paul Gibson graduated from Center Moriches High School in 1979 and was a Major League Baseball pitcher for eight seasons with the Detroit Tigers, 1988-1991; the New York Mets, 1992 and 1993; and the New York Yankees, 1993, 1994 and 1996. After eight years as an MLB southpaw, Gibson coached Center Moriches baseball, winning two Long Island championships.

He also ran the facility called Paul Gibson's All Pro Sports Academy in Bellport for many years subsequent to his playing career. In 2006, Gibson started his career as a scout for the Atlanta Braves, then worked as a scout for the Seattle Mariners, and in 2010 was hired by the Kansas City Royals as a national scout supervisor and currently is the Royals senior director of pitching performance.

Q&A:

Tide: You spent nine years playing Minor League Baseball before finally being called up to the big leagues with the Tigers in 1988. Talk a bit about what made you decide to keep playing because I know it can be a tedious and frustrating process waiting to finally get called up to The Show and a lot of guys just give up after a few years.

Gibson: Yeah, probably most of the credit goes to my wife for pushing me along and giving me the will to not have to go away into the real world and look for a job back then. I was a high school draft and I was still pretty young in terms of my career, but there were plen-

ty of points along the way where it was frustrating for me because I was either not having success or was having success and not being able to take advantage of those opportunities, but the last couple years of my minor league career I started to put things together, where an opportunity with Detroit presented itself and I made the team and was fortunate enough to hang on for a while as a swing man-type role lefthanded starter of some type of lefthanded reliever, so I'm glad that I hung on. It was not an easy trail, for sure.

Tide: Playing with the Tigers, your manager was the great Sparky Anderson, some of your teammates were Hall of Famer Allan Trammell, Hall of Famer Jack Morris, Lou Whitaker, Fred Lynn, Ray Knight. Talk about being a rookie and getting to play with those legends.

Gibson: First of all, Trammell and Morris are still two very good friends of mine. I was fortunate enough to be invited to their Hall of Fame induction a few years back and the things that you learn from people along the way, just about how to present yourself as a big-league player or big-league person, those guys certainly played a major role in that for me, so all great people that you mentioned and many more, but quite an honor to get to Detroit play for Sparky and then be with those guys for four years.

Tide: How was it to play for both the Yankees and the Mets?

Gibson: Great question. Obviously, a distinct honor to play for both of your hometown teams. Not always the easiest. There were difficult times in there, which also come a lot with playing for your hometown team because

as we know the Mets' and the Yankees' fans are very passionate people and the expectations, especially my first year with the Mets, were very high, a lot of investment in a team to win, and it didn't happen, we had some injuries and we didn't play well, nobody really performed consistently and it ended up being a really tough time for the organization. And the Yankees, I mean, for anybody to be able to put on those pinstripes for any period of time is an incredible experience, and I'm grateful to be one of not a whole lot of guys in the Major Leagues to be able to play for both.

Tide: Talk about Center Moriches baseball. The program obviously has had so much success for a long time.

Gibson: I started with the junior high team and then the varsity job opened up and they asked me to do that. It was great to be able to give back to the community and coach so many really great kids. A lot of them to this day I'll stay in touch, and now they all have their own kids and it was an awesome experience, so yeah, I got out of the game but I stayed in the game. In my life it's one of the great opportunities that I had to get on the field and be able to be a part some of the things that I learned along the way from great coaches and managers—teach kids how to play the game and teach them how to become young men.

Center Moriches is a small community with a lot of really great people and a community that supports all sports there, and it had always been a place where kids played two or three sports because of the size of the school and the amount of people in each class. We averaged 100 to 115 students in each grade when I went to Center Moriches; we had tremendous youth programs from ages 8 and up.

The Little League program has always been very strong, so to be able

to get these guys to commit to play two or three sports at that time was not very hard to do—they just wanted to do something, so that's the fabric of that community is the youth programs and all the programs. It's a unique place because they play at a high level with not a lot of players to pull from, so athletes and families and parents that are committed to giving their kids the best opportunity is really what makes all those programs go at the high school level—keeping them on the field, keeping their grades up. Just a great place to raise a kid and have an opportunity to play sports. Just can't say enough about all of those people in the community.

Tide: The championship season for the Royals in 2015, the Royals beat the Mets. So, it was against the hometown team. Also, Steven Matz (Ward Melville) was on the Mets that year and in the ALCS Marcus Stroman (Pat-Med) was on the Blue Jays. Can you talk about some of those local correlations during the 2015 playoffs?

Gibson: It was really interesting because in 2015 I was part of the advanced scouting team, and what that means is we would follow certain clubs around that were potential playoff opponents, so I spent a good amount of September that year watching the Blue Jays and Marcus. I have experience with both Marcus and Steven from All Pro Sports the Academy, and I know their families very well. It was an exciting time to be a part of that World Series team, but most importantly, it sort of brought everything full circle to watch those young guys compete against us, both in the playoffs and the World Series. [I have] a lot of fond memories of those moments, and I follow both those guys to this day and stay in touch with their families. But that World Series ring that I possess from 2015 is one of my biggest treasures. ■

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BY NICOLE FUENTES

Last season, as the first of its kind in the area, Ali Adlah, president and founder of East End Athletics, created a flag football league for children of all ages and skill levels. Teams included an all-girls, all-boys, and coed teams. Adlah also started a Superstar League for children with special needs and was able to integrate the players on the teams.

East End Athletics Inc. is now an established nonprofit sports charity organization. It was founded in January 2023, hoping to provide opportunities for children of all ages and abilities, including children with special needs. The Superstar League, which is a free league, was created for athletes with special needs and also gives everyone an opportunity to play organized sports.

Adlah is also an occupational therapist, who has been practicing for over 20 years. His dream was to bring a different perspective to coaching, given his extensive training and practice in kinesiology.

This season, East End Athletics continues to bring the flag life experience to the East End of Long Island.

“Flag is still seen as nothing more than a recreational sport; however, outside of New York, flag football is life to many young and adult athletes,” said Adlah of the sport.

According to Adlah, EEA, which is now officially an NFL Flag Football League and affiliated with USA football, has learned that there are so many teams and leagues out there, playing pro and

semi-pro flag football all over the country and world. Now, there are international leagues and domestic leagues that play year-round.

“The NFL has more recently taken more interest in flag football, especially at the girl varsity level in local school districts,” Adlah said. “I feel by the year 2025, flag football will be the most popular sport, passing lacrosse and soccer.”

Flag football, according to Adlah, allows players of all skill levels to have an even playing field and allow those players who feel “mediocre” to shine.

“I feel that with the help of NFL Flag, we could help pave the way for other organizations to start up flag football leagues and help grow this sport on Long Island,” he added.

EEA has successfully completed its first official season this past spring, and though he was only expecting 15 to 20 players to start the league, once registration was done, they had over 80 players signed up, including an all-girls team.

Now, the league has begun their summer league, where the focus is more on national tournaments. And, with the help of coach Brian Cunningham, the league is proud to say they have competed in their first official tournament at the UConn Cup, on July 15.

“We did not do as well as we had hoped; however, all the players and coaches came out of that tournament with a much greater desire to train harder and play in more tournaments,” Adlah said. “Needless to say, we learned so much from this experience and opportunity, learning that some of these teams have been playing flag together for years, and it shows.”

EEA, he said, will continue to practice on any field they are able to use. Adlah said the league continues their search to find and build a separate sports complex for flag football and all-girls sports.

Last month, Adlah attended the annual NFL Flag Football summit in Atlanta, Ga., a four-day conference, hoping to network and connect with other league organizers.

The league also continues to look for sponsors who will give children opportunities to play, regardless of their financial background. Current Platinum Level sponsors include Joe Colucci from East End Sign Design and Chris Barletta from Sand and Pebble construction management. Their sons, Jason Colucci and Jacob Barletta, are both on the EEA national travel team and both participated in the first tournament.

“We are always grateful to have sponsors at any level to assist with sponsorships for the opportunity to have every child play,” he said.

Other contributors include Adla Team real estate, Love Solar, Green Office solutions, Shirley Feed, East End Financial, The Artists Nest, Westhampton Plumbing and Heating Supply, Alicia’s Day Care, Neat and Complete Barbershop, and Bagels and Brunch. Each sponsor was able to provide a player with an opportunity to play and afford uniforms, flags, and other equipment needed to play in EEA’s flag football organization.

“We have faced many trials and tribulations; however, we continue to fight and push forward,” Adlah continued. “We want to work with all local organizations to build programs together, giving every child an opportunity to

play in an NFL-sanctioned league. As the founder and owner of EEA, I am so proud of how far we have come in a short period of time and excited to see how far we can grow.” ■



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Courtesy photo

For more information or to join, check out the website www.eastendathletics.com or follow the league on Facebook and Instagram. If anyone has access to land that can be made into a flag football field where teams can hold practices, games, and tournaments, please contact Ali Adlah at info@eastendathletics.com.

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What is your favorite back-to-school purchase?

BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN

With backpacks, colored pencils, and cartoon character-covered lunchboxes slowly making their way back onto store shelves, we figured now is a great time to ask Moriches residents what their favorite back-to-school items were or are.

Some participants got nostalgic, thinking of their 1980s and 1990s childhoods, while others thought of what “back-to-school” means now. Do you have an opinion? Let us know.

What are your favorite things to purchase for back to school? Share your thoughts on Facebook and join the conversation.



(Pictured) Alba Luna Eleoteri and Dyana Valoyes:

“I like my pink dress, pink shoes, backpack, colored pencils, pencil sharpener, pink snacks, and some other stuff.”

(NOT Pictured) Annie Hodgins:

“My favorite thing to shop for? New school sneakers. Getting them was always a big deal. It’s different for kids now. When I was growing up, you just didn’t get stuff out-of-the-blue, for no reason. Now kids have like 75 pairs of shoes. We had to wait for ‘back to school’ to get new sneakers. You used them for the whole year.”



(Pictured together) Katherine Mulholland and Kim

Katherine Mulholland: “I loved getting school supplies. I looked forward to going back to school, specifically because of the supplies. Organizational tools were my favorite. Colored pencils, highlighters, Post-its. I loved to use them. I was always into organizational tools—I still am.”

Kim: “I loved notebooks, pens, and organizers. I had to mark everything out and have everything planned. My workspace was always organized by color and topic.”



(Pictured) Dominique Nason

“I can vividly remember my grandma taking me shopping. We always went shopping together. Every year I would get new shoes. At that time LA Gear high-tops were huge. I loved getting new shoes, but also the school supplies were great. I would get pens, binders. I loved looking at the designs and picking out new stuff. There are so many good memories in that time of year.”



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Getting back to school!

We can't believe it's almost back-to-school time!

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If you or your family would be interested in purchasing some extra supplies or doing a school supply drive for community service hours, please let us know by contacting us at 631-848-9008. We intend to deliver the backpacks no later than mid-August.

We are also full steam ahead with preparation for our Mega Basket Auction, to be held Saturday, Oct. 21, in the Center Moriches High School gym. Doors Open at 3 p.m., winners chosen at 5:30 p.m.

If you've attended before, you know what an amazing event this is! If you haven't, you don't want to miss it!

If you would like to be a sponsor for the Mega Auction, or donate a basket, items for a basket, or a gift certificate, please text or call 631-848-9008. This is our biggest annual fundraiser and raises most of the money we use for helping year-round!

We, thankfully, had so many student volunteers for the carnival, all earning

community service hours. It was very inspiring. Thank you to the CM School District for generously lending their property for this important cause.

Thank you so much, and enjoy the rest of your summer! ■



MORICHES BAY GARDEN CLUB

A successful 'Red, White and Bloom' fundraiser

Our fundraising luncheon last month at Rock Hill Golf and Country Club was a great success. The theme was "Red, White and Bloom" and as you can imagine, many attendees wore red or white, and there were plenty of flowers blooming.

Maria Smith and Samantha Hillkewicz, from Boulevard Florist of Center Moriches, were there and created eight arrangements that were auctioned off.

In addition, over 50 baskets were raffled off. Donna Sessa, president of Federated Gardens Clubs NYS, presented our president, Debbie Cannarelli, with a citation for MBGC's donation to World Gardening.

A big thank you to all the ladies and gentlemen who joined us on this occasion. All profits go towards civic projects we are involved in, scholarships, and other worthy environmental projects.

Meanwhile back in the garden, deadhead annuals for continuous blooms through fall. Remember to deadhead down to the first joint. Perennials that have finished blooming can be pruned back one-third for a second bloom. If you have vegetables, keep harvesting to keep the produce coming.

Our next meeting is Aug. 17 for a

guided tour of Connetquot State Park (weather permitting). For more information contact Debbie at 631-878-4750.

-Maureen Pollack



OBITUARY

Beloved local, Josephine Fay, dies at 89

It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Josephine Fay. Mrs. Fay was 89 and had an amazing life.

Family was very important to her. She was blessed with five children: Martin Fay, Glenn Fay, Brian Fay, Neil Miller, and Jackie Osborne. She had a very special son-in-law who she thought of as her fifth son, Jimmy Osborne. She had eight grandchildren: James, aka King James, who was her heart and soul; Francesca, Katherine, Donny, Daniel, Sean, Kyle, and Quinn. She was blessed with three beautiful great-grandchildren: her beautiful namesake Josephine Noelle, Nicholas and Benjamin. She had four wonderful daughters-in-law: LeignAnne, Kathy, Liz, Charlene; her goddaughter and friend, Lynda, and her husband, Tommy; and her extended family whom she

loved: the Osbornes, Feilers, Mesianos, Duffys, Freyres and Gagliardis.

Born and raised in Queens, she moved out to East Moriches and has been a resident for the past 25 years. She has worked at Jimmy Osborne Music for the past 20 years and has been the backbone of their business. Her love of children was evident, as she enjoyed listening to their music and encouraged everyone to do their very best. Known as Miss Jo, you would often find her sitting with a parent chatting or listening in on a child practicing music. Her love of her community was evident, as she spent many years volunteering for the Relay for Life event in Center Moriches and giving to local charities.

She was a special woman that everyone loved, and she loved everyone. She was a good friend and she always had

a smile to share, advice to give, and a hug with love. She was the best listener and was able to understand whatever troubles you were going through and made you feel better after talking with her. She would give you her last dime and help you in need. She was truly the kindest person. We also know she was a passionate person, especially when it came to her cats and her dog lady. She loved to laugh and she had the biggest, warmest smile. She loved to spend time with family and friends, read, and take care of her stray cats. She was also a spiritual person who loved God, and often would tell you that if you ask Him, God would lead you to your path.

Miss Jo will surely be missed. Our condolences go out to her family and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family asked for a donation to be made to Kent Animal Shelter. ■



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AROUND TOWN

Sunday, August 6

Boater Safety – NYS Safe Boating Class taught by Cpt. Richard Warner, U.S. Coast Guard Master, at Cornell Cooperative Ext. Suffolk County, 423 Giffing Ave., Riverhead, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fee: \$85. Register online to attend: safeboatingamerica.com/Riverhead-Boating-Course-1.

Tuesday, August 8

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.

Friday, August 11

National Son & Daughter Day – A day for parents to show their love and appreciation for their children.

Saturday, August 12

RSVP Summer Blast – Join RSVP Inc. Animal Welfare & Rescue Group at Lucharitos in Center Moriches for great food, music,

raffles, 50/50, prizes, and animal adoptions, 5-9 p.m. Visit www.rsvpinc.org or call 631-533-2738.

Home Improvement Series – Hands-on Electrical Workshop at Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library will discuss basic outlet and light switch connections and more, 10 a.m. to noon. Register online or call 631-399-1511.

Summer Concert Series – Enjoy the music of "Chain Reaction" on the front lawn of Clayton Huey Elementary School, 7-9 p.m. Bring your own chairs. Visit www.moricheschamber.org.

Tuesday, August 22

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.

Positive Parenting – Six-session virtual program meets Tuesdays, Aug. 22 to Sept. 26, 6-7:30 p.m. on Zoom to discuss how to set healthy boundaries, discipline without punishment, and how to treat children with respect so they will respect you. Register

online or call 631-399-1511 for details.

Saturday, August 26

Summer Concert Series – Enjoy the music of "High Tide" on the front lawn of Clayton Huey Elementary School, 7-9 p.m. Bring your own chairs. Visit www.moriches-chamber.org.

Of Note ...

5K Run for Literacy – Registration is open for this year's "Bridge to Beach" 5K Run/Walk for Literacy at Smith Point County Park on Saturday, Sept. 9. For more information and to register online, visit the registration page: <https://events.elitefeats.com/23literacy>.

Golf Outing – Peconic Bay Medical Center's Golf Classic at Westhampton Country Club, Monday, Oct. 2. For information, contact Candace Porter at 631-548-6166 or cporter3@northwell.edu.

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Volunteer Advocates Needed – Family Service League is seeking volunteers to train as advocates for adult-care residents. Volunteer Ombudspersons visit residents weekly to ensure quality of life. For information, call 631-470-6756 or email jwirkula@fsl-li.org.

Volunteers Needed – Suffolk County Helen Keller Services seeks individuals to visit homebound blind and elderly people. Read mail, socialize and transport. For more information, call 631-424-0022.

Student Volunteers – Colonials Community Volunteers Corp is looking for students in grades 7-12 to help with graffiti removal, flowers for friends, tutoring, newsletter publication, youth council and community events. To get involved, call 631-281-4416 and ask for Ray.

Body-Mind Recovery Sessions – Join the Moriches Community Center for virtual wellness sessions with activities like yoga, meditation, mindfulness and more. Visit Yoga for Health LI on YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UCqcNLJTw8y5zshQXrMGBQ.

YEARS AGO

75 Years Ago

AUGUST 1948

Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Rosilio, of Center Moriches, returned home from a five-month trip to Italy, Dominick's native country. The Rosilios spent most of their time visiting relatives in Popoli, Mr. Rosilio's hometown.

Center Moriches postmaster **Thomas E. Havens** announced that new improvements are forthcoming, including 750 new post office boxes as well as new windows, tables, and chairs.

New members who were installed at the Victory Post 414 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Center Moriches, were **George Herrmann Jr.** and his brother, **Charles A. Herrmann**, both of Center Moriches; **Reeves Lehmann** of Moriches; and **Donald Edwin Druckemiller** of East Moriches.

Surrounded by three generations of descendants and a host of relatives and friends, **Mrs. Carolyn (Caddie) Terry**, of Lake Avenue, Center Moriches, celebrated her 87th birthday, where she was feted with a dinner party, gifts, and a huge cake.

Marshall F. Spear was named executive director of the Long Island Duck Growers Cooperative Association and will make his home with his wife and daughter in Center Moriches.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lukert, of Moriches, attended a concert by the Boston Symphony Orchestra at Tanglewood, Lenox, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Edwards, of Eastport, received congratulations and best wishes from many friends on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. Mr. Edwards, who claims to be the oldest man in the village, is active for his years and still drives his Model T Ford and makes two trips each day to put out and take in the flag at the firehouse.

Mathew J. Hogan Jr., of Main Street, Center Moriches, was named Atlantic Division supply transportation supervisor of Pan American Airways. In the courses of his travels, Mr. Hogan has visited the Eiffel Tower, the white cliffs of Dover,

and ridden to the top of Mount Vesuvius in a jeep.

Mrs. William Hetzel, of East Moriches, entertained the members of the AGT Club with a spaghetti dinner at Still's Bathing Beach. Those present included **Mrs. Monroe Dayton**, **Mrs. Walter Kanas** and **Mrs. George Foster** of East Moriches, and **Mrs. Arthur Williams** of Eastport.

William Harless, of East Moriches, was appointed official measurer for the Atlantic Coast Championship Star Class Boat races, held in Bay Shore.

Mrs. Natalie Sirko was elected president of the newly formed auxiliary of the American Legion Post 1545 of Eastport.

Playing this week at **The Center Moriches Theatre**: "Romance on the High Seas"; Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall in "Key Largo"; and Fredric March, Myrna Loy and Virginia May in "Best Years of Our Lives."

50 Years Ago

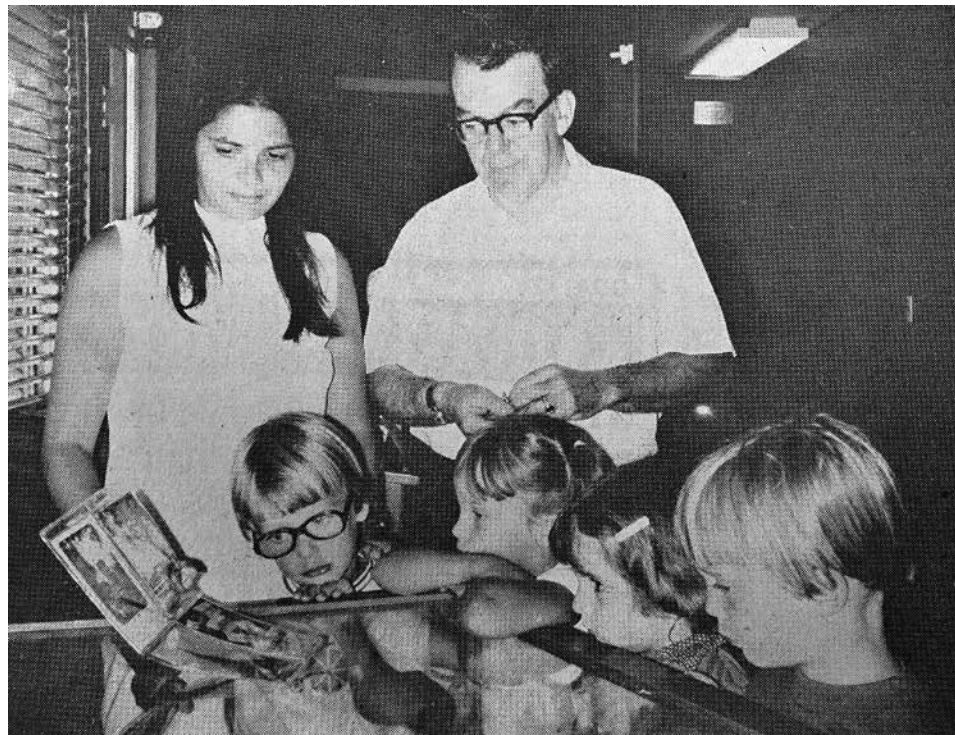
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The restoration committee of the Bay Shore Historical Society is working hard to return the antique building to its original shape. Committee members include **Gordon Hackney**, society president; **Altamae Grimminger**, chairperson; **Jean Lauer**, vice president; and **Roger Allgeier**, **Ann Smith** and **Patricia Osip**.

A 10-pound, 15-ounce fluke landed by **Michael Friscia**, of Mastic Beach, is the frontrunner in the 10th annual Fluke Tourney contest sponsored by the Moriches Bay Fishing Association.

The Center Moriches Knights of Columbus treated the children of Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck to a nature hike through the Quogue Wildlife Refuge. Among those who participated were **Dennis Matthews**, grand knight; camper **Debra Holland**; and counselor **Tim Leitch**.

Center Moriches fundraisers for the Hamptons Hospital and Medical Center met recently at the home of **Mrs. Dorothy Schott**, chairperson. Among those in attendance were **Charlotte Stark**, **Ann Fos-**



A look into the past was enjoyed by several Center Moriches youth when they stopped to view a postcard collection loaned to the Center Moriches Library by collector, Mrs. James Moher, of Eastport. The children, pictured left to right, are: Timothy Allerd, Lenora Manzella, Anne Marie Sciacchitano and Christopher Allred. Arlene Strongin, who heads up the library summer reading program, and library director C. Gerard Donnelly, look on.

ter, Marie C. Waring, Sally Heller, Lee Carman, Joan Kronman, Sue Lichtenstein and Virginia Lukert.

U.S. Air Force Maj. **John W. Peterson**, of Mastic Beach, received the Distinguished Flying Cross and nine awards of the Air Medal for aerial achievement in southeast Asia as an HC-130 pilot, who coordinated eight rescue and 33 strike aircraft in the rescue of two downed aircrew members.

David DeBatto, of Mastic Beach, who is attending the University of New Mexico, is currently on active call with Tiger Productions in Albuquerque, and has a part in the film "The Take," alongside Frankie Avalon, Eddie Albert and Bill DeeWilliams.

Proceeds from a circus held to benefit the Hamptons Hospital and Medical Center were donated by five Eastport circus performers: **Kerin Gordon, Teri Kelley, Heidi Poplaski, Jill Kelley and Eric Burding.**

The Moriches Bay Power Squadron held its annual picnic at the Holiday Beach Property Owners Club House in Center Moriches. Cmdr. **Al Szezepanski** was on hand for the festivities, as were **Marth Abl, Kevin Powers, Kurt Ahl and Hal Marsden.**

Playing this month at local United Artists Theatres: Donald Sutherland and Jennifer O'Neill in "Lady Ice"; Pam Grier in "Coffey"; and Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke in "Mary Poppins."

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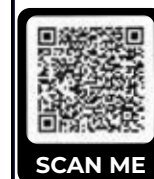
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MY TURN

The dreaded summer vacation

BY PATRICIA KALOSKI

The dog days of August are here, and before you know it, kids across Long Island will be going back to school. It seems like only yesterday that I watched jubilant children exit their school buses on the last day with smiles as wide as can be.

The end of the school year brings joy and excitement to many—to the students who have eagerly awaited summer vacation since that first day of school in September, to the teachers who need a well-deserved break after a long academic year, to the parents who welcome the reprieve from their chaotic schedules—almost everyone would agree that the end of the school year is cause for celebration... everyone but this mom.

Melancholy over the end of school

usually finds its way into my heart and mind after spring break, which is about the time I realize that there are no more long school vacations ahead, only the short Memorial Day Weekend, which means summer vacation is lurking close behind. While others are crossing the days off the calendar in great anticipation, I do my best to look the other way.

I often ponder if I feel this way because, like so many of us, my husband and I work full-time. You see, summers for my family have never been about taking day trips to the beach or lazily wiling away the hours at my parents' pool. Nor has it been about an annual summer vacation that we've been eagerly awaiting. Instead, summer has meant figuring out day camps, playdates, summer sports schedules, and transportation for our son to the afore-

mentioned activities (thanks, mom and dad and grammy and grandpa!)

Now that our son is a teenager with a driver's license (eek!), our summer vacation worries have only gotten bigger. When he was a tween, we fretted about our son having to cross Main Street so he could meet his friends at the local CVS to buy candy and other snacks. Nowadays, we lament texting and driving, among the myriad of concerns other than parents of all teens must bear.

But despite the various reasons I've considered, I believe the nagging feeling of summer break has more to do with the proverbial ticking time clock—that of mine and my child's. In my estimation, summer vacation signals that another school year is in the books, with a new one not far behind. This, in turn, means I am another year

older, as is my son, bringing us closer to his high school graduation.

I don't think I will ever be ready for that milestone, especially since my son is my first and last child, my one and only. When he flies the coop for college, assuming he chooses to go away, there are no siblings behind him to keep me busy and occupied. I will have become an empty-nester, and the thought makes me shudder.

I have approximately 380 days to wrap my head around this fact, while I continue to pray that his father and I have done our best to provide our child with a solid foundation that will propel him into adulthood. I hope that he will always remember to say please and thank you, open the car door for his girlfriend, and be a good friend. It's crazy to think that all these feelings start with summer vacation. ■

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