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(Top) The Bayville drill team the "Oak Neckers" in the bucket brigade. (L-R) The Grand Marshall's of the parade; The Bayville Fire Company No. 1. Story on page 6.



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St Josephat's Monastery Hosts Fundraiser for Ukraine

By CHRIS O'NEILL

St. Josephat's Monastery, in Glen Cove, hosted another fundraiser on June 19th to collect funds to support the people of Ukraine in their heroic struggle against Russian President Vladimir Putin's scorched-earth invasion of the smaller, neighboring country.

Putin brutally invaded the Ukraine to try to annex its territory, on February 24th of this year. Putin's initial invasion from the north was a failure, as Ukrainian defenders stopped the invading Russian armies. But Putin is now re-directing his attacks from the south and east, and is deliberately bombing civilians to spread terror ahead of his armies.

This was not the first Ukrainian fundraiser held at St. Josephat's Monastery, which has been a strong supporter of the people of Ukraine in this most horrible and trying time.

Money was raised from the sale of homemade Ukrainian foods - including 80 dozen perogies and 500 stuffed cabbages - and from the sale of donated items in a raffle. All told, after expenses,

the fundraiser raised over \$12,000, which includes \$3,400 from the raffle items.

According to Halyna Fenchenko, who actively participated in organizing the event, the money will go wherever it is most needed. Money raised at similar events in the past was used to buy military boots, uniforms and binoculars for Ukrainian soldiers, as well as two portable vacuum-assisted wound care units for a hospital in the city of Poltava. Ukrainian hospitals were not prepared for the sudden influx in war-related wounds.

The war is very personal for Halyna. She came to the United States from Ukraine, 21 years ago, in 2001.

This year, her cousin volunteered to defend Ukraine after the Russian invasion, by joining the Ukraine Army. Tragically, he was wounded in a Russian attack, and has lost movement in his arm.



"Rally for Ukraine" Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman at St. Josephat's Monastery.

In the war - during which drones are playing an increasing role - her cousin fled with his colleagues from a Russian "killer drone" that was identifying their position. They managed to scramble to a earthen root cellar and close the door just

as an artillery shell, directed by the drone, landed. The drone's bomb blast shattered his arm, but he survived - as did all his fellow soldiers.

If you would like to help, or to make a donation, please call: 631-813-5292.

Another Bayman Loses His Life

On June 23, while clamming in the Long Island Sound, a tragic accident happened that took the life of bayman Anthony Thomas Capozzoli "Tony".

Tony a lifelong resident of Oyster Bay. Beloved husband of his high school sweetheart, Marilyn. Loving father of Danielle (Ben) Asher, and Jennifer. Adoring grandfather of Maxwell Anthony. Dear brother of Donna (Doug) Roenbeck, Debbie (Joe) Nobile, Dori (Dave) Diehl, Joanne, and the late Dale (Martin) Boord. Cherished brother-in-law of Susan (Bob Cullen) Terranova, Pam (Dave) Gillmor, Rick (Sandra) Krueger, Diane (Tony) Crammer, and Andy Krueger. Survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. Tony treasured his family and his beautiful group of lifelong friends.

Donations in his honor can be made to Community Mainstreaming. Tony adored his brother-in-law Andy and this organization has provided a beautiful home for him. <https://communitymainstreaming.org/>

Two years ago on May 17, 2020 Mike Kennedy, a twenty year seasoned baymen, clamming two miles off Centre Island in 40 ft. of water, was found floating in the water. He had gone out around 5:30 that morning to harvest the waters as that is how he made his living. This tragic accident led to a group of Baymen and interested citizens coming together to erect a Baymens Memorial monument in the Theodore Roosevelt Park, Oyster Bay.

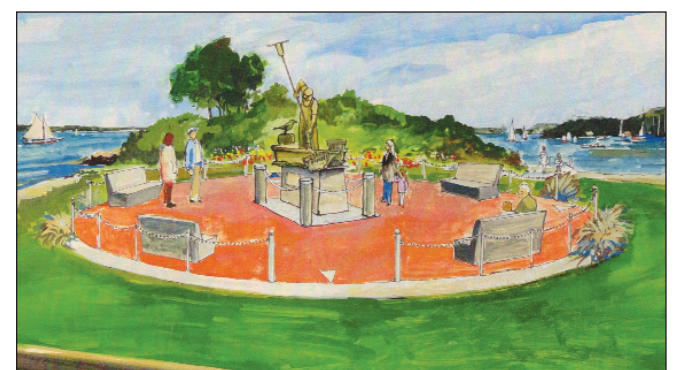
The monument is to be placed in front of the rock jetty adjacent



Tony Capozzoli, at a Harbor Cleanup sponsored by the North Oyster Bay Baymens Association

to the ramps that many baymen use to launch and return their boats daily from their job on the water. It will be surrounded by a parklike setting of pavers and benches inclusive of historical informational plaques. They formed a non-profit 501 c(3) corporation known as Baymens Heritage Assoc. Inc.

Donations can be made by check and sent to: Baymens Heritage Assoc. Inc., P.O. Box 4, Bayville, NY 11709.



A rendering of the Baymens Memorial monument.

Massage Parlor Busted as Prostitution Front



The prostitution ring parlor.

By RUPERT DEEDES

Suffolk County Police have taken-down yet another criminal Huntington prostitution ring masquerading as a legitimate medicinal massage service.

Acting after several complaints from the community, Suffolk Police arrested two women for operating a house of prostitution out of an unlicensed massage parlor in Huntington, and shut-down their establishment..

Arrested are Daoxia Xie, age 48, of Flushing and Qingling Chai, age 43, of Fresh Meadows. Both were charged with Prostitution and Unauthorized Practice of a Profession. Both were given Field Appearance Tickets and released without

bail, under New York's liberal "no bail" laws. The two - if they do not flee the country or change their identities - will be arraigned at First District Court in Central Islip on a later date.

The raid was investigated and coordinated by and between the Suffolk County Police Second Precinct Crime Section officers, Second Squad detectives, and the Town of Huntington Public Safety department.

The establishment was called the Island Breeze Foot Spa, located at 1842 East Jericho Turnpike. The Town of Huntington Public Safety shut down the business after issuing the two women several citations for building violations.

EDITORIAL

LET THE GOVERNOR'S RACE BEGIN

Congratulations to US Congressman Lee Zeldin on winning the Republican primary; and to Governor Kathy Hochul on winning the Democratic primary for Governor.

Both candidates' strong wins demonstrated a solid level of support within their respective parties.

Their defeat of strong rivals also speaks to where their respective parties stand in the election.

Zeldin defeated a highly-successful former Westchester County Executive, Rob Astorino; and the son of a famous Republican officeholder, Andrew Giuliani. But neither could match Zeldin's record to challenging - and beating - strong Democratic incumbents. Zeldin is a mainstream Republican, whose strong vote all across New York - he won counties from Erie (Buffalo) to Manhattan to Nassau and Suffolk - was impressive.

Hochul defeated two strong leaders who represent the opposite wings of their party: NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, a "socialist" and street agitator; and Tom Suozzi, who is a national leader of the moderate wing of the Democratic Party. Hochul, who served as Andrew Cuomo's Lt Governor, has now established herself as a viable contender.

And the differences between the two could not be greater.

Hochul supported the "no bail" reforms that have unleashed so many violent criminals on our neighborhoods. And her severe "lock down" policies destroyed over 1 million businesses in New York. She one again - just last week - declared a "state of emergency" to continue her Covid emergency powers. And she forced schoolchildren to wear face masks - after Cuomo had lifted the requirement - crippling a generation of kids for no better reason than her need to pander to the powerful teacher's unions.

This race should be about the economic future of New York - and how to return New York to "normalcy" and prosperity. But Hochul has already declared that she wants to make the race about "guns and abortion" - claiming that Zeldin, who grew-up on Long Island, is not a "real" New Yorker. Such attacks are nonsense, but are unfortunately what passes for political "debate" these days.

Let's hope that the candidates - and the media - focus on real issues of importance to real New Yorkers. Over 2 million New Yorkers have moved-away over the past five years. A terrifying number that indicates that something is very wrong in New York. This might be our last chance to save it.

The Publisher

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Leader has received several unsigned letters to the editor. We will respect an author's request for anonymity, but must have your name, address, and phone number. We want to hear from you and publish your opinions, so in the future, kindly include the above requested information.

THANK YOU BAYVILLE!

To the Editor:

Thank you Bayville for your overwhelming support! I am truly honored to be elected as the next Mayor of our Wonderful Village. We are all very fortunate to live in such a special place. July 4th my tenure begins. I look forward to meeting and working with everyone and serving all the residents of Bayville.

Steve Minicozzi

DREDGING IN MILL NECK CREEK

To the Editor:

Frank M. Flower & Sons began dredging clams from Mill Neck Creek over the opposition of Friends of the Bay, the Town of Oyster Bay and the North Oyster Bay Baymen's Association. The Town has sued the company over its plan to transplant clams from the creek out to the open bay so they eventually could be harvested and sold. The creek is uncertified for shellfish harvesting because of pollution, but if the company can transplant them under a permit already granted by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, they will cleanse themselves and can be sold.

Friends of the Bay, the town and the North Oyster Bay Baymen's Association oppose the transplant project because the creek is an important source of natural clam propagation and serves as a de-facto shellfish sanctuary. The town has sought a temporary restraining order which the judge rejected, but the trial on a permanent injunction is still pending. The judge delayed that trial and asked both sides to settle. In the meantime, the longer that the transplant continues, fewer clams will remain to help repopulate the bay. This is important in light of the fact that Flower closed its hatchery over two years ago and no longer re-seeds the bay.

Friends of the Bay

STOP THE ILLEGAL FIREWORKS

To the Editor:

I was sitting in my living room -all my doors and windows closed, when we heard the firecracker. My dog immediately began to tremble and fled to his hiding place in the closet.

I live on Old Tappan Road and the setting off of illegal fireworks is a frequent event!

I have and will continue to call the Glen Cove Police when this happens---but, unfortunately, they do not stop.

Please -whoever is doing this, think of your neighbors and their pets and reconsider.

We live in a quiet peaceful area --- why disturb it?

Enjoy the scheduled legal displays---PLEASE!

Your Neighbor,

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

To the Editor:

America has always been a land of hard work and struggles but always with the hope and dream of success and prosperity.

On the 4th of July we celebrate our Declaration of Independence which was ratified by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. The Second Continental Congress declared that the thirteen colonies were no longer subject and subordinate to the monarch of England King George the III and were now united, free, and independent states. The Congress voted to approve our independence on July 2 and adopted the Declaration of Independence two days later,

Benjamin Franklin is reported to have said, "Aye, I know there shall be no nation on earth that works harder than the great and powerful United States, and so I dare say that the celebration of July 4th should be a day on which none shall work and instead all will refrain from exerting themselves in any way."

Historians have said that when John Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence, he did so in a bold hand,

in a conspicuous manner, and rose from his seat, pointing to it, and said, "There, John Bull can read my name without spectacles, he may double his reward and I put this at defiance."

"Independence Day: freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed - else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die." - Dwight D. Eisenhower

Our freedom was won by the sheer will power of an early generation who determined to do whatever was necessary for our freedom. We had to fight. Our earliest generation determined whatever it took was worth it to separate from the authoritarian rule of England.

Freedom is never easy. Most Americans at that time had sacrificed everything to pursue freedom of worship, to develop our ideas, businesses and personal interests. It took years for Americans to begin to experience some prosperity and most never did. Our earliest generation sacrificed, worked and battled diseases with little to no medical care. They had no financial or social security. There were no government handouts, bail outs or insurance companies covering their losses. Early Americans were on their own and helped each other as best as they could.

More than ever before we must make whatever is necessary to run this country from chips to run our cars and technology to growing our food and producing sufficient energy. Depending on foreign nations for anything is a poor plan for maintaining our freedom. We become dependent instead of independent. This is why we must have a mix of energy. Relying only on one source is not a plan for independence. Trade with other countries is good for America because we want other nations to buy our products. Many businesses in America would die if they could not export to other countries. The main idea is that we produce enough to have enough as we need it in America.

I love America. We have a great a history. We have some problems, but who doesn't? Together we can figure it out.

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Op-Ed: Three Awful Measures From Albany

BY STEVE LEVY

Most people follow the general overview of a state budget, but don't have the time to delve into the details.

But that's where the most problematic projects usually lurk. Below are three individual items that taxpayers should be aware of that were passed in the budget or shortly thereafter.

1. Diluting the Regents exam

Feckless autocratic politicians went way overboard in shutting down our economy during the pandemic, but made their biggest mistakes in shutting down our schools.

It was understandable why they had to use caution at the outset of the pandemic, but the trend to avoid in person learning at many of our schools caused havoc for the learning progression of students.

To make matters worse, the state education officials either canceled Regents exams or lowered the passing rate to 50.

What is the point of having an exam with such a low threshold? We are losing the competitive battle to students in China and other enemy nations that have real standards and discipline within their schools.

If we continue to water down our standards and expect less of our students, we are setting them up for disaster down the road.

2. The Governor should not be able to declare massive COVID power unilaterally

And speaking of bad Covid decisions, most of them have been made by single



Steve Levy

individuals, usually governors who early on were granted exceptional unprecedented "emergency" powers.

This might have been understandable for a few months at the outset of the pandemic, but the autocratic power has continued for far too long without legislative intervention. Worse still, very few people realize that the governor just unilaterally extended these "emergency powers" again - just last week.

How can this be? It's bad enough that our governor should not have these powers at all, but it's even more deplorable that she, or any future Governor, would be able to extend these authoritarian powers unilaterally - forever.

3. The Class-size Mandate

The governor should veto a provision placed in the budget that will mandate smaller classes within NYC city schools.

This mandate will cost taxpayers \$1 billion, while studies prove it will likely be ineffective.

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O Bay Opens Two New Daily Baby Formula Donation Sites



Supervisor Saladino, Receiver of Taxes Jeff Pravato; and Councilman Thomas Hand help-out at a recent baby formula drive

BY PRIYA PERSAUD

The national shortage of baby formula has been called "a crisis" by President Joe Biden (D), but local leaders in Oyster Bay refuse to stop trying to help desperate parents find food for their babies.

After the major success of local weekly collection drives for baby formula, the Town of Oyster Bay has opened two new daily baby formula donation centers for families in need.

"The nationwide baby formula shortage is causing a crisis for many families throughout Long Island," stated Councilman Steve Labriola. "We all know that once little ones move onto food, families are often left with extra formula in their pantries. We ask that you open your hearts and cupboards by

donating unexpired, unused formula for families facing shortages and empty store shelves."

The Town of Oyster Bay encourages residents to donate their unexpired, unused baby formula at two new locations: The Town Hall North, located at 54 Audrey Avenue in Oyster Bay, and the Town Hall South, located at 977 Hicksville Road in Massapequa.

The two collection sites will be open daily, Monday through Friday, from 9:00AM to 4:45PM, and will stay open until July 15th, 2022, or later date if extended by the Board or Supervisor Joe Saladino.

The Town states that all donations will greatly aid families who are grappling with finding baby formula amid a shortage nationwide.

Nurse Judy Retires



Nurse Judy Wallace, in front of Glen Cove Hospital.

BY PATRICIA BREXEL

After 45 years of service, Nurse Judy Wallace, from Oyster Bay has retired from Glen Cove Hospital.

Judy started her career working in Labor and Delivery, then she was moved into the Rehab Unit, she ended her career in the Ambulatory Services. She worked tirelessly during the pandemic, risking

her own life, while saving others. She also won the Zuckerberg Award for Nursing Excellence. Judy will sorely be missed.

Upon retirement, Judy and husband, Robert took a long awaited a trip to Hawaii. She will remain busy volunteering with the Mathew Fetzer Foundation, and enjoying her grandchildren.

Hazy Daze

President's List, Spring 2022 Loudonville, NY - Siena College names students to the President's List for the Spring 2022 semester.

- Tori Mangelli of Bayville

The President's List requires a 3.9 grade point average or higher.

Dean's List, Spring 2022 - Siena College names students to the Dean's List for the Spring 2022 semester.

- Robert Clarke of Glen Head
- Michael De Louker of Glen Cove
- Carina Gigliotti of Glen Cove
- Giuliana Graziosi of Glen Head
- Amy Peguillan of Glen Cove

- Allison Thorschmidt of Jericho

To be named to the Dean's List, a student's grade point average for the semester must be between 3.5 and 3.89.

The State University of New York at Potsdam recently named 828 students to the President's List, in recognition of their academic excellence in the Spring 2022 semester.

- The students included:
- Gianna Magrino of Syosset, NY, whose major is Music Education
 - Sophie Mejia of Oyster Bay, NY, whose major is Music Education

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Hats Off to Locust Valley's Class of 2022



Valedictorian Elizabeth Gresalfi (left) and salutatorian Nicole Berritto.

Blue skies and sunshine flooded the new turf field at Locust Valley High School on June 25 as the Class of 2022

prepared to mark the end of their time in the Locust Valley Central School District. One hundred fifty-nine seniors, dressed in their green or white caps and gowns, entered the field as family and friends cheered them on from the bleachers. They were led by central and building administrators and the Locust Valley Board of Education.

Student government co-presidents Caitlyn Bianco and Giavanna Villella led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by "The Star-Spangled Banner" by the Locust Valley High School Concert Chorale. Locust Valley High School Principal Dr. Patrick DiClemente welcomed loved ones and distinguished

guests to the special occasion and commended the graduates before him.

"Our senior class represents an outstanding composition of students demonstrating scholarship, leadership, service and quality of character," he said. "Students, you are a talented, dynamic, kind and powerful group. Through your years at LVHS, you have managed circumstances and demonstrated leadership. You've grown, you've learned, you've shared, supported and celebrated good times and memorable moments among one another, the staff, your families and our community."

Following his remarks, Board President Brian Nolan addressed the seniors, encouraging them to reflect and think about how each of them would like to move forward.

"This is the time to explore and figure out who you want to be and what you want to do...really think, 'what can I do that will make me happy, make me feel accomplished, and make this world a better place?'"

Members of the Locust Valley Concert Chorale returned to the field to perform, "In My Life" by John Lennon and Paul McCartney. Three graduates were then introduced on stage to give their final remarks. This included salutatorian and senior class president Nicole Berritto, student speaker Michael McGlone and valedictorian Elizabeth Gresalfi.

Berritto reflected on the last week of school and spoke about a final assignment that she completed with her classmates. It asked the seniors to reflect on their high school careers and write down a piece of advice that they would give to their freshman self. Berritto shared some of the responses in her speech. This ranged from enjoying the little things to not being afraid about what is to come but embracing it.

During McGlone's speech, he spoke about how he believed their high school experience had been modeled after stoicism and shared specific school memories that fit within the four stoic virtues: courage, moderation, justice and wisdom.

In her valedictorian address, Gresalfi pulled inspiration from the rap song "Remember the Name." While sharing lines from a verse in the song, Gresalfi noted that she believed they

characterized the senior class and what they have accomplished in Locust Valley. She reinforced the great success that the Class of 2022 has had since freshman year during the school's annual homecoming competition and some memorable athletic achievements.

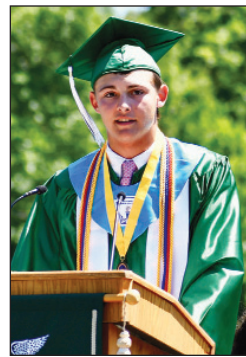
"So, if this song has taught me anything, it is that this grade is ready," she said. "We have done what it takes to be remembered here in Locust Valley. Now all that is left is to keep going, to keep trying, learning and experiencing. If we are able to do that, then it will be easy to remember the name of the Class of 2022."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kenneth Graham provided the closing remarks where he offered advice and reflected on the character and many achievements of the senior class.

"The Class of 2022 has left an indelible mark on Locust Valley High School that our graduates should all be incredibly proud of," he said. "Today I am going to ask our graduates to consider three simple things moving forward. Be a hard worker, be a risk taker and always be a good person...working to meet these three challenges throughout your lives will help you out along the way."

Following his remarks, five seniors were recognized for their military plans after graduation. This included Caitlin Bianco, Karen Cheung, Elisabeth Dunne, Gage Kahn and Roger Tighe Mullarkey Jr. The graduates received a round of applause for their dedication to our country.

Each senior was then announced on stage as they proudly received their high school diploma from Mr. DiClemente and were congratulated by Dr. Graham and Mr. Nolan. With roars of applause from loved ones, the graduates moved their tassels from right to left to signify the completion of high school. They then tossed their caps high in the air, ready to take on the next chapter of their lives.



Senior Michael McGlone address the class.

100th Anniversary of Bayville Fire Company No. 1



Bayville's Oak Neckers hooking up the hoses.



East Norwich Junior Firefighters

Saturday June 18th, the Bayville Fire Company No. 1 celebrated its 100th Anniversary. They kicked off the celebration with a 5th Battalion Drill competition at Centre Island Beach. The drill consisted of fun old fashioned hose and ladder events, and the popular bucket brigade.

Later that day, following the drill, a parade was held. The Grand Marshall's for the 100th Anniversary Parade led the way. They were Honorary Chief Robert

"General" Valentine - 74 years of service, Ex-Chief Joseph Sanzoverino - 70 years of service, and Honorary Chief Jerry Flower Sr. - 57 years of service. These are the three senior members on the active rolls of the Bayville Fire Company.

The members were led by Chief Marc Bilbrey, 1st Asst Chief John Doyle, and 2nd Asst Chief Dwight McKinney.

The parade also featured many departments from throughout Nassau County, that have responded to assist Bayville in times of need through their 100 years.

The parade concluded at Centre Island Beach with a block party. Fire department members, families and friends rocked to the music of the Momentum Band. A good time was had by all, these brave volunteers deserve our utmost respect.

Poetry in Motion

Victoria Crosby, author, radio host and poet laureate of Glen Cove for more than 25 years, will create a one of a kind gift for you or someone you love. A custom written poem for a special event; birthday, birth announcement, wedding, new job, anniversary, retirement, new home, to promote a business, or real estate listing, or any other special occasion.

You just share the info that you want to be included, and she will do the rest.

For further information email poeticvic@aol.com.



Members of Locust Valley High School's Class of 2022.



Locust Valley High School's Class of 2022 received their diplomas.

Photos courtesy of the Locust Valley Central School District

Teddy Roosevelt Reenactment in Oyster Bay

By Niall Fitzgerald

President Theodore “Teddy” Roosevelt is heading back to Oyster Bay to deliver an important address for the Fourth of July weekend.

Oyster Bay Supervisor Joseph Saladino and Town Clerk Richard LaMarca invite residents to celebrate “Teddy’s Homecoming Jubilee,” to be held at the Oyster Bay Bandstand on Sunday, July 3rd at 2PM.

President Roosevelt - who will be portrayed by famed Reprisor Joe Wiegand - will come into town in an antique car and deliver a famous speech. The bandstand is located on Audrey Avenue and Shore Road, by the Oyster Bay Post Office.

“This is a great opportunity for residents of all ages to step back in time and welcome President Roosevelt as he returns home to Oyster Bay,” stated Supervisor Joe Saladino. “What better way to celebrate the American spirit, than seeing our 26th President visit the place he once called home, the hamlet of Oyster Bay.”

The homecoming is being hosted by



The real Teddy Roosevelt in Oyster Bay

The Friends of Sagamore Hill and the Oyster Bay Main Street Association, in partnership with the Town of Oyster Bay.

Famed Theodore Roosevelt Reprisor Joseph Wiegand will arrive at the Oyster Bay LIRR station by train, and then head to the Oyster Bay Rail Road

Museum. He will then be driven in an antique 1900s-era classic car, arriving at the bandstand to reenact President Roosevelt’s famous 1903 Independence Day speech.

“We are so pleased to welcome home our most famous resident, President Theodore Roosevelt,” added Town Clerk LaMarca. “We hope all residents and their families join us for this wonderful celebration.”

Following the reenactment of the President’s speech, residents are invited to join President Roosevelt at Teddy’s Bully Bar on Audrey Avenue. The establishment will offer signature cocktails celebrating President Roosevelt, with a portion of proceeds going to The Friends of Sagamore Hill.

Wild Bunny Nests in Our Gardens

By Maureen Daly

Summertime is finally here. The days are longer, the weather is warmer, and we can start enjoying time outdoors. But, before you bust out your garden spades and lawn mowers to get hopping on some summer cleaning, have you checked your backyard for bunny nests?

While it is very important to check the trees and shrubs in your yard for active bird nests before you do any pruning, you should also look out for another type of wild animal habitat in the grass around your property: Eastern Cottontail Rabbit nests.

Rabbits nest in shallow depressions in the ground. These nests are sometimes made right in the middle of a lawn or garden and can look like patches of dead grass. Up to eight baby bunnies, called “kits,” will live in the nest. Their mother won’t stay with the babies, but instead will visit only twice daily for just a few minutes to feed them. While it may seem like a strange parenting strategy, this hands-off method helps to keep the babies concealed from predators. In about three weeks, the kits are independent enough to venture out on their own.

Many people don’t discover a rabbit nest in their yard until it is too late. Nests are frequently disturbed by lawnmowers,



Bunnies in a box.

and unsupervised pets. As a result, the Volunteers for Wildlife Hospital admits over two hundred injured or orphaned Eastern Cottontail kits into care each year.

One of the best things you can do to protect rabbit families living in your yard is to check your yard thoroughly for rabbit nests before mowing. Supervising dogs outside and keeping cats indoors will also help to keep bunnies safe.

If you find a bunny nest and are concerned about their well-being, please call the Volunteers for Wildlife Hotline at (516) 674-0982. The rehabilitators will walk you through the best way to keep the babies safe.

The Volunteers for Wildlife’s Rehabilitation Hospital & Education Center is located at the Bailey Arboretum in Locust Valley. Approximately 2,300 injured and orphaned animals are treated every year at the Hospital. They also offer educational programs to schools, scouts, libraries, community organizations and private parties, and can be contacted at www.volunteersforwildlife.org



baby bunnies are called “kits”

Minicozzi Wins Bayville Mayor Election



Mayor Steve Minicozzi

By Maureen Daly

Steve Minicozzi won the contested June 21st election for Mayor of Bayville, defeating his rival John Taylor by a vote

of 1,086 to 441. Minicozzi previously served as a Village Trustee.

In the contested Village Trustee elections, Minicozzi’s running-mates: the outgoing Mayor Bob DeNatate, Aimee DiBartolomeo, and Ann Walsh-Bleistein also won by similar margins.

The ballot Proposition was also approved by the voters, by a vote of 788 to 181.

The vote results follow:

Mayor

Minicozzi 1,086
Taylor 441

Trustees

DeNatale 971
DiBartolomeo 857
Walsh-Bleistein 879
Mager 444
Pflaumer 510
Gambarelli 455

Zeldin, Hochul, Puleo Win Primaries

By Niall Fitzgerald

Long Island Congressman Lee Zeldin swept the GOP primary on Tuesday night, with 44% of the vote, to become the Republican nominee for Governor.

Zeldin defeated three strong challengers - former Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino, who got 19%; former GOP nominee for State Comptroller Harry Wilson, who won 10%; and golf pro and son of former NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani, Andrew Giuliani who won 20%.

In the Democratic primary, Kathy Hochul took 63% of the vote, defeating NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams who earned 21% and Congressman Tom Suozzi, who won just under 13%.

Suozzi earned praise for being a courageous voice for moderation and bi-partisanship in the US Congress, where he founded the “Problem Solvers Caucus” of moderate Republicans and Democrats who often worked together, without the partisan rancor that so often blights our national politics.

In Suffolk County, Vincent Puleo, the Republican-endorsed Clerk of Smithtown, won a decisive primary vic-



Lee Zeldin



Governor Kathy Hochul



Vincent Puleo

tory over incumbent County Clerk Judy Pascale for the Republican nomination for Suffolk County Clerk. Puleo won 61% of the vote, to 39% for Pascale.

The race between Zeldin and Hochul promises to be the most decisive and important election in decades.

In a “perfect storm” of failed Democratic policies, the state is facing an epidemic of violent crime spurred-on by the Democrats’ “no bail” laws; the schools seeing over 1 million children “left back” by school shutdowns and Hochul’s forced child masking orders; and over 2 million people have fled the crime and economic collapse of New York and moved away to Florida and the Carolinas.

“It is important that as we move forward, that we all move forward united,” stated Zeldin in his victory night speech. “We must stay focused on the main event: Defeating Kathy Hochul

and ending one-party rule in New York.” Because of gerrymandering, the New York State legislature is firmly under the one-party control of the Democrats, which is unlikely to change, ever.

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Friends Academy Celebrates 136th Commencement



Head of School Andrea Kelly and Rear Admiral Aisha Mix '91

At the Fourth Day Honors ceremony held at Friends Academy on Wednesday, June 8th, the Upper School departments announced this year's academic and special recognition awards. At the same time, the Friends Cum Laude Society inducted new members from the senior class. Senior Faraz Lotfi of Melville (SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry) opened the ceremony with a religious reading presented in both Farsi and English and began the event with a Quaker moment of silence. Senior Angelina Miller of Northport (The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, London) performed "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" by Paul Simon and Simon Garfunkel. Rear Admiral Aisha K. Mix '91 received the Distinguished Alumni award and spoke to the community about her time at Friends Academy.



Head's Commendation Award with David Cooper-Boyce, Head of School Andrea Kelly, and Lucy Schoeffel

On Saturday, June 11 at 10 am, Friends Academy honored 88 seniors upon their graduation at the 136th Commencement Ceremony. Seniors Brandon Shore (Babson College) and Angelina Miller (The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, London) were selected to present the Student Addresses and Jack Jervis (Dartmouth College) presented the Class Gift. Campus Safety Officer Michael Mercante was chosen by the Class of 2022 to deliver remarks as a Friends Academy Colleague.

The students recognized and the colleges the graduating seniors will be attending follow:

The James E. Gardner Headmaster's Commendation Award is presented to students in the graduating class who have demonstrated the qualities of kindness, integrity, cooperation, effort, cheerfulness, participation in school activities and unselfishness, all irrespective of athletic or scholastic aptitude and achievement. This year's recipients are Lucy Schoeffel (University of British

Columbia) of Bayville and David Cooper-Boyce (Williams College) of Glen Cove.

The Roger Erickson Humanities Scholarship enables a deserving student to pursue his/her interest in the humanities (philosophy, literature, religion, art, music, history, language and more) during the summer months and ensures, that a love and appreciation of literature, fine and performing arts within the Friends Community continues in the memory of former English teacher Roger Erickson. This year's recipient is sophomore Mia Kamensky '24 of Roslyn.

The Martin Jacobson Scholarship Award is presented in honor of Marty Jacobson, a devoted teacher, coach, mentor, and Athletic Director for 38 years. This scholarship goes to the student who exemplifies those leadership qualities that Marty sought to instill: integrity, commitment, inner strength, resiliency, vision, intensity, empathy, and caring service. This year's recipient is junior Malachi Polson '23 of Bay Shore.

The Brian James Hom Scholarship Award is presented in honor of Brian Hom '11, who passed away in 2011 and left a lasting impact on all who knew him through his passion for social equity and justice, innate generosity and personal warmth, wonderful sense of humor and smile, and unparalleled commitment to excellence as a runner and scholar. He genuinely respected all people and sought to restore dignity and hope to the world. The scholarship honors a student who embodies Brian's qualities and lives according to his motto, "I am the me I choose to be." This year's recipient is junior Dijaye Carpenter '23 of Glen Cove.

The Elizabeth Young Durante Community Service Award is presented in honor of Elizabeth Durante '06, who passed away in 2009. This Community Service Award is given to a senior who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to serving those in need. This year's recipients are seniors Samantha Amritt (Pennsylvania State University) of Freeport and Eleni Pappas (Cornell University) of Brookville.

Roger Erickson English Award
Lucy Schoeffel (University of British Columbia)

Erica Schwartz (Boston University)
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Andrew Wang '25
Elizabeth Roosevelt History Award
David Cooper-Boyce (Williams College)

Emma Goldblatt (Washington University in St. Louis)

Mathematics Award
Ethan Labelson (California Institute of Technology)

Obituaries

DALEY - Kenneth J., 84 (August 12, 1937 - June 18, 2022) predeceased by his darling Patricia Venezian Daley on January 25, 2022. Married for 63 years to this beautiful, wonderful lady.

Born in Flatbush, Brooklyn to Martin and Margaret Daley. Father of Patricia Arena (Paul), Laurie Mastellone (Louis), Carol, Kenneth (Adrienne), MaryBeth Perro (Rick), Brian (Connie), John. Gramps Ken to Erin (Tom), Emily (Anthony), Michelle, Louis, Kristin, Samantha, Kathryn, Kayla, Kenny, Nicky, Ryan, Jessica, Jacob and Mia. Great-grandfather to Thomas, Matilda, Eva, Eleanor and Cole. Brother to John (Lynn), predeceased by Margaret (Frank), Martin (Joan), Jerry (Rita), Joe (Ann), Francis (Ro).

Graduate of Brooklyn Technical High School and The American Institute of Banking. Retired from JP Morgan Chase (formerly Chemical Bank) in 1998 as Business Executive of Long Island Middle Market Banking. Proudly, never missed a day of work in 43 years. Graduate of three Executive Management Programs at Harvard University. Graduate School of Credit and Financial Management, Graduate of Chemical Bank Executive Program and Graduate of Advanced Management Program #149. Generous blood donor of over 300 pints of blood and platelets. Former Board member of various organizations including, Catholic Health Services of Long Island and Trustee of

Long Island Catholic Charities. Interment Locust Valley Cemetery. www.Whitting.com

DREIWITZ, Martin C. – on June 20, 2022, age 90, of Oyster Bay, NY. Beloved father of Tuan Dihn. Interment at Mt. Hebron Cemetery. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

FLOCCARI, Josephine R. – on June 25, 2022, age 88, of Brookville, NY. Beloved wife of Frank. Loving mother of Marie McCormack (James). Cherished grandmother of James Frank (Alexandra Piscitello) and Michael Joseph. Loving sister of Anthony Barca (Mary) and the late Frank Barca (Mary) Also survived by many loving relatives and friends. a.m. Entombment Holy Rood Cemetery. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com



LANE, Stephen C. of Lattingtown, NY on June 27, 2022 age 70. Beloved son of the late John and Florence. Loving companion of Jean Nesky. Dear brother of Frances Staab (Tommy) and the late Joseph (Eva). Proud uncle of John, Timothy and Joseph. Also survived by loving cousins and many dear friends. Mass at the Church of St. Rocco on Friday at 10am. Interment Holy Rood Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com

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This notification is being given to the news media pursuant to the provisions of Section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York.

By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Locust Valley Fire District.

James Bonislowski
Fire District Secretary

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF NASSAU, CIT BANK, N.A. F/K/A ONEWEST BANK N.A., F/K/A ONEWEST BANK, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. JUDE T. BARBERA, AS SOLE TRUSTEE OF THE BARBERA FAMILY REAL PROPERTY TRUST, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on July 13, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the on the front steps on the north side of the Nassau County Supreme Court, 100 Supreme Court Drive, Mineola, NY on July 14, 2022 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 710 Chicken Valley Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Village of Matinecock, County of Nassau and State of New York, Section 23, Block B and Lot 494. Approximate amount of judgment is \$3,738,949.89 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 14-007454. This foreclosure sale will be held on the north side steps of the Courthouse, rain or shine. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale. If proper social distancing cannot be maintained or there are other health or safety concerns, the Court Appointed Referee will cancel the sale.

Roger Hausch, Esq., Referee

Bronster, LLP, 156 West 56th Street, Suite 902, New York, New York 10019, Attorneys for Plaintiff

PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF MATINECOCK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Matinecock, Nassau County, New York, at the at the Portledge School - Upper School Library, on Duck Pond Road in said Village on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

The hearing will be on the renewal of the cable television Franchise Agreement with Cablevision Systems Long Island Corporation, for renewal of its cable franchise agreement with the Village. All interested persons will be heard on Cablevision's compliance with the requirements of the terms and conditions of the existing franchise agreement, along with the Village's and its residents needs and requirements for cable related services under the new proposed franchise agreement.

A copy of Cablevision's Franchise Agreement with the Village of Matinecock is on file at Humes & Wagner, LLP, attorneys for the Village, where it may be reviewed on Monday thru Friday between the hours of 9:30 am and 4:30 p.m. during usual business days until the time of the hearing.

All persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard at said hearing. Any person needing special assistance in attending, please notify the Village Clerk (516-671-7790) at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing.

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Oyster Bay Seniors Say Farewell to High School



Valedictorian Kevin Biggiani (right) and Salutatorian Bridget Zahradnik (left).

Oyster Bay High School's Class of 2022 marked the end of their high school careers on June 25 during their commencement ceremony. The 128 seniors made their way down the steps of the high school one last time to "Pomp and Circumstance" as proud family and friends watched in anticipation.

The weather was perfect as the graduates took their seats at the front of the school. Senior class president Elisia Gallo led the Pledge of Allegiance, while senior American Sign Language student Kayla Cronin signed alongside her. Graduating seniors from the Oyster Bay High School choral program and American Sign Language program performed "The Star-Spangled Banner." Principal Sharon Lasher provided the opening remarks and welcomed all the families and distinguished guests, including Superintendent of Schools Dr. Francesco Ianni, the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Board of Education, central and building administrators and staff.

Ms. Lasher noted her special connection with the graduating seniors. When they entered the school as seventh graders back in 2016, she also entered the school as principal for the first time.

"I have watched them grow figuratively and literally right before my eyes, and I have enjoyed every minute of it," she said. "To the students, you are all my

kids, and I hope that you feel that you have been cared for here by a family who loves you very much and has a great deal of pride in all that you have accomplished."

After congratulating the graduates, Ms. Lasher introduced salutatorian Bridget Zahradnik who spoke about the bittersweet day and reflected on high school memories. She acknowledged the tightknit community among her peers and looked to the future.

"I challenge you to take chances; every step of our journey is never a straight line," she told her fellow graduates. "Some chances may knock us down for a moment but others can lift us up. We will make mistakes and change our minds but we will learn and grow as a result."

Dr. Ianni also addressed the Class of 2022 and offered advice. This included letting go of their fears and embracing happiness.

"You are ready to embrace the next chapter," he told the seniors. "Remember, no matter where you are, you will always have the support of your parents, your loved ones and all of us at Oyster Bay."

Following Dr. Ianni's remarks, valedictorian Kevin Biggiani spoke to his fellow graduates. He reflected on their time at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School, James H. Vernon School and then their senior year. Biggiani also shared his gratitude for all those in the district who have made a difference in the lives of the senior class. He concluded his address by wishing his classmates all the best as they move on from the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District.

"I have no doubt that all of you sitting on this stage with me will be successful in whatever you choose to do in the future," he said.

Board of Education President Laurie Kowalsky, vice president Nancy Castrogiovanni and trustee Todd Cronin were welcomed to the podium. Both Mrs.



The Oyster Bay High School Class of 2022 tossed their caps at the conclusion of the commencement ceremony.

Castrogiovanni and Mr. Cronin were proud parents of a member of the senior class. They commended the graduates for all that they have achieved and have overcome during their time in high school.

Following their congratulatory remarks, Ms. Lasher presented the Beekman Medal to graduating senior Jonah Gluck. The award is considered Oyster Bay High School's highest honor. Gluck was selected by faculty members for "possessing kindness, respect, a self-motivated drive to succeed, a willingness to do whatever is asked and a wonderful personality."

After the medal presentation, senior and National Honor Society vice president Laura Castrogiovanni honored teacher Stephen Acquaro with the National Honor Society's faculty award. This is presented to a teacher who inspires and motivates students beyond their current abilities. Ms. Lasher continued the recognitions by acknowledging several seniors and their accomplish-

ments. Dr. Ianni joined her on stage where four seniors who plan to pursue military careers after graduation were honored. Dr. Ianni presented a folded flag to Ryan Feldman, Julia Jiao, Thomas Syrett and Arianna Wulffen. Ms. Lasher thanked each of them in advance for their service to the country.

Each senior was announced on stage as they received their diploma from members of the Board of Education. The students then moved their tassels from right to left as loved ones cheered. With the words "class dismissed" from Ms. Lasher, the Class of 2022 tossed their caps, ready to take on their next exciting chapter.



Seniors entered the commencement ceremony to "Pomp and Circumstance." Photos: OB-ENCSD

Cash Mob at My Beautiful Mess



(L to R) Deborah Orgel-Gordon, NSBN Founder; Susan Davila, Co-Owner, My Beautiful Mess; Noah Veiga, Felene vodka; Lisa Marchetti, Owner, My Beautiful Mess; and Gracie Donaldson, NSBN Promotions Manager

Photo courtesy of North Shore Biz Network

North Shore Biz Network (NSBN) hosted a Cash Mob at My Beautiful Mess, located at 60 Roslyn Ave. in Sea Cliff.

The community was invited to patronize My Beautiful Mess on that appointed day which boosted sales and brought awareness to this local business.

Additionally, customers were treated

to a vodka tasting courtesy of Felene vodka.Carolynn Eipel was the big winner of a \$25.00 gift card to My Beautiful Mess to be used on a future visit.

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