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By Mikaela Carrol

Though I didn't know Christain Henke well, like many of us here, I was instantly concerned when I found out he had been recently diagnosed with brain cancer. After all, Once a Phantom, Always a Phantom. As the town rallied around him, I knew I wanted a way to help, but struggled with how best to show my support. Like most things in life, I took inspiration from my mom, who suggested it would be great to have a way for people to donate in person. So then came the question of what to do as the fundraiser; I knew I wanted it to be a tournament style due to our town's well documented competitive nature.

Here's where Matt Nilan came into play. Matt is a rising senior, who recently committed to Towson University to play lacrosse and was a live sports broadcaster for Phantom's basketball. Matt also successfully helped create a

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SYC Junior Racing Team's Quest for the Sears Cups

By Kate Berube

Four members of the Sayville Yacht Club's junior racing team recently advanced to the Chubb U.S Junior Championship in their quest to bring home sailing's illustrious Sears Cup. Founded in 1941, the prestigious sailing competition is U.S. Sailing's National Championship for junior sailors, aged 13-18. Hosted on August 9th through the 13, the regatta returned to its origins at the Eastern Yacht Club in Marblehead, Massachusetts for the 100th year anniversary. One team from each of the eleven Area's across the United

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Releve Dance Shines Light on SB's Sunshine Fund

By Kate Berube

Blue Point's Releve Dance Center closed out its summer season in spectacular fashion. Staged against the picturesque backdrop of the Great South Bay at the historical Patchogue Bandshell, parents and supporters arrived en masse armed with lawn chairs and blankets ready to enjoy a breezy evening of music and dancing. The annual charity recital, which included an array of dance routines to pop hits, raised over twelve hundred dollars in honor of Liz Kelly, for Stony Brook Hospital's Sunrise Fund that supports the institute's pediatric oncology program. Currently in its 13th year, the yearly event has raised nearly 15,000 dollars for the fund to date.

The performance showcased dancers aged 3 to 18, who participated in the studio's six week summer program. From the tiniest tap dancers straight through the towering teenage acrobats, the night was a charming look into the wonderful talent produced by one

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Diana Reid



At times, life can be tough. We're given a path to travel that's filled with pot holes and seems never-ending. However, if we stay strong and engage the help of others, we can muddle through. I want to share a story about an elderly man that managed to do just that. A photographer kept passing a ramshackle, abandoned house on her way home from work each day that seemed to draw her attention. One day on her way home she decided it would be great to photograph it, so she stopped and started taking pictures.

As she snapped away, she thought she saw a movement in one of the windows, but shook it off, because it was believed empty. She continued to take her photos and then it happened again and this time she was sure it was something moving. She gathered her courage and entered the house. Each room she walked into was filled with stuff, furniture and other things. As she entered into the living room, she gasped in shock. Sitting in a chair was an elderly man. She paused, then introduced herself. He replied kindly and went on to tell her he lived there alone, spending most of his time in the living room because he couldn't get around. He shared that he's blind in one eye and has cataracts in the other. She listened intently and asked if she could help. He said that would be nice and she did. She became his friend. She visited him constantly, helping to clear some stuff from his home and got him medical help. They grew closer and closer each day. After suffering a stroke, they both realized he could no longer be alone in the house, so she helped him get into a nursing home. He's doing well and both say, "the best day of their lives was when they met." So, look around to see if there's something or someone you can help. As the photographer found out...

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SEA-BBS is a volunteer booster club which supports the arts throughout the Bayport-Blue Point School District and our community. Through membership and fundraising efforts SEA-BBS provides students with scholarships in the arts – from visual to music, dance to literary. These scholarships are awarded to outstanding artists in grades 5, 8 and 12.

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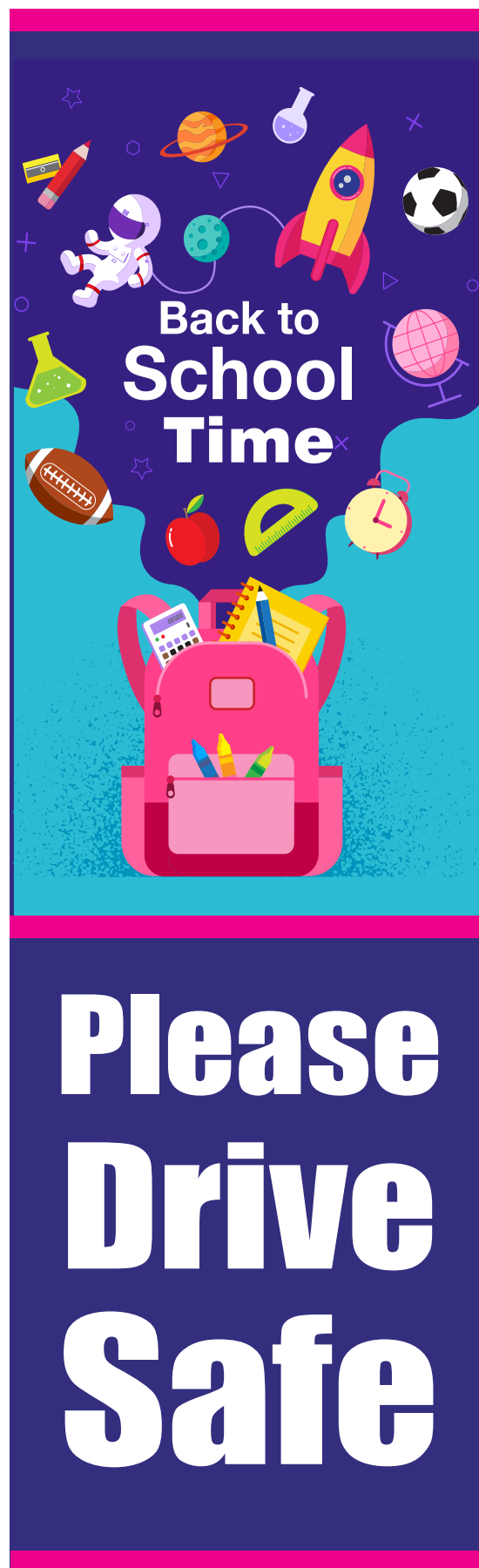


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Mak's Library Corner: Down at Harbes Family Farm

By Ezra Powers

Did you know our library offers museum passes? There are 10 different awesome places for you to explore. Reserving your pass is fast and easy, and can be done on the new BBP Library App, on their website, or in person! On a recent sunny Tuesday, we picked Harbes Family Farm, printed our pass in a matter of minutes, and set out on an adventure.

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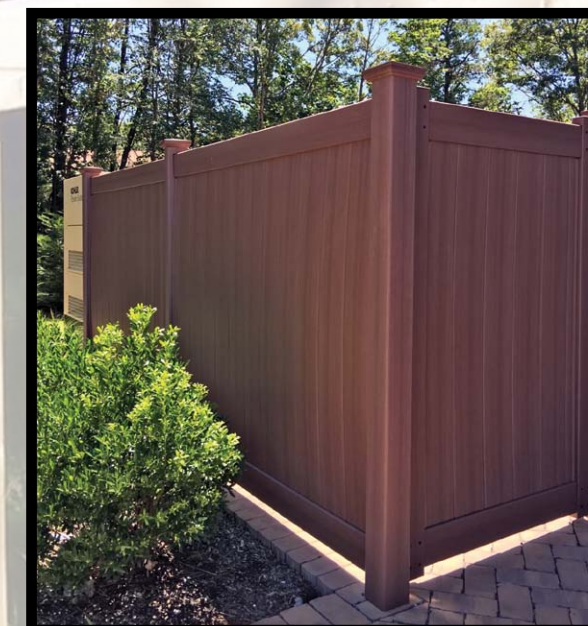
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BBPLL Trout League Returns to Play Ball

By Karen Costa



In 2019, the BBP Little League decided to expand its senior league in an effort to entice older boys to continue to play. They renamed the division Trout after MLB superstar Mike Trout. Historically, senior divisions were named after old time players such as Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron, but the league wanted to modernize it for today's teens. An outfield fence was donated for the senior field, a few new rules were created and the league added some cool throw-back baseball jerseys to bring it all together. The first year was a great success, over 60 boys signed up from 9th through 12th grade.

In 2020, the pandemic shut down the season, both for little league as well as the newly founded Trout League. When 2021 came around, the little league opened up registration for the Trout League again. Due to the high school spring sports having a condensed season and those sports having multiple games per week, the Trout League was delayed until summer. The season got underway once school ended and this year, about 58 boys signed up. BBPLL Vice President Sal Costa said, "summer is not an ideal time for our league to run with conflicts with vacations and jobs, but unfortunately this was what we had to do to get it in this year."

When asked about the appeal of this league, Costa added, "we have all skill levels playing in the Trout Division, from varsity starting players through kids that have never played organized baseball. Just like the younger grades, we do a draft to make sure that the teams are balanced. We have playoffs and a championship game. These



are kids who have mostly grown up playing together through little league. It's fun to give them a few more years to play no-pressure baseball with their friends." An added bonus was the field upgrades that the Town of Islip did this year, installing turf, new dugouts, and fencing.

The season ran from the end of June through the beginning of August. The league had enough players to form 4 teams and played 2 games per week. To cap off a remarkable year the Blue Jays took home the Division Championship after an undefeated season. BBPLL plans to expand on the league in the future and hopes to get even more boys to play. In 2022 the goal is to start the league right after school sports end in May and play through the end of June or beginning of July.



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The Reemergence of Vinyl as Something Better



Photos Kate Berube



By Kate Berube

When my then middle school daughter begged for a vintage record player three years ago, I'll ruefully admit that my reaction was slightly patronizing and perplexed. Don't we subscribe to spotify? Didn't she already have a massive JBL waterproof speaker? I dismissed it as a passing fad. Except it kept popping up.

Not just in my home, but on display shelves, in headlines and during casual conversations.

And again I wondered, if you have the power at your fingertips to call up vast catalogs of music in seconds, I'm talking millions of songs by thousands of artists instantly at your disposal... why on earth would you go back to a 100 year old form of technology filled with so many limitations?

In the back of my mind, the question gnawed at me.

I had already begun the ruminations of a rambling piece I had no intention of publishing, when I heard quiet whispers that a record shop was in the works less than a mile from my house. It persisted until I found myself standing on South Main St., in front of the new home of the enigmatic Better Nature Records, ready to knock on the freshly painted black door and ask a complete stranger "why vinyl?!"



Fortunately for me on the other side of that question was Michael Gippet, a 37 year old lawyer by trade with a quick smile and infectiously good nature. Having grown up in neighboring Oakdale, he returned home in recent years to build something here. I stepped back to take in his endeavors.

The shop is an eclectic mix of goods, from band shirts to exclusive AllSaints apparel. The specialty guitar pedals are crafted works of art, the collection of turntables vibrant. The fit is edgy and exciting. The vibe is cozy and comfortable. What ties the space

together is the tiny touches that are not for sale, the bronze figurines scattered among the store, the well loved stack of books, the fuzzy throw over the couch, and causally misplaced guitar picks. If you bother to look, shadows of personality begin to emerge, designed to invite you in and compel you to stay. To reach for something more.

Standing in front of the expansive grid of colorful album covers on the wall, I did my own searching.

Admittedly there's something pretty about vinyl, if not practical than certainly aesthetically appealing. And sure, there's something satisfying and slightly hypnotic in the way the disc spins as the needle navigates into the grooves pumping out indie rock. The album work was gorgeous. There's a warmth to the sound, I had never noticed coming through my AirPods.

But doesn't most convenience come at a cost, we mused as the record continued to rotate. When compact disks were invented, society marveled at how much music could fit within such a small space. A decade later, MP3's would blow that concept out of



the water. Somewhere along the way from CD's to MP3's to streaming services, we gave up certain things to gain others.

A vinyl record isn't just the sum of the music it carries, but a total of the experience it invokes. LP's were meant to be consumed in their entirety. Each song, playing out in a carefully curated tracklist, the order a subtext unto itself. Together, the entire album spells out an intended story. The rise of singles left us with only a chapter in the tale.

Yet every piece of the puzzle is an invitation into the artist's mindset; every thread followed, a love letter to their audience. A tangible connection between creator and consumer. One you can see, feel, as well as hear.

And suddenly, I understood the draw.

Covid brought an increasingly digital world into hyper-drive, forcing every avenue of life to be lived virtually. After 18 months, most of us are electronically burnt out. In that light, it's hard not to see a correlation between this new world order and the desire to experience authenticity in the physical world. To be grounded in the weight of something concrete in your hands. I can't say for sure. But I do know this, in 2020, 27.5 million vinyl records were sold in the United States, up 46% from the previous year. According to MRC Data's year end report that accounts for 27% of all LPs sales. Vinyl is returning, in a very real way.

Though the statistics are facts, my musings are anecdotal at best. You'll have to make of it what you will. In the meantime, the record has slowed to a stop and I'll have to switch it over if I want to ever get to the B side tracks.

Islip Goes Purple



On Wednesday August 25th 2-5 pm RAZING HAIR SALON in Bayport hosted a tabling event with The Great South Bay Coalition supporting "ISLIP GOES PURPLE". Chris generously donated the purple hair extensions with his staff donating their time applying the hair extensions on site. Purple light bulbs, bows, lawn signs and literature was distributed by our local Drug Free Community Coalition and Great South Bay Coalition. Thank you to the Bayport Blue Point Chamber of Commerce for their continued commitment and support to raising awareness on substance use disorder in the Town of Islip and the Town of Brookhaven.



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Being in a community of readers who are sharing the same book helps generate excitement, joy and engagement.



For this summer reading, we have selected: **Things Seen From Above** by Shelley Pearsall

A shift in perspective can change everything. This uplifting story of friendship and kindness celebrates kids who see the world a little bit differently.

April Boxler is a sixth grader at Marshallville Elementary School. Instead of spending time with her classmates during recess, April volunteers to help monitor the fourth grade 'buddy bench.' There she meets Joey Byrd who often spends his time creating circles on the playground. The story gives readers a glimpse into Joey's mind. Told in alternating viewpoints - April's in text and Joey's mostly in art - *Things Seen From Above* gives the 'whole picture' of what happens as these two outsiders find their places.

Five years ago, Academy Street Elementary embarked on a summer reading adventure where families shared a book together. This year, we would once again like include our Bayport Blue Point community in this literary initiative.

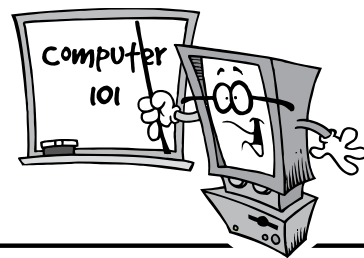
We invite friends, neighbors, business owners, and students of all ages to join us in reading *Things Seen From Above* by former teacher and author Shelly Pearsall

Enjoy this delightful novel and share it with as many members of our community as you can. We hope to host a celebration of reading this Fall at Academy Street Elementary if possible.

Until then, get a copy of the book and enjoy!

pc Help101

By Rich Vatalaro



Hello readers,

Troubleshooting an old and slow PC isn't a fun experience, but it's also something you can do on your own at home or of course call me. In addition to common issues to look for, there's another task you should take on... creating a bootable USB drive. Creating the drive is a task that sounds complicated and something that requires plenty of tech savvy, but it only takes a few clicks

of the mouse and a solid internet connection to complete. Don't feel intimidated at all. I promise. Creating a Windows 10 bootable USB drive is something you should do if you own a Windows computer. The backup media can save you both time and a headache if you ever need to reinstall Windows Besides an empty 8GB USB drive (minimum size) and a Windows PC, you'll need to set aside about 30 minutes, maybe longer, depending on your internet speed.

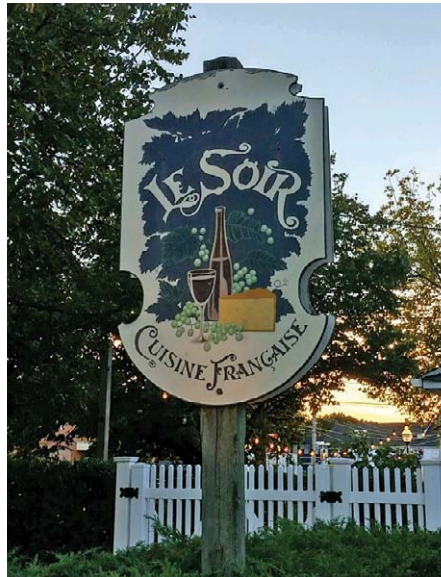
To get started use Microsoft's media creation tool. Microsoft has a dedicated tool that you can use to download the Windows 10 system image (also referred to as ISO) and create your bootable USB drive.

1. Using Google, search for "Create a Microsoft Installation tool". A few choices will come up, choose the one that says to download for Windows 10. Scroll down and click the Download tool now.
2. Once the download finishes, double-click the file called MediaCreationToolxxxx to run it. (The last four digits of the file name indicate the version number of Windows 10. Right now, the filename is MediaCreationTool21H1, but that will change as newer versions are released.) The file should be in your Downloads folder.
3. When the program opens, accept Microsoft's terms and conditions, then select Create installation media (USB flash drive, DVD, or ISO file) for another PC, and click Next.
4. You'll be asked to select the language, edition, and architecture you want to use. By default, the tool will use the best options for the PC you're creating the boot drive on. You can change any of the options by unchecking the box next to Use the recommended options for this PC and using the drop-down options. If you're unsure about whether you need a 64-bit or a 32-bit architecture, select Both from the Architecture drop-down. Note, that according to Microsoft's support page, if you plan on using this tool to flash a different edition of Windows 10, such as Windows 10 Pro (or vice versa) on a different PC, it will be included when you select Windows 10 as the Edition. In fact, basic Windows 10 is the only option, so don't stress yourself looking for a Pro option.
5. Click Next when you've adjusted the options, leave USB flash drive selected, and plug your USB drive into your computer. Select Next to continue.
6. Finally, select the USB drive from the list. If you have more than one drive connected to your computer and are unsure which one to pick, disconnect the extra drives. Picking the wrong drive could be catastrophic, as this process erases everything on the drive during the process. With the right drive selected, click Next.

Microsoft's tool will take care of the rest from there. The process should take about 30 minutes, give, or take, depending on your internet speed. When the tool is done, click Finish and remove the USB drive from your computer. Going forward, if you need to install or reinstall Windows, you can connect the drive to your computer and reboot it. Your PC should boot to the drive, giving you the option to install Windows. If it doesn't automatically boot to the drive, you'll need to reboot your computer into its BIOS firmware -- usually done by pressing Esc, F2, or a similar key while the computer is starting up -- and change the boot drive or "bootmenu" to your flash drive. The process for each computer when you first turn on your computer, there'll be a small line of text telling you which button to press to enter BIOS. If you don't see it, or it goes away too fast, I suggest consulting your manual for instructions.

This may all sound complicated, but it really isn't and can be a life saver. Remember I am always available to offer advice, answer your questions, and access your PC remotely for repairs and tutoring. I'm back making house calls again with the necessary precautions. I have added Smart Home Speakers such as Alexa and Google Home to my list of services from setup to automating your home. I can install your new equipment and can show you how to use them. I can set up your Wi-Fi or wireless printing and show you how to use your new Smartphone. Any situation you encounter or to simply answer a question via an e-mail or phone call I am available. Simply send your questions to: Rich@PCHelp101.com or call me at 631.590.1469.

Thanks for reading,
Rich Vatalaro



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of BBP's most popular dance schools. For Revelle Director Halie Corpac the recital is more than just a show, it's an avenue to cultivate empathy and model good citizenry in her students, "it's about showing our dancers how to give back, and empowering them to go out and make a difference." By all accounts, it was a resounding success. Bravo!



Photos Kate Berube



SYC Racing Team from page 1

States, designated by U.S. Sailing, qualifies to represent their region at the National Championship in the triple-handed fleet. The SYC team, composed of brothers Connor Cameron and Brendan Cameron, their cousin Aidan Cameron, and Finn Capozzi represented Area B after coming in first in two qualifying regattas. Though accustomed to racing in J22's, the boys were introduced to the unfamiliar Rs21 model used for this year's Nationals and given a single day to acclimate to the differences before the race. They took it all in stride, in large part due to their rock solid support system back home. The boys largely credit Dan Cameron as their inspiration for both his tireless dedication and the sense of levity that he injects into the sport, teaching them first and foremost that racing is about loving sailing and having fun together.

Though the Sears Cup eluded them this year, the boys are far from deterred and are determined to come back stronger than ever next season. Meet the members of the SYC Junior Racing Team in our athletic profile.



Photo Kate Berube

Connor Cameron
SYC Junior Racing Team
Position: Skipper
Age: 17
Hometown: West Sayville
School: Sayville High School
Grade: Senior/Class of 2022
Years Racing: 10
Favorite Part of Sailing: "Growing up with sailing, the water just became a huge part of me. It's competitive and fast paced."
Future Plans: Hopes to continue his sailing career after graduation at a Division 1 college program.
Other sports: Volleyball and swimming



Photo Kate Berube

Brendan Cameron
SYC Junior Racing Team
Position: Jib and Spinnaker Trimmer/Tactics
Hometown: West Sayville
Age: 15
School: Sayville High School
Grade: Junior/Class of 2023
Years Racing: 7
Favorite Part of Sailing: "Definitely the new places it brings you and the people it introduces you to. I teach sailing now too and it just connects you to really great people you might have never known otherwise."
Other sports: Swimming, track, and soccer



Photo Megan Capozzi



Photo Kate Berube

Aidan Cameron
SYC Junior Racing Team
Position: Bow/Tactics
Age: 16
Hometown: Blue Point
School: Bayport-Blue Point High School
Grade: Junior/Class of 2023
Years Racing: 7
Favorite Part of Sailing: "When the wind is strong, you fly with it. It's really fun."
Other sports: Lacrosse, swimming and golf



Photo Megan Capozzi



Photo Kate Berube

Finn Capozzi
SYC Junior Racing Team
Position: All Around
Age: 14
Hometown: Bayport
School: Bayport-Blue Point High School
Grade: Freshman/Class of 2025
Years Racing: 4
Favorite Part of Sailing: "The way the sport is versatile, it involves a lot of different moving parts and that makes it challenging."
Other sports: Golf

Walter Found Another Cool Bird



Photo Walter Petrule

The bird in this photo is a Green Heron (Butorides virescens). Unlike its more elegant cousins, the Great Blue Heron and the Great Egret, the Green Heron is a relatively short and stocky bird. Like all herons and egrets, it is a wading bird with a long neck and dagger-like bill that combine a s a formidable weapon against its prey of fish, frogs, snakes and other such aquatic delicacies. While relatively common, the green Heron is seldom seen. Its small size and coloration help it to blend in with the background of the shores of wooded ponds, creeks and marshes which are its hunting grounds. I was surprised to see this bird out in the open of a budding tree as it is has been my usual experience of seeing only their tail feathers as they flew away from me from their camouflaged perches.

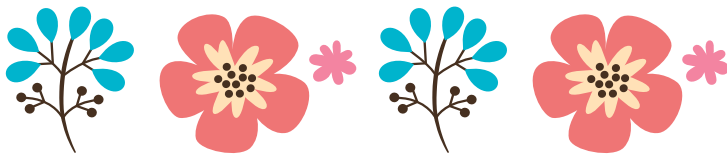
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seasonal spikeball tournament last year. So as a lacrosse player, sports enthusiast, and a bracket master, I knew I needed Matt to help me execute this project. I started by doing what I do best, creating graphics and forms for sign up and promoting them on my social media. Soon local businesses such as Meryl's Cookies, Tina's Ices, Furcis, and Fire Island Ferries generously came to the rescue providing prizes. In the week leading up to the tournament we went from 20 teams to 64 teams with 2 alternates! I honestly couldn't believe how many people had signed up but Matt kept ensuring me we would fill his 64 team bracket. We had teams ranging from 6th graders to grandparents, father and daughter duos, best friends, and parents. After 3 regular games, 4 rounds of playoffs, and a final championship match, Rosario Constantino and Hunter Wooley were crowned the winners. Honorable mention went to Father Son Duo Jerry and Jesse Dietz, who came in second place. Best of all, we raised just over 8,000 dollars that went directly to the Henke Family in support of Christians battle against brain cancer!

While Matt and I might have been the brains behind the operations, the entire evening was truly a team effort. From every single person who signed up straight through to those who lugged cornhole boards down to the turf, served up hotdogs, raffelled the prizes or just turned up to cheer. Looking around, I was reminded of how, time after time, our neighbors show up for each other. I couldn't have been more proud of my hometown. It was a great night to be a Phantom.

Mrs. Henke told me after the tournament that she hadn't seen Christian so happy in a while. That was by far the best. Christian, everyone is wishing you a fast and full recovery. We're all rooting for you.



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Apple Festival Returns!

By Kate Berube

Mark your calendars, the Town of Islip's annual Apple Festival is returning this year to the Islip Grange. The highly anticipated fall tradition is scheduled to take place Saturday, September 18 from 10am-6pm (rain date September 25) at 10 Broadway Avenue in Sayville. Usher in autumn with live music, amusement rides, local craft vendors, delicious food... and of course all things apple! Entry to the event is free and there's a complimentary shuttle bus available from the Sayville Train Station.

Rather adventure out and pick your own? Apple season in the parts runs from late August until mid-October and there are dozens of U-Pick apple farms scattered throughout Long Island where you can carefully select the freshest home grown varieties. From dwarf trees specifically intended for our tiniest harvesters to adult only apple cider, here are a few of our favorites.

Lewin Farms | 201-709 Fresh Pond Ave, Calverton, NY

Classic U-Pick without a ton of fanfare, Lewin's is great if you want to avoid the hayrides and playground. Head toward the back for the best apples, and grab roasted corn on your way out.

Hank's Pumpkintown | 240 Montauk Hwy., Water Mill, NY

Filled with kids activities for all ages, Hanks officially opens for the 2021 season on Saturday September 11th.

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