

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



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Celebrating scholarship

Riverhead High School's Urban League college prep counselor Patrick Harris with senior class academic scholarship winners (from left) Emily Cooper, Nuria Wright, Alexandra Budd, Natasha Brown, Dasara Strange, Alyssa Hubbard and Lauren Liggon. Not pictured are winners Kellie Griffith, Kymberlee Stephens and Michael Kringle. Together, these students have received \$742,500 in scholarship money from universities including Penn State, St. John's, University of New Haven, Franklin Pierce, Clark Atlanta and SUNY/Albany as well as Wagner, Assumption, Lasell, Dominican and Springfield colleges.



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The Kiwanis Club of Greater Riverhead and its president, Harry Wilkinson, presented their sixth annual "Breakfast of Stars" on April 17 at Indian Island Country Club, celebrating those individuals in our community who make a difference in the lives of our youth. Those honored included the Rev. William Fields, Robert Jester, Liz Stokes, Thelma Booker, along with the late Hilly Booker and Keith Romaine. County Legislator Ed Romaine accepted the award for his late son. These honorees are not just community-minded but are role models for children. They are helping to ensure our future by caring for and about the people who will be caring for us. Anyone interested in becoming a Kiwanis member can call Harry Wilkinson at 463-5811. Meetings are held twice a month, every other Wednesday, at Indian Island Country Club. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. They provide assistance to the Open Arms Soup Kitchen, Maureen's Haven, Riverhead CAP,

Flanders Little League, and Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center's Kamp Kiwanis, to name a few. They also work with young adults in the Riverhead Key Club at the Riverhead High School. If you are interested call Harry or drop in at one of their meetings and see for yourself how this organization works.

The Riverhead Fire Police Patrol Company 1 held its monthly meeting on April 15 at Meeting House Creek Inn, where they also honored ex-Captain Paul Sparrow for 40 years of dedicated service, and ex-Captain Chet Leja, for 55 years of dedicated service.

Students from St. Isidore School attended the Eastern Suffolk BOCES "Celebration of Technology and Education" at SUNY/Stony Brook on April 16. The children showcased their projects, which incorporated technology integrated into their curriculum. Students chosen on the quality of their work were: Aiden Fitzgerald, Eva Reese, Nina Keller, Maria Dillingham, Patrick Fitzgerald, Edmund Millwater, Ailsa Augustyn and Dominick Zelayandia.

St. Isidore School will be holding

its annual ladies' luncheon on Saturday, May 8, at the Vineyard Caterers in Aquebogue from noon to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person and include appetizer, salad, choice of entrée, soda, coffee or tea, dessert, door prizes and table gifts. There will also be a cash bar and chinese auction. The first 100 tickets sold will include a free sheet of tickets for the chinese auction. For more information, call the school at 727-1650, or Madelyne Galka, 369-4342.

Happy birthday wishes to Matthew Heppner (who turns 25), Katie Nolan, Dorothy Podlas, Paul LeCann and Kayleigh Lawrence (who turns 2) today, April 22; Dean Argenti (who turns 12) and Mike Oliver, April 23; Janelle Carey (who turns 12) and Stacia Smith, April 24; Amanda Reichel and Chase Van Houten (who turns 3), April 26; Tynaisa Murray (who turns 11) and Richie Andrychowski (who turns 20), April 27; Debbie Fischer, Haleigh Miller (who turns 4), Carol Tracy and David Tracy (who celebrates the big "50"), April 28. Be sure to celebrate.

Happy wedding anniversary wishes to Dorothy and Paul Podlas, who celebrate their 56th, and to Pat and Pete Bilski, on April 24. Hope your day is special.

Today is the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. Help Mother Earth rejuvenate in your little corner of the world. Not only will it benefit you, but everyone around you as well.



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We haven't been experiencing the most perfect weather lately, but I think we are actually having a proper spring. Be patient, it'll be warm before you know it.

My cousin Larry Taylor is back on U.S. soil! He returned safe and sound to Las Vegas and made a surprise visit to see us a few weeks ago. He looked a bit tired, but oh, so happy not to have to go overseas again. He thanks everyone for their prayers, letters, e-mails and all the good things that were sent to him and his buddies. It is very much appreciated.

Members of the Riverhead Fire Department have been at Riley Avenue Elementary School all week teaching the students and staff about fire safety and prevention. This wonderful fire department has been giving their time for so many years and their visit is always highly anticipated. Thank you, we truly appreciate all you do for us.

Attention, parents of third- and fourth-grade students! Make sure your children receive plenty of rest along with some good breakfasts next week, as they will be taking their ELA tests on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Good luck to all. The second-graders will be visiting the Holtsville Ecology Center in the near future, and the kindergartners will be going to the Yaphank Farm at the end of the month. I remember going there with my kids to see the baby chicks and all the other interesting stuff on the farm. Since we are farmers you would think it would be the same old thing for us, but it really was a lot of fun.

Speaking of fun, the Riverhead Blue Masques will perform "Fame" on April 23, 24, 30 and May 1, at 8 p.m. at Riverhead High School. These students are very talented. It is exciting to see our neighbors turn themselves into someone other than who we are used to. Do go and have some fun.

My little Yorkie "granddaughter" Brooklyn once again has Lyme disease. I could tell because she's been sleeping a lot and is listless. Do check your pets. If they seem unusually sleepy or have problems walking due to stiff joints, take them to your vet for a simple blood test. This disease affects our pets the same way it affects us, so take care of your little friends.

That is all for this week. Get out there and pull those weeds. I have a nice crop of them along with my flowers. Take care, be safe and I shall talk to you soon. Bye.

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