

PEOPLE



Photo from Romaine's office

Supervisor Ed Romaine honors Eagle Scout William Koji of Troop 229 in Selden.

Koji achieves Eagle Scout rank

William Koji, a member of Boy Scout Troop 229 in Selden, recently had his Eagle Scout Court of Honor at the Hibernian Hall in Selden. Becoming an Eagle Scout is the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America, and it's a rank achieved by less than 10 percent of all Boy Scouts.

In order to achieve the rank, scouts must earn 21 merit badges, serve six months in a troop leadership position, plan, develop and provide leadership to a community service project, take part in a Scoutmaster conference and successfully complete an Eagle Scout board of review.

Since most Eagles complete these requirements when they're 17 or 18, they're doing all this while also going to school, applying to colleges, working part-time jobs, playing sports, rehearsing for musical performances and more.

For his Eagle project, Koji built a handicap-accessible flower bed in Bethel Hobbs Community Farm in Centereach.

"I commend William for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout," said Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine. "Young men like William are our future leaders and from what I can see, we will be in good hands."



Photo from SCCC

Students shown are Lucia Mallozzi, David Burns, Leila Esmailzada and Omar Azziz discussing their research in the field with professor Dan Davis, back to camera.

SCCC students search for clues on Rocky Point land

Suffolk County Community College students, under the direction of their own professor, Sean Tvelia, and Dan Davis, a professor from Stony Brook University, are searching for clues to a local mystery: What caused a number of rimmed

depressions in the ground throughout the Rocky Point Natural Resources Management Area that includes nearly 6,000 acres of pine-oak forest and open lands?

The students are using ground-penetrating radar to determine

the structure of the underlying surface and formulate hypotheses about the possible causes of the not-too-noticeable depressions. The students are also assisting in conducting resistivity studies that will be used in conjunction with the radar results

OBITUARY

Robert M. Davidson

Robert M. Davidson, 70, of New Rochelle, died on Oct. 18.

He was the loving father of Laura (Joe); cherished grandfather of Jennifer, Alyssa and Nicholas and devoted brother of Anthony (Joanne).

Arrangements were entrusted to Branch Funeral Home of Miller Place. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Margaret of Scotland R.C. Church in Selden. Interment followed at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Coram.

An online guest book is available at www.branchfh.com.

Local preteen set to compete

Keyana Demosthene, of Centereach, was recently selected to participate in the 2014 Miss Pre-Teen New York pageant competition that will take place on Sunday, Nov. 16.

Keyana learned of her acceptance into this year's competition when the pageant announced its selections after conducting interviews in the New York area.

She submitted an application and took part in an interview session that was conducted by this year's pageant coordinator.

Keyana will be competing in the

Miss Pre-Teen division for her share of thousands of dollars in prizes and specialty gifts.

The preteen will be competing in modeling routines but, most important, she will display her personality and interviewing skills while in front of the judging panel.

Personality is the No. 1 aspect that each contestant is judged on during all phases of competition.

If Keyana should win the title of Miss Pre-Teen New York, she would travel to the national competition that will take place in Orlando, Fla.



Photo from Kendra Demosthene

Keyana Demosthene will participate in the Miss Pre-Teen New York pageant.