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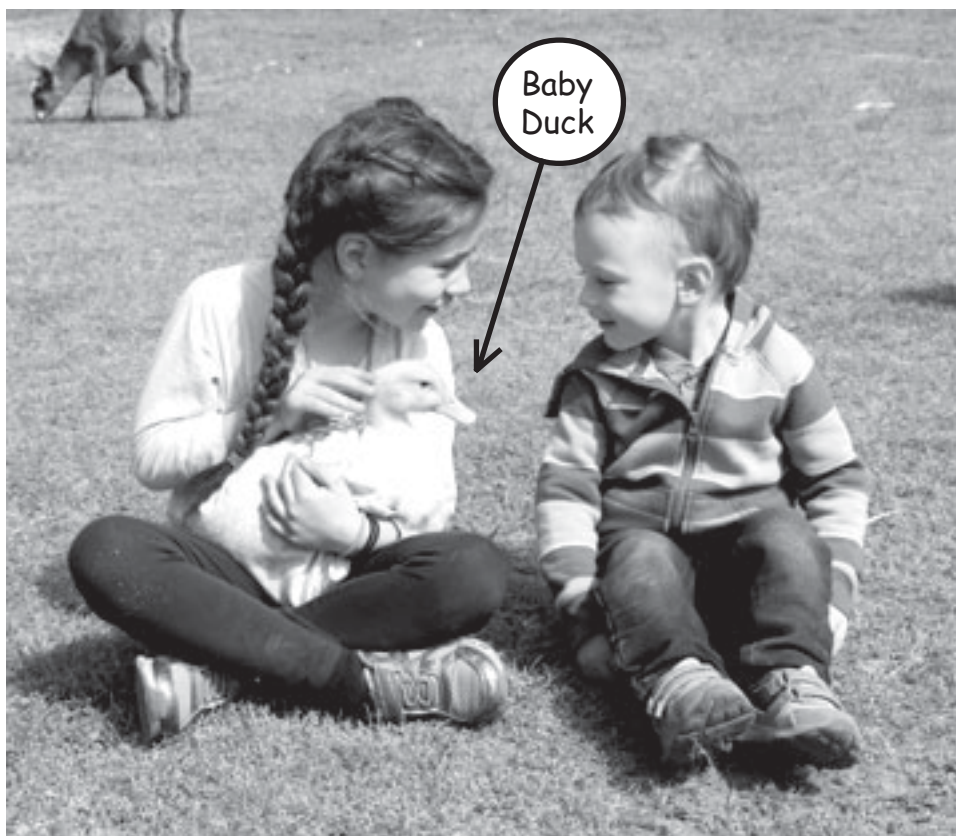
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Open on Saturday, April 19, and entering its 50th season, is the Long Island Game Farm-Wildlife Park & Children's Zoo. The Game Farm has new baby animals, including chicks, bunnies, ducklings and kid goats. Visitors will be able to pet and hand-feed the animals once they are born. They will also be able to enjoy the amusement rides, including the carousel, spinning tea cups, and pony rides! Perfect for field trips, children's birthday parties, family get-togethers, and company outings.

The Long Island Game Farm was founded in 1970 by Stanley and Diane Novak. For more information, visit www.longislandgamefarm.com. Or call 631-878-6644; it is just south on Wading River-Manor Road, Chapman Blvd. in Manorville. Great day for children, teens, parents, grandparents, all ages.

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Local School Wins Nationally

When Tonya Gonzalez, a second-year bilingual fourth grade teacher at Riverhead's Phillips Avenue Elementary School, responded to actress Kristen Bell's "Feature Teacher of the Week" Instagram contest in December, she never thought she would be selected. Gonzalez said, "I couldn't believe when Kristen Bell (*Veronica Mars; Sarah Marshall Gossip Girl...*) reached out to me at the end of March and said, 'Are you ready?'"

Gonzalez was ready. On March 28, Bell posted an Instagram message encouraging her fans to send school supplies to Gonzalez. The response was more than the Riverhead teacher could have hoped for. "Boxes are still pouring in," Gonzalez said after receiving more than 150 packages during the first week of April. Each box contained school supplies listed on Gonzalez's Amazon **Wish List** that she created as part of the "Feature Teacher" contest.

"This really is a recognition for my students," she said. "They deserve this. They work so very hard." Among the school supplies Gonzalez received were more than 50 chapter books, translated into Spanish for her students, as well as games, gardening supplies and an incubator for chicks. Every box also came with a special note of support addressed to Gonzalez and her students.

In addition to the boxes, NBC donated \$1,000 to Phillips Avenue as part of the contest. Gonzalez said a plan for the money is being drawn up. "My students are so grateful," she said, noting that all of her students are working on writing thank-you notes that will be sent to all of the gracious donors. (See class picture on page 3.)

Solar Panel Installation at Brookhaven Calabro Airport

Solar panels are being installed at the future Renewable Energy Generating Facility at Brookhaven's Calabro Airport. Upon completion, in August 2019, the site will include more than 10,000 ground-mount solar arrays at four locations within the airport. Per Supervisor Romaine's directive, installation of the low-profile panels requires no trees to be removed. The new facility will generate 36 MW DC power, enough to provide electricity

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Wading River Fire Department



On Saturday, April 6, Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker joined the Wading River Fire Department at its annual Installation Dinner at East Wind in Wading River. The celebration included honoring local firefighters for their years of service, inducting the new department officers, and presentations by government officials and community leaders. "Our firefighters commit themselves to making sure our communities have the resources they need in the event of an emergency," said Legislator Anker. "It is an honor to join the Wading River Fire Department in recognizing the outstanding individuals who ensure our safety." Those honored included: Kevin McQueeney, Glenn Erick, Daniel Zaveski, Eric Cohen, Robert Quaranta, Anthony VanBommel, Kevin Berg, John Mashmann, Brendan Stasiukiewicz, Cole Stasiukiewicz, William Savage, Stephen Martin, Sabrina Santiago, Thomas Whelan, Joanne Peters, and Donald Enlund. The Wading River Fire Department was established in 1947. For more information please visit www.wadingriverfd.org.