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The dredge is over

Water flows in an arch while seagulls float nearby as the last of the dredging material was dumped onto the beach before completion. Local photographer Michael Busch of Great South Bay Images took this photo on Smith Point Outer Beach in late November. See story on pg. 6.

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Christmas cookie swap

By Patricia Kaloski

Before she was the mother of two young celebrity chefs, Michelle Mitchell of Center Moriches was a young mom who found herself looking for a way to get together with family and friends to celebrate two of her most favorite things: Christmas and cookies. With the help of her childhood friend, Marisa Vicari of East Moriches, the two set out to host a Christmas Cookie Swap, inspired by their love of baking, which was instilled in them by their mothers and



Michelle Mitchell of Center Moriches addresses her cookie swap crowd.

grandmothers.

After finding a how-to website on hosting a cookie swap, it was decided that Mitchell would serve as the hostess, as she was at home caring for her first child, Kayla, and Vicari was working. That was in 2003.

Some 15 years later, Mitchell's cookie swap is still going strong, with as many as 25 local moms/bakers, who gather at her house once a year to swap cookies, recipes and much more.

This year's swap was on held on Friday, Dec. 14, at Mitchell's holiday beach home, which was decked with boughs of holly, mistletoe, Christmas lights, a grand tree and a variety of other festive decorations. The bakers each wore Christmas pajamas, a first in cookie swap history. Mitchell said the swap has evolved since its inception and describes the first one as more of a traditional cookie swap, where bakers brought their finest recipes and traded cookies.

"That first year was fun. Seventeen ladies participated. I still recall some of those first cookies. Ones that stand out today were a chocolate chip tea cookie, jumbles and a biscotti," she recalled. "I ran a trivia contest, a Guess How Many Candies Were in the Jar game, and then awarded small prizes for winning cookies. The party ran late and the next day was pure torture due to the overindulgence in festive foods, beverages and of course, cookies!"

As Mitchell and her fellow bakers became more enthusiastic about the swap, more

games and contests were added, as well as strict rules and regulations, some of which proved to be challenging for the bakers.

"I have been known to be a real stickler and perhaps have even been called nasty names behind my back because I require people to submit their recipes for approval 15 days prior to the swap," Mitchell mused. "Once the recipe is accepted, the guest must submit their recipe to me in a Word document."

Mitchell then takes all the submitted recipes and painstakingly creates an official "Cookie Swap Recipe Book" as a parting gift for every baker. "Not everyone wins a prize, so I thought this would be nice, although everyone is a winner at Michelle's Cookie Swap!"

Mitchell admits that she has rejected her fair share of recipes over the years. She said some were turned down because the recipe sounded "terrible" and others because they had already been done in past swaps. This year, Mitchell reportedly rejected one baker's recipe three times.

Based on the number and types of recipes received, Mitchell creates categories for judging, and while these categories have changed throughout the years, some always remain the same, most notably Michelle's Favorite Cookie and Best Presentation/Display.

Some cookie swaps have featured specific requirements, such as a special dress code. One year, bakers were required to wear their favorite apron. This year, Mitchell decided a Christmas Pajama Party would be fun and entertaining, not to mention "comfy" after all the cookies that would be eaten.

"I generally don't go to parties in pajamas, but maybe for a yummy, food-filled cookie swap, elastic waistbands are a good idea," said longtime cookie swap participant and Center Moriches resident Jane Murray.

Besides the cookies, games are a highlight of the swap and one of Mitchell's favorite parts of the night. There is usually a trivia contest related to the art of baking, which tests bakers' knowledge.

"Games make any party fun, no matter what age you are. My 25 bakers are loud and fun. We drink, eat appetizers, and of course swap cookies. But I love to spice it up with the games! Sometimes, people end up debating answers with me, but as the host, I am always right," explained Mitchell with a chuckle.

But before the games and festivities begin, bakers must first sample cookies to decide which ones are award worthy. Methodically, and with their oversized Tupperware containers in hand, bakers circle the oversized table filled with sweet treats to sample the cookies to determine which ones stand out among the rest. The results are tabulated by a special panel selected by Mitchell and winners are chosen by a popular vote. This year, Mitchell awarded a total of 32 prizes. Some of the awards given were for Best Peanut Butter Cookie, Best Fruit Cookie, and a Fan Favorite.

With the judging, games and swapping complete, bakers enter the final festivity of the evening – the grab bag steal game. For many guests, this is the most competitive activity of the evening. Each baker brings

a wrapped gift that makes its way to the oversized table that is converted from cookie table to gift table. Bakers pick a number, which assigns the order of when they can select a present. However, the caveat to the game is that each gift can be stolen, but no more than two times.

"It can get pretty dicey," said Colleen Weybrecht of Center Moriches, who has participated in Mitchell's cookie swap all but one year. "Just when you think you've gotten the perfect gift, someone comes and steals it from you!"

Jackie Franke, also of Center Moriches, and a longtime cookie swap baker, has used a gift she received years ago at every swap since: a gold-bedazzled and leopard-print Santa's hat, which she wears no matter what the dress code. And it's definitely become a fan favorite, said Vicari, one of the original swappers and co-founder.

When asked to reflect about the guest list, Mitchell said it is made up of a group of women who love the Christmas season just as much as she does, especially baking, and who aren't afraid of some good old-fashioned competition.

"I just love that this group cares about everything involved. We take the competition seriously; we love the exchange of gifts and games, appetizers – all of it. We completely put our hearts into it. This is not an off-the-cuff event," said Weybrecht.

Winning is important to the bakers, which is evidenced in their cookies. Some recipes have a theme, while others are modern twists on a classic. But competition aside, all bakers agree that Mitchell's cookie swap means more to them than going home with a prize.

"We are such an eclectic group of women who rearrange our crazy schedules to do this," said Center Moriches resident and cookie swapper Danielle Dench. "Whether we see each other regularly or once a year, this is the night where we can catch up, wind down and enjoy each other."

Mitchell's mom, Maria Ciappa of Center Moriches, has also been a part of the cookie swap since 2003, and has enjoyed watching it grow over the years to the much-anticipated event that it is today.

"I'm proud of everything that Michelle does to make it such a fun night for everyone.



The large display of cookies swapped during the annual event.

And I love to see all of her old friends and meet the new ones," Ciappa said.

With this year's swap done and on the books, one might think that Mitchell is ready for a break, considering that her life is all about the cookie swap beginning the day after Thanksgiving. But on the contrary. She has already received a recipe for next year's swap and has some ideas for new games and categories.

When asked if she would ever consider not doing the cookie swap, Mitchell said, "Absolutely not. I love cookies; I love entertaining and being around a bunch of ladies who love these things as much as I do. It's basically my gift to me." ■



Mitchell's cookie swap 2018 participants.

Courtesy Photos

Moriches Bay Recreation Center unveiled

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

On Thursday, Nov. 29, community leaders, Center Moriches School District officials, members of the Knights of Columbus, residents and local students joined Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine, Councilman Dan Panico and Suffolk County Clerk Judith Pascale in cutting the ribbon at the Moriches Bay Recreation Center. Located at 313 Frowein Road in Center Moriches, it's the first recreation center to open in the town in over 20 years, and is the only recreation center in southeastern Brookhaven.

The Moriches Bay Recreation Center will service the hamlets of Moriches, Center Moriches, East Moriches, Eastport and Manorville, and will serve as home to the local nonprofit organization the Moriches Community Center. The Moriches Community Center will provide youth services, including peer counseling and tutoring programs. In addition, the town will operate a senior nutrition program at the center, which will also serve as home to local senior citizens clubs and will be available to the general public.

Panico praised the town's Parks Department, who performed the majority of

the work in transforming the facility – once home of the Knights of Columbus – to a recreation center.

"There is no shortage of people to thank for the effort and work that went into making the Town of Brookhaven's Moriches Bay Recreation Center a reality," he said. "So many people have done so much, but a special thank you goes to our parks crews, under the direction of parks commissioner Ed Morris. We are blessed with caring and hardworking employees throughout the town, and the men and women who worked on this building are a great example."

"The new Moriches Bay Recreation Center is the culmination of many years of planning that started with a dream of the late Anthony Parlato, a man who dedicated his life to helping others, especially the children in the community," Romaine said. "I thank Councilman Dan Panico, parks commissioner Ed Morris, the Knights of Columbus and everyone else who helped make this beautiful facility a reality for the residents of Brookhaven Town."

The Moriches Bay Recreation Center is expected to be open and operational in the New Year. ■



Elected officials and community members celebrate the ribbon cutting of the Moriches Bay Recreation Center.

Courtesy photo

Reliving the Grumman legacy

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

During the Cold War, Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation (later merged to be Northrop-Grumman) was the largest corporate employer on Long Island, with its footprint still seen today. After the merger, Northrop-Grumman closed almost all of its Long Island locations, eliminating 20,000 jobs, moving to Florida for its headquarters, and leaving a gap on the island.

But a Center Moriches man is dedicated to keeping Grumman's history and legacy alive through custom products that display the classic imagery from the Cold War days of Grumman that Long Islanders knew so well.

Ted Kole moved to Center Moriches seven years ago from Nassau, after a 37-year career in the graphics and media department at Grumman and Northrop-Grumman. He started with the company in 1974, after his mother saw an ad in *Newsday* for an opening. Kole graduated from the Parson's School of Design with a degree in graphic design, used his skills at Grumman and now to promote its legacy.

In 2008, he sought approval for a license to use the Grumman vintage logos to sell products. He licensed three logos, one from the 1930s, one from the '60s, and one from the '70s. As part of the agreement, 10 percent of his profits go to Northrop-Grumman.

Since receiving the license, Kole sold products on the website CafePress, which allows vendors to sell custom products

for a small royalty. He sold hats, T-shirts, mugs, and other common memorabilia. He then moved into retail, with products in a couple of stores at MacArthur Airport in Islip in 2010.

In 2013, he pitched an idea to the Town of Riverhead to expand the Grumman Memorial Park located in Calverton. It was formerly part of the Grumman Aerospace Flight Test Facility and now serves as a park, with model planes and history of the company. The town didn't have the money, Kole said, as he would have needed \$300,000 to update and expand the park.

In recent years, he has expanded his operation in his current business, Custom Art Products, which operates the Grumman Store and other brands on which he has based products. Kole has used social media and his website to garner sales from across the country and even the globe. He said he's received orders coast to coast, as well as from England and Japan.

"The Grumman name has international recognition," he explained.

Kole's connection to Grumman stems further than a paycheck. In his retail venture, he hopes to preserve the legacy of aviation and technology that was built on Long Island for so many years. He also wants to pay tribute to what that legacy did for the Long Island economy. Kole also found out through family that his grandfather played a role in building the Bethpage headquarters for Grumman a long time ago, which helped him feel even more connected to the brand and its heritage.

In 2015, Kole expanded to create metal signs made from American-made steel. They depict classic images or ads of Grumman products. He also expanded his use of brands to include the Navy Blue Angels, a flight demonstration group that used to fly Grumman aircrafts, and has recently begun using the Northrop logo in an effort to reach those who want to celebrate its legacy before it merged with Grumman. In addition to aviation products, he has also begun to feature Long Island-specific products that celebrate iconic spots across the region, like the Big Duck in Flanders.

Kole hopes that a recent investment by development group Triple-Five to develop the old Calverton site will allow money to be appropriated for the expansion of the Grumman Memorial Park. He's also in support of the project, which would be Calverton Aviation and Technology, a site dedicated to aviation and technology development and education, with a total of 9.8 million square feet available for development.

To see the full list of products available on the Grumman Store and through Custom Art Products, visit customartproducts.com. ■



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Inlet holding up after dredge

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

Much of this year was spent planning and executing an emergency dredge of the Moriches Inlet. Until October, sand had been creeping in through the jetty and causing a dangerously narrow outlet for boaters. But an emergency dredge of the inlet cleared out much of the excess sand and helped to restore a safe passage.

The dredge began the first week of October and concluded just before Thanksgiving, despite a Nov. 1 goal. The project involved the dredging and removal of an estimated 158,000 cubic yards of sand, which will be reused five miles west of Moriches Inlet to provide additional coastal storm risk reduction measures for Smith Point County Park.

After the completion, a better path is available for boaters and fishermen to travel to the bay. But it still remains a tough area to get through, according to Joe Tangel, owner of King Cod Fishing in Center Moriches. He said earlier that the inlet, after last winter, was "in the worst shape [he has] ever seen it in [his] entire lifetime of fishing." It's in much better shape, he added, but wouldn't recommend an amateur boater taking any chances.

"It's a lot better than it's been in many years," Tangel said. "Right now it's looking



The Moriches Inlet is now completely dredged, after a project by the Army Corps of Engineers was completed in November.

Photo by Michael Busch

pretty good."

The fisherman added that the path to get to the bay is still narrow – about 200 feet wide. He cautioned boaters to stay in the middle as much as possible, and aim for the sea buoy just outside the entrance. Tangel said he's noticed no regression since the dredging was completed, and there has been no additional sand encroaching on the inlet.

But Tangel also cautioned boaters, who may not know the ins and outs of the waterway, to be careful when approaching, as it could still pose dangers to those not paying attention.

"I would caution everyone next year to

not just run out and throw caution to the wind...feel it out," he said.


The 200-foot-wide waterway is a federally authorized width, and was restored to its 10-foot depth. Funding in the amount of \$12 million was secured in the annual budget for the Army Corps of Engineers for this project and ended up using \$10 million.

"It is a key door between Moriches Bay and the ocean," said Ed Romaine, Brookhaven town supervisor, during the dredge announcement. "We have so many of our boaters, and our fishermen, who use it – it is critical." ■

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Moriches Bay Garden Club



Take it easy

This is the month that gardeners take it easy; they have time to curl up in a comfortable chair and peruse all the flower, bulb and seed catalogs that have flooded their mailboxes. For sure they are paying attention to chosen winners, and best perennial and annuals for 2019. We are always looking for a better wave petunia or blight-resistant impatiens. Our newly elected board members are: Rita Sepenoski, recording secretary; Joanne Pheonix, corresponding secretary; Terry Romano, treasurer; Betty Lemyre, second vice president; Joyce Hale, first vice president; and Maureen Pollack, president. We will get together this month to put together a program for next year. Members will be polled as to what their interests are and in addition, we will take our lead from Federated Garden Clubs of NYS. One topic the FGCNYS is asking all garden clubs to put a focus on this year is recycling. This is very important to everyone and especially to residents of Brookhaven Town, where we are switching from single-stream to dual-stream recycling. So we will start from there and end with a year of interesting, fun and informative programs and workshops. Is anything blooming in your garden? If you are a gardener who wants a bloom in your garden every month, heather or heath (*genus erica carnea*) is a great shrub; in November, the tips become white and by December they are turning pinkish and now they are in full bloom. Don't forget about flowering indoor plants; take a minute to check out our local nurseries, supermarkets and florists for African violets, cyclamen, Christmas cactus, orchids, tail flower and more. Flowers in bloom always brighten the day. Happy New Year.

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Residents against more development

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

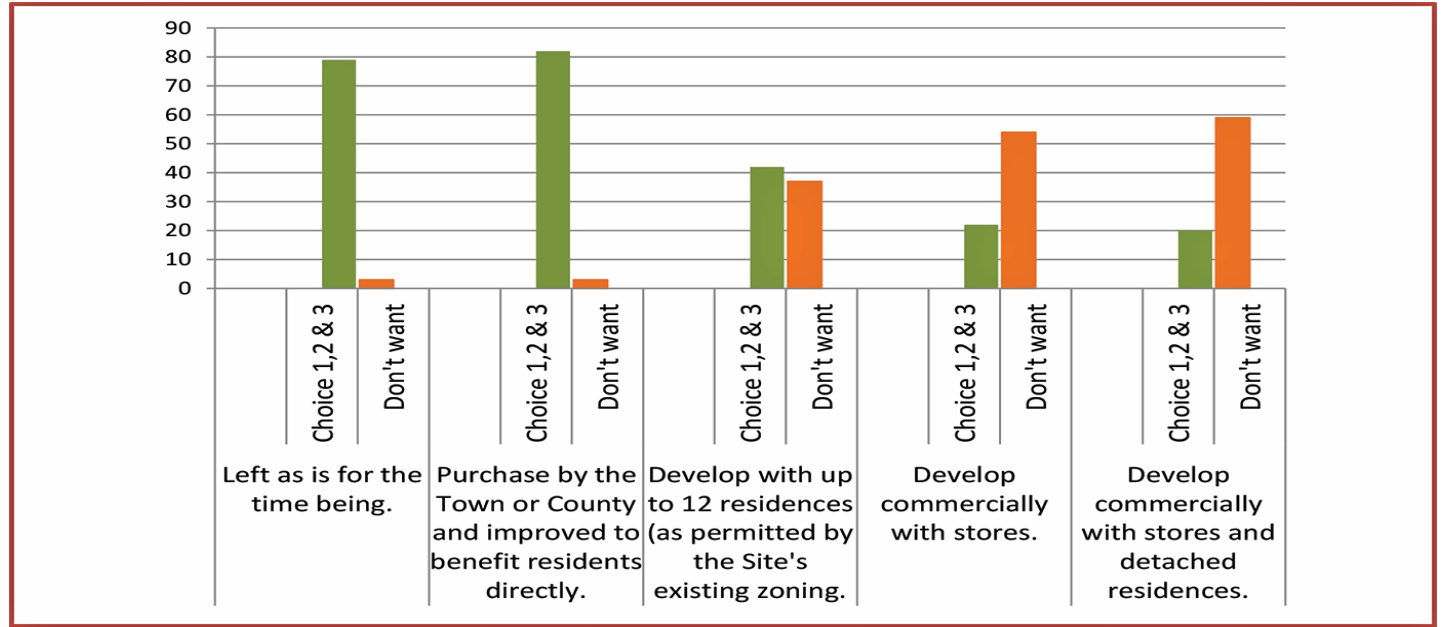
The East Moriches Property Owners Association recently conducted a survey at the request of the property owner of the Eastport Hamlet Center. The survey looked to gain feedback on what residents would like to see in that space. Many, however, opted to not have any commercial or residential development.

When asked their first choice of what should happen to the property, 37 percent said to leave it alone, and 57 percent said the town or county should buy it. Commercial and retail development was not wanted by 70 percent of respondents, and only 11 percent wanted residential development as their first choice. Ideas were also given for a community center and a senior living facility, but equated with disagreements.

Reasons against development include traffic issues, overpopulation, and increased property taxes for residential influxes. Many who were against development said only exceptions would be made for small stores and mom-and-pop shops.

"I prefer a meadow with no development, but if there is development it has to complement the historic character of the town," one respondent answered.

The survey also asked what factors went into the decision to develop or not develop.



A survey of Eastport residents found that most do not favor additional development, specifically at the Eastport Hamlet Center site. The question represented here depicts what residents would like done with the land.

Courtesy photo

The most important aspects, each ranked 50 percent or higher, were the benefits to the community, the landscaping and aesthetics of buildings, how sewage is handled, and the tax impact from school-aged children.

Almost 50 percent of respondents indicated that having more shopping opportunities nearby was not of interest. There were also concerns about the impact on the local economy and the character of the community, with respondents answering, "very concerned" at 51 and 62 percent, respectively.

"Not sure there is demand yet for all this retail space," one resident commented. "It will hurt the businesses on Main Street."

The respondents were split almost evenly among Eastport residents living in Brookhaven, Eastport residents living in

Southampton, and non-Eastport residents (from East Moriches and two from Speonk). According to a non-mathematical analysis by the EMPOA, the responses of the three groups were not significantly different.

"I anticipated that there would be a significant number of people who were not in favor of development," said Jim Gleason, vice president of the EMPOA.

CMWV LLC and Vision Construction, LLC own the lots at the Eastport Hamlet Center. A representative for the owners could not be reached for comment. ■

Newport Beach to get two-year paving project

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

The Newport Beach community in East Moriches will undergo a two-year paving and roadwork project executed by the town highway department, according to a memo sent out to residents. Highway Superintendent Dan Losquadro said that due to the amount of work and cost to the town, the project was split into 2019 and 2020 sessions.

"I believe the appearance and condition of our roads and curbs are significant factors in fostering pride in our communities," Losquadro said. "But at the same time, I am forced to make very difficult decisions due to the financial constraints of the budgets adopted by the town council while also living within the confines of tax caps, spending caps and debt caps."

The work in Newport Beach will include the installation of drainage structures where necessary, replacement of damaged curb and driveway aprons, tree removals, and milling and resurfacing of existing roads.

Losquadro said that surveyors will be in the community in early 2019 to see what work needs to be done. Any trees that need to be removed are likely a result of being

planted too close to the concrete line, and have since overgrown. If a tree does need to be removed, the highway department will notify homeowners ahead of time. He said he would try not to remove healthy trees, but the safety of those using the roads would be paramount.

Councilman Dan Panico, who represents East Moriches, said the roads haven't been paved in many years and the community is due for this upgrade.

"At the end of the project, people should have satisfaction in that their roads will be resurfaced," he said.

Panico added that his office has received many calls about the project, and encouraged those with questions to contact Losquadro and his office at 631-451-9200. There may be minor inconveniences during construction times.

"While this improvement project may cause a brief inconvenience to your family, I know that upon completion the benefits to the community will far outweigh the brief disturbances you may encounter," Losquadro said.

It is unclear the exact schedule of construction, but the first phase of the project will begin in the New Year. ■



Women's recognition awards

The Brookhaven Town Division of Women's Services is seeking nominations for outstanding women of Brookhaven. Community groups, businesses and individuals are being asked to nominate women they believe are deserving of special recognition for their outstanding service to the community as a professional or volunteer. Eligible candidates must live or work in Brookhaven Town and all nominations should include a resume or equivalent document and two letters of recommendation. Use the Women's Recognition Awards Online Nomination Form or download the form to recommend women in Brookhaven for the 2019 ceremony. The deadline for nominations is Friday, Jan. 18, 2019. This year the town will be celebrating its 33rd annual Women's Recognition event during Women's History Month, with a special celebration to be held in March 2019. Pictured are town officials with previous recipients of the award.

Courtesy photo



Town honors original Calabro Airport owners

Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico recently presented a plaque to the Kaloski family of Center Moriches, for their contributions to aviation in Brookhaven Town. Victor and Ed Kaloski, two brothers originally from Moriches, started Brookhaven Air Service in 1946, on property that is now Brookhaven Calabro Airport, on Dawn Drive in Shirley. The Kaloski brothers operated the airport until 1963, offering flight instruction, maintenance, repair and tie down rentals. The airport was subsequently assumed by the Town of Brookhaven as a municipal airport, but Victor and Edward had a significant impact on aviation in Brookhaven, having taught numerous residents how to fly, including the airport's namesake, Dr. Calabro. Pictured from left to right are: Councilman Dan Panico; David Kaloski, grandson of Victor and great nephew of Edward; Douglas Kaloski, son of Victor and nephew of Edward; Evan Kaloski, great grandson of Victor and great-great-nephew of Edward and Cindy Kaloski, daughter-in-law of Victor.

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Manorville paving project complete

Brookhaven Town Highway Superintendent Daniel P. Losquadro and Councilman Daniel Panico have announced the completion of two large paving projects in Manorville, Mastic and Shirley. During the first project, which involved substantial concrete improvements, crews milled and paved Moriches-Middle Island Road from Weeks Avenue in Manorville to William Floyd Parkway in Shirley. Prior to paving, more than 2,000 linear feet of concrete curb was replaced or installed; more than 4,300 square feet of sidewalk was replaced or installed; 3,275 square feet of handicap ramps was installed; and 2,815 square feet of new, residential aprons were placed. In total, the project involved the milling of 52,300 square yards of roadway and the placement of 6,120 tons of asphalt, at a total cost of \$691,785. The second project involved the milling and paving of five Manorville roadways – Chapman Boulevard, Jerusalem Hollow Road, Railroad Avenue, Russell Street, and a portion of the North Sunrise Service Road. During this project, crews milled 68,582 square yards of roadway and placed 7,910 tons of asphalt, at a total cost of \$612,820. "I was thrilled to include these heavily traveled roadways in our 2018 paving budget," said Losquadro. "In addition to the resurfacing of the roadway, the concrete repairs and installations made along Moriches-Middle Island Road have made it safer for pedestrians, motorists and bicyclists."

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Center Moriches School District Superintendent Search

The Superintendent for the Center Moriches School District is retiring at the end of the 2018-19 school year. The Trustees of the Center Moriches Board of Education have commenced a national search for a new Superintendent who will continue to facilitate growth for our district. We would like to invite you to attend a Community Forum led by our search consultants, District Wise Search Consultants. Your input will be valuable to us while we create a "profile" for our next Superintendent. The Community Forum will be held on Tuesday, January 8th from 6:30-7:30pm in the High School cafeteria. The participation of our community and students is very important during this process. All information gathered will be included anonymously in a report that will be prepared for the Board. We hope you can make it on Tuesday, January 8th. For those unable to attend the meeting, or who prefer to provide suggestions and opinions privately, a confidential e-mail address has been established by the consultants, cmsupsearch@districtwisearch.com.

This address will accept e-mails until February 8, 2019 for inclusion in the report. Any e-mails received after this date will be forwarded anonymously to the Board of Education.



Town receives AAA bond rating

Brookhaven Town supervisor Ed Romaine announced that S&P Global Ratings has assigned its AAA long-term rating to Brookhaven's series 2018A and 2018B general obligation bonds. At the same time, S&P Global Ratings affirmed its AAA rating on the town's existing GO bonds, with a stable outlook. Munistat, the town's financial adviser, has estimated that this rating and bond sale has resulted in a \$1.65 million savings for taxpayers based upon recent local municipal bond sales.

The rating is higher than that of the United States Treasury's notes. "Brookhaven's general obligation bonds are eligible to be rated above the sovereign because we believe the town can maintain better credit characteristics than the U.S. in a stress scenario," S&P said in their rating announcement.

"Our financial team has worked hard to achieve this AAA stable rating, but the real winners are the taxpayers, who will save millions of dollars in the years ahead," Romaine said. "We owe it to them to spend their money more wisely. I'd like to thank commissioner of finance Tamara Branson, chief of operations Matt Miner and councilman Jane Bonner for the work they have done to manage the town's finances and keep us on the right track."

Because of this rating, Brookhaven Town municipal bonds received lower interest rates, saving taxpayers money. The town received a 3.13 percent interest rate with a \$730,000 premium. These bonds will finance construction of ambulance buildings, open space acquisitions, Cherry Grove dock improvements and other infrastructure projects. The \$20.8 million general obligation bonds will be amortized over 20 years.

"Once again, Wall Street has recognized our hard work, strong financial practices and the way we carefully watch over town finances. As a result, taxpayers will save over \$1.6 million as we improve our roadways, parks and critical infrastructure," said councilman Neil Foley.

The Brookhaven 12-year bond sale of \$37,411,700 (Series A) received an interest rate of 2.509 percent, which is 35 basis points below where the 10-year Treasury is trading today. The town received a premium of \$4.3 million to reflect the 5 percent coupon rate. These bonds will fund improvements to parks, marinas, docks, roads, drainage and town facilities. The \$37.4 million bond issue will be amortized over 12 years.

This is the second year in a row that the town's 12-year bond sale has traded below the 10-year Treasury interest rate, and indicative of the high confidence Wall Street places in the town's financial position and management.

In giving the town their highest rating, S&P cited the town's:

- Very strong economy, with access to a broad and diverse metropolitan statistical area (MSA) and a local stabilizing institutional influence
- Very strong management, with strong financial policies and practices under our Financial Management Assessment (FMA) methodology
- Strong budgetary performance, with operating surpluses in the general fund and at the total governmental fund level in fiscal 2017
- Very strong budgetary flexibility, with an available fund balance in fiscal 2017 of 40 percent of operating expenditures
- Very strong liquidity, with total government available cash at 60.7 percent of total governmental fund expenditures and
- Strong institutional framework score.

Police blotter

Center Moriches

Someone stole used cooking oil from Wendy's on Dec. 13.

Moriches

Robert Garcia, 68, of Moriches, was arrested for criminal mischief after police say he repeatedly pulled on the door handle to a

2008 Hummer and broke it on Nov. 5 while it was parked in the parking lot of Best Market in Shirley.

Manorville

Kristina Destefano, 23, of Manorville, was arrested on Dec. 8 for stealing the charity jar supporting Children's Miracle Network from Speedway in Manorville on Sept. 18.

Editorial

Goodbye 2018, hello 2019

The Moriches is a wonderful area to cover, known for its waterfront beauty and uplifting community stories. We are thankful you choose us as your local paper and look forward to the year ahead.

2018 was the year St. John's Church was beautifully renovated, a community center was finally built and opened and our readers were blessed with Keith's Corner each month, who was also the area's St. Patrick's Day grand marshal. The Moriches also celebrated their very first Veterans Day parade and received a much-needed emergency dredge among smaller things like paving projects.

Also this year, the *Long Island Advance*

and *Tide of Moriches & [now] Manorville* suffered the loss our longtime publisher John T. Tuthill III. He passed in September at the age of 86 and was the third generation of publishers to guide the *Long Island Advance* as a powerful leader for nearly five decades. We commend John's son, Terry (John T. Tuthill IV), for a commendable job since taking over as publisher. He has certainly filled big shoes.

Many stories were left unfinished in 2018. We promise to continue to follow them into 2019. Until then, we thank our readers and wish you a happy, healthy and safe New Year as we look forward to starting our ninth.



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Sunday, January 6

Sermon Series – The current series of study at the non-denominational Christian church, South Bay Bible Church is “A Man After God’s Heart: Life Lessons from King David.” This week’s topic is “What Made David Great.” Service times are 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. For complete listing of this month’s sermon topics, visit www.southbaychurchli.org or call 631-909-8241.

Tuesday, January 15

Defensive Driving Course – 2-day program at Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Library, Jan. 15 and 16, 6-9 p.m. Fee of \$27 due at first class by check money order or cash. Ages 18+. To register, call 631-399-1511, ext. 240.

Events...

Study Abroad – Qualified high school students, 15-18 years of age, can apply for the ASSE Student Exchange Program. Students who wish to apply for the program, as well as families interested in hosting foreign students, should call 1-800-677-2773 or visit www.asse.com for more information.

The Harbor Church – Join a community, study or focus group at either of the

Friday, January 25

Family Game Night – Enjoy some quality time with the family playing various board and video games at Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Library, 6:15-7:15 p.m. Pizza served. To register, call 631-399-1511, ext. 240.

Saturday, January 26

He-Bird, She-Bird Concert – The harmony-driven acoustic trio will perform a blend of folk, rock and bluegrass at Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Library, 1-3 p.m. To register, call 631-399-1511, ext. 240.

church’s locations: 25 Frowein Rd., Center Moriches or 89 N. Ocean Ave, Patchogue. Groups start in Sept. To learn more, visit www.theharborli.com/connect.

Moriches Bay Historical – The society is excited to announce the beginning of a new season with many upcoming events and museum tours. The Haven Homestead Shop is open for the season. May hours are: Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 5 p.m.; and

Fridays, noon to 6 p.m. Visit www.haven-homestead.org or call 631-461-6271.

Retired Seniors - RSVP helps partner volunteer adults 55+ with local organizations that need help. To find out what opportunities exist, call 631-979-9490 or visit www.rsvpsuffolk.org.

Volunteers needed for daytime hours to assist with general office duties at Parents for Megan’s Law and the Crime Victims Center. Fax your resume with three references to 751-1695 or call for more information 631-689-2672.

Food Pantry – Word of Life Ministries, 15 Frowein Rd., Center Moriches, will open its Angel Food Pantry Mondays and Fridays, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. Call 631-208-4050.

Free Food for Seniors - The Commodity Supplemental Food Program is offering free food for seniors age 60 and over who meet income guidelines. Food packages include cheese, milk, starches, cereals, juices, canned fish, meats, vegetables and more. Call 631-491-4156 for information.

Teen Counseling - The Sanctuary Program of Brookhaven Youth Bureau offers free individual or family counseling for town

residents ages 12-21. Call 451-8011 to speak with a licensed clinical worker.

Abuse & Abduction Prevention - Parents for Megan’s Law and The Crime Victims Center will hold educational workshops for children, teens, staff and adult community members. Call the helpline at 689-2672 for information or to schedule a workshop.

BiasHELP - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender. BiasHELP proudly supports the LGBT community year round. For more information on BiasHELP’s anti-bias programming and efforts visit www.biashelp.org or call 877-END-Bias.

Pay Your Taxes Online - Brookhaven taxpayers can now access their Real Property Tax Statements. View, print and/or pay taxes. Choose online credit card or checking account payment. Visit <http://brookhaven.org> for details.

Conservation - Citizens Campaign for the Environment (CCE) along with the Sierra Club, RELI and National Wildlife Federation urge residents to support renewable energy goals for Long Island. To find out more, contact: David Alicea (Sierra Club) at 223-6330, Adrienne Esposito (Citizens Campaign) at (516) 390-7150 or Gordian Raacke (Renewable Energy Long Island) at (516) 313-6611.

Moriches - Years Ago

Compiled by Vanessa Graniello

75 Years Ago January 1944

Explosions aboard the U.S.S. Turner, which sank the 1,700-ton destroyer in the Atlantic Ocean, a few miles off Rockaway, were felt over a large part of the Moriches area and Suffolk County. Many people thought at the time that an earthquake had occurred.

Mr. and Mrs. William Melbourne of Moriches entertained a number of their friends on New Year’s Eve.

David Edwards was unanimously re-elected chief of the Center Moriches Fire Department for the ensuing year at the annual meeting.

W. Allen Bell of Eastport was elected as director of the Center Moriches Bank at its annual stockholders’ meeting. Mr. Bell succeeds David E. Goldsmith of Center Moriches, one of the founders, who retired after having served as director since the institution was established in 1902.

Pfc. William A. Tuttle of Montauk Avenue, East Moriches, was the highest-ranking honor graduate of his class of radio mechanics at the Army Air Forces Technical Training command, Trux Field, Madison, Wis.

Mrs. Alvah Tuttle was hostess to the East Moriches Book Club. Those attending were Mrs. William Harless, Mrs. Clarence Howell, Mrs. Helen Howell, Mrs. Roswell Hallock, Mrs. Russell Henderson, Mrs. T. Schwarzbach, Mrs. Gibson Howell, Mrs. Harry Huson and Mrs. Lawrence Smith.

Friends have received word from Capt. Edward Maxwell that he is now in Italy. Capt.

Maxwell is a former pastor of the East Moriches Presbyterian Church.

David Gaupp, of East Moriches, a student at Princeton Theological seminary, was a candidate in the pulpit at the Remsenburg church.

Mrs. Harry Baker of Eastport entertained Mrs. A.S. Baker, Mrs. John Baker of Eastport, Miss J. Herbert Carter and Mrs. Edward Rogers of Center Moriches and Miss Jane Mills of East Moriches at a covered-dish supper.

Charles W. Murdock, Edwin Murdock and Charles Roth, all of Center Moriches, were inducted into the Navy, and Fred Murray of Center Moriches into the Army.

The Eastport Women’s Club, with Mrs. Merritt Rogers as president, voted to give \$5 toward the equipment in the school cafeteria.

Mrs. Abram DeBruler of Center Moriches recently arrived home after attending the wedding of her son, 1st Lt. Douglas DeBruler, and Miss Jeanne Sulton, at the Prisoner of War Camp, Weingarten, Mo.

August Stout Jr., of Center Moriches, graduated from the United States Maritime Training Station at Sheepshead Bay, and is now at the Transportation Corps Marine Officers Cadet School and is stationed in the Concord Hotel, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Playing in January at the Center Moriches Theatre: Humphrey Bogart in “Sahara”; Olsen and Johnson in “Crazy House” (the management cannot be responsible for loss of sanity due to the antics of Olsen and Johnson!); Johnny Weissmuller and Nancy Kelly in

“Tarzan’s Desert Mystery”; and Cary Grant and John Garfield in “Destination Tokyo.”

50 Years Ago January 1969

Board by board, piece by piece, the once proud but more recently ill-famed Moriches Hotel is disappearing from the Center Moriches scene. Demolition work has now progressed to the point where the roof and upper structures are being removed. The property has been proposed as the site for a rest home, with the remaining portions of the Senix Building scheduled for modernization and improvement.

The Rev. T. Edward Giles of the Center Moriches Methodist Church said that there are no immediate plans to repair the Fellowship Hall of the church, which was severely damaged in a fire on Dec. 23. For the time being, Sunday worship will be held at the Jewish Center and other activities will be conducted in the Parish Hall, which was not affected by the blaze.

Joseph Townsend, a Center Moriches radioman at the Riverhead Sheriff’s Office, played an important part in dispatching needed aid to two women injured in an automobile accident in a remote area of Arizona and earned the plaudits of Arizona town officials for his action. Townsend relayed vital information about the crash to Highway Patrol offices in Flagstaff, Ariz., and within a half hour a patrol car and an ambulance were at the scene rendering necessary assistance.

Center Moriches High School students

spoke out on the “Generation Gap” issues at a PTA meeting. Topics ranging from smoking, drinking, drugs, dress, morals and maturity were covered with parents and others participating in the program. Student panelists included Faith Roesch, Paula Treadwell, Rick Spencer and Virginia Osborne.

Miss Marion Ceruti, of Eastport, went to New York with a group from Westhampton and East Quogue United Methodist churches, where they visited Anchor House, a rehabilitation center, and saw “West Side Story.”

At the Eastport Gospel Church’s Sunday service, Rev. Lynn Phillips’s message for the morning was “God Deals with the Nations,” and special music was a duet by Rev. Phillips and Don Phillips and a solo by Don Phillips.

Mrs. Alevas, a sixth-grade teacher at Center Moriches, was given a check for \$50, which helped make Christmas brighter for a needy family in the annual Newsday Adopt a Family program. Student participants include David Carnes, Janet Burket, Cindy Malanchuk, Gary Hawkins and Mickey Hughley.

Pat Rooney, of Moriches, was the recipient of three shares of A.T. & T. Stock on behalf of the Professional Women’s Club.

Center Moriches High School Principal Zollie W. Privett and homemaking teacher Elsie Wells proudly presented a certificate of honor to Dorothy Zerbe, this year’s winner of the Betty Crocker Award for excellence in homemaking. Miss Zerbe’s achievement makes her eligible for state and national scholarship honors.

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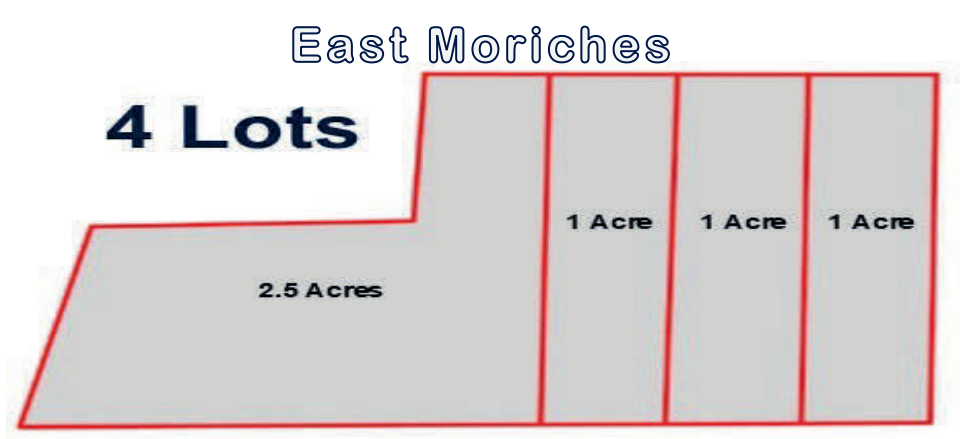
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