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Private school incorporates music, STEM, and now, Big Buddy and collaborative programs

OLQA launches new programs and classes to keep enrollment up

BY PATRICIA KALOSKI

Exciting things are happening at Our Lady Queen of Apostles, the Catholic School in Center Moriches, said principal Father John Sureau.

In a continued effort to remain competitive with area public schools and increase enrollment, Our Lady Queen of Apostles launched a series of new classes and programs over the last two years, and Sureau reports that thus far, the response has been overwhelmingly positive from staff and students.

STREAM

From a new music program that includes band and chorus classes, to a hands-on STEM-like class, the student body at OLQA are getting opportunities never seen before.

“A school must always be creating and recreating,” noted Sureau, “and I hope that we are doing that well.”

One of the classes introduced is STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics.) Held every Friday during Period 9, classes participate in a hands-on activity meant to encourage critical thinking and creativity.

Sureau said STREAM is one of the more popular classes because it allows students to think outside of the box.

“The fact that the whole building stops to work on this [STREAM] shows how important these skills and experiences are to our young people and to the school as a whole,” he added.

BAND AND MUSICALS

An in-school band program has also been added, thanks to a collaborative partnership with Jimmy Osborne Music of Center Moriches. Previously, the OLQA school band practiced after school only one day a week, but now, students receive individual lessons during school hours. Ninth period affords the band the chance to practice collectively. Students who do not wish to participate in band are able to join chorus.

“I can’t tell you that every eighth-grade boy is happy about this change,” quipped Sureau, “but by mandating participation, it forces many students outside of their comfort zone.”

One result of the music program was the school holding its first musical in 2019, “Seussical, Jr.” The school is currently gearing up for its upcoming production of “Beauty and the Beast.”

YOUNG APOSTLE’S PROGRAM

Besides the academic and cultural classes and programs now being offered at OLQA, a new mentoring program has also been added, called the Young Apostle’s Program. Students in eighth grade are tasked with serving as a mentor to students in the early childhood programs and intermediate grades, at the request of a classroom teacher.

“It’s similar to a Big Buddy program, and I think it’s been a good experience for all students involved,” he explained.

Math teacher Gina Depaola coordinates OLQA’s Project REACH (Research, Education, Academics, Catholicism & Hope), launched in the 2018-19 school year. Then in seventh grade, the now eighth graders have had to conduct an in-depth research project that will have to be completed upon graduation. Depaola said students were able to select their own topic. She said some topics



As part of the Catholic Schools Week Brain and Body Day, students from various teams participated in OLQA’s own version of “Family Feud.”

Courtesy photo

have included adolescent depression and meteorology.

Once chosen, Sureau and teachers found real-life mentors who work in the related fields. Some mentors are from the local community, while others are from out of state, but either way, are in regular communication with students, in-person or by email, guiding them through the research process. The students will officially present their research project at an academic symposium this spring.

“The goal of the project is to teach students how to research and organize their findings and how to follow an idea from the beginning to the end,” explained Depaola. “This program helps students get ready for high school and learn how to take a large task and break it down into manageable pieces.”

CAMPUS MINISTRY COLLABORATIVE

The last of the new initiatives is the Campus Ministry Collaborative, a program that allows students to work with

volunteer organizations, such as Helping Makes U Happy, St. John’s Street Ministry and Bridge for Peace. The intention of the Campus Ministry Collaborative is to remind young people of the need to serve, as well as open their minds to what is happening in our local community, Sureau said.

He also said that student enrollment has been consistent over the last few years, and based on attendance at recent open houses, is hopeful that the additions to the curriculum are proving successful. The next open house is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 5:30-7 p.m., at the school, located at St. John’s Place in Center Moriches.

“I am happy with where we are at OLQA. It’s a strong school that offers students an incredible amount in many areas,” he added. “The family of families here creates a community that provides safety, security, challenge and compassion for our young people so they may go forth from there to do the same for others.” ■



St. Patrick’s Day parade coming up

Center Moriches will host the 18th annual St. Patrick’s Day parade on Sunday, March 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. on Main Street. The parade begins on Lake Avenue and ends at Railroad Avenue. The parade includes floats, fire departments, Irish bands, and will honor the grand marshals of this year, Elsie and Thomas Tebbens. The Tebbenses have been part

of the community for over 40 years and have done a lot of work with St. John’s Church and school. Tom Tebbens runs Tebbens Steel, which has been on Canal Street since his father opened the business after World War II. For more information or to request to be part of the parade, visit www.moricheschamber.org.

—Glenn Rohrbacker

Nine things to know about the 2020 census

How to participate, and why you should

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

The 2020 U.S. census will begin soon and is already underway in some remote parts of the country. Communities across the U.S. are coming together to get “complete counts” in order to have accurate results in this year’s survey, which will then be used for the next decade. The following facts come from a public session at the Patchogue-Medford Library and from the U.S. Census Bureau website.

Everyone needs to be counted.

It is in the Constitution that a nationwide census be performed every 10 years. Every person living in the United States must be counted, and counted only once. This includes service members; infants born after April 1; those experiencing homelessness; and those living in Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

There are four ways to take the survey.

For the first time, the U.S. census can

be taken online and over the phone. You will get an invitation between March 12 and 20, with a code directing you to the online portal. It is also possible to take the survey by phone, by mailing in the form or in person.

You can prevent someone from knocking at your door.

If you don’t want a visit from a Census Bureau worker, you should plan to take the census online, by phone or by mail. According to a timeline from the Census Bureau, reminders will be sent out several times by mail between March 12 and April 30. If you still haven’t responded, you could be called on by census takers, who will begin visiting homes to try and get complete counts.

The questions are simple.

The census survey asks only 10 questions. It will ask your name, age and sex and the number of people living in your home. It also will ask your race and Hispanic origin and whether you own the home you’re in. A sample version of the survey can be found at www.2020census.gov.

The data directly applies to hundreds of billions in federal money.

The census results will direct federal agencies and Congress how to spend billions in federal projects. These include the school lunch program, highway construction, Head Start, childcare and more. The census results will impact these programs for a decade, until another count is performed.

The results could change your representation in Congress.

The data is used to establish congressional districts in every area of the country. Getting everyone counted ensures adequate representation in Congress, which also impacts the number of electoral votes a state has in a presidential election. Redistricting will begin around March 2021 and will not apply to the 2020 election cycle.

The data is also used by local governments and private businesses.

Aside from direct spending at the federal level, census data is used to decide how state governments spend money. It also can be used by private businesses to do market research in a prospective interest area.

All of your information is confidential and secure.

Census workers are bound by law not to share your private information. Title 13 of the U.S. Code prevents the Census Bureau from releasing any identifiable information about you, your home or your business, even to law enforcement agencies. The law ensures that your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court. You are also anonymous: The Bureau cannot release your responses in any way that would identify you. Offense of Title 13 is punishable by a hefty fine or jail time, or both. The online survey is designed to protect against cyber threats; the Census Bureau has a top IT infrastructure to protect your information.

There are questions it will never ask.

The Census Bureau will never ask for your social security number, money or donations and bank or credit card information. If someone comes to your home, check to make sure that the person has a valid ID badge with a photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark and an expiration date. If you are still unsure, call 800-923-8282. ■

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Enjoy the tunes at Folkie Fest

Moriches Community Center program brings together a good cause with good music

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

Celebrating Women's History Month, local women will perform original acoustic works and some familiar tunes in a listening setting. Performing will be: Delaney Hafener, Sarah Lewis, Rorie Kelly, Julia King, Gail Storm and Inda Eaton.

A portion of the proceeds are donated to Moriches Community Center, and a 50/50 raffle will be held to benefit Long Island Cares: The Harry Chapin Food Bank.

The event will be at the Moriches Community Center, 313 Frowein Road, Center Moriches, on March 22 from 2 to 5p.m. A \$15 donation will be accepted at the door or online at morichescommunitycenter.org/events/folkie-fest/.

Folkie Fest is an informal organizer of small listening events highlighting local singer songwriters and supporting local 501(c)3 organizations such as the Moriches Community Center and Long Island Cares: The Harry Chapin Food Bank in the spirit of folk music as defined by Pete Seeger.

The event is a monthly program at MCC, and February's celebrated the 80th anniversary of "This Land is Your Land." The program offers musical performances by local artists in a relaxed setting.

Photo by Eric Fieldstadt

Student wins 'Love Your Pet' art contest

Bideawee, one of the country's oldest and most respected animal welfare and pet adoption organizations, announced the winners of this year's "Love Your Pet Art Contest & Expo," an art competition for Long Island students in grades 1-12. Prizes were awarded in five groupings based on children's grade year in school: grades 1 & 2; grades 3 & 4; grades 5 & 6; grades 7 & 8; and grades 9 to 12.

Scarlet Rovet, a fourth grader at East Moriches Elementary, was the winner for her age category; she drew artwork of her dog.

The other winners were: Jasey Cole, grade 1, who is homeschooled and lives in East Quogue; Nadia Sookoo, grade 5, Tangier Smith Elementary in Mastic Beach; Madison

Cohen, grade 7, Portledge School in Locust Valley; and Uma Kaushik, grade 11, Syosset High School in Syosset.

The annual event gave the young artists the chance to demonstrate their artistic ability and memorialize their love for their pets in many mediums including drawings, sculpture and photography. This year, 200 pieces of artwork were submitted, and the winners were chosen by public votes. Winners received gift cards from Target, Splish Splash, Tanger Outlets, Dave & Busters, and Long Island Aquarium.

"Animals and humans share unbreakable bonds, but the connections between children and their pets are particularly unique," said Leslie Granger, president of Bideawee.

"I'd like to congratulate Jasey, Scarlet, Nadia, Madison, and Uma, and all those who submitted their beautiful artwork with the Bideawee community. Their pieces reflect the passion they have for their pets and inspire us to provide the best possible care for the animals we serve."

The event raised more than \$1,400 to help continue to care for the pets in need at Bideawee.

Courtesy photo



POLICE BLOTTER

Center Moriches

At Montauk Bus Company, two catalytic converters were stolen from buses on Feb. 14.

A car battery and automatic scanner were stolen from an unlocked Chevrolet parked on Cozine Road on Feb. 19.

License plates were stolen from a 2001 Subaru at Best Price Auto Repair on Feb. 21.

A window to a 2001 Dodge parked on Center Court was broken and a computer was stolen from under the hood on Feb. 22.

Moriches

A tire was stolen from Firestone on Feb. 20.

Manorville

At Pine Hills Golf Club, two ATVs drove across the greens on Feb. 11 and

they were damaged.

A fence was damaged at a Saddlebrook Court home on Feb. 4.

CRIMESTOPPERS

Officers rescue woman, dog from marsh

Two Suffolk County police officers, along with members of the East Moriches Fire Department, rescued a woman and her dog from a marsh in East Moriches on Feb. 22.

Seventh Precinct police officers responded to a 911 call reporting a woman and a dog stuck in a marsh at the end of Bay Street in East Moriches at 2:07 p.m. Officer Michael Pitts, officer Harrison Dow and East Moriches Fire Department assistant chief Robert Kanas threw a rope out to the woman, instructed her

to tie it around her waist and pulled her out of the marsh.

After the woman was rescued, members of the East Moriches Fire Department rescued her dog, Charlie. The woman, Paula Eagle, 68, of East Moriches, and her dog were not injured.

Motorcyclist killed in crash

Suffolk County Police Seventh Squad detectives are investigating a motor vehicle crash that killed a motorcyclist in Center Moriches on Feb. 23.

Jason Frederick was driving a 2017 Kawasaki motorcycle eastbound on Montauk Highway, just east of the

intersection of Belleview Avenue, when the motorcycle veered off the roadway and Frederick struck the guardrail at approximately 3 p.m.

Frederick, 44, of Selden, was transported via Center Moriches Fire Department ambulance to Long Island Community Hospital in East Patchogue, where he was pronounced dead.

The motorcycle was impounded for a safety check and the investigation is continuing. Anyone with information is asked to call detectives at the Seventh Squad at 631-852-8752.

Information printed here was obtained from the Suffolk County Police Department. A criminal charge is an accusation against an individual. Unless and until proven guilty in court, individuals are presumed innocent of these charges. During the criminal justice process, individuals may be acquitted or may have a charge against them reduced or dropped.

AROUND TOWN

Saturday, March 7

St. Pitties Adoption & Fundraiser – Annual event hosted by Second Loves and RSVP Inc. Animal Welfare and Rescue at Buckley's Irish Pub in Center Moriches, 2-5 p.m. \$20 donation at the door. Includes Appetizers, Chinese auction, bagpipe music and animals for adoption. Visit www.rsvpinc.org.

Community Yard Sale – Shop for treasures indoors at the historic Masury Ballroom in Center Moriches, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Profits will benefit the Masury Ballroom Restoration Fund. Call 631-878-6373.

New Sermon Series – The South Bay Bible Church's new nine-week teaching series, "War & Peace: Finding the Way to Peace in Troubled Relationships," will be presented Sundays, 9 and 11 a.m. or Saturdays at 5 p.m. Visit www.southbaychurchli.org or call 631-909-8241.

Tuesday, March 10

Moriches Chamber – The Chamber of

Commerce of the Moriches will meet at the Moriches Bay Diner, 6-8 p.m. Call 631-874-3849.

Friday, March 13

Annual Abide Conference – South Bay Bible Church's first annual event, Friday, March 13, 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, March 14, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Various speakers will present topics aimed to help attendees incorporate disciplines into their lives for a deeper faith. The conference is free of charge, but reservations are required. To view the complete schedule and register, visit www.southbaychurchli.org/abide.

Sunday, March 15

St. Patrick's Day Parade – Join the festivities with Grand Marshals Thomas and Elsie Tebbens. Steps out on Main St., Center Moriches, 2 p.m. Visit www.moricheschamber.org.

Wednesday, March 18

Mastic Peninsula – The Historical Society meets the third Wednesday of every

month at the Mastic Fire Department, 7:30 p.m. Call 631-281-7347 or visit www.mphistorical.org or email mastichistory333@gmail.com for more information.

Thursday, March 19

Moriches Bay Garden – The Club will meet at the East Moriches United Methodist Church, 7 p.m. Guest speaker Renato Stafford will present "A Family Kitchen Organic Garden," everything you need to know to get your organic vegetables from garden to table. Presentation followed by a business meeting at 8 p.m. Free. Public welcome. Visit www.morichesbaygardenclub.org.

Saturday, March 21

Debt Counseling – A certified personal finance counselor from Debt Counseling Corporation will provide personal and confidential debt counseling at Mastics Moriches Shirley Community Library, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For adults age 18 and older. Appointment necessary. To register, call 631-399-1511, ext. 240.

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YEARS AGO

Center Moriches woman attends U.S.O. training

75 Years Ago

MARCH 1945

Mrs. Martha Edwards, of Center Moriches, attended the all-day Metropolitan New York United Service Organizations volunteer training meeting at the Sloane House in New York City. Mrs. Edwards is in charge of the U.S.O. activities in this area.

Members of the Women's Club of Eastport were entertained at tea as guests of the faculty of Eastport High School. Among the highlights of the entertainment was a play presented by the young members of **Mrs. Mather's** first- and second-grade classes entitled "Mother's Magic Spectacles." The cast starred **Betty-Ann Mackno, Bruce Presley, Jimmy Baker, Vincent Sachak, Franklin Raynor** and **Ruth Wilson**.

Boyce Rogers, of East Moriches, was winner of the George Washington essay contest held in the East Moriches School. The prize was tickets to the Center Moriches Theatre.

Mrs. James B.M. Bulloch, of Center Moriches, state regent, Daughters of the Union, 1861-65, conducted the 20th anniversary convention at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City.

The Eastport High School and elementary school have doubled their efforts in sale of war stamps, which means they are now eligible to enter the competition for the War Treasury flag, which is presented to schools that purchase over 90

percent in war stamps during the month of March. **Mrs. Edith Warner** and **Mrs. Joseph Kris** report that the sale on March 2 was the highest since the beginning of the stamp sales at the school with over \$41 worth of stamps being sold.

Lily Lukert has returned to Cornell University after enjoying a 10-day vacation with her parents, **Mr. and Mrs. John Lukert**, of East Moriches.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Massey and family, formerly of East Moriches, have moved to their own duck farm in Cedar Creek, Eastport.

Two old Center Moriches friends came together while serving overseas India: **Sgt. Al F. Murdock** and **Pfc. William English**. The two were schoolmates in Center Moriches and both worked for Herschel B. Davis, motor truckman.

Playing in March at the Center Moriches Theatre: **Mickey Rooney, Elizabeth Taylor** and **Donald Crisp** in "National Velvet"; **Errol Flynn** in "Objective Burma"; **William Powell** and **Myrna Loy** in "Thin Man Goes Home"; and **Bob Hope** and **Virginia Mayo** in "Princess and the Pirate."

50 Years Ago

MARCH 1970

Bernard J. Simmlerlein, commander of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 18-2 of the Moriches Bay Area, has announced that his flotilla has scheduled a Public

Instruction Course in small-boat handling and seamanship. The course is also open to area youngsters and can contact **Rudolph H. Schulz**, who has volunteered to teach the program in the Moriches Bay Area.

East Moriches Cub Scout Pack 29 held its annual Blue and Gold Dinner in the East Moriches Fire House. Cub Scouts **Keith Dewar, Tony Dorage, James Romanowski, James Flynn** and **Scott Sinnickson** presented the opening ceremony. The Arrow of Light awards were given to **George Archambeau, Danny Mazza, Robert Ringhoff** and **Robert Romanowski**.

The Eastport High School girls basketball team won the Section I Basketball Sportsday Title. The team's starting six, coached by **Mrs. Marie Salomone**, were **Michele Gordon, Debbie Malloy, Linda Brown, Roberta Rumph** and **Roxanne Skarka**. The substitutes included **Janet Hawes, Susan Maggio, Dawn Tuttle** and **Cindy Camp**.

The Tangier Masonic Square Club will have its installation of officers in April at the Lindenmere Hotel in Center Moriches. **Arthur R. Schiffer** is the new incoming president; **Peter F. Werckmann**, vice president; **Joe Schaffer**, scribe; and **Charles Miller**, treasurer.

Security National Bank has announced the appointment of **Ronald L. Leonard** as manager and officer in charge of the bank's Center Moriches office.

Jack Jones of Smith Street, East Moriches, is one of the 48 seniors at Ottawa

University, Ottawa, Ks., who is a student teaching in the Pomona Public Schools.

The East Moriches seventh- and eighth-grade basketball team, coached by **Ronald Rizzi**, defeated Riverhead, 44-43, at home to climax an undefeated season. High scorers for East Moriches were **Burt Price** with 17 points, **West Durham** with 11 and **Tom Sinnickson** with 10. Other members of the team include **Brian Both, Gary Hinrichs, Evan Goldstein, Clinton Morris, Rick Hinrichs, Craig Combes, George Goltos, Chuck Vosgarian, Ralph Griffith** and manager **Jim LaClair**.

Center Moriches postmaster **Robert Havens** has lots of space but very few letters in his mail slots at the Center Moriches post office, due to the ongoing letter carriers' strike. The post office will be open to the public only to purchase stamps or collect letters from the area residents.

A delicious lunch of franks and beans was served to students in all classes at East Moriches School as part of a project sponsored by the eighth-grade class of **Leonard Cingari** to help raise money for the annual class trip. Students who helped in prepping and serving the meal included **Phyllis Lingard, Gary Hinrichs, Tom Sinnickson** and **Donald Dixon**.

Playing this week at local theatres: "Funny Girl," starring **Barbra Streisand** and **Omar Sharif**; "Midnight Cowboy," with **Dustin Hoffman** and **Jon Voight**; and **Robert Redford** in "Downhill Racer." ■

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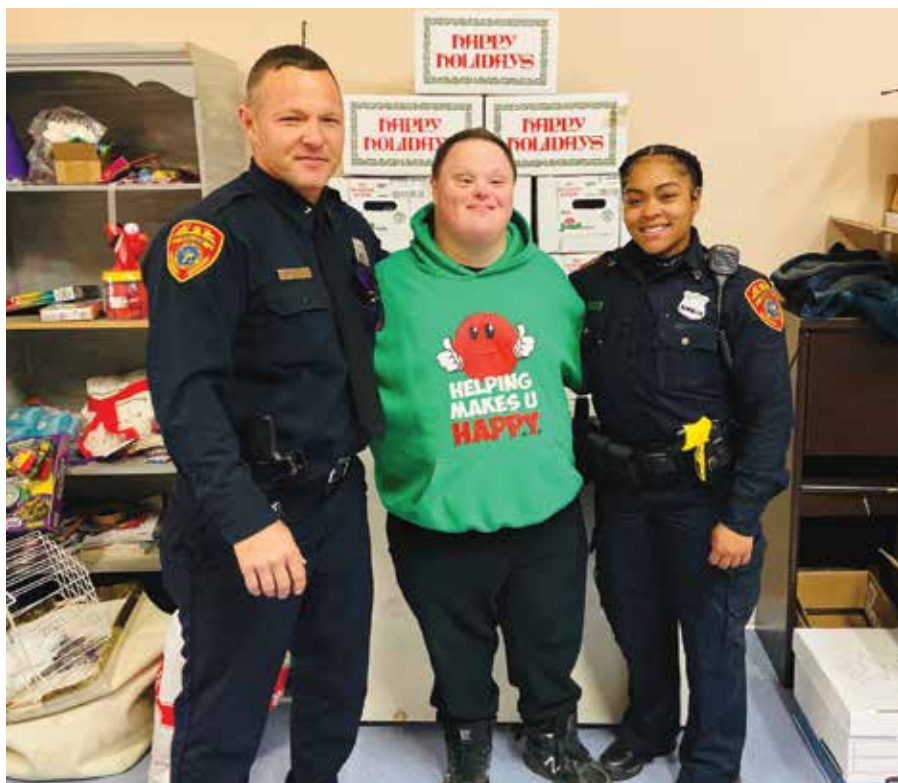
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We're really cooking now

Here's what's cooking for the month of March! Helping Makes U Happy will be hosting some "Cooking with a Cop" events at their building with SCPD COPE officers, pictured above with founder Keith Caputo.

We'll be excited to have the OLQA fifth-grade class and Smile Farms Inc. consumers come to participate! On March 5 we will be participating in a transition/resource fair being hosted by the Longwood SEPTA at Longwood High School from 6-8 p.m.

We will also be showing our support by donating to the second annual Chinese auction in honor of Jack Voellm to be held March 7 at East Moriches Elementary School. All proceeds benefit M.A.D.D. Don't forget to come down to the St. Patrick's Day parade on Main St. in Center Moriches on March 15—we'll have our usual table out selling green shirts and hoodies to

benefit your community.

On March 22, Helping Makes U Happy's Comfort Case project will be the beneficiary of an event being held at United Skates of America in Massapequa from noon-2:30 p.m. We are so looking forward to this and are so grateful to Danielle Losonci and Elizabeth Binckes of Local Impact OT for the assistance in helping children in need.

Finally, we are always happy to support Camp Paquatuck by donating a Respite Weekend Prize to their March 28 Joy Prom—such an amazing event! Just a heads up to those doing some early spring cleaning—we'll be having an indoor yard sale at the HMUH building in mid-April. If you have items you'd like to donate, please call 848-9008 (no large items or electronics, please).

Happy spring, everyone!

MORICHES BAY GARDEN CLUB

Winter recess is over

We're back in business; our winter recess is over and we are ready to start the 2020 gardening year. Our meetings are always the third Thursday of the month, 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 370 Montauk Highway, East Moriches. We welcome the public to attend and learn from our speakers. And, of course, we always look forward to signing up new members.

Our speaker this month is Renato Stafford. His presentation is "The Family Kitchen Organic Garden" and will include tips on designing a garden with specific recipes in mind, layout, how much to plant, storage and winter gardening.

I am still in Florida, but I know spring is busting out all over Long Island because friends have sent me photos of snowdrops in bloom, crocus, and daffy's breaking ground. One gardener sent a photo of witch hazel (ham-



amelis), a great shrub that grows to 20 feet or can be trained to become a small tree. It has striking yellow flowers from January through March.

Take a minute to check out all our local nurseries. It's time for pansies and you might want to check out a witch hazel shrub.

-Maureen Pollack

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Local photographer Doug DeFeo found this snowy deer back in late January this year. He photographed it early in the morning near the Coast Guard station in East Moriches.

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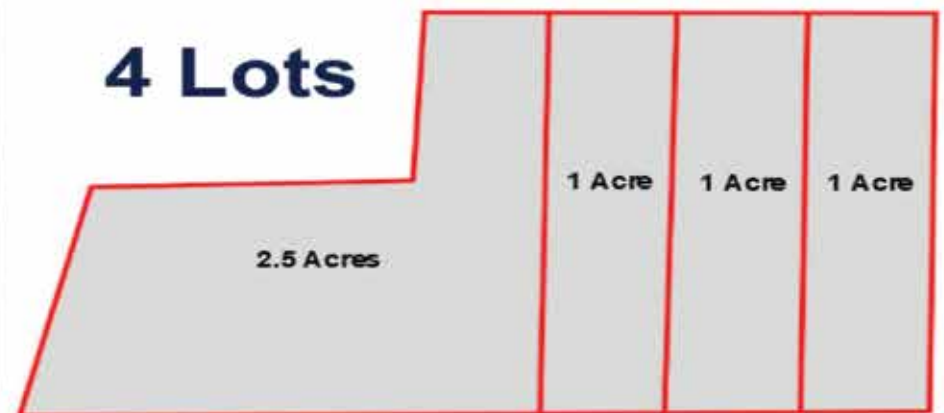
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