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New Year's goals for the area

Local officials welcome 2022

BY NICOLE FUENTES

It's officially 2022, and local officials including Brookhaven Town supervisor Ed Romaine, town councilman Dan Panico and Suffolk County legislator Jim Mazzarella shared future goals for the new year.

ED ROMAINE, SUPERVISOR



Supervisor Romaine is looking forward to getting to work on cleaning Moriches Bay with the Moriches Bay Project by using oysters to improve water quality.

In the new year, he also hopes to create sports fields for the Manorville community to supplement local school fields, providing additional recreation-

al facilities for both youth and adult leagues.

He also promises to strengthen the shoreline against rising sea levels and ensure that road runoff does not enter and pollute our bays, while also making improvements to Great Gun Beach. One of his top goals in 2022 is to also ensure that when Moriches Inlet is dredged, the material is added to Webby's Beach.

Romaine also said he will be overseeing and supporting additional road improvements and add curbing and sidewalks in residential areas, as well as expanding the Moriches nutrition program for local seniors in need and activities offered for local teens at the Moriches Community Center.

DAN PANICO, COUNCILMAN



In the Moriches and Manorville area, he said, he will continue to preserve open space.

"We just acquired over five acres in East Moriches on Tuthill Cove and we're going to continue our preservation efforts in [2022]," he said. "It's important to the residents who live here, for the environment, and character of the community."

In East Moriches, he added, Heils Creek can expect some dredging.

"It's very important to the residents of Newport Beach and the Newport Beach Association," he said, making note of the "great people" who live there. "They struggled with buildup and sediment over the years."

JIM MAZZARELLA, SC LEGISLATOR



He said he is excited to begin the new year as a member of the majority caucus of the legislature.

"The Republican caucus is dedicated to working towards fiscal responsibility in the county as well as a balanced bud-

get while continuing to provide the services that residents need and deserve," he continued.

He also looks forward to possibly chair a legislative committee, which will give him direct oversight on specific aspects of Suffolk County government and departments.

As far as Moriches, he said, he will continue to work towards the restoration of the historic Captain Hawkins house on Montauk Highway. He explained that he will work with both the town and the Mastic Peninsula Historical Society to see the project move forward. Mazzarella said he will also continue promoting the rural characteristics of the community by working towards open-space preservation and ensuring the area does not become over developed.

Lastly, he said he is excited to begin construction of the Forge River Watershed Sewer District project, to be breaking ground shortly.

"While the areas being connected are in Mastic and Shirley, this project directly affects the Forge River and the waterways shared with the Moriches community, and will have a positive impact on the health of these waterways and our entire Moriches Bay," he added. ■

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2021 fire district election results

Fire districts across Long Island held their annual elections on Tuesday, Dec. 14. Below are the compiled results.

CENTER MORICHES FD

John DeLong ran unopposed and was elected to a five-year term as did Ed Stypulkowski who was elected to a one-year term to finish out seat vacated earlier this year.

EAST MORICHES FD

Incumbent Michael Mazarakis was reelected with 81 votes. He ran unopposed.

MANORVILLE FD

Jay Naurek ran against Frank Governale for a five-year term winning with 201 votes to Governale's 156. Also, Kenneth Mclean ran against Michael Vetack for a two-year term seat winning with 198 votes to Vetack's 149.

-Nicole Fuentes



A 'merry' historic holiday happening

Old Time Christmas event held at West Manor School

BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN

Serving up yuletide cheer from days long ago, the Manorville Historical Society held its Old Time Christmas event at the West Manor Schoolhouse. The event, held Saturday, Dec. 11, featured music, crafts, cookies, and an appearance by Santa Claus.

Eventgoers were able to browse through holiday-themed thrift shop items, including ceramic Santas, vintage reindeer, snowman trinkets, ornaments, wreaths and stockings. According to Agnes Pearo, president of the Manorville Historical Society, the thrift shop items aren't normally part of the annual Christmastime event, but were added this year because of popular demand. The historical society operates a thrift shop in its basement.

"Every year people ask, 'Is your thrift shop going to be open?', and so we decided it would be a good idea to put some holiday stuff out. They love the thrift shop," she said of community members.

In addition to the thrift shop trinkets, the historical society sold baked goods, including cookies and bread. A selection of homemade jams was also offered.



Pictured is Susan Scalice, Chris Scalice, Agnes Pearo, Sandi Sullivan, Santa (Matthew Pearo), Cathy Wulforst, Rob Church and Evelyn Bricka. MT/AI Rashdan

All attendees were invited to a free hot chocolate.

A musical performance was hosted in one of two old classrooms, once used to teach local children reading, writing and arithmetic. Eventgoers sat in little desks (the desks original to the school) and listened to festive holiday tunes performed by Bad Santa, a local band. The band also played a few oldies, including "Sugar, Sugar" by the Archies and "I Got You Babe" by Sonny and Cher.

According to Pearo, the historical society worked hard to get the upstairs space ready for guests.

"We worked hard to get the schoolhouse in shape. We had to sort through everything that was coming in from the thrift shop because we had a lot of new donations," she said.

Pearo explained holding the Old Time

Christmas event is in part about showing children what the world was like long ago. The West Manor Schoolhouse was built in 1929 and in operation until the 1940s. Pearo said that when children and their families walk through the schoolhouse, they're walking through a piece of history. In order to illustrate that history, the historical society keeps a number of items on display.

They have a collection of old workbooks that were donated by community members who were once pupils in the school. They also kept the old pull-down world maps on display. These maps are original to the school and were once used in the classroom. When someone visits the schoolhouse, they're given the opportunity to look through the old workbooks and see what it was like for students nearly 100 years ago.

"Kids don't know today what a school was like back then. They don't know that they [the pupils] had a desk and they had to learn script and all of that," she said.

But the event was about more than showing families the classrooms; the event was meant to highlight what Christmas was like long ago. In the classroom across from where Bad Santa was playing, attendees were invited to make old-time Christmas crafts with members of the historical society, including Susan Scalice.

Scalice showed her crafty flair by wearing a handmade "crazy" Christmas cowboy hat that day. Scalice glued holiday bits and baubles to the top of the cowboy hat—knickknacks like ornaments and nutcracker figurines. Though "crazy" cowboy hats weren't on the crafting agenda for that day, Scalice's hat set a creative tone in the room. Children worked on a variety of different projects, including coloring. In past years, children made popcorn and cranberry garland, an old European tradition that dates back to the early 1800s.

Down the hall, Santa Claus (Matthew Pearo, vice president of the historical society) sat near the front door and greeted families. When children came in, he asked them what they'd like for Christmas and then gave each child a special gift. ■



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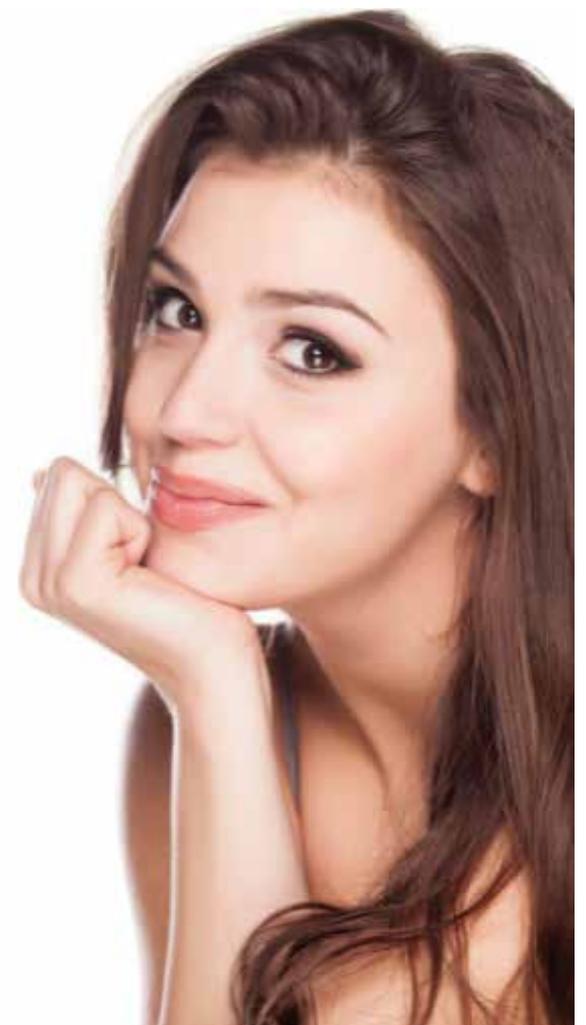
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Delayed, yet still de'lighted'

Parade of Lights delights community a day later than expected

BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN

They were a day late, but they weren't a dollar short. The Center Moriches Fire Department's annual Holiday Parade of Lights took place on Main Street on the evening of Sunday, Dec. 12. The event was slated for a day earlier, but was postponed due to inclement weather.

A group of friends and neighbors were among the hundreds of parade-goers who came from near and far to watch the annual holiday spectacle. The friends come to the parade each year, and each year they dress up in festive gear with lights, hats, headbands, and scarves. Even their vehicles, parked in front of them on Main Street during the parade, were fitted with holiday lights and cheer.

"We come every single year and we pretty much stand right here in this same spot every year. It's a good time.

We love it here. We never miss it," said Mark Zaleski, one of the friends.

Zaleski said the group comes from all over, including, Calverton, Center Moriches, East Moriches, Eastport, Hampton Bays, Manorville, Riverhead, and even farther. The parade lasted about half an hour and featured a variety of themed floats, including the "Grinch Who Stole Christmas" and "Alice in Wonderland."

Some attendees decided to watch from the sidewalks, while others ventured off the sidewalks and got up close and personal with marchers on the other side of parked vehicles. Whether the



Mark Zaleski (far left) watches the parade with his group of friends each year. The friends come from all over the Moriches area and beyond. MT/Al Rashdan



The parade took place a few hours after the Winter Wonderland Festival

parade was watched from the streets or from the sidewalk, it was enjoyed from all vantage points. In true parade tradition, young eventgoers scrambled to pick up candy canes and other holiday treats as they were thrown by marchers—and in an added bit of sudsy fun,

Holiday Productions, a Christmas party supply company, blasted parade-goers with snow foam.

The event stood as a reminder that gathering together for a good time is a beautiful thing and that the community truly knows how to let loose and have

a good time. In one touching example of holiday spirit, Eastport firefighter Christopher Hulse marched east on Main Street with his fire company, until he saw a baby on the north side of the street. Hulse took the baby, held her up and posed for several pictures as onlookers snapped their own photos. It turns out the baby was his newborn daughter, Zoey Quinn. Hulse's mother-in-law explained the parade was Zoey's first. They whole family looked excited to be there together. In fact, the whole community looked excited to be there together, too. ■



Eastport firefighter Christopher Hulse and his daughter, Zoey Quinn.



The parade is a tradition in the Moriches.

Christmas at Bay Gardens

The weather was frightful, but the festivities were delightful. The turnout was great for the Bay Gardens Christmas fundraiser on Saturday, Dec. 11 to benefit a local police officer, Tim Thrane, who was injured in the line of duty last month.

He was actually feeling well enough to attend the event for a short while! It was amazing to see him laughing and enjoying Santa with his family and friends. The day was filled with happy families excited to ride the Christmas tractor, take pictures with the Grinch and Santa, play games, or just relax by the fire pit. Westhampton Beach Brewery and Geenas Weenas were in attendance as well, with plenty of Christmas cheer. The toy drive for Helping Makes U Happy was also a great success.

Courtesy photos Bay Gardens





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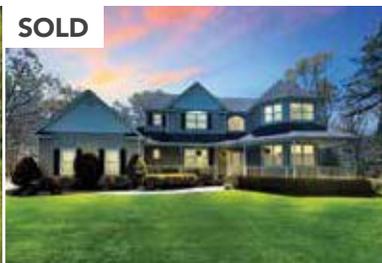
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On Dec. 12, the Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches hosted a Winter Wonderland Street Fair and Festival on Main Street. Vendors sold crafts, jewelry, and edible items like pretzels, artisanal bread, and even a local moonshine.

-Katherine Al Rashdan



Boy Scout Troop 23 members Ethan Zahn (left) and Ryan Person (right).



Santa Claus was spotted walking up and down Main Street during the event.



Representatives from the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library gave out sparkly flashlights in preparation for the Festival of Lights, which was held later that evening.



Crumbs on Main had a booth set up where young festival-goers were invited to get their face painted for free. Here, Aishara gets morphed into a butterfly. All photos MT/Al Rashdan

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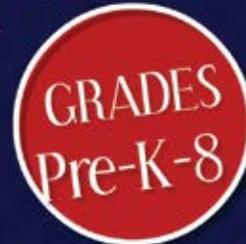
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A talk with Hockey Hall-of-Famer Pat LaFontaine

BY JORDAN STANKOVICH

Hockey Hall-of-Famer Pat LaFontaine is one of the greatest hockey players to skate on Long Island. His career included 15 NHL seasons with the New York Islanders, New York Rangers, and Buffalo Sabres (eight with the Islanders), playing in 530 games, scoring 287 goals, tallying 279 assists, totaling 566 points in the National Hockey League.

In 1995, LaFontaine won the Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy awarded due to his fantastic perseverance, sportsmanship and great dedication to the game. LaFontaine was a member of the 1984 Olympics Team USA Men's Hockey Team in 1984 and in 2017 was named the prestigious honor of being named to the list of 100 Greatest NHL Players. LaFontaine currently resides on Long Island and is a longtime asset to the island, dedicating decades of community service for nonprofit organizations and showing countless acts of kindness, courtesy, and generosity.

TIDE: In 1984, you played for Team USA in the Olympics in Yugoslavia, then two weeks later you're on the New York Islanders. It's a week after your 19th birthday—your second NHL game at the Toronto Maple Leafs', where you had a hat trick with two assists. Can you put it into words?

LAFONTAINE: For me, I was a 19-year-old kid. I guess what puts it into perspective for me is I was 15; my brother and I were doing spring cleaning in Michigan, it was mid-May and my dad called us inside and said, 'Come on in, the Islanders are in overtime.' So, my brother and I came in and we were watching the game and little did I know, going back and forth, and then I

see Lorne Henning pass to John Tonelli, Tonelli passes to Nystrom, he scores, we're jumping up and down we're excited, and you know, you can see the enthusiasm on the rink and the joy of the players, and then I just went, 'Where's Long Island?' (laughs) and I remember getting a map and getting an encyclopedia and looking at the map. So, the Islanders put Long Island on the map for me, for a kid from Michigan who's 15 years old. Now the irony is, if you told me at 15 that I would have been able to play for the Olympic Team after they won the Gold Medal and my second game in Toronto, which was my dad's favorite team and he was in the building, I look to my right and it's Bobby Nystrom and I look to my left and it's John Tonelli, and I scored my first goal and actually my first three goals and a couple assists and I think, John, Bobby, and myself were the first three stars, we won 11-6 and Al Arbour came in and kicked over trash can because we gave up six goals. You know, everybody talks about it, but it was a dream come true just going that whole ride to the fifth Stanley Cup. My first 15 games as an Islander, everything and more, that exceeded expectations.

TIDE: Describe how exciting it felt getting called up to the four-time defending Stanley Cup Champions and playing with Mike Bossy, Denis Potvin, Billy Smith, Bryan Trottier, and Clark Gillies.

LAFONTAINE: Well, it was obviously a thrill. Because those guys won Stanley Cups, they were champions on the ice and great guys off the ice and what better place to have a coach like Al Arbour to have players that you just named and Nystrom and working with Bill Torrey and learning from the best. And I still say this today, it's not even arguable, it

was the best five-year run of any sports franchise in the history of sports. Not just hockey; I don't think there's anyone that and if you go back and the year earlier they had just lost to the Rangers in 1979, they always went to the finals that year they weren't too far off.

TIDE: You go to the Stanley Cup Finals in your rookie season. Two questions. First, how exciting was it to be a rookie playing at the pinnacle of hockey? Also, any advice to a young professional that is fortunate enough at a very young age to be playing in the finals knowing it's very possible you may never get this opportunity again?

LAFONTAINE: You know, it's moments, it's appreciation, it's experience, and I would just say embrace it all. Like you just said, it didn't come around for me. I was fortunate to have some pretty good playoff runs, win a World Cup, but never back to the finals, and if you look back at a lot of players recently, Henrik Lundqvist retired. It's not that easy. It's hard. You have to have amazing coaching, no injuries, and everything has to kind of come together, and then it's survival of the fittest for two months. But I've always said it's been a privilege and an honor for me because a kid born in St. Louis, I learned to skate there until I was 7 and for me, you never take it for granted and be so appreciative, and it's hard to tell that to a 19-year-old kid at the time, but I do appreciate it and it's truly about those experiences and the friendships, and then it helped shape part of my career, too.

TIDE: What are your favorite things to do on Long Island?

LAFONTAINE: I mean, there are so many things to do. You've got great restaurants, great beaches, great golf



courses, great parks, too. There's so much. Ride a bike. Just the outdoor life, all the different ports along the water, the wineries, everything. Like I said earlier, on Long Island, there's so much to offer

TIDE: Do you do any coaching here?

LAFONTAINE: I coached youth sports when my son was playing. I was coaching locally here in Kings Park for a while and really enjoyed it!

TIDE: Outside of hockey, what are you most proud of in your life?

LAFONTAINE: Well, for me it's my wife and kids. My family, watching them all grow up. And then what the game has taught me. Hockey has been a stepping stone to do what I do now, and that's involved in different foundations, involved in helping kids that are going through a tough time, from working with children's hospitals to working with the Dolphin Foundation, the sports for good and the values that sports brings to kids and families. I always say, 'Score your goals when you're young because life is all about the assists.' ■

'You Shall Not Walk Alone' brings CM administrator all around Suffolk County

At a recent Brookhaven Town board meeting, Center Moriches school district athletes were honored for their athletic achievements, including the girls soccer team (pictured). The athletes were presented with certificates by the board and asked to stand for a photo.

In other district news, Jeremy Thode, athletic director, recently embarked upon "You Shall Not Walk Alone," a week-long event to raise awareness for mental health in adolescents.

Beginning on Nov. 21, Thode walked to 59 high schools in Suffolk County – the schools were all Section XI, which means they participate in athletics together. Throughout the 300-mile walk, Thode posted on social media and journaled his experience.

"It was grueling. At times it was lonely. It was challenging—but in using social media as my outlet and updating people across Suffolk County, it caught a lot of attention, and we raised a lot of awareness for mental health, which was the goal," he said.

Thode said he received interest from the media as well as messages of support from people who have struggled with mental health, or people that have loved ones who have.

"Mental health and wellness concerns have been a huge factor in kids' lives forever. When COVID-19 struck, that exacerbated concerns, and this is about helping kids to ensure they're not alone," he said.

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Save the Great South Bay Speaker Series: The State of the Bay

BY NICOLE FUENTES

Their quarterly Speaker Series focused on the State of the Great South Bay. The presentation was held on Friday, Oct. 15 with featured guest speaker Dr. Christopher Gobler of SUNY Stony Brook's School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences.

According to Gobler, he and his laboratory monitor the bay year-round. The watershed, he said, is critically important and any time anything lands on Long Island it has two important fates: either it lands in the drinking water or one of the bays, harbors, or estuaries.

"At the essence of living on Long Island, everything we are doing on land is going to alter the quality of our drinking water and surface water," he said. "It's a unifying concept."

As the population increases, he said, so does higher nitrogen levels, which is evident in the ground and surface waters.

He claims there has been a 60 percent increase in nitrogen in Long Island surface waters over the last decade.

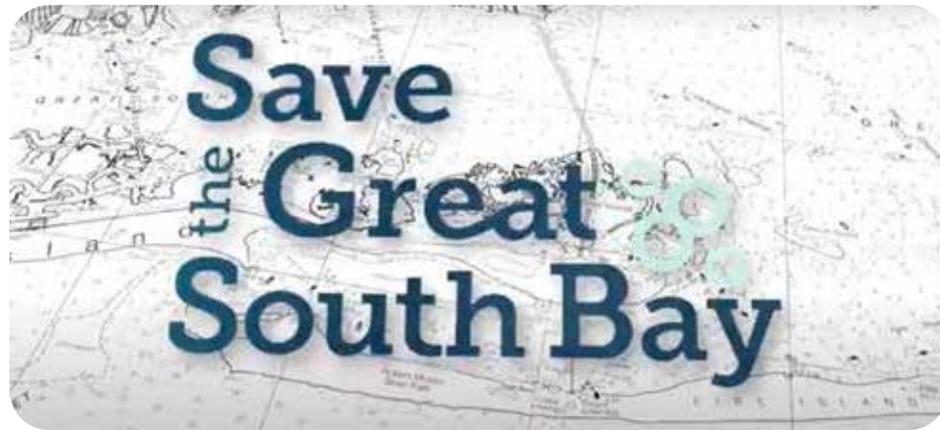
Originally, he explained, about a decade ago, people were blaming runoff. However, it has been found that the single biggest source of nitrogen from land to sea is due to wastewater, and 70 percent of LI homes are not on sewage treatment or on-site systems. Instead, the waste is draining directly into the groundwater.

Due to this, harmful algal blooms have been popping up across Long Island, including PSP, toxic blue and green algae, and DSP, contaminating waters and impacting fisheries.

However, it's not new to the island; since the 1950s, he said, there was record of algal blooms in the Moriches Bay prior to the inlet. Then, between the '60s and '80s, harmful blooms were mostly non-existent. By 1985, he explained, these algal blooms continued and



Screen shots



increased onward.

"More nitrogen makes blooms more interesting," he added, explaining that in some cases, they even become more toxic due to the nature of the nitrogen-rich compounds that feed on more nitrogen.

Oceans are losing oxygen and warming, allowing the harmful algae to bloom. Excessive nitrogen, he said, sucks the oxygen out of the water. The plan is, he added, to upgrade two-thirds of septic systems in Suffolk County by 2070.

"There is a lot of hope," he added, recognizing the county's Reclaim our Waters effort. "Suffolk County has one of the most robust programs upgrading systems than any other county in the nation."

In addition to continuing the county's efforts to install wastewater treatment

systems in new construction and home replacements, he said, kelp can also be used to mitigate the damage. Kelp, he said, is farmed in the Northeast and indigenous. Through partnerships with local oyster farmers, kelp can be grown during the winter months.

"Seaweed is amazing and performs a service we need and want in our bays," he continued, explaining it takes in nitrogen and lets go of oxygen.

In conclusion, he said, upgrading septic systems should be the primary tool for removing contamination; however, seaweed and kelp can help mitigate water-quality impairment.

He and Save the Great South Bay, he said, hope to review and release report cards for different parts of the Great South Bay based on federal and state standards. ■

Eagle soars at ceremony

BSA Troop 29 welcomed David Garcia to the ranks of Eagle Scouts in a ceremony in August, even though he officially became one in March of 2020. The coronavirus pandemic delayed the celebration until indoor activities could resume following the arrival of a vaccine. The well-attended ceremony was held at Saint Jude's Catholic Church. David has attended and served at Saint Jude's for many years. David completed his Eagle project at Saint Jude's as well. The Stations of the Cross from the church were refurbished, encased, and posted in the contemplative garden next to the church. The success of the project was a culmination of David's time with Troop 29, where David assisted the troop in many roles over the years, including assistant senior patrol leader and senior patrol leader. David achieved several merit badges as a scout and attended three of the Boy Scouts High-Adventure

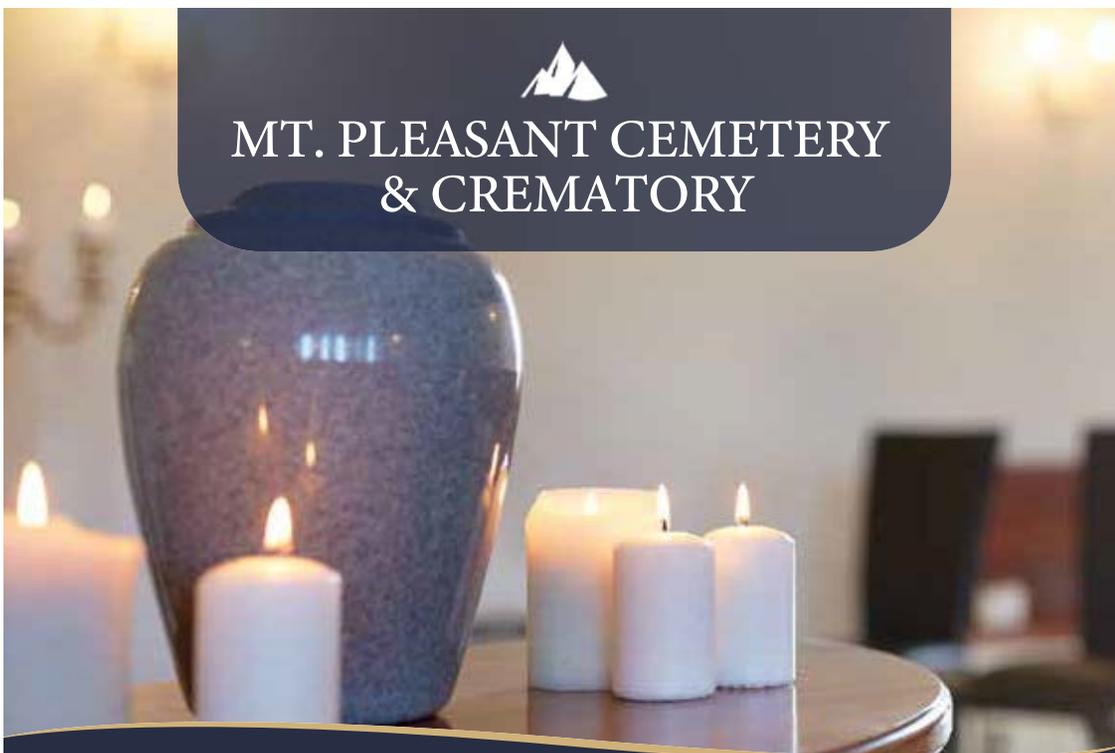
bases: Summit Bechtel Reserve, Philmont Scout Ranch, and recently Sea Base in Saint Thomas. David has had an illustrious career with Troop 29. His ceremony was marked with joy, happiness, and a touch of nostalgia as memories of the years and events of the past filled the hall. Congratulations, David.

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Two winners each will receive a brand-new 65-inch TV, and the fixings for a Super Bowl party for 15 people from TJ's Heros, including an appetizer, hero, chips, soda, dessert, and a football. Tickets will be on sale all month, and winners will be drawn on Jan. 30, 2022.

For more information on how to purchase, call 631-848-9008 or follow us on Facebook @helping makes u happy to find out where we'll be from week to week.

Good luck, and we wish you all a happy, healthy New Year!



LI Game Farm owner dies



Diane Florence Novak died on June 8 at 84 years of age at her home in East Moriches. She was born in Southampton Hospital on Oct. 7, 1936. She married Stanley Novak on Feb. 16, 1958, at the Henry Perkins Hotel in Riverhead.

Mrs. Novak and her husband raised two children: Melinda and Susan (who predeceased her in 2001).

They first lived in Middle Island and then moved the family to the site of the Long Island Game Farm in 1969. The couple located the Game Farm in close proximity to the old National Speedway Race Track, which was located just down the road on Chapman Boulevard.

They began the Game Farm in 1970. Over the years, it became a Long Island institution and educational destination for school children and visitors to Long Island's East End.

After Stanley's death in 1999,

Mrs. Novak assumed the day-to-day responsibilities and, in recent years, transferred those responsibilities to Melinda, while she remained active and pursued her hobbies, such as collecting horse prints, studying her ancestry and gardening.

Fortunate to spend more years with her granddaughter Chela, Mrs. Novak had a love for horses, which fueled Chela's interest in horse riding. She also enjoyed traveling during the Game Farm's off-season.

Mrs. Novak was directly related to Rev. John Young of Southold through her mother, Reba Young. She attended Riverhead High School and played the stand-up bass.

She is survived by her daughter, Melinda, and her granddaughter, Chela. The family held a private memorial, and her ashes will be buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Center Moriches.

About the cover

Winter at Kalers

A winter scene from East Moriches Kalers Pond with a view from the south side on Dec. 12, taken by local photographer Pamela Bracken Morrison.

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Sunday, January 16

New Sermon Series – South Bay Bible Church, 578 Montauk Highway, East Moriches, will begin a new nine-week teaching series, “Heartbeat: Seven Values for a Healthy Church,” designed to help the church, which is the people, return to what really matters. Presented Sundays, 9 and 11 a.m. Visit www.southbaychurchli.org or call 631-909-8241.

Tuesday, January 18

Virtual Book Group – Join Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library online to discuss “Before She Disappeared” by Lisa Gardner, 7-8:30 p.m. via Zoom. To register, visit www.communitylibrary.org or call 631-399-1511.

Friday, January 21

Teen Silence Challenge – Grades 6-12 can

join in on Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library’s Silent Library challenge to win a prize, 5:45-7:30 p.m. Register online or call 631-399-1511.

Wednesday, January 26

Creating a Google Sites Website – In-person tech workshop at Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Library will show you how to create a free website and build a virtual portfolio without coding knowledge, 7-8:30

p.m. Register online or call 631-399-1511, ext. 363.

Sunday, January 30

Author Visit – Author Elizabeth Hughes Zayicek will be at Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library to talk about her new book, “Lake Strife,” 1-2 p.m. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. Register online or call 631-399-1511, ext. 240.

YEARS AGO

75 Years Ago

JANUARY 1947

Now that he’s retired from the Coast Guard after more than three decades of service, Capt. **Eugene T. Osborne**, of East Moriches, looks forward to many pleasant days in the fields with his English setter, Lady.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Darrow, of East Moriches, attended the poultry show at Madison Square Garden, where they had several entries and won three first prizes.

The Women’s Club of Eastport met in Mechanics Hall. Following the business meeting, the **Rev. and Mrs. Charles Sweet** entertained the club with a number of musical selections on the trumpet and piano.

A surprise housewarming was given to **Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Van Averly** of Cubner Lane, East Moriches, by the Star Workers who presented them with a waffle iron.

Louise Betty Taylor and **Thomas Cousins**, both of Railroad Avenue, Center Moriches, were married at a ceremony at the home of the Rev. Elliott S. Travalee on Beaver Dam Road, Bellport.

Mrs. Alvale Tuttle of East Moriches was hostess to members of the book club, who gave synopses of the book they would like to write. Among those present were **Mrs. William Harless**, **Ms. Catherine Afterman**, **Mrs. Harold Chapman**, **Mrs. Gibson Howell**, **Mrs. Rudy Leuthardt** and **Mrs. Harry Huson**.

The East Moriches Stamp Club met at the home of **Frank Robinson** on Atlantic Avenue with the following present: **Harold Dunlap**, **Robert Warner**, **Harry Hognlund**, **Patricia Lukert**, **Josephine Huson**, **Leonard Alden** and **Hope Skarka**. The members enjoyed a stamp swap followed by a discussion of the new forthcoming United States stamp commemorating the birth of Thomas Edison.

Mrs. Belle Bernstein of Center Moriches was installed as Worthy Matron of Sunrise Chapter No. 776, Order of the Eastern Star, at the Masonic Temple, Westhampton.

The following East Moriches Boy Scouts, accompanied by **William Skarka**

and **Joseph Lemmen**, hiked to Rock Hill: **Edward Butler**, **Harold and George Dunlap**, **William McPhail**, **Edward Granatella**, **Frank Robinson**, **Louis Henderson**, **Joseph Quinichette** and **Leroy Brown**.

The Center Moriches High School dance band played at a dance given at the East Moriches firehall for the benefit of the East Moriches War Memorial fund. **Geraldine MacDonald** was soloist for the evening, and **Chester G. Osborne**, director of music, Center Moriches High School, conducted the dance band.

Playing in January at the **Center Moriches Theatre**: “Blue Skies”; “The Verdict”; “Caesar and Cleopatra”; “Undercurrent”; and “Magnificent Doll.”

50 Years Ago

JANUARY 1972

Among the students in the Moriches area who have been selected to go to a foreign country as part of the Moriches Rotary’s student exchange program are **Kathy Dumont**, **Gloria Garrett** and **Denise Costich**.

Two new members joined the ranks of the Rotary Club of the Moriches: **Albert Carnes** and **Dr. Orlando Cacho**.

Principal **John J. Daly Jr.** of the William Floyd Middle School congratulated eighth-grader **Gerard Taggart** for winning the annual area spelling held at East Moriches School. Gerard will go on to compete in the Long Island Championship held at the State University of New York at Farmingdale.

Louis Berkowitz, owner of Berk’s Sporting Goods on Main Street in Center Moriches, became a grandfather for the fourth time with the addition of a boy. **Louis Harold**, born to Mr. Berkowitz’s daughter, **Mrs. Edward Siegerson**, also of Center Moriches.

At their recent meeting, the Palette and Brush Art League of Mastic presented a demonstration by **Mrs. Helen Wiegand** on perspective and shadings.

A Past Grand Knight testimonial dinner dance in honor of **Anthony Siano** of the James V. Kavanagh Council was held at Ragone’s.

Mee-Hee Ho, an 11-year-old student at William Floyd Middle School, will pres-



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ent a program of music from Bach, Beethoven, Schubert and Chopin in a piano recital at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in February.

A prizewinning float of a large boot won by the Kiwanis Club of the Mastics in the recent Mastics-Shirley Christmas parade, which went missing several weeks ago, has been found at a farm on Old Neck Road in Center Moriches, chained to a truck owned by **Richard Jones** of Jonesy’s Hardware in Center Moriches.

Six Center Moriches High School seniors will begin house-to-house census enumeration of the school district beginning this month. They are **Terry Hughley**, **Joel Bergmann**, **Leroy Carroll**, **Jeff**

Pribut, **Cary Meade** and **Carl Bruno**.

Brownie Troop 1320 of East Moriches paid a visit to Bayview Community Hospital during the Christmas holiday. The troop members are **Jayne Edwards**, **Karin Alden**, **Cynthia Alden** and **Beth Edwards**, under the leadership of **Mrs. Joanne Alden**.

Nancy and Lucky Lunati of Skidmore’s Fishing Station in East Moriches, caught a string of silver trout and around 25 groupers while visiting Mrs. Lunati’s parents, **Mary and Skid Skidmore** of Port New Richey, Fla.

Playing in January at the **Twin Shirley Theatres**: “Putney and Swope”; “Johnny Got His Gun”; “Ginger”; “Sacco and Vanzetti”; and “The Valley of the Dolls.”

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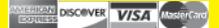
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Local company raises \$10,000 for CM nonprofit

BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN

American Dream Abstract, a title company located in Patchogue, recently raised \$10,000 for Helping Makes U Happy, a Center Moriches-based not-for-profit charity, founded by Keith Caputo and his mother, Cassy Caputo. The Dream Big Holiday Benefit took place at Stereo Garden.

“Ten thousand dollars is huge for Helping Makes U Happy—especially as we have not been able to hold our big annual fundraiser, which raised much of the money we use for helping, since the pandemic began,” said Cassy Caputo.

She went on further to say that events like the Dream Big Holiday Benefit are important because they enable like-

minded people to connect and bond over the desire to help others.

“Fundraisers like this are so important for our organization—not only in terms of the money raised, which, of course, we are so grateful for because it will enable us to help so many—but also in terms of networking. Networking and meeting new people at fundraisers enables Keith to spread his helping message even further. People are so inspired to listen to him speak about what he does and to see all he does. Then, to find out that we are an all-volunteer organization—and that all the money goes to helping—they inevitably walk away saying they are going to do more, too; which, of course, is part of his message: ‘There’s nothing like the happy you get from helping others’,” said Cassy Caputo.



Cassy Caputo said she was pleasantly surprised by the dollar amount raised. “I still cannot get over how, when the final tally came in, \$10,000 was raised for Helping Makes U Happy,” she said. *Courtesy photo*

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2021 TIDE OF THE MORICHES

COMPILED BY NICOLE FUENTES

It's been a hard few years. However, we can say 2021 was certainly better than 2020. As we continue on the path towards normalcy, now is a better time than ever to review the last 12 months. Here is to good health and prosperity in 2022!

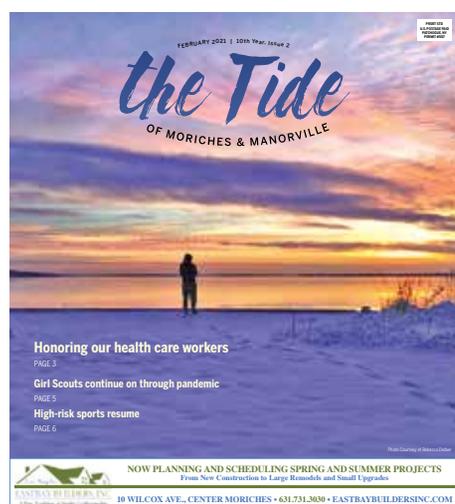
JANUARY

We started off the year with snow on the ground, featuring a young little boy on the front cover. We aided in the search of a missing pet goat and celebrated a virtual Folkie Fest. In sad news, we remembered high school student Joseph Rera, who died in November 2020, at Cupsogue Beach.



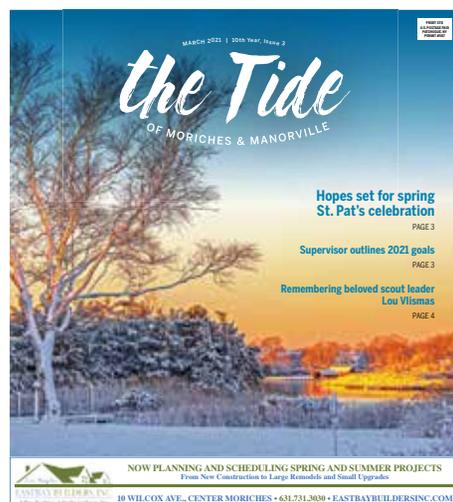
FEBRUARY

This month featured a beautiful purple sunset and honored our health care workers with features from our Inspiration Award winners. We also featured Girl Scout Troop 251, who finally received their Silver Awards after a year in the pandemic. High-risk sports resumed and the town dedicated a portion of Deer Lane to Rachel Ragone, who died of pediatric bone cancer.



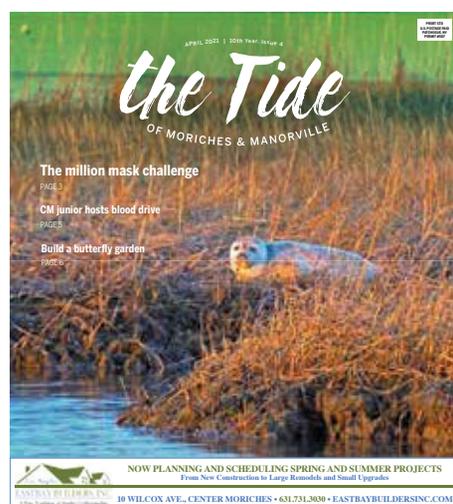
MARCH

By March, we were in full cold mode with a snowy front-page feature. We had hopes for celebrating St. Patrick's Day in the spring, and supervisor Ed Romaine outlined his goals for the new year. We also paid tribute to a beloved Boy Scout leader, Lou Vlismas.



APRIL

The seal stole the show for this edition. However, we also covered the Million-Mask Challenge and wrote a column on how to build a butterfly garden in preparation for the spring. Also, a Center Moriches student helped save 50 to 60 lives by organizing a blood drive.



MAY

This month, we trekked out to the Long Island Game Farm to get this shot of the tortoise for the front cover, accompanied by an inside feature spread of all the animals at the zoo. Hampton Coffee Co. opened at the CM Library and Center Moriches launched a vaccine pod.



JUNE

What a beautiful scene it was on the front cover featuring fields of tulips from Waterdrinker Family Farm. We featured the top high school seniors of their class in the area and the Center Moriches students performed "Grease." We also dove into the preparations for graduations.



JULY

Feelin' thirsty? This month featured ice-cold beers from the newly opened Long Island Farm Brewery. We highlighted Fourth of July celebrations on the bay and the local libraries kicking off their summer reading programs.



AUGUST

Goats from the Long Island Game Farm graced the front cover. We spread news about the Waterdrinker Farm's Sunflower Fest and gave you a guide to local thrifting. We also covered the CM Library's mobilization by bike. There was also a spread of the Great Gun Anglers annual fishing trip.



SEPTEMBER

The Route 27 Hemp Yard took the front cover. Robertaccio Funeral Home reopened with renovations, and Bradstock announced it wasn't happening this year. School districts also revealed their reopening plans for in-school instruction.



OCTOBER

This month got spooky with the Spooky Walk at Camp Paquatuck. We reviewed Halloween happenings and gave you scenes from the town's snapper derby. There was also a voting guide ahead of the November elections.



NOVEMBER

A fall scene was on the cover. We met the Veterans Day grand marshal, Korean War veteran Jean Platania Littman, and printed photos from the Center Moriches Fall Fair. The Center Moriches Methodist Church thrift shop announced it will only be accepting clothing in hopes of preventing dumping, and neighbors helped neighbors prep for the holidays.

DECEMBER

We were ready for the holidays with an adorable Waterdrinker Farm's front cover shot of girls enjoying a treat dressed in red and green. We wrote a feature about the history of Christmas cookies and local cookie preparations. Keith Caputo of Helping Makes U happy announced his holiday toy drive plans and pastor Tracy Moore was welcomed to the CM Methodist Church.

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