

# the Tide

OF MORICHES & MANORVILLE

## Grand marshal smiles at 19th annual St. Patrick's Day parade



The St. Patrick's parade descended upon Main Street for the 19th time on the afternoon of Sunday, March 13. Some parade-goers wore green-colored clothing and drew shamrocks onto their cheeks to celebrate the holiday, which is based on the Irish feast of Saint Patrick. This year's Irish Princess, Lillian Babazien, stands with grand marshal Kenneth Johnson, who, at 90 years old, is the oldest living resident born in Center Moriches. See page 20 for more.

## More land preserved

### Town closes on two new properties

BY NICOLE FUENTES

The Town of Brookhaven recently closed on a 5-plus acre property on Atlantic Avenue in East Moriches as well

as a roughly 4-acre piece of property on Montauk Highway in the Moriches.

The 4-acre Moriches property will now be preserved for open space on the north side of Montauk Highway, adjacent to the other wooded open-space parcels. Prior to that, town councilman Dan Panico said, the town also closed on a 5-plus acre property along the western side of

Atlantic Avenue in East Moriches.

The total amount expended represents the fair market value of the property as determined by an appraisal. The town issued a 2022 capital bond of \$590,000 enabling them to purchase and preserve the 5-acre site for open space. The Moriches property was acquired through an established Joseph Macchia

Environmental Preservation capital reserve fund in the amount of \$825,000. "Our efforts to preserve open space, maintain the character of our communities and protect our environment are longstanding. I have seen how overdevelopment has ravished portions of Long

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# ‘Pay it forward’ with these local organizations

BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN

Our area has been hit by a new bug. Thankfully, it’s not another virus or cold. This bug is something we’d all like to catch: kindness.

People have been “paying it forward” on line at Starbucks, at the bakery, at the food store or wherever, by simply saying, “let me pick up the tab.” Maybe you’ve heard of a friend who had their coffee paid for. Or maybe you’ve been the recipient of such kindness yourself. When it happens to you, there’s no greater feeling than to get it *and* to give it back.

Because this kindness needs to be “paid forward,” there’s no limit to how far and wide it will go. This month it’s in

the Moriches and Manorville, but pretty soon, we’ll hear about this wave of kindness making its way across Long Island and into New York City and beyond. Your kindness has even inspired us to put together this list of local charitable organizations. There’s no greater way to pay it forward than to donate your time or money to one of these great causes.

## Caitlyn’s Vision

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Caitlyn’s Vision is a charitable organization, located in Mastic, that brings awareness to the importance of eye health. They also help children and families who are suffering from visual impairment.



## Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck

(631) 878-1070

This is a summer camp for children and adults (ages 6 to 50) who live with physical and developmental disabilities, located in Center Moriches. The camp has been in operation for more than 70 years.



## Helping Makes U Happy

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44 Hawkins Ave., Center Moriches  
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This not-for-profit community organization was founded by Keith Caputo, who strives to pay it forward with everything he does, from Halloween costume drives to food drives around the holidays. The organization has several annual events, including their Super Bowl party raffle and Chinese auction.

## Independent Group Home Living (IGHL)

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This charitable organization is based in Manorville and provides support to those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They have rehabilitation programs, vocational training, and

employment programs.

## Moriches Bay Project

215 Atlantic Ave., East Moriches  
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Founded in 2013, this project is dedicated to restoring aquatic species located in Moriches Bay. Examples of things they do are oyster farming and eelgrass planting. In honor of Earth Day, the organization has an upcoming Clean-Up Competition on April 23.

## NANA’s House

(631) 874-9100

Never Afraid Never Alone (NANA)’s House is a charitable organization located in Mastic. In addition to being a shelter for homeless men, women and children, they also provide a food pantry, clothing bank, and case management for those in need. During the holidays, the organization provides Christmas toys for children.

## Ernie’s Place

(631) 878-0009

Ernie’s Place was named to commemorate Ernie Vigliotta. As part of the outreach program at St. John the Evangelist Church, the food pantry is opened on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. The pantry is always in need of food, but right now they’re in need of pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, and canned vegetables. ■

# ‘A multitude of help and kindness’

## Papal representative thanks Order during his visit to seminary in Lviv

On behalf of Pope Francis, Cardinal Konrad Krajewski praised the humanitarian efforts of the Knights of Columbus during a recent visit to the Seminary of the Archdiocese of Lviv, Ukraine. The Polish cardinal — who since 2013 has served as papal almoner, the official in charge of the pope’s charitable work — met and prayed with Catholic communities in western Ukraine in early March.

“The pope is very grateful to all those who show love to the Ukrainian people,” Cardinal Krajewski said to press March 9 during his visit to the seminary in Lviv. “Thank you to all, including here the Knights of Columbus, who were very close to John Paul II.”

The cardinal was welcomed by Archbishop Mieczysław Mokrzycki of Lviv — former personal secretary of St. John Paul II and member of the Order — who also thanked the Knights for their charitable efforts. Since the beginning of the conflict, Knights have been providing humanitarian assistance, with several K of C leaders — including Ukraine state deputy Yuriy Maletskiy and state secretary Petro Galuga — serving on the Anti-Crisis Committee formed by the Archdiocese of Lviv.

“From the very beginning, the Knights of Columbus started working, because there are so many of them in Ukraine,” said auxiliary bishop Edward Kawa, head of the committee. “In any situation, we know that we can rely on them.”

On March 13, Bishop Kawa joined the Order with eight Ukrainian laymen, representing both the Ukrainian Greek and Latin-rite Catholic communities. It



was the first exemplification in Ukraine since the Russian invasion, adding to the Order’s more than 1,800 members in the war-torn country.

At the seminary and pastoral center in Lviv, Knights have collaborated with the archdiocese and Caritas Ukraine to help provide temporary shelter, food, medicine, clothing, sleeping bags and toys to those who have been displaced.

“Mostly those who run away are women with small children and the elderly, people who can’t cope,” said state deputy Maletskiy. “The Knights of Columbus are trying to help them and give them a place to live. We look for places where they can stay for the night.”

The Knights of Columbus in Ukraine has also established a communication network among councils to coordinate the delivery of supplies and stay in touch with those in the more devastated eastern part of the country. As Russian attacks have intensified, the need for basic necessities has grown, but so has the difficulty of delivering them.

“People don’t have anything to eat

anymore, they don’t have anything to drink,” said Mykhailo Chipak, a member of St. John Bosco Council 16846 in Lviv. “The Russians shoot at houses anywhere. They are deliberately making such provocations by firing on houses, on residential buildings where people live in order to destroy our infrastructure as much as possible.”

Maletskiy added that the wounded are not limited to soldiers fighting in the country’s military.

“There are many wounded, not only among soldiers, but also among the civilian population,” he said. “What they need most is first aid, such as bandages, gauze and hemostatics.”

Knights in Ukraine have been busy receiving and distributing large shipments of supplies collected by brother Knights in Poland. One of the first large deliveries was made March 1, when Knights drove an 18-wheel “Solidarity Shuttle,” filled with goods from three regional K of C collection sites in Poland, to the seminary in Lviv. Many more deliveries, large and small, have

followed.

The delivery and distribution of supplies are part of an Order wide effort to provide immediate aid to Ukrainian refugees and displaced families. On Feb. 25, the day following the Russian invasion, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly encouraged the Order’s more than 2 million members to respond with continued prayers and material support — particularly through donations to the Order’s Ukraine Solidarity Fund. In addition to an immediate \$1 million commitment and \$500,000 of matched funds from the Knights of Columbus United in Charity Fund, more than \$4.5 million has been raised, as of mid-March, to directly assist relief efforts for internally displaced persons and Ukrainian refugees.

Amid dire circumstances, Maletskiy remains hopeful for an end to the crisis, relying on God and seeking the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney. He remarked on how Father McGivney’s prophetic vision — a Catholic fraternity, founded on the principles of charity and unity, in service to families, widows and orphans — has created the opportunity for Knights to provide relief for refugees in these dark times.

“The activity of the Knights of Columbus is not limited to America,” Maletskiy said. “We pray constantly, and I hope that soon the Lord God will hear our prayers and, with the protection of Blessed Michael McGivney, we will be able to see our brothers again who are now in a difficult position in the war zone.”

Supporting the Ukraine Solidarity Fund will provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, communications and religious supplies for those in need. These items will all be immediately distributed, and 100 percent of your gift will go directly to these displaced people. ■

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**Valedictorian and Salutatorian**



**Valedictorian: Sofia  
Pfeffer- GPA 107**

Ranked No. 1 leading the Class of 2022 with an outstanding grade point average of 107.478, Pfeffer will not only graduate as an AP Scholar with Distinction but will also graduate with a mastery in both math and science and has met all the necessary requirements for the AP Capstone diploma. She is also the recipient of the Rensselaer Medal in her junior year and has been dedicated to the varsity soccer team. She also helps younger children through both ESM Specialized Sports Club and volunteering as a camp counselor for a summer youth soccer camp. She is also a member of the Varsity Leaders Club and a member of three honors societies including national, world languages and English. She has participated in "Kicks for Cancer" and is involved with providing books to underprivileged children. Her philosophy on life is "commitment, resilience, perseverance will take you far!"



**Salutatorian: Joseph  
Thomas Morello- GPA 106**

Ranked No. 2 in the Class of 2022, Morello has a GPA of 106.169 and is an AP Scholar with Distinction. He will be graduating with an Advanced Regents Diploma with honors and a mastery in science. He is also a promising candidate for the AP Capstone diploma. He was awarded the University of Rochester's "Xerox Award" and he is an accomplished musician who plays the bass. He has been in ESM's honors orchestra and honors wind ensemble since ninth grade as the first stand bass player. He is also an all-state bass player serving as the treasurer of the after-school chamber orchestra. Additionally, he is a member of the varsity football team as an all-county football player and the team captain. He is often helping coach football practices for sixth-grade students and older during the pandemic and has made multiple contributions as a member of the national and tri-music honor societies. His philosophy in life is "don't pray for an easy life, pray for the strength to endure a difficult one!" Morello plans to enter the healthcare field with a degree in biomedical engineering. ■

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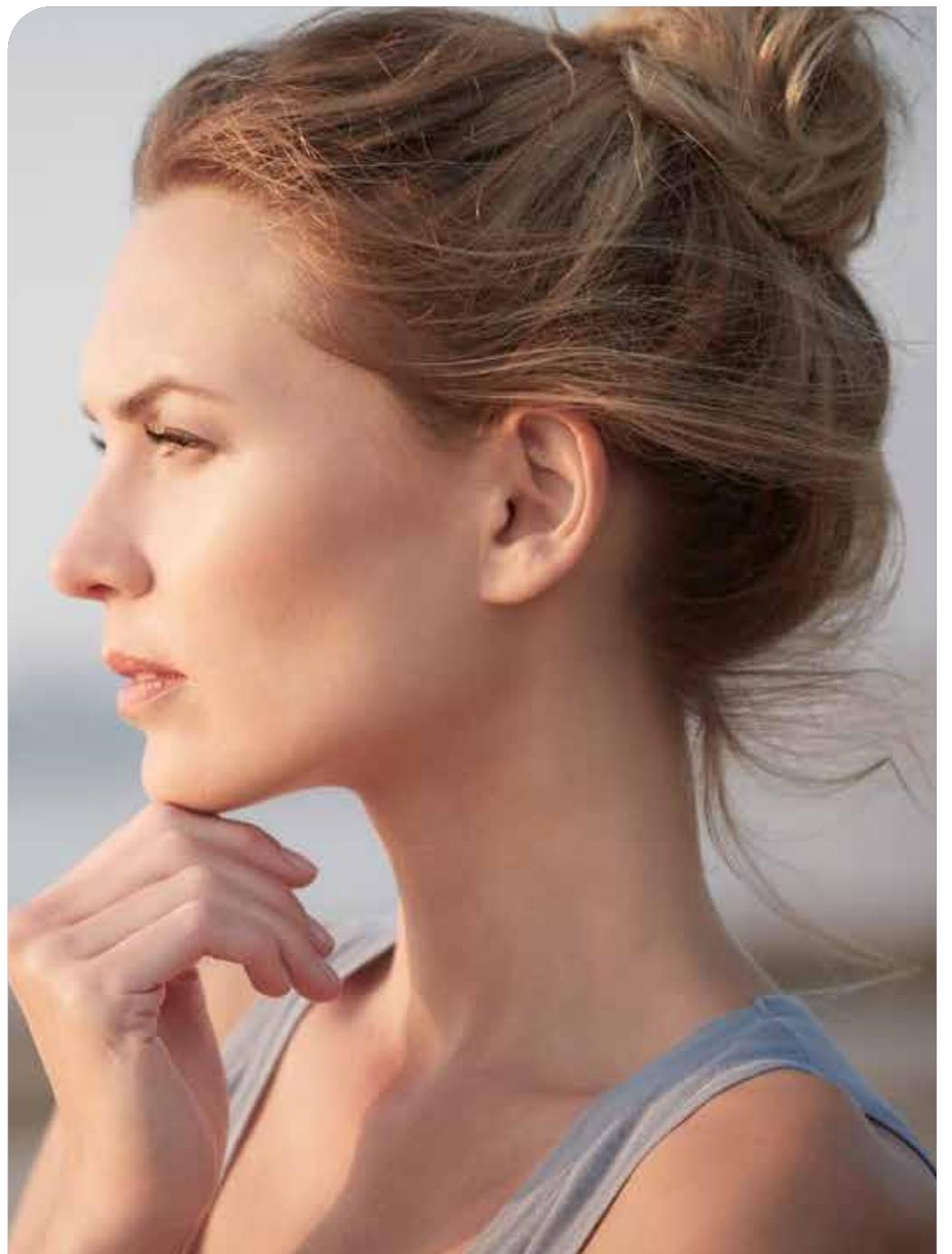
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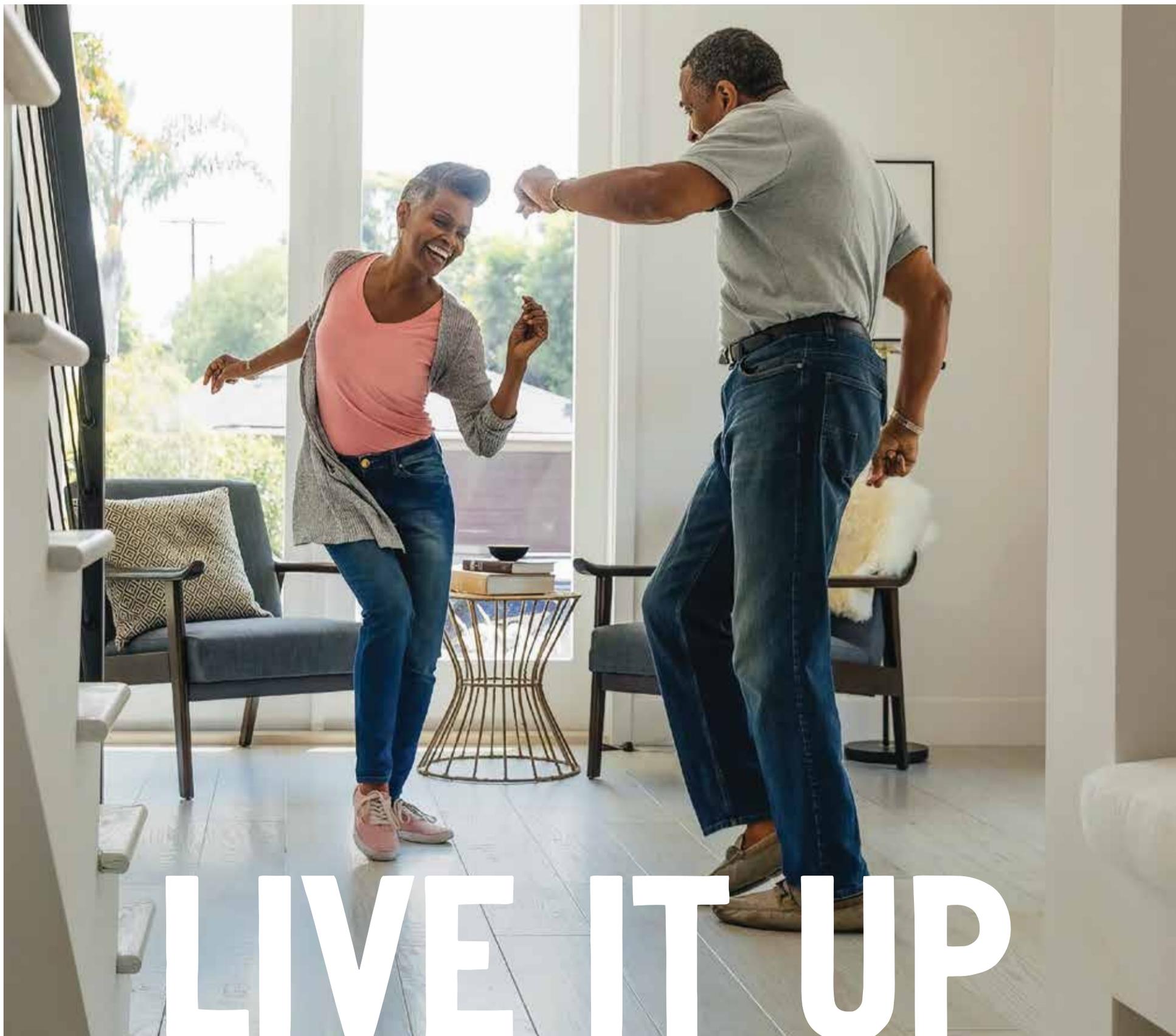
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# Card catalogue given new life as ‘Cleanly Corner’

BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN

In the days before computers, one would head to the card catalogue for book information. Then came the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC), making card catalogues obsolete. But the question is, what ever happened to the actual physical wooden catalogues? Center Moriches Library put theirs to good use with the Cleanly Corner, a

space for people to donate or take basic hygiene supplies.

Marci Litjens, the library’s director, said the Cleanly Corner started as part of a community service project within the teen department.

“During the last several months, the Teen Department hosted a community service event where basic hygiene supplies such as shampoo, deodorant, tissues and toothbrushes were collect-

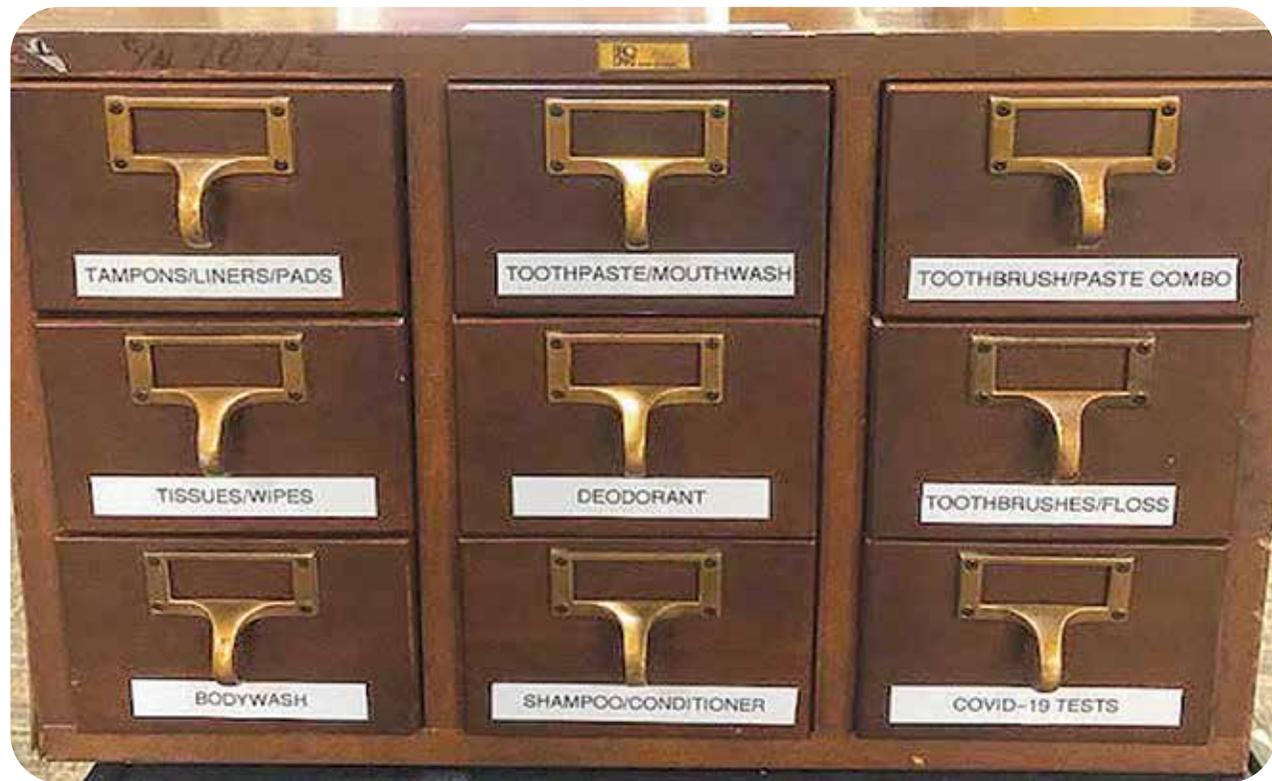
ed and donated for community service credit,” she said.

That’s when the library’s social work intern took an old card catalog and repurposed it, so it could be organized and filled with the donations. The small drawers in a card catalog are just large enough to accommodate travel-size goods, rather than anything regular size.

Any hygiene product can be donated,

just as long as it fits into the card catalogue. There are labels for the following products: tampons, pads, toothpaste, mouthwash, toothbrushes, floss tissues, wipes, deodorant, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, and COVID-19 tests.

Those who want to donate are encouraged to bring their travel-size donations to the Teen Department. Those in need can utilize the card catalogue by taking the hygiene products. ■



The Cleanly Corner.



Courtesy photos

A flyer advertising the Cleanly Corner

## PRESERVING LAND: Moriches property acquired

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Island, and work actively to block that from occurring here by utilizing all of the land-use powers and authority we

possess at the town,” Panico said of his ongoing efforts. “These preservation efforts represent the latest achievements

in the necessary steps to protect our quality of life, and they will continue.”

Panico is also currently working on

closing on another property for open space in Center Moriches. ■



The 4-acre Moriches property will now be preserved for open space on the north side of Montauk Highway, adjacent to the other wooded open-space parcels.



The Moriches property was acquired through an established Joseph Macchia Environmental Preservation capital reserve fund in the amount of \$825,000.

Courtesy photo

## Egg hunt on Main Street

The Center Moriches Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 9 from noon to 1 p.m. on Main Street. The event is sponsored by the Moriches Chamber of Commerce for children ages 3-9. There will be specialty eggs from each participating business including Moriches Dog Grooming, Love of Country, Buckley’s, Pallets & Pickets, Boulevard Florist,

Rainbow Rolls, Moriches Bay Realty, Jimmy Osborne Music, Rebecca Dolber R.E.D, Artistic Choreography, the Aesthetics Lab and Cotton Caper. Each store will allow the kids to pick a prize from their location. The hunting will take place from Boulevard Florist to R.E.D. Please limit kids to 10 eggs each. One prize per store per child. ■



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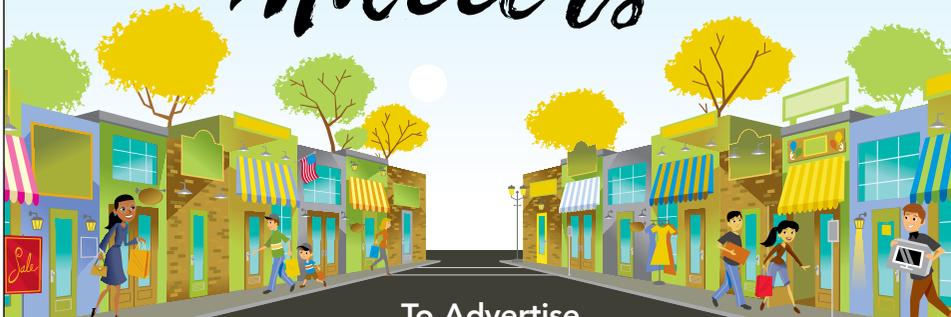
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# Artisan Market a haven for 'local' 'handmade' and 'small batch'

BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN

If strolling through a local market is your idea of the perfect Sunday, you'll likely enjoy the new Moriches Artisan Market, which made its debut at New Amsterdam Nursery in early February. The market is open each Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3p.m. and creator, Jessie Haar, says there's lots in store in the coming months.

Haar said the idea behind the market came from wanting to do something with existing space that's currently unused by the nursery.

"We wanted to find a way to use the space for something positive and something that incorporates the community at the same time," she said.

The market's grand opening occurred on Sunday, Feb. 4, and ever since then, lovers of the handmade and locally made have been flocking to the Moriches. Vendors run the gamut from those selling locally farmed vegetables, to locals making crochet items. There's even been a beer vendor, Ghost Brewing Company. Other examples of things one might find at the Artisan Market include locally baked bread, cheese, suncatchers, crystals, pottery, soaps and lotions—it just depends on who's there that particular weekend.

The market hosts around 20 small-business vendors at a time in its heated greenhouses. According to Haar, more than 100 vendors initially signed up when she made her plans for the Artisan Market public; however, there's only space for about two-dozen at a time. Therefore, the market hosts different vendors each week, though some are frequently featured.

In April, the market will move outdoors and accommodate far more vendors. Haar estimates they'll be able to host at least 50. When they move outdoors, Haar plans to bring food trucks, face painters and a petting zoo. The scene from inside the greenhouse is both lively

and fun. In addition to shopping, there's live music and even a few animals to pet, including pigs and half a dozen fuzzy ducklings, who are housed in a black bucket on top of straw with a heart-bejeweled sign reading, "Baby Ducks: Pet (don't pick up)!"

The market is not only a great place to score local, handmade or hand-grown items, it's a great place to watch local businesses thrive, according to Haar.

"The market acts as an incubator for other small businesses by allowing them to get their start and get their foot in the door," she said.

An example of such a business is Shakedown Treats, a small-batch ice cream shop owned by Alexa Ballantyne, a local Bay Shore resident. Ballantyne and her husband, John, make their way to the market each week with their exciting ice cream flavors in tow. They've got One S'more Saturday Night, Black Muddy Water and Uncle Mike, among others. Their Flavor of the Month for March was Ain't No Luck, featuring Irish cream, cold brew coffee and marshmallow charms.

"We were here for the first one, and we've done four or five now. Everyone here sells such diverse goods and they're all so friendly. We all kind of help one another out," said Ballantyne of the camaraderie between vendors.

Ballantyne said sales for her business were mainly through Instagram, until she started selling at the market. For Haar, this is a great example of what the Artisan Market can do for local businesses in need of a little boost.

"Being part of the market opened me up to a bigger audience. I was getting referrals from friends and coworkers. Now it's putting me in front of an audience I would not have been exposed to," said Ballantyne.

Visit Shakedown Treats and other vendors at the Artisan Market each Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 122 Montauk Highway in Moriches. ■



Pictured is John Ballantyne, Alexa Ballantyne and Jessie Haar.



The Moriches Artisan Market is hosted inside the heated greenhouses at New Amsterdam Nursery.



Pictured is Jessie Haar.

Mt/Al Rashdan

# Caitlyn's Vision helps children in the Ukraine

Caitlyn's Vision is currently supporting the children in Ukraine by selling blue and yellow bows for \$10. The organization hopes people will proudly display them on their homes or businesses. Thanks to the generosity of Boulevard Florist, all funds collected will be used to purchase essential supplies for the children of Ukraine. They are accepting cash, check, Cash App or Zelle.

Bows can be picked up at Caitlyn's Vision, evenings between 5-9 p.m., at 1135 Montauk Highway in Mastic or at Boulevard Florist at 272 Montauk Highway, Center Moriches. They will also deliver locally to Mastic or ship for an additional cost.

# SCPD donates bulletproof vests to Ukraine

Suffolk County executive Steve Belone and Suffolk County police commissioner Rodney K. Harrison announced the donation of nine pallets containing more than 750 decommissioned bulletproof vests to be sent to Ukraine to aid forces during the war with Russia.

This is not the first time the SCPD has donated ballistic vests. In 2004, the Suffolk County Police Department donated hundreds of decommissioned vests to line vulnerable Humvees, that were not otherwise armored, in Iraq, making the vehicles safer for soldiers. Additionally, Iraqi Police were also outfitted with decommissioned SCPD vests. Many Humvees and other military vehicles are not fully armored, but covered with lightweight aluminum and fiberglass. Consequently, they are vulnerable to rocket-propelled grenades, roadside bombs and small arms fire. These vests are used on vehicle doors and floors to catch shrapnel. ■

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# "MY PAIN IS GONE"

Riverhead resident Susan B. had been experiencing the painful side effects of **Peripheral Neuropathy**, "my feet and legs were extremely painful and my doctor told me there was nothing they could do. That I would have to take Gabapentin for the rest of my life."

Then she met a local acupuncturist, Melissa Peters, L.Ac.

Peripheral Neuropathy is the pain, discomfort and numbness caused by nerve damage of the peripheral nervous system. Susan explained that daily tasks like opening doors and using the bathroom were overwhelmingly painful. "How can you live for the next 30 years when you don't even want to get out of bed to do simple things?"

She was experiencing the burning, numbness, tingling and sharp pains that those suffering with neuropathy often describe. "The way that I would describe it, it's equivalent to walking on glass." Susan hadn't worn socks in a few years and was wearing shoes two sizes too big so that nothing would 'touch' her feet.

**Unfortunately Susan's story is all too familiar for the over 3 million people in the U.S. suffering from Peripheral Neuropathy.**

If you're unfortunate enough to be facing the same disheartening prognosis you're not sleeping at night because of the burning in your feet. You have difficulty walking, shopping or doing any activity for more than 30 minutes because of the pain. You're struggling with balance and living in fear that you might fall. Your doctor told you to 'just live with the pain' and you're taking medications that aren't working or have uncomfortable side effects.

Fortunately, four months ago Susan read an article about Melissa Peters, L.Ac. and the work she was doing to treat

those suffering from Peripheral Neuropathy, without invasive surgeries or medications

Melissa Peters, founder of Wellspring of Life Acupuncture in Riverhead, is using the time tested science of Acupuncture and a technology originally developed by NASA that assists in increasing blood flow and expediting recovery and healing to treat this debilitating disease.

**"Now when I go to bed at night I don't have those shooting pains. I don't have that burning sensation. I don't have pain coming up my legs," Susan enthusiastically describes life after receiving acupuncture treatments. "I can wear socks and shoes!"**

Susan and her sister now operate a successful dog walking business, sometimes covering up to 5 miles a day.

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# April showers bring May flowers!



The Moriches area is in Zone 7, which has a medium length growing season with a last frost date of April 15 and first frost date of November 15. Stock image

## Getting those gardens ready

BY NICOLE FUENTES

April is a great time to divide last year's perennials, move your plants, or add some shrubs or bushes. However, former Moriches Bay Garden Club president Maureen Pollack advises on holding off on planting annuals until May, when the weather is a safer bet.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture divides the country up into 11 growing zones, depending on weather patterns and winter temperatures. The Moriches area is in Zone 7, which has a medium-length growing season with a last frost date of April 15 and first frost date of Nov. 15.

### PLANTING VEGGIES

Most vegetable varieties will mature before the first frost date. There are

seven months of gardening time and can vary by a week or two, so it is important to watch the weather. The minimum required temperature is 5 degrees.

April and May are a good time to plant beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, kale, lettuce, onions, spinach and even tomatoes.

### PLANTING FLOWERS

Waiting until late April and early May is also a good time to plant new roses or flowers, including caladiums and snapdragons. It might also be a good time to add new organic matter to your beds. You might also start to see those daffodils you planted in November start to bloom. But Mother's Day, Pollack said, is a great measure for planting new annuals.

"Every mom gets a flat of annuals," she said, noting it's time to plant.

### TIPS

As a seasoned, non-rule-following gardener, Pollack said that a simple rule for new gardeners is to give the plants nutrition and not to over-water them.

"Almost anything will grow if you don't over-water it" she said.

She also suggests planting all water-loving plants in one area, and those that love the shade together in shady areas and those that love the sun in sunnier spots.

"Read the instructions on the card

that comes with the plant," she added. "That's always very helpful."

### LOCAL PLACES TO SHOP

The garden club enjoys frequenting Bay Gardens, but Pollack also likes Hulse's Potting Shed for greenhouse-grown plants and veggies. Also, if the place you are shopping doesn't have what you are looking for, she said, ask for it—they are always willing to accommodate gardeners.

### JOIN THE GARDEN CLUB

The local Moriches Bay Garden Club is thriving with about 30 members, including some new members. They meet monthly and help tend to the gardens at Crystal Park and Oasis Rehabilitation and Nursing. This month, the club will be visiting the Bayard Cutting Arboretum in Great River to see the new field of 2,000 daffodils.

"We're anxious to see it," Pollack said.

The Moriches Bay Garden Club holds its meetings at 1 or 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at a venue of the executive board's choice. All are welcome. For info: 631-325-1828 or [moriches-baygardenclub.org](http://moriches-baygardenclub.org). ■

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## SAVE THE GREAT SOUTH BAY

# Natural shorelines and beach management

## Water Matters Series

BY NICOLE FUENTES

Save the Great South Bay has recently launched their Water Matter Series exploring issues related to the bay. Natural shorelines across the region, including the South Shore, are being transformed by hardening.

Kevin McAllister of Defend H2O discussed how physical coastal changes are influenced by climate change, how policy can protect coastal resources, and what this all means for the Great South Bay and Long Island as a whole.

Beach science's dynamic equilibrium, he said, takes into account four factors, which influence the coast and define and shape the beaches.

1. Ocean energy. Winds and waves, which blow across the water. Duration and velocity matter, also creating storm damage and pile-up of water.

2. The shape of the beach. The shape, he explained, changes with a summer and winter cycle. In the summertime, you might see higher-perched beaches and wider beach due to low energy, which helps to build beaches.



This is in contrast to the more erosive winter months, when the beach is under wave attack. Ocean energy kicks up at the end of August and September, he said, noting that it will take material and drag it offshore to sandbars. Then, in the spring and summer again, it will reverse itself with more sand placed on the shores.

3. Sea-level rise. In the last 20 years, he

said, the island saw a rise of a couple of inches. New York State adopted projections in the medium-high range, from 11- to 30-inch ranges in the next 30 to 40 years.

"That's exponential," he said.

This is fought with armoring the coast and installing seawall structures, which harden the shoreline and do not allow water to migrate.

4. Sand replenishment. There is currently a push ramping up in the Fire Island to Montauk Point Plan by the Army Corps of Engineers, he said, in which they plan to dredge offshore and pump the sediment back on to the beaches of Fire Island inlet to the Montauk Point over the next 30 years.

However, he noted, to be successful the sand has to be quality and even still, the lifespan of those newly nourished beaches is roughly three to four years.

"It's extremely costly," he said, noting it would take \$10 million to do a mile of beach. "We will never be able to keep pace with demand over time."

Moving forward, he suggested residents and local policymakers find a way to retreat back in a sustainable way from the shoreline by creating more natural buffer zones.

He also suggested residents advocate for regulations and policies in both the county and state level.

"We have to continue to talk about this, examine the hard questions. Our elected officials really need to show courage to make very different decisions today to impact people's lives in the future," he said. "We [need] to have a walkable shoreline for future generations." ■

# Manorville celebrates clean water victory

Federal government allocates \$7 million to hook up 128 homes

The communities living south of the Navy Grumman toxic site in Calverton will be receiving \$7 million this year from the federal budget. These funds will be used to hook up 128 homes currently drinking from polluted private wells to safe, clean public water. Sen. Schumer, Sen. Gillibrand, and congressman Zeldin worked together to secure this funding. Community members and Citizens Campaign for the Environment led the way! ■

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# 19th annual St. Patrick's parade held in Center Moriches

BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN

The St. Patrick's parade descended upon Main Street for the 19th time on the afternoon of Sunday, March 13. Some parade-goers wore green-colored clothing and drew shamrocks onto their cheeks to celebrate the holiday, which is based on the Irish feast of Saint Patrick. The 2022 grand marshal was Kenneth

Johnson, who, at 90 years old, is the oldest living resident born in Center Moriches. Past grand marshals took part in the parade as well, each marching in their own unique ways. Keith Caputo of Helping Makes U Happy, who was grand marshal in 2018, made his way down the parade route in a green golf car with a life-size cardboard cutout of his likeness attached to the

back. Brookhaven Town supervisor Ed Romaine, another past grand marshal, smiled and waved to parade-goers.

This year's Irish Princess, Lillian Babazien, marched while wearing the traditional sash and carrying a large bouquet of green flowers. Babazien, a high school senior, was chosen for the role based on her essay about "Irish Music and Dance."

Dancers from Mulvihill-Lynch School of Irish Dance delighted parade-goers with traditional Irish dancing to a modern beat. The parade also brought out marchers from the Royal Order of the Hibernians, the Eastern Long Island Police Pipes and Drums, as well as the local fire departments and businesses. ■



Main Street was packed with people dressed in green.



Bagpipes are a beloved element of any St. Patrick's parade.



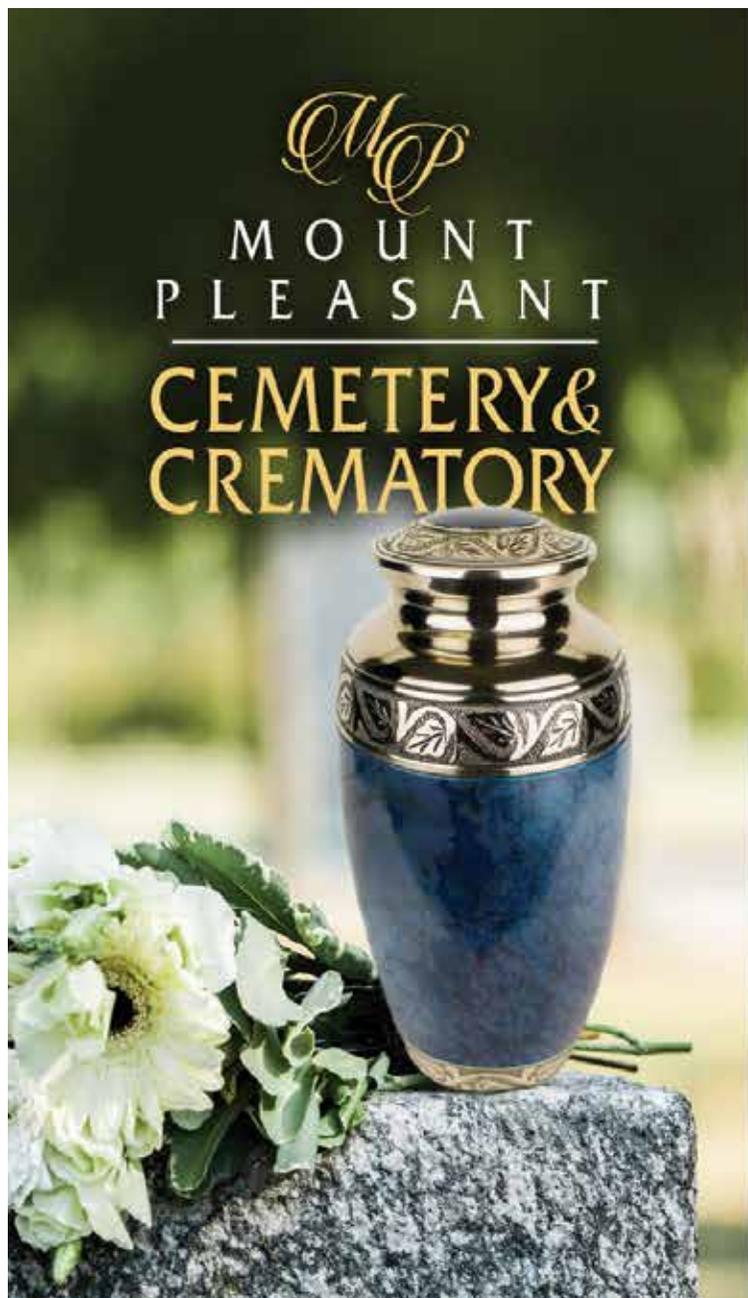
This year's Irish Princess wore the familiar sash and carried a bouquet of green flowers. MT/AI Rashdan



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# Moriches Veterans Day grand marshal dies



Korean War veteran Jean Platania Littman was honored as the 2021 grand marshal of the East Moriches Veterans Day parade. She recently died at age 90.

Littman served in the Marines from 1952 to 1955, during the Korean War.

At 9 years old, when her uncle and cousin enlisted, she knew she wanted

to follow in their footsteps. In 1952, at 19 years old, she enlisted in the Marines, with the written permission of her father. She was stationed in California and Virginia from 1952 to 1955.

At first, she was part of the motor pool, where she worked as a driver for two years at El Toro, Santa Anna, Calif. She was also assigned to reenlistment and recruiting and spent many days supporting the airfield. After El Toro, she was stationed at Henderson Hall in D.C., where she worked at the Marine Corps Institute.

During the Korean War, she earned her National Defense Medal and her Good Conduct Medal. She served her three-year enlistment and had planned to reenlist when she met and married her husband, and they decided to start a family. Together they had four sons, nine grandchildren and even a few great-grandchildren.

She grew up in Brooklyn and lived in Shirley. Her late husband, who died 45 years ago, was an Air Force veteran who also served during the Korean War.

She was an active member of Women Marines Association LI NY 7 and held the responsibility of communications. She was known for helping older veterans, who may not have social media or email, stay in contact by calling them biweekly and letting them know about current events and meetings.

"I was honored and shocked when I found out they had picked me," Littman said of being named the grand marshal last year. "I love this country." ■

## DANIEL JAMES DINEEN

Daniel James Dineen, born in the Bronx in 1927, died on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 94 years of age.

"Big Jim" was a fixture in his beloved Center Moriches where he devoted himself to religious and civic activities. He grew up during the Great Depression, supported by his family and joined the Navy at the age of 17. He met and married Mary Burke, a registered nurse, and they moved to Center Moriches in 1964 and raised three children: Brian, Rory and Marigrace. Jim was a sales professional for Lederle Laboratories. Mary and he were active parishioners at St. John the Evangelist R.C. Church. Jim was a fervent supporter of Center Moriches Little League and active member of the Moriches Rotary. In later years, he taught Defensive Driving courses at Center Moriches Public Library and served as president of the Moriches Bay Civic Association. Jim was named Grand Marshal of



the Center Moriches St. Patrick's Parade in 2009. Along with his children, he is survived by his daughter-in-law, Karen, and his granddaughter, Ariel. Donations in Jim's memory can be made to Catholic Relief Services UKRAINE relief effort URGENT NEED IN UKRAINE support.crs.org/donate/donate-ukraine.

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**KEITH'S CORNER**

# Easter baskets and food boxes



The month of April is a busy one for HMUH. We've been working with a group of teachers (pictured with Keith) from the Tuttle Avenue School in Eastport. The school is going to be doing a fundraiser for a little 5-year-old girl whose immune system is attacking her liver, and we've been donating brand-new stuffed animals to help them raise some money at school. If you'd like to help this local family, you can also purchase a stuffed animal through HMUH for \$5 by contacting us at 631-848-9008. We will also be putting together Easter baskets and food boxes for families referred to us. For the last

couple of years, we've done an Easter bunny drive-through up and down many requested streets in Center and East Moriches—we couldn't let the pandemic disappoint the kids. This year things were opening up, so we didn't plan to do it again. And then, BAM! Gas prices keep going up—who wants to drive?! So, we will be partnering with Oasis Rehab on April 14 for a drive-up Easter bunny event at 4 p.m. Drive up with your young children and receive a small basket of goodies from the Easter bunny. You can contact us for more info. Happy Easter—Happy spring! ■

**MORICHES BAY GARDEN CLUB**

# April is a busy month for MBGC



Our most important event of the month is our plant sale on April 30 at Haven's House, in Center Moriches, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Chairwomen Rita Sepenoski and Patti Chiefo tell me there will be lots of iris, daylilies, a variety of perennials and small trees available for purchase. By the way, April 22 is Earth Day and April 29 is Arbor Day. Consider buying a tree or perennial and plant it on May Day. Remember, native trees are always best, i.e.: red maple, sugar maple, gray birch, eastern redbud, American holly, flowering dogwood and white pine are just a few.

On April 20, we are heading to the Bayard Cutting Arboretum's Hidden Oak Cafe for a high tea luncheon followed by a guided tour that includes the 2,000 daffodils that were planted last fall on the great lawn. This excursion is \$45; call Diane (631-325-1828) for additional information. Also, if you're interested, The Philadelphia Flower show is June 14 and the Second District will be running a bus with a pickup in Riverhead; check out their website: [district2fgcnys.com](http://district2fgcnys.com).

Last month's turtle rescue speaker was enjoyed by everyone; you can Google "turtle rescue of the Hamptons" and see for yourself what a great organization this is. Several of our members went to the Presidents' Council Meeting last month at the Planting Fields Arboretum in Oyster Bay. They always come back with good information and ideas to share. One of the presentations was about the importance of pollinator gardens.

When you walk outside, you know that spring is in the air. Does anyone remember when seeing a robin was one of the harbingers of spring? It seems they are around all year now, but not so the bunnies. Kathy Kleinpeter sent me a photo of a peek-a-boo bunny she had in her yard.

Times change—we are very likely to see the landscaper's truck as a sign of spring. Take a minute to enjoy the signs of spring in your yard. The daffodils, crocus, snowdrops and tulips are getting ready for the picking. Or create a bouquet of forsythia. ■

**-Maureen Pollack**

**LETTERS**

**A thank-you**

I would like to take the time to thank Janice Graf for nominating me for the *Tide of Moriches'* Inspiration Award. I would also like to thank all the wonderful support I always get from my community. As I said before, I couldn't do it alone.

**-Miriam Gillies**



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## AROUND TOWN

### Tuesday, April 5

**Library Vote** – The Center Moriches Library will hold its annual Budget Vote and Trustee election in the Activity Room, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Visit <http://centermoricheslibrary.org>.

### Wednesday, April 6

**Mastic Peninsula** - The Historical Society will meet the third Wednesday of every month at the Mastic Fire Department, 7:30 p.m. Call 631-281-7347 or visit [www.mphistorical.org](http://www.mphistorical.org) or email [mastichistory333@gmail.com](mailto:mastichistory333@gmail.com) for more information.

### Saturday April 9

**Easter Egg Hunt Block Party** – South Bay Bible Church welcomes the community to kick off spring with an egg hunt, carnival games, petting zoo, food, giveaways, and more, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Weather updates and event details posted at the church website: [southbaychurchli.org](http://southbaychurchli.org).

### Thursday, April 14

**Adult Horticulture Classes** – Brookhaven Town 6-week program will show how to grow vegetables from seeds through propagation, spring gardening techniques, and the uses for native plants. Classes begin April 14, 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$50. To register, call 631-451-5330.

### Sunday, April 17

**New Sermon Series** – The South Bay Bible Church's new four-week teaching series, "Come and See: Encountering the Risen Jesus," will be presented Sundays, 9 and 11 a.m. Visit [www.southbaychurchli.org](http://www.southbaychurchli.org) or call 631-909-8241.

### Tuesday, April 19

**Floral Cake Decorating** – Join the Baking Coach online with Center Moriches Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m. to learn how to make floral flowers using candy and buttercream to turn plain cakes into spring masterpieces. Kits provided. Register online or call 631-878-0940.

### Of Note ...

**Vendors Wanted** – The Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches has vendor spots for its Annual Spring Fair, Sunday, June 12, 10 a.m. Call 631-874-3849.

**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](http://www.rsvpsuffolk.org).

**Volunteers needed** – Daytime hours to assist with general office duties at Parents for Megan's Law and the Crime Victims Cen-

ter. Fax your resume with three references to 751-1695 or call for more information 631-689-2672.

**Free Foreclosure Prevention Counseling** – Long Island Housing Services Inc., will set you up with a HUD approved counselor who will help you explore available programs. Visit [www.LIFairHousing.org](http://www.LIFairHousing.org) or call 631-567-5111, ext. 383 for more information.

**Puppy Raisers Needed** – Canine Companions for Independence trains assistance dogs for people with disabilities. Volunteers are needed to mold pups into responsive adult dogs. For more information, call 631-561-0217 or visit [www.cci.org](http://www.cci.org).

**Parent Leadership Initiative** – PLI is a community network empowering parent advocates for children. Evening weekly meetings held in Brookhaven Township. For more information, call 462-0303 or visit [www.childcaresuffolk.org/parentleadership](http://www.childcaresuffolk.org/parentleadership).

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**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.

**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.

**Historic House Tours** – Tour the John Scudder Haven Homestead (circa, 1755) located at 15 Main St., Center Moriches. Call Loren at 631-457-9763 to make an appointment. Visit the museum shop on the premises, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Antiques and collectibles. Follow them on Facebook.

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## YEARS AGO

### 75 Years Ago

APRIL 1947

Among the cast members that helped make the Center Moriches High School's senior class play, "A Date with Judy," a success were **Gloria Spada, Anna May Huson, Viola Davis, Marilyn Cassin, William Raynor, Patricia Tuttle, Gayle Borrill, Margaret Fohrenck, Donald Hamilton, Marjorie Howell, William Bouvier, Kathleen Henderson, Evelyn Weinman** and **Ted Jurgiewicz**.

**Stan Zeneski's** fine bowling enabled the Center Moriches' Sweepers bowling team to conquer both the Midways and the Splits and Misses, 5-0, and continue in first place with 60 points.

**William Ellington**, a graduate of Center Moriches High School, received a tuition scholarship at Howard University and will major in school music.

Among the children who participated in the annual Easter egg hunt of the Presbyterian Church, Center Moriches, were **John Rogers, David Rogers, Richard Smith, Robert Hyland, Jon W. Hean, Jerry Kirk, Janet Kirk, Sandra Havens, Chris Roberts** and **Philip Johnson**.

**Mrs. Waldron Bliss**, of Center Moriches, contralto, was soloist at the monthly meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the Sororis clubrooms in Patchogue, accompanied by **Mrs. George Schuyler**.

**Mrs. Mary E. Davis**, of Center Moriches, announced the engagement of her daughter, Gladys, to **Lawrence Bartlett Penney**, of Moriches.

Eastport High School staged their class play "The Male Animal." Among the cast members were **Otto Becken, David Jayne, Wilmer Foskey, Hazel Pye, George Powell, Gerald Bell, Alex Ugelowich Gasper Sanzone, Ruth Dyoksy, Doris Johnson, Arlette Rafuse** and **William Ryder**.

**R.E. Knight**, radioman second class, of East Moriches, who is serving aboard the aircraft carrier *Philippine Sea*, has been made a charter member in the Order of the Penguin, made especially for the 4,000 men of Task Force 68, who crossed

the Antarctic circle while participating in "Operation Highjump."

The sophomore class of Center Moriches High School held their Spring Swing in the auditorium. Among the musical soloists were **Emma Fohrenck**, who sang "The Whole World is Singing My Song," and **Geraldine MacDonald**, who sang "Don't Blame Me."

Playing in April at the **Center Moriches Theatre**: Dana Andrews in "Boomerang"; Loretta Young and Ethel Barrymore in "The Farmer's Daughter"; Laraine Day in "The Locket"; and Red Skelton in "Show-Off."

### 50 Years Ago

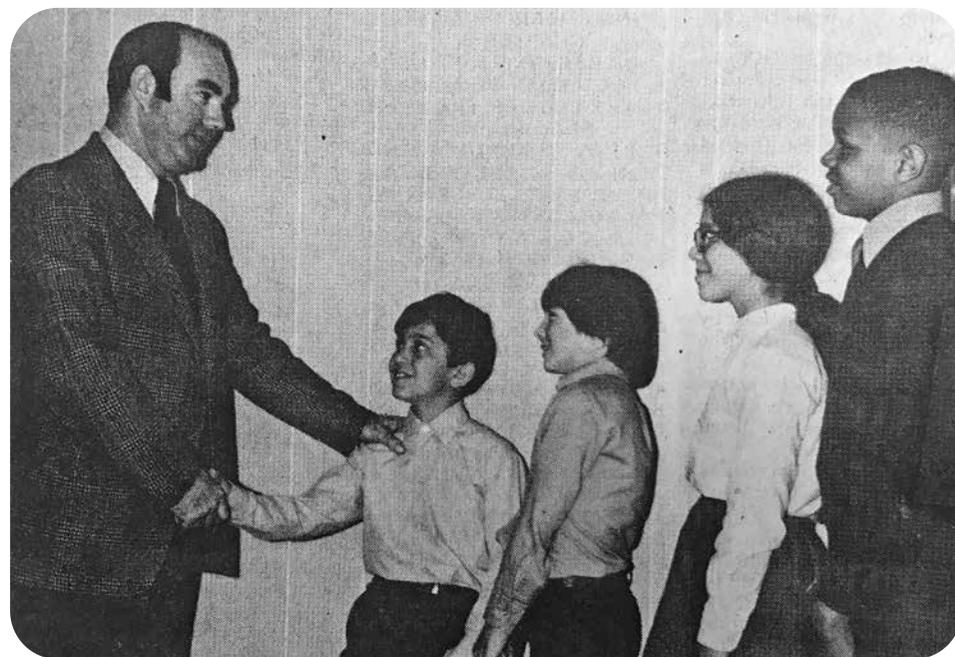
APRIL 1972

New equipment loaned to the Center Moriches Public Library by the Suffolk Cooperative Library System is a video tape player. **Philip C. Levering**, the audio-visual consultant, demonstrated how to use the tape player to library director **C. Gerard Donnelly** and library staff member **Greg Turpin**.

The guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Moriches Audubon Society was **John Bull**, author of "Birds of the New York Area." Mr. Bull's subject was "Monk Parakeets and Other Exotics on Long Island." Among the society members present were **Leroy Wilcox, Charles Meyer, Gilbert Raynor, Mrs. Audrey Biittner** and **Mrs. Catherine Bennides**.

A Latin contest will be held in May at Eastport High School, sponsored by the Suffolk Classical League and Eastport High School Latin teacher **Mrs. Victoria Kuech**. Last year's winner was **David Chapman**.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Beck**, a member of the faculty at Center Moriches High School since 1956, was honored as one of the 20 winners of the "gold key" at a Columbia Scholastic Press Association banquet. Mrs. Beck is the literary advisor for the school's literary magazine, *The Keyhole*. The "gold key" is the highest award given by the C.S.P.A. to advisors.



April 1972: Pictured (left to right) are four students from Center Moriches Elementary School who received an "A" rating in their individual performances at the New York State Music Festival at Riverhead High School: Steven Covey (piano), David Price (piano), Marlene Sunray (flute) and Mark Lacey (vocal).

**Marty Richter** has pitched 18-straight scoreless innings so far this season for Center Morich High School's varsity baseball team.

The Eastport High School Ducks baseball team beat the Greenport Porters 6-2, thanks to strong performances from starting pitcher **Dom Bruno** and strong offensive batting from **Chris Ferguson** and **Grant Werner**.

**Ruth Iversen** took first place in the rings in the annual Eastport Gym Night held at the high school. Other winners were **Melane Skarka**, vault; **Cathy Puglisi**, free exercise; **Chris Lashuk**, unevens; **Linda Gaffga**, tumbling trips; **Sharon Lukert**, balance beam; and **Susan Szulogyi**, parallel bars. This year's all-around winner was Sharon Lukert.

Approval was given by the Eastport Board of Education for 10 Eastport High

School students to embark on a 10-day trop to Spain, chaperoned by **Mr. and Mrs. James Blydenburgh**. Students making the trip are **Susan Helwig, Ruth Iversen, Carol Klaproth, Joanne Basso, Maria Kominos, Brad Baker, Kathy Gilmartin, Cliff Kostuk, Darlene Massey** and **Doreen Konopka**.

**Dan Maret** and **John Governale**, students at Eastport High School, won scholarships totaling \$3,500. John won full tuition at C.W. Post and Dan was the winner of a full scholarship to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Boy Scout Troop 29 of East Moriches held an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for **Evan Goldstein** at the East Moriches fire hall.

Playing in April at local United Artists Theatres: "The Last Picture Show," "The Hot Rock," "A Man for All Seasons,"

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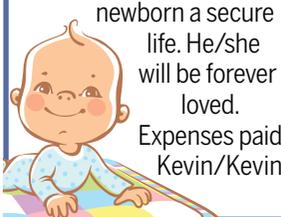
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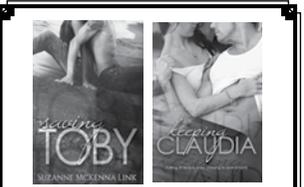
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## Local varsity player now head coach for Farmingdale State College

Long Island lifer Keith Osik graduated from Shoreham-Wading River High School in 1987 dominating on the varsity diamond and steering his teams to tremendous success with lavish hardware, winning a New York State Championship in 1987 as well as two Suffolk County titles.

In four years of varsity baseballm Osik

made All League all four seasons, All County three times, the League MVP twice, and won the Carl Yastrzemski award his senior year. He retained more success in three years of college ball at Louisiana State University while becoming a catcher his junior year.

In 1990, Major League Baseball echoed Osik's name as he was drafted by the

Pittsburgh Pirates that June. Osik did a decade of big-league service as a catcher for the Pirates, Milwaukee Brewers, Baltimore Orioles, and Washington Nationals from 1996 to 2005. In 2008, the former professional catcher was inducted to the Suffolk County Sports Hall of Fame.

He was longtime head coach of Farmingdale State College baseball

entering his 17th season, where his success reached an escalated level, compiling a record of 366-230 and governing his club to a trip to the college World Series in 2009. Osik's roster consists of many local ballplayers born and raised here such as Patchogue, Ronkonkoma, Holbrook, Islip, West Islip, Islip Terrace and all over both Suffolk and Nassau.

### HOW DOES THE TEAM LOOK THIS YEAR? ANY PREDICTIONS?

**OSIK:** It's tough to say. Last year we thought we were pretty good and we ended up getting out to a fast start, and then we played some quality playoff team and really struggled down the stretch, so it was kind of a bit of a lesson for us not to take things for granted. If I were to point to one thing that maybe was an issue was [that] we were just really young. We had 24 freshman on our roster.

### IN 1987, FOR SHOREHAM-WADING RIVER, YOU THREW A ONE-HITTER THAT MORNING; THEN YOU CLOSED OUT THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP VS. PORT CHESTER IN UTICA. WHAT MEMORIES FROM THAT TEAM AND STATE TITLE STAND OUT THE MOST TO YOU?

**OSIK:** Yeah, you talk about just having a goal and it goes back to our freshman, sophomore years as players just getting a little bit of taste of playoffs and then advancing and then just wanting to keep advancing. So, what stuck out the most in

my mind for that team was just we weren't going to quit until we won a state championship, no matter how it got done. Just the resiliency of the team.

### DURING YOUR ROOKIE YEAR WITH THE PITTSBURGH PIRATES, YOUR MANAGER WAS JIM LEYLAND. TALK ABOUT JIM LEYLAND.

**OSIK:** Obviously, Jimmy is a great guy. He actually gave me a start when he probably didn't have to, but he knew we were playing at Shea Stadium playing the Mets, so I was the backup and he started me the first night in, so a memory like that was something I will never forget.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT FROM YOUR MLB CAREER AND YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT FROM YOUR COACHING CAREER?

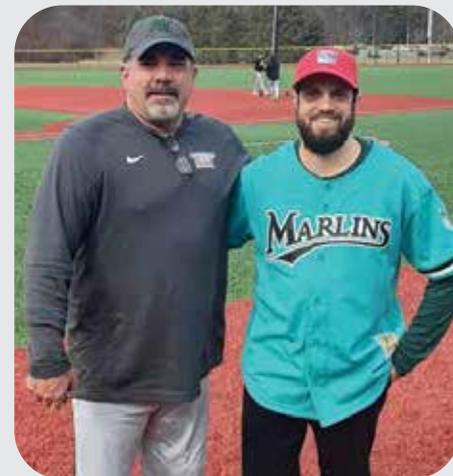
**OSIK:** [My] favorite moment is obviously that opening day, you know, when you just don't know how your career is going to go but just know that you arrived at the top of

the mountain, and however long you can stay there is I guess the goal of every player, and then favorite coaching moment was probably advancing to the College World Series in 2009 for Farmingdale. Just the fact that they came through that regional and they blew me away; they were on autopilot towards the end and we put so much work into them. They finally bought in and understood how we were trying to win, so [it was] a lot of fun!

### CAN YOU DISCUSS HOW THE CATCHING POSITION HAS CHANGED SINCE YOUR PLAYING DAYS?

**OSIK:** Yeah, it's changed; they may say it's changed for the better, but I don't know if I agree so much. They probably have numbers that back it up but just the way the game in general is played, I've tried to talk to my son, who is a catcher now, and as a big league player you want to make great plays, so I think they're putting catchers on one knee and they're probably not going to be able to make those great plays anymore, so I think you'll see a little

bit of change, but the numbers back why they have guys on one knee and why they keep their glove down in the strike zone, but I'm not particularly a great fan of that so much. The numbers say that the chance of you actually throwing a baserunner out when you block a ball is almost 0. So, I understand they're looking for the edge of getting the balls that are lower in the strike zone to pull up into the strike zone. ■



## Four-leaf clover 5K

Despite the rain, the Rotary Club of Seatuck Cove hosted their charity 4-Leaf Clover 5K on March 12 at the East Moriches Middle School. There were 87 runners signed up. All the proceeds go to six scholarships for the Center Moriches, Eastport-South Manor and West Hampton school districts. The first-place winner came in with a 16.23-minute time.

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