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OF MORICHES & MANORVILLE



Pumpkin picking, hayrides and spooky corn mazes

Waterdrinker Family Farm fall festival now open

BY NICHOLAS GRASSO

As pumpkin spice pervades the air, Waterdrinker Family Farm owner Marc Weiss welcomes guests to his pumpkin patch.

"We're really excited about this year's fall fest," Weiss said. "Our employees really stepped up their game and made a bunch of new attractions and photo spots. Our pumpkin field is bigger than ever, our corn maze is spookier than ever."

Among the farm's most photogenic spots for the fall are the inflated great big pumpkin, an open wooden pumpkin house, and of course, the haunted corn

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Sonnie steals the show!

EM local performs in 'Ragtime'

BY NICOLE FUENTES

East Moriches' own Sonnie Betts, the 9-year-old and up-and-coming actress, recently appeared in Bay Street Theater's acclaimed production of "Ragtime." The show received rave reviews and ran through Aug. 28 at the Sag Harbor Center for the Arts.

Betts, a fourth-grade student at East Moriches, discovered her love for acting at the age of 4, and by the age of

6, she made her main stage debut at The Gateway Playhouse as Gretl in "The Sound of Music." Throughout her young career, Betts has performed in a wide variety of shows at both the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center and The Gateway Playhouse.

"It has been a complete pleasure working with Sonnie Betts on 'Ragtime.' She is an absolute natural onstage, always alive and never making a false move—a total pro at a pretty young age," the show's director, Will Pomerantz, said of Betts. "I never had to worry about her—she always knew her lines, music, and blocking. I

expect great things from her, should she decide to continue her work as a performer."

The actress has two younger brothers and parents who are in the gardening and technology fields. She is the only actress of the family. When asked about her daughter's early acting career, her mother, Gerilyn, said she believes it's her stamina that gets her roles.

"The show was incredible. The cast and everybody were nothing but welcoming to Sonnie; she learned so much," she said of her daughter's time on "Ragtime." "She was really incredible."

In "Ragtime," Betts played the little girl. The *Tide* conducted a Q&A with Betts:

TIDE: How did you get into acting?

Betts: When I was in pre-school, I did a show and went onstage. I really loved it.

TIDE: How did you get the role?

Betts: I auditioned at 6 years old and it was cancelled because of COVID. I auditioned again and got a callback, but couldn't go because I was sick. But they still got in the show.

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Ancient Order of Hibernians dedicate Mass rock

Clarke Homesite in
Manorville

BY NICHOLAS GRASSO

On Sept. 18, the Ancient Order of Hibernians joined the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, local elected officials, and a Catholic priest to dedicate a Mass rock at the Thomas and Kathleen Daly Clarke Homesite in Manorville. A Mass followed the dedication, which honored the Clarkes' efforts in the fight for Irish independence as well as their devotion to practicing and preserving Catholicism.

"My brothers and sisters," Fr. Henry's dedication began, "today we gather together as God's holy people celebrating this 25th Sunday in ordinary time, and dedicating this holy altar, in honor of those who have given their lives for the faith, in honor of those who've gone before us, handing down their traditions."

Before the dedication, Ancient Order of Hibernians Suffolk County historian Joe Kelly provided the crowd before him with historical context for the Clarkes' journeys. He discussed the lasting impact of the Irish Penal Laws that began in 1695, which suppressed the Gaelic language, limited Catholics' right to property, and forced members of the Catholic clergy into hiding. This later effect is now remembered through dedicated Mass rocks, natural stones found in glens and desolate hillsides in Ireland, where priests were forced to practice their faith with their flock.

"We're here, as we look forward, to



look back to a time when in native Ireland, the Irish were suppressed, the Roman Catholic [faith], the Gaelic language and the Irish culture," Brookhaven Town supervisor Ed Romaine said. "We're here to remember a group of people that would not go quietly into the night, that stood up and fought for their faith."

"We're here to remember, with this rock, all the rocks in the glens and woods of Ireland, that those who were faithful met, and with their priest, prayed their religion, spoke their language and remembered," he continued. "Today is a day of remembrance, where we remember what happened, and we celebrate our faith and our heritage."

Among those who kept Irish faith and culture alive were Thomas and Kathleen

Daly Clarke. In 1987, the Ancient Order of Hibernians uncovered the land deed verifying the Clarkes owned a 60-acre farm in Manorville from 1905 to 1907. The Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians then erected an obelisk made of granite from County Wicklow, Ireland, on their farm in the Clarkes' honor.

Thomas Clarke was the lead signer on the 1916 Proclamation, which called for Irish independence from Britain, and was a critical figure in the Irish Republican Brotherhood and the 1916 Easter Rising. He, along with several other leaders, was executed following the mired uprising. While his efforts may have failed to free Ireland from British rule, they influenced years of perseverance through strife that would

engender Ireland as a nation.

Kathleen Daly Clarke was an influential figure in her own right, aiding in efforts for Irish independence. She also forged a political career for herself that culminated in her serving as the first female Lord Mayor of Dublin in 1939, a position she held until she retired in 1941. She died in 1972.

Past and current presidents of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians filled the crowd. Many of them spoke during the dedication and performed readings during the Mass, including Vic Vogel, a former president for the Ancient Order of Hibernians Suffolk County and New York State chapters. He discussed how the Mass rock came to be, 35 years after the initial marking of the Clarke Homesite.

"A few years ago, after the New York State board meeting in East Durham, [Fr. Henry] said Mass at the Mass rock in Green County, and that was such a successful event, such a moving event, I decided to make it a goal to get a Mass rock in Suffolk County," Vogel said. "Take a look around. I think in a few years, we could make this site into a national park. We've just begun."

Bill Gorham, the current president of the Suffolk County chapter, was thankful Vogel implored him to get a Mass rock in Manorville.

"Vic came to me the first day—the first hour—I was president, and said he wanted me to do this," Gorham recalled. "We walked right over to Fr. Henry; he thought it was a great idea. And this is just fabulous for you to all come here and look at this now; it is such a site." ■

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Third annual Keith Romaine Memorial Snapper Derby

Event raises \$1600 for Joseph Rera Memorial Scholarship Fund

BY NICHOLAS GRASSO

A refreshing breeze from the Moriches Bay and community spirit imbued the families gathered at the Union Avenue Dock in Center Moriches on a Sunday afternoon.

The Town of Brookhaven hosted the third annual Keith Romaine Memorial Snapper Derby, Sept. 18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Co-sponsored by the Montauk Surfcasters Association with support from the Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches, the friendly competition in honor of Romaine, the late son of Brookhaven supervisor Ed Romaine, has attracted support from families and friends throughout the community since its 2020 inception.

“All the kids have smiles on their faces, and that’s the most important part,” Brookhaven Town councilman

Dan Panico said. “The fish are already jumping, so we’ll see at the end of the day who comes out victorious.”

“I have no doubt everyone’s going to have a great time,” he continued. “It’s a great event for the memory of Joseph Rera, and this is named after my friend and councilman Keith Romaine, who used to fish off this very dock.”

Romaine died in 2009 at Winthrop University Hospital in Mineola, from complications brought on by a viral infection. He was 36.

This year, 79 children from Center Moriches and surrounding communities signed up for the catch-and-release tournament. In the 4 to 12 age group, Grace Scalezi came out on top with a 10-inch snapper. Nick Hristidis led the pack amongst the 12 and 1/2 to 18-year-olds with his 10-and-3/4-inch catch.

The third incarnation of the event in Romaine’s name followed last year’s efforts to honor another member of the Center Moriches community who died before his time: Joseph Rera. The 16-year-old died on Nov. 6, 2020, at Cupsogue Beach County Park in

Westhampton Beach. Closure eluded his friends and family until his body was recovered on Dec. 4, 2020.

During and following this strife, the community rallied behind Rera’s loved ones, donating \$28,996 to a GoFundMe page one of his friends formed to support the Rera family. The community doubled down to support an initiative another one of Rera’s friends kicked off to renovate and establish a plaque at the Union Avenue Dock in his honor.

At this year’s derby, families were asked to donate \$5 per child to the Joseph Rera Memorial Scholarship Fund. Parents were happy to both enjoy time with their families as the summer waned and support another.

“We’re here donating to the Joseph Rera fund, a great cause,” said Manorville native Kathleen Milano, cheering on her children Olivia Milano, 13, and Vincent Milano, 7, at the derby. “We didn’t know him personally, but we followed his story. We know a lot of people in Center Moriches that knew him, so we wanted to come support

him and his family.”

In total, the event raised \$1,605 to the Joseph Rera Scholarship Fund. In addition to the funds raised from the community, the Montauk Surfcasters Association, which co-sponsors similar derbies across the island each summer season, stepped up with a major boost.

“We have a \$1000 check for the [Joseph Rera Foundation] scholarship,” William Jakob, of the Montauk Surfcasters Association, said. “Last year we had just under \$1,000. It’s all about helping the kids.”

Rera’s enthusiasm for fishing, which he did often at the Union Avenue Dock, was felt at the event. Parents helped young children untangle and cast their lines and cheered them on as they reeled in their snappers. Many little ones, including 7-year-old Cole Reed, strained to peer over the railing to crank in their hauls.

“This is what they love to do,” Lindsay Heinz, Reed’s mother, of East Quogue, said, minutes before he caught his first snapper of the day. ■



Cole Reed proud to show off his catch.



This year’s derby drew 79 children from Center Moriches and beyond.



Grandpa’s team of fishing buddies came dressed for success.



Grant Panico happy to be “gone fishing.”



Mother Lindsay Heinz and son Cole Reed deep in concentration on the task at hand.



Children of all ages up to 18 were welcome to compete.

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Offering healthy teas and shakes

Manor Nutrition opens in Manorville

BY NICHOLAS GRASSO

Behind the counter of one of Manorville's newest establishments, Helen Narvaez whips up colorful teas she describes as "delicious, pretty, and healthy."

Manor Nutrition, a healthy hub for shakes, teas, iced coffees and more, opened Aug. 21 in the Manorville Town Center. The store is the sixth location—each with their own name—of a series of Herbalife juice bars Narvaez's father, Julio Narvaez, and stepmother, Diana Narvaez, kicked off in Selden at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. While Helen Narvaez typically works in Selden, she has been managing their newest and most eastern location and introducing her family's Herbalife products to the Manorville community.

"It's like a healthy fast-food service," Helen Narvaez said of Manor Nutrition. "All of our shakes, they have 24 grams of protein, they have 24 vitamins and

minerals, they're 200 to 350 calories, so it's a great meal replacement shake to have. And on top of that, it has all the nutrients all your body needs."

The well of Narvaez's health-conscious nutritional knowledge runs deep. After all, her father has been in the Herbalife business her whole lifetime.

"I've had the products basically my whole entire life," she said. "It's a family thing we all do; we're all very into nutrition. It's something we always had in the house, so we just thought, Let's share it."

The healthy drink lounge offers a lot of options grouped by their benefits. All the teas come with aloe to boost the drinker's metabolism; the heart-healthy premium teas promote blood flow; and focus teas are loaded with N-R-G, or nature's raw guarana, a seed containing caffeine, the energy to power through a long day at work or a study session. Any of the teas can be infused with various shots for added benefits such as hydration boosters, collagen, a probiotic, fiber and vitamin C.

On the shake side, Manor Nutrition's

offerings are akin to those of an ice cream parlor, plus muscle-making protein. Red velvet, mint Oreo, banana split and the dulce de leche and coffee-loaded java lava are just the tip of the flavor iceberg. For those looking to replace a full meal and reap the most health benefits, Manor Nutrition offers shake and tea combos, to be drank in that order.

"If you have the shake and the tea, you get the full benefit because the tea and the aloe will help absorb those nutrients you get from the protein shake," Narvaez said. "On top of that, it gives you that boost of energy without giving you a crash, like coffee normally does. We wanted people to have a taste of good nutrition."

For anyone overwhelmed by the different pairings, Narvaez recommends the Rocky Road or cinnamon toast cheesecake protein shakes with the pomegranate, cherry, and raspberry-infused Love Potion #9 tea, or the Captain America tea.

"It literally tastes like a Bomb Pop," she said of the later, referring to the red, white and blue frozen treat. "It's a

strawberry, lime, blue-blast flavor."

The new spot offers seasonal drinks, which for the fall, of course, means pumpkin-infused shakes and lattes, as well as cool-weather flavors like apple cider, Autumn Breeze, and Narvaez's current favorite, the Campfire.

"It's an orange, mandarin, and raspberry flavor," she said. "It's my favorite one currently because not only does it give you energy, not only does it have the tea and the aloe, which boosts your metabolism and helps with digestion, it also has an immunity booster."

Regardless of what guests order, they are welcome to enjoy their drink at the bartop, a picnic table, or the cozy lounge area. With its green loveseat, throw pillows and white kitchen cabinets, the new establishment feels more like a home than a trendy hot spot. The welcoming atmosphere adds to what Narvaez and her father and stepmother hope to accomplish.

"When they walk in through those doors, we want them to be in a better mood," Narvaez said. "We want to serve them happiness in a cup." ■



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Our Top Skincare Picks for Fall

BY VIRGINIA WHITE, LE

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AT HOME CARE

Remember to change up your skincare routine when the seasons change! Moving into Fall the air is cooler and dryer, so your skin has different needs than it did in the summer. Now is the time to change out light Summer skincare for something more restorative, and to switch to

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Fall happenings this October

BY NICOLE FUENTES

This fall, the Chamber of the Moriches has prepared with events sure to please every trick-or-treater.

Fall Fest, Sunday, Oct. 16

The fair will be held on Oct. 16 with a closed-off Main Street in Center Moriches from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be vendors, food trucks, and of course, the Main Street merchants displaying their merchandise as well as the Main Street eateries serving up tasty snacks and meals.

Vendor spots are \$85. Nonprofit vendor spots are \$45.00. Chamber Member vendor spots are \$45.00. All mailed applications and checks must be received by Oct. 14, 2022. After this date, all applications must be accompanied with cash or money order only, may be turned in at Moriches Bay Realty, 328-1 Main St., Center Moriches. The cutoff date to pre-register is no later than 3 p.m., Oct. 15, 2022.

For those interested in becoming a vendor visit: <https://moricheschamber.org/product/fall-fair-vendor-registration/>.

“This year’s Fall Festival is generating a great deal of interest, from both vendors and our Main Street businesses,” said chamber president Art Gerhauser. “We expect that the community will have a day of fun with a wide choice of food and shopping.”

Spooky Walk, Oct. 21, 22, 28 and 29 at Camp Paquatuck

The Spooky Walk will be held outside, only for the safety of the volunteers and guests. The walk will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. at 2 Chet Swezey Road in Center Moriches. All proceeds will benefit Camp Paquatuck, a special camp for children with disabilities.

Fall Festival, now through Oct. 31

Waterdrinker Farms will be hosting a fall festival every day from 10 a.m. to 6

p.m. at their farm, located at 663 Wading River Road in Manorville. There will be sunflowers, pumpkin picking, hayrides, a corn maze, and animals.

The event will be hosted by the VFW Post 414 from 7 to 11 p.m. Eventgoers are encouraged to gather up their dead and come out to have a howling good time. The event includes dinner and dessert as well as beer, wine, and soda. There will also be a D.J., 50/50 raffle, and prizes for the best costumes, most creative, and best couple. Tickets are \$45 or \$50 at the door.

March of the Goblins, Oct. 31

The trick-or-treat event will be held for the children of the community to provide a safe environment to get candy along Main Street. Businesses along Main Street are welcomed and encouraged to have candy for the children. Main Street will be closed to traffic from Chichester to Railroad avenues. Since the event started in 2002, the fire depart-

ment has staffed the streets intersecting with Main Street to ensure the children’s safety.

The event will be held on Main Street in Center Moriches from 4:30-6 p.m.

Veterans Parade, Sunday Nov. 6

The annual parade has been scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 6 at 2 p.m.



Fall at the farm

The Long Island Game Farm is now offering fall discount days. Beginning in September through Oct. 28 every Thursday will be half price. Adults \$12.50 plus tax, seniors \$11.00 plus tax and children \$9.50 plus tax. Also, November is Military Appreciation Month and the farm will be honoring active duty, retired, veteran members

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exotic and indigenous breeds, with various breeds of buffalo, parrots, zebra, camels, emus, tortoises, and more.

The Long Island Game Farm is open seven days a week and is located at 489 Chapman Boulevard, Manorville, N.Y. For further information, please contact info@longislandgamefarm.com or call 631-878-6670. To book a private tour, donate or visit: <https://www.longislandgamefarm.com/contact-long-island-game-farm/>. Tickets can be purchased at the farm.



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WATERDRINKER: Fall festival happening now

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maze, of which the entrance is lined with skeletons.

Waterdrinker Family Farm attracts families with young children and friends of all ages alike. Guests of all ages are invited to pick pumpkins, hop aboard a hayride, and play through a round of minigolf. To keep the adults in good spirits, the Long Island Farm Brewery is once again serving up its Pickin' Pumpkins pumpkin beer.

"If you're going to drink pumpkin beer anywhere, why not do it at a place where you're coming to pick pumpkins?," Brian Smith, the Long Island Farm Brewery's brewmaster, said. "It's made with a ton of real pumpkin, cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice, real ginger, just a whole lot of festive flair."

Waterdrinker Family Farm recently acquired a trio of sulcata tortoises, which reside in their own dinosaur discovery exhibit in the barnyard area. By September's end, Weiss said visitors can expect more new attractions at the farm, including a Waterdrinker Express train ride he and his team will construct near the pumpkin house. ■ All photos MT/Grasso





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Eastport-South Manor seniors mark their spot

Eastport-South Manor Jr.-Sr. High School seniors marked their parking spots with creatively painted illustrations during the school's annual Paint Day. After sub-

mitted illustrations were approved, the students gathered in the parking lot to paint their assigned spaces for a fee, which will add much character to the cement parking

lot for the 2022-2023 school year. Monies collected will be placed in the seniors' activity fund and will be earmarked for the senior prom next spring.



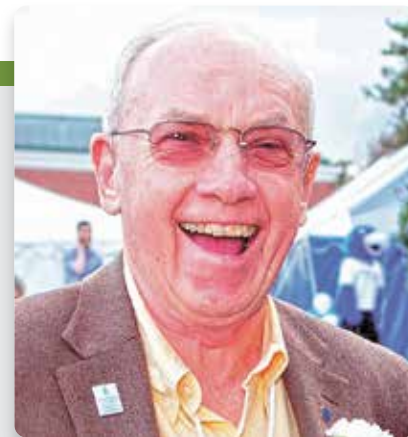
Eastport-South Manor Jr.-Sr. High School seniors painted their parking spots on Paint Day.



Creativity was on display as Eastport-South Manor Jr.-Sr. High School students painted their parking spaces.



Paint Day at Eastport-South Manor Jr.-Sr. High School helps to fund the senior prom. Photos courtesy of the Eastport-South Manor Central School District



Hartwick's Alumni Awards salute influential graduates, faculty, and staff

Six members of the Hartwick College community have been selected to receive a 2022-2023 Alumni Award. The honor salutes graduates and current faculty or staff for their service to the college and Hartwick community, including Moriches resident Kenneth W. Dobert, Class of '61, who has earned the Outstanding Volunteer Award, which recognizes those who have demonstrated outstanding and sustained volunteer service for the college. This includes alumni, retired employees, parents, or friends of the college.

"We are pleased to recognize the contributions and achievements of such an incredible group of alumni and staff," said assistant vice president of alumni relations and career development Megan Gray. "These awardees were all nominated by their peers, a testament to the impact they've had on the communities they serve. We also look forward to honoring them in person again this year during True Blue Weekend. It is only fitting this distinguished group be celebrated on campus—as it provides an opportunity to not only formally salute these leaders, but reflect on the impact the college has had in shaping their lives."

Dobert faithfully served on the Hartwick College Alumni Board of Directors for more than 16 years, and his most significant contribution has been in providing foundational leadership and dedication to alumni giving. As chair of the Giving Committee, he oversaw the proliferation of the Alumni Board Legacy Scholarship, awarded to qualified Hartwick Legacy students. He raised the funds necessary to endow the scholarship and increased its worth tenfold over the years. Dobert's loyalty and love for Hartwick are reflected in his own giving and through the others he has inspired, including 100 percent of the Alumni Board. His volunteer leadership is truly a model for what it means to give back to the Hartwick community.

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TIDE: What role did you play?
Betts: I was the little girl—a Jewish immigrant who travels to America with her dad. We didn’t get the best experience selling art, but suddenly we start selling flip-books and make movies and become rich.

TIDE: What helps you get into character?
Betts: I like to make connections to get into my role. I like to have fun with my cast mates and make it real onstage.

TIDE: What do you love about the East Moriches area?
Betts: There’s lots of beaches to go to during the summer, and I love hanging out with my friends.

TIDE: What’s next for you?
Betts: I will be in the “Wizard of Oz” in September at the Oakdale Theatre for Performing Arts as part of the ensemble. When I get older, I still want to do theatre and when I am even older, I want to be a director. ■

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The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can achieve. It provides the chance to show that they are a leader who is organized, determined, and dedicated to improving their community. Courtesy photo

Girl Scout Troop 3200 unveils commemorative rock garden

On August 26, Supervisor Ed Romaine (right), Councilman Dan Panico (third from left) and Suffolk County Legislator Jim Mazza (left) were at Neville Park in Center Moriches to thank Girl Scout Troop 3200 from Manorville for constructing a beautiful rock garden. It was created as their Girl Scout Silver Award project to “commemorate the lives of the many we lost to the COVID

19 pandemic and bring comfort to those left behind.” Local businesses Bay Gardens, GP Landscape and Protech Cable generously donated the materials for the Rock Garden. The Girl Scouts pictured left to right are Sabrina Pelo, Angelina Pulcrano, Cassandra Greco and Isabella Miller. Pictured second from left is Councilman Panico’s son, Grant.

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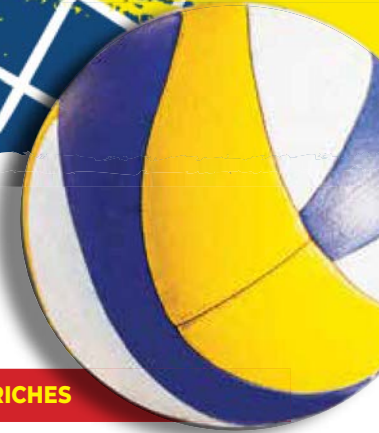


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Below are compiled photos from the community of local students sharing their smiles for the first day of school:



Ella Freyre went to UPK at Starbright Children's Center in Center Moriches.



Alana Cole, grade 6, and her sister Laila Cole, grade 9, went to Center Moriches.



Their cousin, Marquises Miles, also headed to Center Moriches Middle School for grade 8 and is a varsity soccer player!



These twins celebrated their first day of seventh grade at East Moriches Middle School.



Gianna Isabella Guerra, pre-K, at Kiddie Academy.



Lucas Morais with little sister Maia started UPK at Starbright Children's Center in Center Moriches.

First day at Clayton Huey!

The Center Moriches School District started the new school year on Tuesday, Sept. 6. Below are compiled photos of students from Clayton Huey Elementary School on their first day back.
Courtesy photos



Dayton Avenue welcomes third-grade students

Eastport-South Manor Central School District students entering third grade at Dayton Avenue Elementary School, as well as new students, were invited to attend the school's annual third grade social. Accompanied by parents and siblings, the third graders not only greeted old friends, but became acquainted with new peers as they played games. Principal Dr. Shelita Watkis explained that the goal of the third-grade social was to assist the new students with becoming familiar with the building. Led by school leaders, the students found their classrooms and deposited their supplies for the first day of school on Sept. 1.



During the third grade social, Dayton Avenue Elementary School principal Dr. Shelita Watkis took a photo with the new students.
Photos courtesy of the Eastport-South Manor Central School District



Clayton Huey drops off great grandchildren

It is Clayton Huey the namesake of the school and his two great grandchildren, Brianna and AJ Kleban as well as their little brother, Carson.



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LIRR doesn't plan to restore service

BY NICOLE FUENTES

The Center Moriches train station was closed in 1998 as the Long Island Rail Road made upgrades to nearby stations at both Mastic-Shirley and Speonk to accommodate the new double-level diesel train cars.

Local resident Jerry Eaderesto was led to believe that the criteria for disconnecting their service was due to low daily ridership and that the distances to nearby stations were deemed as sufficient access.

The Mastic-Shirley station is approximately 4 miles west of Center Moriches and the Speonk station is approximately 6 miles east of Center Moriches.

According to MTA media liaison Dave Steckel, there is service to the Center Moriches area via the Montauk Branch, which offers 13 eastbound trains to/from Mastic-Shirley and 15 eastbound



An image of the old Center Moriches train station from 1922.

Courtesy photo

trains to/from Speonk daily and 14 trains to/from both stations going west. However, according to Eaderesto, there is frequently heavy traffic on the roads to the Mastic station and the buses take an hour-long route from the Mastic station to Center Moriches.

"The distance between our town and either Speonk or Mastic is neither walk-

able or easy," he said of the challenge. "Cabs from both stations are infrequent, expensive, and unreliable."

Since the '90s, when the station closed, Eaderesto said there were two major petitions sent to the MTA requesting the resumption of service. Additionally, Eaderesto said that since the closure, there has been a significant population

increase in the Moriches and Manorville area. Also, Brookhaven Town sent a study to the LIRR that underscored the local population growth.

According to the Town of Brookhaven's 2016 Moriches, Center Moriches, East Moriches and Eastport Montauk Highway Corridor recommendations, while not part of the study, the town, at that time, was actively working to determine if it was feasible to reopen a train station to encourage the use of buses and trains to reduce on-road traffic.

"After speaking to the head of external affairs for the LIRR, it's clear that the LIRR has allocated no funding and has no plans to reopen the station in the foreseeable future," said councilman Dan Panico.

As per 1990 New York census data, there were just under 6,000 residents in Center Moriches near the time of the train station closure. As of 2020, according to census data, the area now has just under 8,000 residents. ■



Firefighters cheer on nursing home resident

After months of intensive treatment, Michael Carroll, 86, a lifelong member of the Brookhaven Fire Department was cheered on by firefighters while exiting Oasis Rehabilitation & Nursing in Center Moriches. The Brookhaven Fire Department was on hand to con-

gratulate Carroll for successfully completing cardiopulmonary treatment on Sept. 4. Doctors said he has improved enough to move to assisted living in New Jersey to be closer to family.

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On Oct. 11, we'll be participating in the Parents Academy at Clayton Huey Elementary School, and we can't wait to talk about how much fun it is to help others.

On Oct. 16, we'll be having our annual Free Halloween Costume Giveaway at the Center Moriches Fall Fair on Main Street. If it rains that day and the fair is cancelled, we'll be holding the giveaway at the HMUH building, 1 Neville St., Center Moriches, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are still accepting costumes and giving community service hours for costume donations. Call us at 631-848-9008 for more information.

The following Saturday, Oct. 22, is our big Mega Auction at the Center Moriches High School gym. We are also still accepting donations for that, and this raises most of the funds for all the help-

ing things we do all year. Doors open at 4 p.m. and winners will be chosen starting at 6:30 p.m. Winners need not be present to win, but big prizes—and there are quite a few big prizes—must be taken home that evening immediately following the auction, no exceptions.

Earlier that same afternoon, our friends at Caitlyn's Vision and the Mastic Fire Department are hosting a fun trunk-or-treat event from 2 to 4 p.m. at the William Floyd High School. Lastly, we are looking forward to the Center Moriches Chamber of Commerce's March of the Goblins.

Since Halloween is Keith's birthday, it's always a special day for us, and seeing everyone in their costumes as we hand out candy, allergy-free goodies, and dog biscuits makes it even more special!

MORICHES BAY GARDEN CLUB

Gardening season winds down



At the end of the gardening season, our members always enjoy the fruits, veggies, or flowers of their labor. When a new plant they have attended to all season turns out to be a success and really spectacular, they like to share it with other members.

Betty Ronston bought a dwarf lion's mane at Landcraft (at one of our outings). It is interesting that once a bloom appears, a shoot sprouts up from the middle of that bloom to make another bloom. Another new plant for Betty this year is a clover bush, which is in full bloom now with a showy cascade of pink blossoms. Betty has already decided that the clover bush is too large for the place she planted it and has to reassess where it would look best in her garden. That's the way gardens are: always changing, always testing something new, always evolving and never quite finished, just the way a gardener likes it.

Maggie Delboy's garden is a treasure of interesting plants and structures. She has a lovely pergola loaded with flowering vines and other greenery that looks good all year. A repurposed chandelier hanging from one of the corners is filled with annuals for extra color and blooms. New this year is a dinner plate lily, which stands over 5 feet tall with 12-inch flowers. She has several of them around her garden and they are showstoppers.

We are meeting this month at Wertheim National Park in Shirley; Oct. 20, 11 a.m. We would love to have you join us; bring lunch and walking shoes for a brief meeting and a walk around a beautiful park.

Take a minute to enjoy all that Long Island's harvest has to offer: pumpkins, apples, veggies, jams, pies, interesting ice cream flavors, etc., etc., and etc.

-Maureen Pollack



Don't miss the Nine and Dine

The annual Nine & Dine Golf Invitational will be held at the Rock Hill Country Club on Thursday Oct. 20, in Manorville.

The event will benefit the Moriches Community Center as one of their largest fundraisers, which raises money to help the center continue to offer programs like After School Drop-in and Open Rec nights to local youth, free of charge.

"The Nine & Dine is always a fun event, and it benefits a community cause which does a lot of good for our

communities," said treasurer, Lisa Sanders, making a push for people to buy their tickets in support.

The event is \$150 per golfer and \$600 per foursome and \$60 for dinner guests only. Tickets include green fees, a cart and welcome bag, as well as on-course contests prizes, dinner, and an open bar. There will also be 50/50 raffles and more.

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-Nicole Fuentes

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AROUND TOWN

Friday, October 10

BINGO – Join the Knights of Columbus, Council 4126, every Friday at St. John the Evangelist RC Church School Auditorium, 2 St. John's Place, Center Moriches. Doors open at 6. Games start at 7:30 p.m. \$3,000+ in prizes and a new \$1,000 Jackpot game. Refreshments and snacks available.

Thursday, October 13

Novena for Life – Join fellow Long Islanders for special series of prayer services at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island, Manorville. Opening prayer: Oct. 13, 11:30 a.m. mass. Novena Prayer, Oct. 13-21. Closing prayer, Oct. 21 with candlelight rosary for life following the 11:30 a.m. mass.

Friday, October 14

Harlem Wizards v St. Joseph's University – Enjoy an entertaining night of basketball at St. Joseph's Danzi Athletic Center, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Proceeds to benefit student scholarships. To purchase tickets, call 631-687-5197.

Saturday, October 15

Craft Fair – Shop local vendors at Leonard E. Burket Christian School, 34 Oak St., Center Moriches, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Food available. Rain date: Oct. 29. Call 631-878-1727.

Fall Fair – Enjoy food, vendors, crafts, live music, performances and family fun along Main Street, Center Moriches, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, October 22

Fall Festival – The community is invited to join South Bay Bible Church in celebrating fall with food, family activities, and giveaways, 1 p.m. Free event at 578 Montauk Hwy., East Moriches. For weather updates, and other information, visit www.southbay-churchli.org.

Sunday, October 23

Author Booktalk – Local author John V. Mercurio will be at Center Moriches Library to read excerpts and talk about his book "Death Casts a Shadow," 2-3:30 p.m. Register online or call 631-878-0940.

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Brainfuse Adult Learning – The Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Library has a free online center for adult learners. Access the center online at www.communitylibrary.org. Live online help available from 1 to 11 p.m. weekly. On the website, select Learn New Skills: Academic Assistance Online. Brainfuse Adult Learning Center features test preparation (including GED and U.S. citizenship preparation), writing assistance, and study tools for math, reading and writing. Live, online one-on-one interaction with a tutor or job coach is available. Live sessions can be conducted in English or Spanish.

Estate Tours – The 1898 Masury Estate at 67 Old Neck Rd. South, Center Moriches, will be open for visits and tours Sundays through Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to noon. Enjoy lemonades and cookies while learning about the unique local history of John Masury. Call 631-878-6373.

Adult Mentors – Colonial Youth and Family Services is looking for adults who want to show an example of community involvement and pride. To get involved, call Ray Hopp at 631-281-4461.

The Harbor Church – Join a community, study or focus group at either of the church's locations: 25 Frowein Rd., Center Moriches or 89 N. Ocean Ave, Patchogue. Groups start in Sept. To learn more, visit www.theharborli.com/connect.

Family Services – Colonial Youth and Family Services offers many services for families in need: certified social workers for individual and family counseling; case managers to assist with accessing programs, completing applications, and referrals; day-care for children up to 12 years old; and a food pantry. Volunteers are welcome. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 631-281-4461 or visit www.colonialyfs.com.

Prayer for Revival – The Bible Church of Moriches at 287-289 Montauk Hwy. in Moriches invites all local churches to join them every Thursday, 6-8 p.m. Join for two hours or any part of that time. For information, call 631-905-1942.

YEARS AGO

75 Years Ago

OCTOBER 1947

Of the four prizewinners in New York State, **Gaspare Sanzone**, 17, of Eastport, was the only student on Long Island to receive an award in a national model-making competition held by the American Vocational Arts Association in Chicago, for his entry of a model 31-inch cabin cruiser.

James Zegel, of Center Moriches, was unanimously re-elected president of the Town of Brookhaven Baymen's Association at a monthly meeting in the John Duck Hotel, in Eastport.

Mrs. Gladys Lilly, of East Moriches, was elected Noble Grand for Silva Rebekah Lodge 5000, of Center Moriches, at the meeting held in Goldsmith's Hall, and **Emma Frederico**, of Center Moriches, was elected Vice Grand.

At the Eastport school, **Marianne Lomaga** was elected captain of the first team of cheerleaders and **Lois Federico** is a new member of the second team squad.

Mrs. Benjamin Moore, of East Moriches, attended the Daughters of the American Revolution convention at the Biltmore Hotel in New York, as delegate of the Josiah Smith chapter.

The girls of the Moriches Grammar School have organized a softball team, with **Frances De Nobile** as manager. The lineup is as follows: pitcher, Frances De Nobile; shortstop, **Marie Moss**; centerfield, **June Andersen**; second base, **Benita Dominguez**; catcher, **Sally McClean**; first base, **Janet Glass**; third base, **Irene Wisniewski**; right field, **Winifred Cole**; left field, **Marilyn Rosato**.

A full day of outdoor activities was enjoyed by both the Red and Blue Patrols of Girl Scout Troop 17 in East Moriches. The girls followed a mapped trail from Paquatuck Terrace to Memorial Park, and finally to the Rotary Health camp near the head of the Mill Pond for their cookout. The party included their leader, **Mrs. Kenneth Carman**, and scouts **Serena Accardi**, **Dorothy Glover**, **Edith Ruland**, **Hope**

Skarka, **Ruth Petzschke**, **Hazel Bishop**, **Miriam Zilli**, **Joan Dillon** and **Roberta Martin**.

Center Moriches Teen Towners have installed the following officers: **R. Ford Hughes**, county clerk; **Robert S. Still**, town superintendent of highways; and **Edward B. Bristow**, town clerk.

Walter Eidberger, of Manorville, completed a 12-month course at Spartan School of Aeronautics and is now on his way to California to further his studies. He was with the Air Force during the war.

Kevin Keane and **Joe Franchi**, of Manorville, attended the masquerade party at the Center Moriches High School and were voted the best-dressed boys of the freshman class. Their winning costumes were "burlap tuxedos," made with the assistance of **Nancy Franchi** and **Laura Bruno**, of Weeks Avenue. Laura Bruno was selected as the best-dressed girl.

Three Brookhaven sisters—**Sgt. Elizabeth Kuzmech**, **Sgt. Mary Hampton**, and **Sgt. Mary Hampton**—are believed to be the only three sisters overseas with the U.S. Army. Sgt. Hampton will also appear as a WAC in the motion picture "Berlin Express," along with Merle Oberon.

Playing in October at **The Center Moriches Theatre**: Rex Harrison and Maureen O'Hara in "The Foxes of Harrow"; Elizabeth Taylor and George Murphy in "Cynthia"; and Henry Fonda and Barbara Bel Geddes in "The Long Night."

50 Years Ago

OCTOBER 1972

Winners from Rea Ceramics, Center Moriches, at the sixth annual Long Island Ceramics Show are **Kathleen Muller** of Center Moriches, blue ribbon; **Marie Schaeffer** of Mastic Beach, honorable mention; **William Holland** of Center Moriches, blue ribbon; **Mabel Gondola** of Center Moriches, blue ribbon; and **William H. Vetter Jr.** of Center Moriches, blue ribbon.

The Palette and Brush League of Mastic Beach hosted a lesson in figure



October 1972: William Floyd High School's cross country team has a young women on their team, **April Marino** (second from left). She is pictured as she prepares to start workouts with team members **Eric Houck**, **Sal Cannello** and **Tony Zummo**. Acting as starter is coach **Frank LaBianca**. **April**, a 15-year-old 10th grader, has already earned an impressive array of medals for her past performances as a member of the Long Island Merianettes.

sketching demonstrated by **Helen Wiegand**, and a one-man show by member **Kaye Pevelowski** can be viewed at the Suffolk County Federal Savings and Loan Association in Shirley.

The Center Moriches soccer team elevated its record to 6-1 with two victories against Comsewogue and Hampton Bays, respectively. Strong performances from **Butch Terry**, who scored his first goal of the season, **George Schiefferstein** and **Maurice Henderson** helped secure the wins.

Mary Skidmore showed off the big trophy that goes to the angler with the biggest fish, which she earned in the ninth annual Moriches Bay Fluke Fishing Contest, at an awards ceremony attended by **Frank Savino** of Cerullo Bros; **Ronald Leonard**, president, Chamber of Com-

merce of the Moriches; Suffolk County executive **John V.N. Klein**; and Brookhaven Town supervisor **Charles W. Barraud**.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Mesnik, of Savage Hardware, Center Moriches, received the first set of tickets for the annual dance sponsored by the Jewish Center of the Moriches.

William C. Lewis, of Shirley, and a music education major at State University College at Potsdam, appeared in the Fall Festival production of "L'il Abner," portraying Marryin' Sam.

Playing in October at local United Artists Theatres: "A Boy Named Charlie Brown"; Jon Voight and Dustin Hoffman in "Midnight Cowboy"; and Jane Fonda in "Klute."

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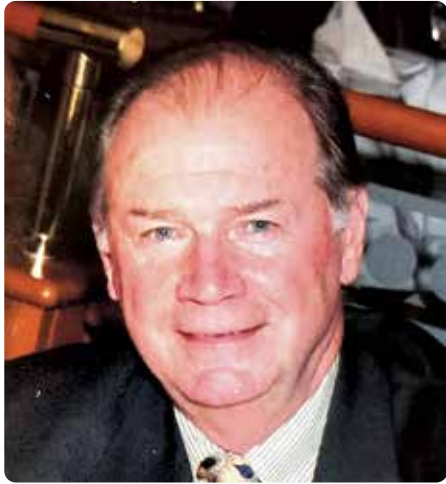


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Thomas Tebbens Sr. dies at 83

Lifetime Moriches resident Thomas A. Tebbens Sr. sadly passed away on Saturday, Sept. 17, at age 83, surrounded by the love of his family, including his beautiful wife Elsie of 63 years. Tebbens was born on Dec. 30, 1938, in Port Jefferson, and grew up on Barnes Road in Moriches. He graduated from Center Moriches High School in 1956, where he met Elsie, and then served time in the U.S. Coast Guard. He was the second-generation president and CEO of Tebbens Steel of Canal Street, Center Moriches. Tebbens served in this role from 1964 until 2001, and officially retired from working in 2018. Today, Tebbens Steel LLC has relocated to Calverton Industrial Park, with over 55 employees, and was recently named one of the top Long Island workplaces by the *Long Island Press*. Tebbens was one of the oldest active members of St. John's the Evangelist R.C. Church, where he was a eucharistic minister for many years, taking communion to the sick on Sundays with Elsie. Throughout his life, Tebbens was a talented craftsman, active boater, and avid gardener. He was also a beloved member of the Moriches Yacht Club. He loved the East End of Long Island and spent every summer boating and



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