

# the Tide

## OF MORICHES & MANORVILLE

### Eagle Scout funds VFW Post 414 monument by selling pavers

Walkway of heroes revealed  
BY NICHOLAS GRASSO

Passersby have surely noticed some changes at the VFW Post 414 this past year. What they may not have known is that the renovations began thanks to one former post commander's grandson.

For his Eagle Scout project, East Moriches' Louis Mattiolo fundraised for a monument his grandfather, past VFW Post commander Louis Baer, and other veterans in the community envisioned at their local VFW. They wished to recognize the service of all veterans who served the United States throughout the 20th and 21st centuries.

Prior to their initiative, the Center Moriches community only boasted a monument to those who served in World War I and II at the high school, and one recognizing service in the Korean and Vietnam wars at the VFW. The monument for the latter two wars was erected in 1981, several years after a new generation of veterans arrived home to a nation divided over America's involvement in

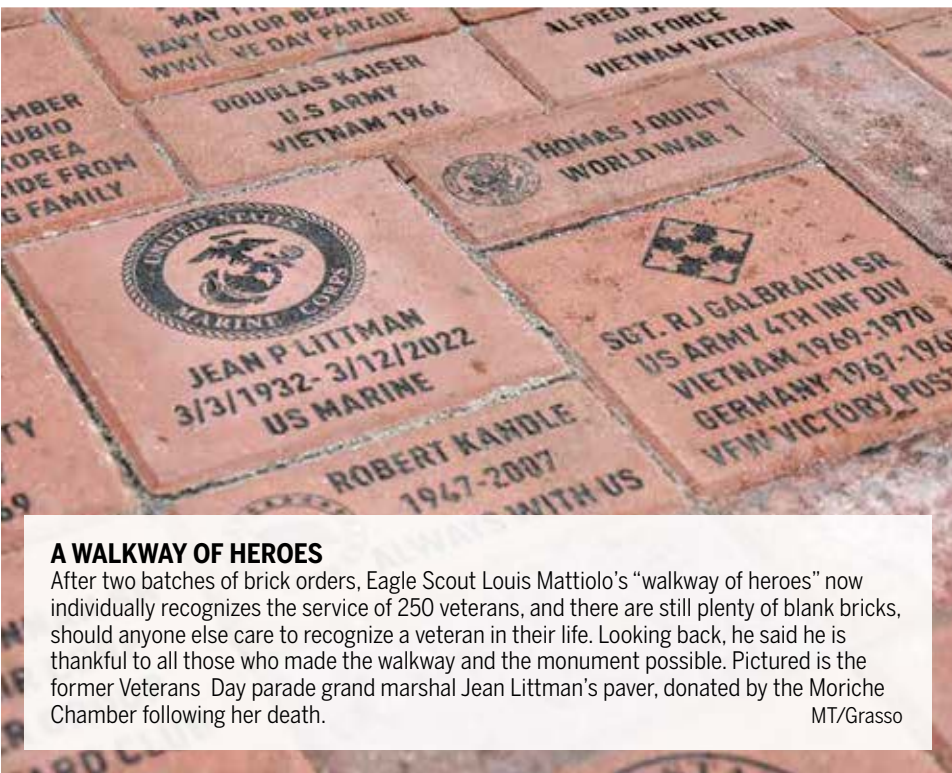
Vietnam and were denied a warm "welcome home."

Four decades later, younger generations of veterans served and arrived home, and the VFW members—primarily of the Korea and Vietnam eras—aimed to recognize them. On Veterans Day, leaders of the post explained the significance of their new second monument dedicated to all those who served, and a series of slates that highlight every conflict in which the United States Military was involved.

"As time passed, more veterans came, more actions were seen by our government, and our United States was involved in many different conflicts," Baer explained. "Once again, people were saying, 'There is no acknowledgment for us.'"

"In front of the monument lists all of the conflicts the United States has been in since World War I," he continued. "So, the people come down, they can go up, there's a recognition of their service, there's the stones in recognition of their loved ones who served."

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**A WALKWAY OF HEROES**  
After two batches of brick orders, Eagle Scout Louis Mattiolo's "walkway of heroes" now individually recognizes the service of 250 veterans, and there are still plenty of blank bricks, should anyone else care to recognize a veteran in their life. Looking back, he said he is thankful to all those who made the walkway and the monument possible. Pictured is the former Veterans Day parade grand marshal Jean Littman's paver, donated by the Moriche Chamber following her death.

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### Real or fake, what's your vote?

The origins of the family tree  
BY PATRICIA KALOSKI

It's a tradition that has origins in ancient societies, rituals and celebrations that has survived and evolved for thousands of years. It's one that is enjoyed by people of different races, religions, colors, and genders from around the globe. The tradition is the beloved Christmas tree, which for many, such as this author, is hailed as one of the most sacred customs of the entire year.

But there's a battle raging among Christmas tree aficionados, a mod-

ern-day debate that may never be resolved: real or fake? We polled locals to find out which they prefer, but before we find out, we'll delve into some history to find out why decorating the Christmas tree is one of the top 10 most popular Christmas traditions observed in America, according to the Education First Community Blog.

**PAGAN ORIGINS**

The Christmas tree is the descendent of pagan rituals that used boughs from evergreens in various celebrations, including the winter solstice. Early Romans, for example, observed the solstice with a special feast called Saturnalia in honor of Saturn, the god of agriculture. The feast celebrated Saturn's

return in the coming months, bringing with him warmer weather, which meant that crops would again grow and prosper. To remind them of this, early Romans decorated their homes and temples with the evergreen boughs.

But how did the tree itself become one of the most synonymous symbols of Christmas? It happened in the eighth century, when an English Benedictine monk, Boniface, was doing missionary work in Germany. As the story goes, he came upon native pagans making a sacrifice to the god Thor, at an oak tree. Purportedly outraged that they were worshipping false idols, Boniface took his axe and cut down the tree. The pagans were certain that Boniface

would be struck down by lightning for his actions, but when that didn't happen, Boniface successfully converted them to Christianity. As legend would have it, out of this oak sprung a fir tree, which quickly became a symbol of Jesus Christ, new life, and the Holy Trinity, because the tree was triangle in shape. By the Middle Ages, "paradise trees" meant to represent the Garden of Eden were appearing throughout Germany. They were decorated with apples and displayed in homes on Dec. 24, the eve of the feast day of Adam and Eve.

As Germans migrated to other countries, they took with them their cherished Christmas tree, with the tradition

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# Community shares their family recipes

COMPILED BY NICOLE FUENTES

What's better than a homemade meal? Nothing beats a family recipe. This holiday season, we decided to gather family recipes from local community leaders.

## 7UP CAKE

**Marcie Litjens,**  
Center Moriches Library director

"For as long as I can remember, my mom would make this cake. It was not often, maybe once a year, if that."

- 3 sticks of butter
- 3 cups sugar
- 5 eggs (room temperature)
- 3 cups flour
- ¾ cup 7up
- 1 tsp lemon extract

Whip butter and sugar until light and fluffy, add one egg at a time and beat well. Add flour and beat in lemon extract. Once mixed well, add in 7Up. Pour into a greased bundt pan and bake at 325 for 1 hour, 15-20 minutes.



Pictured is Litjens son, Michael, with the cake.

## MOIST TURKEY MEATLOAF

**Maryann Reid Davis, retired East Moriches kindergarten teacher and the Moriches Chamber assistant for the Veterans Parade.**



Prep 35 min. Cook 55 min.  
Total 1 hr. 30 min.

- 8 ounces mushrooms, trimmed and very finely chopped
- 1 medium onion, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 7 tablespoons ketchup, divided
- 1 cup seasoned panko bread crumbs
- 1/3 cup milk
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 1/4 pound ground turkey

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly oil meatloaf dish/pan (9X13).

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-low heat. Add the onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened:

about 5 minutes.

Add the garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute.

Stir in the mushrooms, a 1/2-teaspoon of salt, and a 1/4 teaspoon of pepper.

Cook until the mushrooms give off their liquid and it boils away; about 10 min. Transfer the onions and mushrooms to a large bowl, and then stir in the Worcestershire sauce and 3 tablespoons of the ketchup. Set aside to cool for 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine the breadcrumbs and milk in a small bowl. Stir the breadcrumb mixture and the eggs into the mushrooms and onions. Using a fork or your hands, gently mix in the turkey. The mixture will be very wet. Form the meatloaf into the meatloaf dish/pan. Spread the remaining four tablespoons of ketchup on top.

Bake the meatloaf until an instant-read thermometer registers 170 degrees F, about 50 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before slicing.

**Tracey Luckingham, SBUH EMS educator, NR-EMTP**



## PULLED CHICKEN SLIDERS

- 2 1/2 lbs of boneless chicken
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup cider vinegar
- 1/2 cup Root Beer
- 1 pk McCormicks BBQ pulled pork seasoning mix

Place chicken in crock pot, mix all other ingredients (except Root Beer) in a bowl and pour over the chicken. Cook on low or 8 hours or high for 4 hours. 1/2 hours before done add root beer.

Using 2 forks, pull chicken apart and put back in the sauce in the crock pot. Serve when ready. We use small slider rolls (any type) and serve it with coleslaw and pickles.

## CROCKPOT RICE PUDDING

- 3 tbsp butter
- 6 cups whole or 2% milk (not skim milk – it's too watery)
- 2 cups minute white rice uncooked
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup salt
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/3 tsp vanilla
- 2 tbsp brown sugar

Grease inside of 4-quart crock pot with butter (bottom and sides) save remainder. Add milk, rice, sugar, salt, cinnamon, vanilla and brown sugar.

Dot the top with remaining butter. Cover and cook on low for 3-4 hours, stirring occasionally while cooking.

When rice is tender it ready. Stir well and serve with sprinkling of cinnamon on top.

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# Veterans Day parade honors local reverend

## Grand marshal helps fellow veterans facing trauma

BY NICHOLAS GRASSO

Hundreds of veterans, first responders, and members of community groups flocked to the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park on a sunny Sunday to honor military service members, past and present.

The Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches hosted its fourth annual East Moriches Veterans Day Parade Nov. 6, which honored Rev. Frederick Miller as grand marshal in a ceremony at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park, the procession's terminus.

"A long time ago—72 years ago—a young man stepped forward in the Korean War and said, 'I will serve my country and I will defend my country,'" Brookhaven Town supervisor Ed Romaine said. "Seventy-two years later, that young man, no longer young, sitting before us, is our honoree and our grand marshal. As long as we have young men and women like Fred here, this country has nothing to fear."

Miller served as an Air Force medic during the Korean War from 1950 to

1954, before serving 20 years at Nassau University Medical Center, where he was chief of parasitology. In 1980, he joined the Trulight Ministry in Shirley.

"I've actually never worked in my life," Miller said. "I've always had such a joy out of what I've done, I've never considered it work."

Following retirement, he became active in the Arthur H. Clune American Legion Post 1533, in Mastic Beach, and kicked off the Veterans Peer-to-Peer Program in 2013. He taught 150 legion members to help veterans combat moral injuries, or internal morality crises.

"We stopped 11 suicides that were not PTSD; they were moral injury," Miller said.

At 90 years old, Miller believes he still has more service to provide. He plans to expand his peer program into Nassau County, and to make change on an even larger scale, he hopes to popularize the term "post-traumatic stress injury" due to stigmas surrounding the word "disorder."

"The difference is, stress in the arm causes a strain; it's an injury," he explained of his preferred terminology. "Any other part of the body, stress causes an injury. Then why doesn't it cause an injury in the brain? When it does.

"I've talked to over 100 vets who've refused medical help primarily because they do not want the label for the rest of their life as having a disorder," he continued.

Every year, the VA releases its "National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report." This year, the report states that in 2020, an average of 16.8 veterans died by suicide every day.

If you're a veteran in crisis or know someone who is, the Veterans Crisis Line offers confidential support 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Dial 988 then press 1 for immediate support.

### Feeling the pulse for the parade

While the parade procession continuously draws overwhelming community participation, only a few hundred spectators lined E. Main Street at this year's event.

"I thought the turnout of the participants was very, very good," Robert Galbraith, commander of the VFW Post 414, said. "I would like to see more of the general public out there, though."

Of course, there are still plenty of stalwarts of the parade and their community's veterans.

"This is what keeps our country together," William Krammer said of the veterans

before they passed him and his wife, Jaime Krammer, and their two children, EJ and Jack. "My 5-year-old is super into this. We come every year; it's extremely important."

Among the crowd at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park was another couple eager to support the veterans of Moriches: Vietnam veteran Miguel Rivera and his wife Kathryn Rivera, of Mastic. After Miguel Rivera was asked to participate in the parade, he and his wife took a drive to the park and realized they had to implement a change.

"We looked up and we said, 'Wow, the flags are kind of sad,'" Kathryn Rivera said of the flags for each branch of the military that flew above the park.

The couple ordered and donated six new branch flags for the park, and Kathryn Rivera, who runs Ribbon Wreaths by Kathryn online, donated four wreaths to match four of the flags. Dennis Hogan of East Moriches donated the additional two wreaths.

After riding through the procession and receiving a thank-you card from a Raynor Country Day School student, Miguel Rivera appeared in good spirits.

"It's beautiful, it's heartwarming," he said of the celebration. "It makes you feel good, appreciative." ■



Brookhaven Town supervisor Ed Romaine addresses the crowd.



The CMHS marching band.  
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Grand marshal Rev. Fred Miller discusses the scourge of veteran suicides.

## WALKWAY: Group gathers in front of Eagle Scout's project

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To fund the new monument and the slates recognizing military conflicts, Mattiolo developed a plan that would also improve the state of the VFW's entryway.

"I used to go to the VFW with my grandfather a lot, and I always noticed the walkway was a little off," Mattiolo said. "We figured we would redo the runway and make a nice monument on the other side."

The now 18-year-old, then entering his senior year at Westhampton Beach High School, began selling walkway pavers to members of the community during the summer of 2021. Pur-



The group gathers at Eagle Scout Louis Mattiolo's project.

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chasers personalized their bricks with engraved names and details of loved ones who served in the military.

As word of the project spread through the community, many people stepped up to support Baer and Mattiolo's vision. Eugene Smith, family friend, galvanized volunteers to install the pavers alongside Mattiolo, and many local businesses lent their services for repairs and beautification.

"In pulling all this together, we had some outside members of the commu-

nity," Baer said. "Irrigation Solutions came and fixed up our entire sprinkler system. John Luthard [of Henry Leuthardt Nurseries] did all of the landscaping for us, planted trees and bushes. Craftsman Fence did all the fencing for us.

"And all of this they did free of charge as their commitment to the veterans," he continued. "It was just such a wonderful thing, and now I think we have a front of our building that we can really be proud of."

For Baer, the community's support for the project represents hope for younger generations of veterans. He and his fellow servicemembers in Vietnam did not receive the homecoming or support all veterans deserve. They strive to prevent this history from repeating itself.

"I think there's a lot more support for the military, for the people that are serving right now," he said. "Right now, it's our era [veterans], from Vietnam, that are welcoming these people home. And we know what we went through, so that's why I think they're getting a much better reception, a 'come on in.'"

After two batches of brick orders, Mattiolo's completed "walkway of heroes" now individually recognizes the service of 250 veterans, and there are still plenty of blank bricks, should anyone else care to recognize a veteran in their life. Looking back, he said he is thankful to all those who made the walkway and the monument possible.

"Honestly, I'm just glad it was able to make an impact on the community and leave a little mark in the town," Mattiolo said. "I'm hoping that it will inspire other people to do Eagle Scout projects like that, where it's less about achieving a rank and more about leaving a mark." ■



VFW Post 414 Commander Robert Galbraith addresses the community.

# FAMILY TREE: Real or fake, which one gets your vote?

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being well received in merry old England. Queen Charlotte, the German-born wife of King George III, had Christmas trees decorated throughout the palace. But credit to advancing the Christmas tree to its current status must be given to Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, who in the mid-1800s, made the Christmas tree the center of their holiday celebrations. In fact, the royal family was featured in a London newspaper in an illustration gathered around the Christmas tree.

The Christmas tree found its way to America, with the arrival of early German settlers. However, the tradition was not initially embraced because of the strict rules of Puritans, who found the Christmas tree to be offensive because of its pagan ties. In some colonies, such as Massachusetts, the holiday was outlawed altogether, and churches were closed on Dec. 25.

Fortunately, for Christmas enthusiasts, cooler heads prevailed, and by the 1800s, Christmas was once again being celebrated, and the Christmas tree had finally taken root. From this pagan tradition sprang a multitude of businesses relating to the Christmas tree, whether it be ornaments or Christmas lights, and of course, the artificial tree.

The Christmas tree had become so popular in Germany in the late 1800s that deforestation became a real and serious threat. In an effort to stop stripping trees from forests, Germans invented the goose-feather tree. These trees were made of real goose feathers that were dyed green and attached to wires, which were then wrapped around a wooden dowl that acted as the tree's trunk. This type of tree became popular everywhere, including in the United States.

But goose-feather trees weren't necessarily the best for hanging ornaments, and by the 1930s, the British inventor of the toilet bowl brush—the Addis group—designed and built a Christmas tree made from the same brush bristles, dyeing them green. This tree was much sturdier and could stand up to a variety of ornaments.

Aluminum trees made their way into the market in the 1950s, enjoying success until “A Charlie Brown Christmas” aired in 1965, again shining the light on the beauty and simplicity of a real Christmas tree.

The artificial tree of today was created in the 1980s, with branches made from PVC plastic, which help these trees look like the real thing. These trees continue to be a mainstay, but are now available with a variety of lights built right into the tree.

## REAL OR FAKE?

While the battle of the Christmas tree rages on, it seems the artificial variety may have a leg up. According to the website Britannia, 85 percent of trees displayed in American households are artificial, per a 2020 survey conducted by the American Christmas Tree Association. And yet, an estimated 25 to 35 million real trees are expected to be sold this season, according to [realChristmasTrees.org](http://realChristmasTrees.org).

Locally, Rob Breutsch, owner and operator of Holly's Garden Center on Montauk Highway in East Moriches, has been preparing for the busy holiday season since the day after Halloween, when he emptied the lot for the arrival of hundreds of fresh-cut trees from Canada. Getting the nursery ready for Christmas tree season takes at least two weeks, said Breutsch, and is one of his busiest sea-



sons, second only to spring.

Selling Christmas trees has been at the root of Holly's business since Breutsch first opened it in 2000, but in the early years, trees would arrive Thanksgiving weekend. Nowadays, Breutsch places his orders even earlier, so that trees can be available for sale the weekend before Thanksgiving.

“In years past, we would bring in our fresh-cut Christmas trees shortly after Thanksgiving, but to keep in time with the current holiday trends, we now bring in our Christmas trees nearly a week before Thanksgiving for customers who like to celebrate Thanksgiving with family along with a live Christmas tree. The day or weekend after Thanksgiving has proved to be a popular time for customers to pick out their fresh-cut live Christmas tree.”

But sometimes, Mother Nature has other plans. This year's shipment of fresh-cut trees was delayed, thanks to the massive snowstorm that hit Canada and Ontario.

“Ordering Christmas trees also comes with its own challenges, such as current economic conditions and weather conditions that are always unpredictable and out of your control,” noted Breutsch.

Whether you're a lover of a pre-lit, artificial tree that can accommodate your holiday ornament collection, or a sucker for the smell of a fresh-cut tree wafting through your house, all Christmas tree aficionados have their own special traditions.

Mastic resident Alicia D'Agostino, for example, has been putting up her artificial tree the day after Thanksgiving, faithfully, for the last 30 years. It is the first of the holiday decorations to be displayed and is a required activity for the whole family. Each family member has certain ornaments they hang, and a new ornament is added to a collection that nears 100.

“It's a tradition that I look forward to every Christmas. I have so many fond memories of decorating the tree with my

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It's a place where friends, wines and spirits meet!

At Spirit Giant of Center Moriches, it's a family affair. You'll find them in the Lidl Supermarket shopping center.

Center Moriches residents Matt and his father Joe Maneri opened the Center Moriches liquor store in 1983 with his brother Peter (who eventually opened his own shop). But the family's rich liquor sales history started even before that. In the 1940's their family owned a liquor store on the Bowery in New York City. Also, Joe's father Charlie was a liquor salesman for Gallo wines.

Matt started his career at the shop in 2006 working side by side with his dad and is now running the day-to-day operations. Their staff has also become family, Tom has worked there for 27 years and David since 2013.

What sets them apart? According to Matt not only is their liquor store clean and organized but they know their customers. The local family prides themselves on providing friendly and knowledgeable service accompanied by great pricing and options for delivery.

"Our customers are actually our friends and neighbors," Matt said. "You will feel the personal touch when you enter the store."

The Maneri's are known for going above and beyond to make their customers happy and if they don't carry something a customer is looking for, they promise to order it for them.

They carry a large selection of local wines and spirits from Long Island & New York State, Italian wines, cordials and bourbons. They offer

wine case discounts of 15 percent, every day. Also, there are wine and spirit tastings weekly and on Tuesdays, seniors are offered a 10 percent discount.

Spirit Giant is entering their 40th year in business and will be planning a big anniversary event next year. Stay tuned for more information. They also want to thank their customers for 40 years of loyal business. If you've never visited their store, you must give them a try.



Meet the spirited helpers Charlie, David, Matt and Tom.



Father and Son Joe & Matt Maneri.



It's been 40 years since Joe Maneri opened his Center Moriches store in 1983.

## What the customers say:

**"Love this store! And the guys who work it, regular guys who always remember your name, I shop there from time to time usually my wife does the shopping, they always give her the best sales, and never let her walk the case out to her car alone. They even saved my wallet that I dropped on the floor, when I came to pick it up ... not a dollar missing! They're honest, fair, friendly, great with customers, and have a great selection of Italian wines and after dinner drinks, I won't shop anywhere else!"**

**"My parents brought me in here as a kid, it was so refreshing to see the same family still owned it, now the owners son works there! It is a nice family run business; they treat their customers like family and will get anything in you ask them for. I asked for a special order for a baby shower and the stuff was there the next day at a significantly lower price then their local competitors."**

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# RECIPES

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**Ron Masera, Center Moriches School District superintendent**  
“I make this one every year around the holidays! It was my dad’s sausage bread recipe and a family favorite,” he said. “Happy holidays!”



**DAD’S SAUSAGE BREAD**

- 3/4 stick dried sausage
- 1/2 stick peperoni
- 1/2 lb provolone cheese
- salt and pepper to taste
- Grated parmesan, Romano and asia go cheeses
- 1lb pizza dough
- olive oil
- Cut up sausage, pepperoni and cheese into very small pieces.
- Roll out pizza dough into rectangle
- Spread sausage, pepperoni and provolone mixture evenly
- Add salt, pepper and grated cheeses
- Roll up as if making a jelly roll
- Dust top with olive oil, making sure dough is completely sealed

• Lay loaf on a cookie sheet  
• Bake at 350 degrees until dough is cooked (About 50 minutes)

**Rich and Kimberly Lehr, Center Moriches residents. Rich is also a member of the CM Fire Department and former scout master for Troop 29 in East Moriches**



**BROCCOLI AND CHEESE CASSEROLE WITH RITZ CRACKERS**

- 4 boxes of frozen chopped broccoli
- 16-ounce block of Velveta cheese (cut into cubes)
- 2 sticks of butter
- 44 Ritz crackers (crush into crumbs)

Cook the broccoli and drain  
Add one stick of melted butter, and

melted cube cheese into the drained broccoli and mix. Transfer to a casserole dish.  
Mix Ritz cracker crumbs with 1 stick of melted butter. Spread on top of the cheese/broccoli mixture.  
Bake at 350 degrees for about 20 minutes.

**Jean Miller, Manorville resident and vice president of the Moriches Squaws**



Jean cooks vegetarian meals in her household, and one of the family favorites is a Polish dish of cabbage and noodles. “It’s delicious, quick and easy,” she said.

**HALUSKI**

- 16-ounce bag of wide or dumpling egg noodles (we use yolkless)
- 1 stick of butter
- 1 cup of vegetable broth
- 1 medium head of cabbage (chopped)

- 2-3 cloves of garlic (finely chopped)
- 1 small onion (chopped)
- 2 carrots (peeled and sliced thin)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cook noodles according to package.  
Melt butter in large skillet. Add onion, cabbage, carrots and garlic. Cook over medium heat and add the vegetable broth. Cook for 15 minutes or until tender, stirring frequently. Add drained noodles to skillet and stir. Add salt and pepper to taste.

**The Baer family  
KIDS’ FAVORITE APPLE FRITTERS**

- Peel core, and slice thin 3-4 apples, set aside

Mix:

- 1 cup of flour
- 1/3 cup of sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 egg
- 2/3-3/4 cup of milk



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# Property purchase passes with slim margins

Center Moriches Schools  
to purchase  
559 Main Street

BY NICOLE FUENTES

Last month, the Center Moriches School District voted to purchase the Mazarakis property, located at 559 Main Street, in an amount not to exceed \$565,000. The vote passed on Tuesday, Nov. 1, with 130 “yes” votes to 119 “no” votes with one voided vote.

The Center Moriches Board of Education then approved a contract to purchase the property for future development to create a safer environment during drop-off and pickup at Clayton Huey Elementary School. The district also stated that the property will be used to enhance the beautification of Main Street by increasing green space.

“We believed it was important for our community to be educated on the project and make an informed decision as to whether or not it would be a prudent purchase for the district,” said superintendent of schools Dr. Ron Masera.

According to the district, the plan will: enable the creation of a safe arrival and dismissal procedure through creation of a kiss-and-go drop-off loop for cars; create opportunity to connect to their sustainability curriculum at the high school and a potential agricultural pathway; and establish 50’-60’ of green space along Main Street by relocating the existing parking lot and community gardens.

The property, which is surrounded by Clayton Huey Elementary School, the District Administration Building and staff parking lot, is currently vacant. The school district was contacted by the owners of the property, who expressed a willingness to sell. The district was concerned about possible blight due to its nature of surrounding the schools on all three sides.

School districts require board of education authorization as well as voter approval when purchasing property. The purchase, which was appraised at \$500,000, will be made through short-term borrowing. The district hired two independent real estate companies to prepare for the purchase and compare the market as well as an independent appraisal company. The contract price of \$500,000 was agreed to with the Mazarakis family, who currently owns the site. The total project with upgrades included is not to exceed \$565,000.

The district will now work with Brookhaven Town officials and architects to develop a site plan. The proposed closing date for the sale was Nov. 28. ■



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The site plan will include green space by relocating the existing parking lot and community gardens. Renderings

# Winter Wonderland at Waterdrinker Family Farm

Classic holiday films theme, open through Dec. 23

BY NICHOLAS GRASSO

Waterdrinker Family Farm's latest seasonal extravaganza immerses attendees in timeless holiday classics and offers enduring wintertime experiences. The farm's Winter Wonderland opened to the public Saturday, Nov. 19, with holiday lights cropping up around the farm in lieu of, well, crops.

While many of the farm's staples are still in place, from mini golf to barnyard animals and a slew of photo-op displays, several new additions imbue winter holiday cheer in the hearts of guests, including a synthetic ice-skating rink, projected holiday films, and campfires.

"People just come from miles around to cozy up by the fire with hot cocoa and s'mores," Marc Weiss, one of the owners of Waterdrinker Family Farm, said. "People enjoy the holiday movies and listen to Christmas music while spending time with the family."

Of course, roasting marshmallows and ice skating isn't just for families and children. Groups of friends flock to the farm and its neighboring brewery, for fun nights out.

"I wanted to come out because it's magical," Miranda McManus, sitting around the campfire with her friends, said.

"We love Waterdrinker; it's bringing us the Christmas spirit very early and we have so much fun here all the time," Kallie Rosario, another friend in the



Winter is on full display at the Waterdrinker Family Farms.

All photos MT/Grasso



Mison McManus, Tiantie Murray, Eric Pelligrino, Miranda McManus, Kallie Rosario and Rob Wood enjoy the outdoors by the fire.

group, added. "After the fire, we will be going to the brewery to grab a drink."

The campfire setup is encased in a series of aluminum Airstream campers with decked-out halls, courtesy of another member of the Weiss clan.

"They're all vintage camping Airstreams; we got six of them set up," Weiss said. "The inside of each is decorated with slightly different decorations, but all holiday themed. This is really my Uncle Wayne's; he's been collecting Airstreams for years, and Waterdrinker is kind of the perfect spot for the holidays to showcase them and let people enjoy them."

The outdoor arrangement boasts another personal touch from Wayne

Weiss: a series of props perfect for photo ops from the 1983 classic "A Christmas Story."

"'A Christmas Story' is one of my uncle's favorites," Weiss said. "We recreated the scene when he's changing the tire and he starts cursing... and of course, the famous leg lamp."

In the farm's greenhouse, the Waterdrinker staff turned to another Christmas classic for inspiration for a new holiday light walk-through: "A Christmas Carol."

"We've always done the spooky walk, so we're good at building things quickly," Weiss said. "Leslie Merkert was a huge part of putting the 'Christmas Carol' house of lights together, and Sierra

The Winter Wonderland, which runs through Dec. 23, is open five days a week, Wednesdays and Thursdays 12-6 p.m., Fridays 12-8 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Seidler made the giant Ghost of Christmas Present."

"We just wanted a space that's always nice and warm and inviting. We darkened out the greenhouse so that it's always lit, so any time of day you'll see the holiday lights."

Before they enter the Dickensian light show, patrons pass through the farm's gift barn, loaded with poinsettias, figurines, and other decorations anyone needs to deck the halls. Guests can also catch a Rankin/Bass stop-motion Christmas classic while they enjoy the company of indoor barnyard animals, from Finn the goat to tortoises Zeus and Hercules.

Across the way, in the Long Island Farm Brewery, guests can order up one of two new brews perfect for the holiday season. The Lighten Up winter ale is imbued with maple syrup, vanilla and winter spices, and the Perfect S'mores pastry stout boasts a chocolaty taste with notes of graham cracker, milk, and marshmallow. ■



Couples also enjoyed the ice-skating rink.

# March of the Goblins returns to Main Street

BY NICHOLAS GRASSO

Michael Myers, Winifred "Winnie" Sanderson, and even a pair of dead prom queens haunted Main Street in Center Moriches on Halloween.

The Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches hosted their annual March of the Goblins safe trick-or-treating event for children of all ages this Halloween. While there were few goblins on the prowl, several trick-or-treaters were costumed as notable second bananas Patrick Star and Luigi Mario, Marvel favorites Spider-Man and Spider Gwen and other caped crusaders, including the mother-daughter duo of Tori Rowland and 5-year-old Taylor Rowland, both dressed as Batman.

"I live down the block, so we come here every year; it's always so fun," Tori Rowland said. "I'd rather go to Main Street than go house-to-house."

Like the Rowlands, many of the hundreds of families demanding sweets—or else—creeped down Main Street for the convenience as well as the fun. Others

choose the event over traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating for the safe and welcoming atmosphere.

"Everybody is so friendly, and I think it's safe here because the street is closed," said Alyssa Macomber of Manorville, chaperoning her children Jaxon and Austin, dressed as James P. "Sulley" Sullivan and Mike Wazowski from "Monsters Inc.," alongside her husband Mike. "Everybody is so happy here. We did it last year, too."

For the business owners handing out candy, the safe Halloween event offers a chance to introduce new potential customers to their boutiques and services.

"It's awesome for the community to be so alive," Samantha Hillkewicz, who owns Boulevard Florist, dressed as Minnie Mouse, said. "I love seeing everyone and it's nice for the kids."

"It's good for us business owners, too," she continued. "I've had a few people come and say, 'I didn't even know you were here, could I look around your store?'"

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# Annual Holiday Parade of Lights

Saturday, Dec. 10

BY NICOLE FUENTES

The Center Moriches Fire Department will be hosting its annual Holiday Parade of Lights on Saturday, Dec. 11. The event starts at 6 p.m. and will make its way through Main Street.

It's a family-oriented parade, which attracts thousands to Center Moriches each year. There are around 100 community groups involved, including fire departments, EMS, scouts, and more. And of course, Santa will be making an appearance aboard a Center Moriches fire truck at the end of the parade.



"The Center Moriches FD Holiday Parade of Lights is a timeless family tradition," Bill Renzetti, Center Moriches FD parade chairman, said. "It's nice after COVID to have the traditional Main Street parade back. It's nice to see all the kids' smiling faces."

There's a committee of about 10 people behind the scenes planning the parade and about 15 who help it run smoothly on the day. Judges will be on hand looking closely at all the floats to see who will earn a trophy. Some of the awards include best fire/EMS apparatus, best community group, and more. This year's judges are Miriam Gillies of the chamber, Brookhaven Town supervisor Ed Romaine, and Center Moriches resident Sarah Townsen.

For more information on the parade, contact 631-878-0089 or [parade@Center-morichesfd.com](mailto:parade@Center-morichesfd.com). ■

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The Center Moriches Library will again be hosting the United States Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. The donation boxes are located in the hallway and the library, where people can place donations of new, unwrapped toys to help a child in need. The boxes will be available until Monday, Dec. 19.

The library will also be hosting a teen holiday donuts event on Dec. 8 at 6 p.m., family gingerbread house for ages 3 through high school seniors on Dec. 12 at 9 a.m., poinsettia and stemless-glass painting on Dec. 14 at 6 p.m., grab-and-go hot chocolate cookie cups on Dec. 19 at 9 a.m., and holiday cupcake wars for children on Dec. 20 at 4:30 p.m. For the full list of events, visit [centermoriches-library.org](http://centermoriches-library.org).

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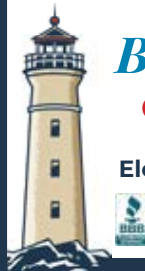


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# Help them wrap!

BY NICOLE FUENTES

## Moriches Community Center, family support

The Moriches Community Center will be shopping for Christmas. All items are then donated to families identified as “in-need” by the district.

Those interested in lending a hand can do so monetarily through donations or by volunteering their time to shop. To make a donation or to adopt a child, visit [morichescommunitycenter.org](http://morichescommunitycenter.org).

The community gift-wrapping day will

take place on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 8 to 11 a.m. The event is volunteer-run and allows those who want to help the opportunity to do so. About 75 families are aided through the program.

### HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

#### Holiday Tree & Menorah Lighting, Friday, Dec. 9

The annual tree lighting and menorah lighting will take place at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Center Moriches at the Cen-

ter Moriches Square Shopping Center. There will be a performance by students from Center Moriches High School chorus. There will be an appearance by Santa Claus, and hot chocolate and cookies. The tree will feature a lighting ceremony. Also, the local synagogue will conduct a small ceremony. All are welcome.

#### Rotary Breakfast with Santa, Sunday, Dec. 11

The Moriches Rotary Club's Breakfast with Santa will be held at Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck from 9 a.m. to noon. Tickets are \$6 for kids, \$8 seniors and \$10 for adults, and can be purchased at the door. Pictures with Santa will also be available.

Winter Wonderland, Sunday, Dec. 11

The second annual festival will celebrate the winter season with holiday characters, photo ops, local vendors, live music and food trucks. The event, which will take place on Main Street in Center Moriches from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., also provides an opportunity to enjoy the local shops and restaurants.

#### District Rotary 7255, Share the Blessings program

District Rotary 7255 Passport Club also has plans to continue their Share the Blessings program. According to leader Janice Graf, every two weeks the club distributes basic needs and food to families who live at local campsites, serving about 30 to 50 people, including about 40 children. ■

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Please send in your nomination with a brief outline of what the nominee has done and how they can be reached to: *Tide of Moriches and Manorville*, 20 Medford Ave., Patchogue, NY 11772. Email nominations should be sent to the editor at [nicoleallegrezza@gmail.com](mailto:nicoleallegrezza@gmail.com). We will notify this year's winners and our readers in the February edition.

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## SANTA COMES TO LONGWOOD OLD FASHIONED SLEIGH RIDES & HOT COCOA - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3; 11:00AM-2:00PM

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•\$5.00 per child (Ages 12 & under)

## HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16; 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Every December, all five JVC radio stations, My Country 96.1, LI News Radio 103.9, Party 105.3, La Fiesta 98.5 and Oldies 98.1, broadcast from the lobby at Town Hall. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for a child in need.

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# Incumbent Fred Thiele reelected

## Clean Water Proposition passes

BY NICOLE FUENTES

In the New York State Assembly First District, incumbent Fred Thiele Jr. had a tight race, with 55 percent of the vote against Peter Ganley, who had 44 percent of the vote, or 28,441 votes, to Ganley's 23,475 votes.

Thiele is a lifelong resident of Sag Harbor, where he currently lives with his wife, NancyLynn. He has three children and three grandchildren.

He is a 1971 graduate of Pierson High School and attended Cornell University and is a 1976 graduate of Southampton College of Long Island University. In 1979, he received his law degree from Albany Law School. In 1980, he was admitted to the bar in the State of New York.

He began his career in government service in 1975 after he was selected by his college to participate in the New

York State Assembly Intern Program. Upon graduation from law school in 1979, he became counsel to then-assemblyman John Behan of Montauk. From 1982-1987, he was Southampton town attorney. In 1987, he was elected to the Suffolk County Legislature. In 1991, Thiele was elected as an Independent to serve as Southampton Town supervisor. In 1995, he was then elected to the New York State Assembly to fill the seat vacated by assemblyman John Behan. Thiele is currently serving his 13th term in the New York State Assembly. Thiele has also been very involved in transportation with a focused on affordable housing. He also serves as the chairman of the Assembly Local Governments Committee and serves as a member of the Rules Committee, Environmental Conservation Committee, Oversight, Analysis and Investigation Committee, and Transportation Committee.

Kathy Hochul was victorious for the New York State Governor seat in the most anticipated race of the evening, with 52.73 percent (3,022,429 votes), beat-

ing out Republican opponent Lee Zeldin, who received 47.27 percent (2,709,903 votes).

Also, the 2022 Statewide Ballot Proposal, Proposition No. 1, passed with overwhelming numbers with 69.1 percent of the vote, or over 2.9 million 'yes' votes to the 1.2 million 'no' votes, on Tuesday, Nov. 8. The proposition will allow the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 to address and combat the impact of climate change and damage to the environment by authorizing the sale of state bonds up to four billion two hundred million dollars to fund environmental protection, natural restoration, resiliency, and clean energy projects.

Now that the proposition has passed, the act will allow the state to borrow up to \$4,200,000,000 to provide funding for capital projects for restoration and flood risk reduction (at least \$1,100,000,000), open space land conservation and recreation (up to \$650,000,000), climate change mitigation (up to \$1,500,000,000), and water quality improvement and resilient



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infrastructure (at least \$650,000,000).

The proposal also will allow the state to refund the debt to take advantage of lower interest by allowing the comptroller to issue additional state bonds in sums up to or exceeding the amount of the bonds initially issued to refund, to advance refund, or otherwise to repay part or all of such bonds prior to the scheduled dates of their maturity. ■

## FAMILY TREE: Local weigh in

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husband and kids, who are now 28 and 23 years old," said D'Agostino. "We play Christmas music and drink hot cocoa, and it's just a magical time."

For the Denton family of Center Moriches, getting a real tree has always been the way to go.

"My family is and will always be a real tree family," said Rose Denton. "Our

tradition started when my first child (my husband) refused to get a fake tree. It then became an all-day excursion the day after Thanksgiving, with our then two young boys. With hot cocoa and snacks in hand, we would head to the tree farm with our saw blade ready to cut down the most beautiful tree we could find. It wasn't always an easy

task, especially with young children, but their father insisted it had to be a fresh-cut tree."

There are those folks who don't discriminate at all—they put up a real and artificial Christmas tree. Center Moriches Children's Library director Margie DeCaro puts up her artificial tree Thanksgiving weekend, and then

a real one, closer to Christmas. But for Marisa Vicari of Center Moriches, there's no question of what kind of tree she will be displaying this holiday season.

"Fake," she said. "No need to string lights, no need to water, no need to vacuum, and no need to drag needles from the living room to the street." ■

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From Our Family to Yours...



KEITH’S CORNER

It’s the most wonderful time of the year!



Pictured with Keith is senior Benjamin Dench, who is doing a toy drive through Dec. 15 to benefit Helping Makes U Happy. Donation locations for the toy drive are: Clayton Huey Main Office, CM Middle School Lobby, CM High School Lobby, and 14 Wesley Street. We always have lots of children who are referred to us in the hopes that Santa will be good to them, and we also get lots of last-minute requests, so this will be a real blessing to us. Right now, we are busy going over the lists, purchasing items, recruiting shoppers and wrappers, and adopting out families as people ask to help. We will also be filling boxes with food for Christmas dinners, as we normally do. If you are interested in being one of our happy helpers, please contact us at 631-848-9008. Keith is very thrilled to be representing Santa at the 2022 Dream Big Holiday Benefit held on Dec. 2 at Stereo Garden in Patchogue. He’s hoping that the attendees will fill Santa’s sack for folks in need. This benefit is a won-

derful event put together by American Dream Abstract to benefit a deserving nonprofit. Last year, Helping Makes U Happy was the chosen charity, and we were delighted to be asked if we’d participate this year! We will also be donating toys to the SCPD 7th Precinct COPE officers for their Christmas breakfast for local children whose families need a helping hand, which is something we try to do every year. We are looking forward to the CMFD’s Parade of Lights on Dec. 10, and the Chamber of Commerce’s Winter Wonderland Festival on Dec. 11. On Dec. 14 at 2:30 p.m., we are going to be so pleased to be reactivating the Holiday Boutique, a free shopping event for the residents of Oasis Nursing Home. It really warms the heart to do this for the residents, and if you’d like to help with setup or cleanup, please give us a call. We are also accepting donations of any new items for this event. Wishing you all the most blessed holiday ever!

MORICHES BAY GARDEN CLUB

Wishing you a happy holiday season



The MBGC wishes everyone a very happy holiday season. We have had an active, full schedule year. Some highlights were visiting three national parks with guided tours and several public gardens, including the daffodil fields at Bayard Cutting Arboretum. We had interesting speakers at our meetings and participated in the Second District flower show. Our last event is to

celebrate ourselves and welcome a new board; this we will do at Trumpets on the Bay, and then we will go into a brief hibernation period. We’ll see you again in March, and remember, we are always happy to welcome new members. Call Diane for information: 631-325-1828. -Maureen Pollack

Passport Rotary Club food drive

The Passport Rotary Club conducted their second food drive of the season at the Shirley Stop and Shop supermarket. To streamline items for food donation, the club prepared a well-researched flyer with information of aisles where the desired items were located and that were on sale at the supermarket. All proceeds from the food drive will be distributed to local food pantries that serve the economically challenged members of the community in time for Thanksgiving. The response from the community was extremely positive and heartfelt, and all the food storage containers were filled to overflowing.

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LETTERS

A successful Veterans Day parade

I would like to thank the many people who made our Veterans Parade a success, especially EMFD, Art Gerhauser, George Kreuscher, and Jimmy

Osborne, who have been with me since we started in 2019. Also, Robin Penny Leuthsrdt and MaryAnn Reid/Davis, who are my right hand the last two years; I certainly have an outstanding, caring group of individuals. There are

many, many others who have helped in multiple ways, either by donations or their time, and I thank you all. However, biggest thank you is to our veterans, including our grand marshal Rev. Fred Miller. It is an honor for me to chair

this event. Never forget, and hopefully more people will join us on Memorial and Veterans Day.”

Thank you, Miriam Gillies



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## AROUND TOWN

### Friday, December 9

**Tree Lighting** – Moriches' 2022 tree lighting event will take place from 7 to 8 p.m. at the King Kullen Shopping Center, 552 Montauk Highway. Free admission.

### Saturday, December 10

**Carpenter's Holiday Tribute** – The Carpenters perform the best of the Carpenters music from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Center Moriches Library. Admission is free, but please register at [centermoricheslibrary.org](http://centermoricheslibrary.org) or call 631-878-0940.

**Parade of Lights** – The Center Moriches Fire Department annual holiday parade of lights will start at 6 p.m. A map of the route can be viewed at [moricheschamber.org](http://moricheschamber.org)

### Sunday, December 11

**Winter Wonderland Festival** – The Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches will hold their second annual festival on Main Street, which will be closed, in Center Moriches from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring holiday characters, photo ops, local vendors, live music and food trucks. Enjoy the local shops and restaurants. Free admission.

**Library Concert** – The Mixology Band will perform hits from the '60s, '70s '80s and '90s with a mix of holiday songs at Center Moriches Library, 2-3:30 p.m. Register online or call 631-878-0940.

### Friday, December 16

**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.

### Saturday, December 24

**Community Christmas Services** – South Bay Bible Church of East Moriches will hold two services at 3 pm and 5 pm which will feature and indoor, candlelight sing-along of familiar carol. Battery-operated candles will be provided and the service will last about an hour. For more information, call 631-909-8241. All are welcome.

### Tuesday, December 27

**Stroke Support Club** – Peconic Bay Medical Center hosts survivors and caregivers to discuss rehabilitation, physical therapy, support and mindfulness exercises. Email [dlyburt@northwell.edu](mailto:dlyburt@northwell.edu) or [csaxtein@northwell.edu](mailto:csaxtein@northwell.edu) for more information.

### Of Note ...

**Tell Us About Your Event** – We print local events free of charge for the towns of Moriches, Center Moriches, East Moriches,

and Manorville, for our "AROUND TOWN" section. For inclusion, please submit information by no later than the 15th of the month prior to the event.

**Volunteers Needed** – Assist with general office duties at Parents for Megan's Law and the Crime Victims Center. Fax your resume with three references to 751-1695. For more information call 631-689-2672.

**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.

**COVID-19 Emotional Support** – New Horizon Counseling Center and NY Project Hope provides free, anonymous, and confidential support. Call 855-818-HOPE (4673) or visit [www.NHCC.US](http://www.NHCC.US).

**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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**Volunteer Advocates Needed** – Family Service League is seeking volunteers to train as advocates for adult-care residents. Volunteer Ombudspersons visit residents weekly to ensure quality of life. For information, call 631-470-6756 or email [jwrikula@fsl-li.org](mailto:jwrikula@fsl-li.org).

**Volunteers Needed** – Suffolk County Helen Keller Services seeks individuals to visit homebound blind and elderly people. Read mail, socialize and transport. For more information, call 631-424-0022.

## YEARS AGO

### 75 Years Ago

DECEMBER 1947

With a large and enthusiastic crowd at the Center Moriches High School auditorium, the long-awaited Fashion Show, sponsored by the Susanna Wesley Circle of the Methodist Church in Center Moriches, was presented, with **Mrs. Doris Austin** as the master of ceremonies. Models included Virginia O'Connell, **Jody O'Connell**, **Mrs. Christine Terry** and **Mrs. Peggy Jaro**, who wore beautiful lounging robes by **Mrs. Josephine Daddario** of the Cottage Dress Shop.

A monstrous clam, weighing 2 pounds, 6 ounces, believed to be the largest ever fished up in this area, was found in the bay of Remsenburg by Speonk bayman **Clinton Tuttle**.

**Murray Bernstein**, a lifelong resident of Center Moriches, is the latest arrival to the fast-growing lineup of new businesses in Center Moriches with his new venture, Comfort Footwear, which will present the widest possible variety of the latest styling in women's, men's, and children's shoes.

The Class of '48 at Center Moriches High School drew large attendance for their production of "What A Life," produced by the senior class under the direction of **Carmela Magnatta** and **C. Belle Thomas**, faculty and advisors.

Center Moriches Teen Towners were entertained with an exhibition of hypnotism and magic by **Sidney Reiss**, a well-known stage and radio entertainer, at the American Legion clubhouse on Senix Avenue. Hostesses for the evening included **Mrs. Emmet Hait**, **Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Carman**, of East Moriches; **Dr. Milton Schlein**, **Mrs. Carl Schmidt**, **Meyer Reiss** and **Arthur Wilcox**, all of Center Moriches.

The Moriches Devils scored a decisive 30-12 win over the Bayport gridders, sparkplugged long runs by **Bob Rumph** and the accurate passing of **Sam Meyer**.

The 10th anniversary celebration of the Choral Society of the Moriches was held at the Moriches Woman's Club-

house, Lake Avenue, Center Moriches, with more than 100 guests in attendance. A long table, beautifully set with silver services and crystal, was presided over by past presidents of the Choral Society, **Mrs. Lillian Bliss** of Center Moriches and **Mrs. Edith Warner** of Eastport. **Mrs. Jean Oakes**, of East Moriches, made a presentation of a gorgeous corsage to **Mrs. Edna Kaler Gracey**, founder and conductor of the choral society.

In the annual election of officers of the East Moriches School Stamp Club, **Robert Warner** was named president; **Marion Raynor**, vice president; **Hope Skarka**, secretary; and **Miriam Zilli**, treasurer.

Members of the Buttercup Patrol, Girl Scout Troop 13, Center Moriches, held a combined Christmas and surprise birthday party for **Louise Russel**, who celebrated her 13th birthday.

The Ladies Auxiliary, Victory Post 414, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of Center Moriches, visited Northport Veterans' Hospital and distributed packages to its 102 veteran residents. Members of the auxiliary who participated in this event were **Mrs. Florence Blind**, **Mrs. Ruth Townsend**, **Mrs. Florence Hoyt**, **Mrs. Ruth Shiminsky**, **Mrs. Martha Edwards**, and **Mrs. Elsie Hoyt**, all of Center Moriches.

Playing in December at **The Center Moriches Theatre**: Katharine Hepburn and Paul Henreid in "Song of Love"; Lana Turner and Van Heflin in "Green Dolphin Street"; and Spencer Tracy and Lana Turner in "Cass Timberlane."

### 50 Years Ago

DECEMBER 1972

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the Moriches Bay area, as members of the Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches are in the process of placing a number of wreaths in all parts of Center and East Moriches. Among the chamber members who are placing the wreaths are **Bill Mohrmann**, **Lenny Perrier** and **Ronald Leonard**, who hung a wreath on a pole at the corner of Senix Avenue in Center



December 1972: The East Moriches eagle statue on the front lawn of the Old East Moriches School is regarded with awe by students and their teacher, Eugene Horton. The statue, a memorial for World War I, has been given a new coat of paint by Carl Lucas Jr., a local resident. The eagle was originally sculpted by Theophilus Brouwer, of Westhampton, in 1923.

Moriches.

**Douglas Maret**, a fifth-grade student, is the winner of the East Moriches Spelling Bee, defeating the top students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades in the school. Douglas clinched his title by spelling the word "abdicate." **Mrs. Linda Merwitz** is helping him to prepare for the upcoming contest against representatives of other local schools.

Among the members of the Center Moriches High School band and chorus who are rehearsing for their winter concert, under the direction of **Gary Conklin**, band, and **Maurice Kemp**, chorus, are **Carl Bruno** on percussion, and **Linda Stenrock** and **Chuck Vosganian** in the chorus.

Two scouts from Center Moriches Boy Scout Troop 414, **Terry Healy** and **Hank Kurz**, were honored at an Eagle Scout Court of

Honor at the St. John the Evangelist R.C. Church.

The Center Moriches Free Library was the recipient of two gifts useful to those with visual impairments. Presented by **Gene Mazza** of the Moriches Lions Club were a number of print magnifiers. **John Mesiano**, also a Lions Club member, gave the library a braille typewriter, which will be extremely valuable to persons in this area who are visually impaired.

Eastport School nurse **Mrs. Dorothy Magnani** congratulated **Laura Cowan**, a student at Eastport High School, for winning a New York State Regents Scholarship in nursing.

Playing in December at local United Artist Theatres: Burt Lancaster, Dean Martin and Helen Hayes in "Airport."

- Compiled by Vanessa Graniello



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NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CASE 20-T-0617

NOTICE OF FILING OF SUNRISE WIND LLC'S PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION PLAN FOR THE SUNRISE WIND NEW YORK CABLE PROJECT

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, on November 18, 2022,** pursuant to Article VII of the New York Public Service Law (the "PSL"), Sunrise Wind LLC (the "Applicant"), a 50/50 joint venture between Orsted North America Inc. and Eversource Investment LLC, will file a copy of its proposed Phase I Environmental Management and Construction Plan ("EM&CP") with the New York State Public Service Commission (the "NYSPPSC") related to the Sunrise Wind New York Cable Project (the "Project"). The Project will deliver power from the Sunrise Wind Farm ("SRWF")—which is under a 25-year Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificate ("OREC") contract with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority ("NYSERDA")—located in federal waters on the Outer Continental Shelf, to the existing electrical grid in New York State.

Construction associated with Phase I of the Project includes: the establishment of several lay-down yards and work areas necessary to construct the Project, civil works at the Project's new onshore converter station (the "OnCS-DC"), certain civil works in New York State Department of Transportation-controlled rights of way, the installation and use of certain equipment in the Intercoastal Waterway adjacent to the Smith Point County Park, and expansion work at the existing Holbrook Substation. All of the work associated with Phase I of the Project will occur in the Town of Brookhaven. The Applicant intends to file its post-Phase I EM&CP(s), which will cover the remainder of the scope of the Project, in 2023. The post-Phase I EM&CP(s) will similarly include the opportunity for public review and comment prior to approval.

PHASE I EM&CP

The EM&CP describes the construction procedures and environmental protection measures proposed to be used for the Project, including but not limited to: the location of the Project, proposed construction methods, construction notifications, vegetation removal, traffic management, noise minimization, water quality standards, contaminated soil and water handling, stormwater management, terrestrial and marine rare, threatened, and endangered species protections, and many other measures to be implemented during the construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of the Project. SRW developed the EM&CP in conformance with the requirements of the conditions appended to the Project's Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need ("CECPN") and in consultation with the New York State Department of Public Service, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Department of State, New York State Department of Transportation, and the Town of Brookhaven.

An electronic version of the EM&CP will be available for public inspection online on the NYSPPSC's Document and Matter Management page by searching Case 20-T-0617 at the following location: [http://www.dps.ny.gov/New\\_Search.html](http://www.dps.ny.gov/New_Search.html)

Copies of the EM&CP will be available for inspection at:

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SCHOOL NEWS

EASTPORT-SOUTH MANOR

TOP YEARBOOK DESIGN

The artwork of Eastport-South Manor Jr.-Sr. High School student Emily Tracy was chosen for the cover of the 2022-2023 Junior High School Yearbook. Tracy's design was one of more than 100 photos or designs submitted for this honor and was chosen by the members of the Junior High Yearbook Club. Emily's bold and colorful design depicted various symbols representing aspects of the junior high school's educational and extracurricular programs. Emily said her goal was to represent as many aspects of the school as possible.



STUDENTS LOOK TO THE FUTURE

The gymnasium resonated with excitement as juniors and seniors took a step toward their futures through attendance at the annual college fair, held on Nov. 2. More than 100 representatives from colleges and universities across the East Coast were in attendance to pitch their educational and athletic programs to perspective students. The college fair is just one opportunity for students to plan their post-secondary future. In mid-September and October, seniors participated in conferences with their guidance counselors, with junior conferences starting in November. Junior Parent Night will also be held on Nov. 15 to help prepare juniors on the planning and application process.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A RIVER

The Eastport-South Manor Jr.-Sr. High School Introduction to Science Research class participated in the 2022 Day in the Life of a River program at Calverton's Peconic River in October. The district's students were among hundreds of student-researchers from more than a dozen schools who gathered at various places along the Peconic River system to measure water quality, biodiversity and the physical characteristics of the river system.



After results were collected, the students submitted the data, which is then used by stakeholders for planning and for making decisions regarding the river and the impacts of humans on Long Island's environment. The student-researchers also collected aquatic macroinvertebrate samples for a DNA barcoding analysis of biodiversity. Advanced Placement Biology and science research teacher Robert Bolen said that district students have participated in this program for the past decade, making them stewards of the local environment.

CENTER MORICHES



The school district honored their veterans on Nov. 10. The NSSBA executive director Bob Vecchio also hosted an informative evening to explore opportunities for collaboration and partnerships in a new and growing industry on Long Island last month. And—Red Devils signed to colleges, including: Jack Breutsch, St John's Golf; Jess Rosen, East Stroudsburg Soccer; Emily Passaro Keiser, Lacrosse; Charlotte Castiglione, Stetson Lacrosse; Lauren Spivak, Kutztown Lacrosse; Megan Magill, Wingate Lacrosse; Kaley Maxwell, Bridgeport Lacrosse.



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