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BMX stunt performers perform at EMS

The East Moriches School District recently hosted the BMX Stuntmasters as part of a school safety grant for the School Bus Stop Arm Program. The funding was provided to promote traffic safety. Rather than using the funding for generic signage, the district wanted

to do something creative and meet the kids at their level.

“We have a very active community and a large amount of students who are avid bike riders. It is important to us to not only teach kids about being safe, but to inspire them to want to respect

the rules of the road,” said Edward C. Schneyer, principal of East Moriches Elementary School, who enjoyed the event. “Safety is East Moriches School District’s highest priority.”

The BMX Stuntmasters performed for

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Main Street flowers

CM Beautification Organization gets to work

BY PATRICIA KALOSKI

It’s been said that April showers bring May flowers, but on Main Street in Center Moriches, it’s the hardworking members and volunteers of the Downtown Center Moriches Beautification Organization who are responsible for the flowering baskets that adorn the decorative streetlamps lining the sidewalks of the bucolic downtown. Since its establishment in 2007, this organization has made sure that Main Street is beautified with seasonal flowers, which the organization says helps create a welcoming atmosphere.

But the job comes with its challenges, said organization officials Mark Danowski and Gerry Sapanaro, noting that the flower baskets don’t hang themselves, water themselves, or pay for themselves. Both agree the program may be taken for granted, with folks not realizing what goes on behind the scenes to make it a success.

With an annual budget of \$5,000, flowers are usually purchased from Kurt Weiss Nurseries at a wholesale price; the nursery also hangs and removes the baskets on Main Street. Weekly maintenance is provided by volunteers, who water them throughout the seasons in a golf cart purchased by the organization through a Suffolk County grant some years ago.

Over the years, beautification members have brainstormed ideas to raise money to help offset the cost of the flower basket program, from direct mailings to a music bingo fundraising event. And while donations have been collected, members maintain that there’s never enough to fully fund the program, especially with escalating costs.

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Top 2 at Center Moriches High School

Center Moriches High School recently announced Jillian Ryan as its Class of 2023 valedictorian and Emma Morris as its salutatorian.

Ryan has a 104.99 GPA and will be attending Cornell University majoring in environmental engineering. Morris has a 104.18 GPA and will be attending Providence College majoring in biology.

Ryan is a well-rounded student who excels in the classroom and is involved in several extracurricular activities. She currently serves as the vice president of the Class of 2023, where she collaborates with her peers to organize fundraisers. Her academic excellence has led to her involvement in six honor societies: the National Honor Society, English Honor Society, Foreign Language Honor Society, Math Honor Society and Science Honor Society. Throughout her high school career, Ryan has consistently been named to the Academic High Honor Roll and has been recognized as an AP Scholar with Honors. Her extracurricular involvement extends to the Ecology Club, Friends and Buddies Club, Future Teachers' Club and Peer Leadership Club.

Ryan is an active member of the Center Moriches community. She is a volunteer with the Moriches Bay Project, where she helped improve the water quality of the Moriches Bay through fundraisers and beach cleanups. Addi-



tionally, Ryan is a manager at Barn Blue family farm and a head counselor at Pony Camp, where she gives horseback-riding lessons and teaches children how to care for animals.

Salutatorian Emma Morris is an exceptional student who is highly involved in Center Moriches athletics. She is the president of the Science Honor Society and a member of five other honor societies, including the National Honor Society. Outside of the classroom, Morris is an accomplished student-athlete as a member of the varsity basketball and softball teams. Morris has received several post-season honors in both sports, including all-county and all-division designations. Additionally, she was named an all-county academic athlete by Section XI.

Morris is involved in many Center Moriches community organizations. She is a softball counselor for the Moriches Bay Little League Clinic, a basketball counselor for the Moriches Youth Organization, and currently serves as a Town of Brookhaven baseball scorekeeper.

The district congratulates Ryan and Morris for achieving the top academic honors of the Class of 2023 and wishes them the best in their future endeavors. ■

Photos courtesy of the Center Moriches School District

Top of their class at ESM

The Eastport-South Manor Central School District recently announced Benjamin Michael Isaacson and Fiona Katherine Schlegel as the 2023 valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.

Benjamin is a National Merit Finalist, an Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction, and a member of the National Honor Society and English Honor Society. He is also a member of the World Language Honor Society, where he serves as French president.

An avid and accomplished musician, Benjamin served as band drum major, is co-leader of the a cappella group, and plays the keyboard in the school's pit orchestra. He is also a member of the jazz band and the Tri-M Music Honor Society. During the course of his high school tenure, Benjamin has been selected for clarinet to the National Association for Music Education All-National Honors Ensembles and to the New York State School Music Association All-State and Suffolk County Music Educators' Association All-County festivals.

Benjamin is also talented in the areas of mathematics and science, having received a merit award from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for distinction in these subject areas. He is also a student mentor for peers learning kidOYO and was a recipient of kidOYO's Arie E. Kaufman Service



Eastport-South Manor Jr.-Sr. High School students Benjamin Michael Isaacson and Fiona Katherine Schlegel were named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the Class of 2023.

Photo courtesy of the Eastport-South Manor Central School District

Award. Benjamin is also co-captain of the Hackathon Team. He plans on continuing his study of the sciences by applying his skills to the study of neuroscience once he graduates from high school.

As salutatorian, Fiona is a National Merit Commended Student and an Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction. She is also a member of the English Honor Society and the National Honor Society, as well as Spanish treasurer of the World Language Honor Society.

Fiona is also an avid musician, playing violin for the chamber orchestra and pit orchestra and as a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Other extracurricular pursuits include her office as treasurer of the yearbook. She is also a celebrated Girl Scout, having received the Gold Torch Community Service Award.

Fiona is also an accomplished two-sport athlete and plays varsity soccer and lacrosse. She was recently named a scholar-athlete for excelling both on and off the field.

During her junior year, Fiona was nominated for a University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award for demonstrating exceptional promise in science. She said she plans on studying genetics upon entering college. ■



Local high schools to celebrate graduation

Eastport-South Manor will celebrate graduation on the football field at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 23. The rehearsal will be held the day prior on Thursday, June 22. Center Moriches High School will hold their graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 24 at 10 a.m.

A bargain hunter's paradise

Manorville Historical Society thrift store offers unique finds

BY GARY HABER

It's a Wednesday morning in May, and a steady stream of shoppers enter the bargain hunter's paradise that is the Manorville Historical Society Thrift Store.

Racks of clothing line one wall. Shelves piled high with classic board games—Monopoly, Mystery Date and Mad Libs—line another. Tables filled with glassware, china and porcelain figurines fill the center of the room.

If you need a shower rod or a set of "Honeymooners" VHS tapes and don't want to pay retail, this is the place.

"If there's something you want that we don't have, wait until next week," said

Aggie Pearo, the Manorville Historical Society's president.

Prices range from 50 cents for a pair of earrings to \$3 and up for a pair of shoes. Clothing is \$1 to \$5.

The store is a major source of revenue for the historical society, which is housed in the former West Manor School, a restored two-room schoolhouse built in 1929. The society uses the proceeds from the store to help pay for upkeep and maintenance of the building, including a new roof and gutters, as well as window repairs and a new memorial bench.

"This is where the money goes, to keep the building going," Pearo said.

Pearo runs the thrift shop with the help of a team of volunteers, including her husband Matthew, the society's vice president. She rings up the sales and cheerfully chats up the customers, many of whom are regulars, like Jim Barry of East Moriches.

Barry, who has been shopping every

Wednesday for the past five years, said he appreciates the rock-bottom prices and the eclectic assortment of merchandise.

"It's cheaper, closer, and it's more unique [than a shopping mall]," he said.

"You never know what you're going to find," said Barry, whose purchases included a picture frame, toy tank, and a pair of baseballs for his baseball collection.

For some shoppers, the store is a place to find material for their art projects.

Jane McCarthy, of Mastic, shops about once a month for dolls she uses to create the goth-style figures she sells at local craft fairs.

"I get a lot of my dolls from here," McCarthy said.

John Ryan, of East Quogue, is another regular shopper. Ryan, who collects kitchen gadgets, said he appreciates how the older items he finds here are so durable.

If you go

What: Manorville Historical Society Thrift Store

Where: West Manor School, 50 North Street, Manorville

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"You can't get stuff like this in the store anymore," said Ryan, whose purchases included a pair of stainless-steel salt-and-pepper shakers.

A tiny chalkboard at the front of the store displays what could be the shoppers' credo: "The item you saw today and want to think about tonight will be sold later to the person who saw it yesterday and thought about it last night." ■



Aggie Pearo, president of the Manorville Historical Society, runs the thrift store with the help of volunteers, including her husband, Matthew. The store is constantly receiving new donations. "If there's something you want that we don't have, wait until next week," she said.



Jane McCarthy, of Mastic, shops about once a month for the dolls she uses to create the goth-style dolls she sells at local craft fairs.



Jim Barry, of East Moriches, is a regular shopper. He shows off one of the two baseballs he purchased.

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STEAM Fair at Eastport-South Manor Central Schools

BY KRAIG KLEIN

The Eastport-South Manor Central School District hosted its second annual STEAM Fair on Thursday, May 11, where students in kindergarten through sixth grade could participate in interactive exhibits that also encouraged intellectual and scientific thinking.

“We wanted to do something with our students to show that learning is fun, learning is imaginative... there’s no better way to learn than with hands-on learning,” district superintendent Joseph Steimel, said.

The fair was hosted in the Eastport-South Manor Junior/Senior High School, inside the building’s gymnasium and the hallway outside of it. Over 20 activities, supervised by school faculty, covered a wide range of subjects, from simple mathematics to the construction of wind-resistant shelters. The fair is an important part of the

district’s STEAM program, which seeks to educate students on the subjects of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.

“We’re trying to give [students] skills they can take with them,” Eastport Elementary School principal Thomas Fabian, said.

The school district has invested greatly in its STEAM program. The district’s curriculum features a “STEAM” room, where students use advanced technological equipment to expand their knowledge of the program’s five key subject areas. The STEAM Fair itself is an annual event that was first hosted last year. In a hallway outside the gymnasium, multiple science projects made by students further conveyed STEAM’s goal of mixing the sciences, mathematics, and the arts together for students.

“Our biggest thing is the STEAM program,” Dayton Avenue School principal Dr. Shelita Watkis, said. “[We want] to

get [students] really thinking...”

The STEAM program’s goal was illustrated throughout the fair’s interactive booths, which fused hands-on activities with educational components. One of the booths featured Word and Math Magicians, an activity in which students tied marked pieces of foam together with string in order to formulate simple mathematic equations and words. The booth’s supervisor, teaching assistant Trish Collins, assigned students an equation or word, and the students dove through small pools of foam pieces in order to assemble their assigned equation or word.

“This [activity] teaches number sense and light correspondence,” Collins said.

Another activity tasked students with designing a wind-resistant shelter. The “Shelter Building—Huff & Puff” booth was themed to the fairy tale of the “The Three Little Pigs.” Students were instructed to build a shelter out

of household materials like popsicle sticks and tin foil, that could resist the Big Bad Wolf’s breath. Each proposed shelter was then subjected to the strong gusts of a hairdryer in order to test whether the shelter was strong enough to avoid being knocked over.

“The kids really seem to enjoy the STEAM activities,” activity supervisor and Tuttle Avenue School second-grade teacher, Elise Allen, said. “It’s great to see the community come out and support the STEAM curriculum.”

The fairy tale theming continued with the “Billy Goats Gruff Bridges” booth. Students were given a long sheet of blue paper to represent a river, and they were told to design a bridge for goats to cross the river with. The activity tasked students to engage with the basic principles of engineering, as they were encouraged to make a feasible bridge design incorporating basic

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Waterfront Revitalization Program survey now open

BY NICOLE FUENTES

The Town of Brookhaven has recently opened a South Shore Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) survey.

According to the town, a major part of the LWRP is to propose projects that will make the community a better place to live, work and play. These projects are loosely grouped into five categories—water quality, living resources, public waterfront access, resilience, and educational partnerships—and when listed in the LWRP, promotes the town’s ability to secure grant funding.

According to NYS Department of State: “LWRP serves as the Office of Planning and Development’s primary program for working in partnership with waterfront communities across the state to address local and regional waterway issues, improve water quality and natural areas, guide development to areas with adequate infrastructure and services away from sensitive resources, promote public waterfront access, and provide for redevelopment of underutilized waterfronts.”

The Town of Brookhaven has begun the process of developing a LWRP and Harbor Management Plan for the South Shore, which includes 50 miles of Atlantic Ocean coastline. According to the town, LWRP will provide strategies and identify projects that improve public access, establish connections between downtown and the waterfront, modify local codes and ordinances to remove barriers to sustainable development, and incorporate sea-level rise projections and resiliency measures into communi-



The Town of Brookhaven has begun the process of developing a LWRP and Harbor Management Plan for the South Shore, which includes 50 miles of Atlantic Ocean coastline.

Photo courtesy of Brookhaven Town

ty planning.

The town hopes to include improving and promoting public access and connections to the waterfront, promoting coastal resiliency and mitigating future impacts from flooding and rising sea levels, enhancing water quality and addressing related water quality issues, and reducing conflict between recre-

ational and commercial users of the waterfront. The program also allows for a shared vision of the waterfront areas and to bring the community together to implement that shared vision.

Specifically in the Moriches area, according to town environmental analyst Alan Duckworth, the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program will

improve the quality of life for and make the South Shore a better place to live, work, and play.

“The LWRP has many general goals, such as improving water quality, promoting waterfront access, increasing coastal resiliency to protect against coastal storms and flooding, improve educational partnerships, and make the South Shore a healthier place to live for residents and wildlife,” he said.

In the area, the LWRP also has specific goals and projects for each community, like developing green stormwater infrastructure for the road-ends of Atlantic and Ocean avenues and dredging the mouth of the Terrell River.

The proposed project’s questionnaire was released in April of this year after the last Waterfront Advisory Committee meeting was held in March.

To take the survey visit: <https://www.research.net/r/2BTHZD3>. For more general information, please visit the town’s website: https://www.brookhavenny.gov/1282/Local-Waterfront-Revitalization-Program?fbclid=IwAR3VKcW9eg8krfY_L0pCULw3-L6RUomG-mouRKLX-aUv-sT5D9sIqXJPntfM. For more information about the program in general visit the NYS Department of State website at: <https://dos.ny.gov/local-waterfront-revitalization-program>. ■



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STEAM: Hosts annual fair

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architectural elements like arches.

“Math comes into play when [the students are] doing different kinds of bridges,” activity supervisor and Dayton Avenue School Special Education teacher Marli Wilkins, said.

The STEAM Fair also featured two activities hosted by KidOYO, a programming company specializing in educating students about coding. One of the activities tasked students with competing against a KidOYO “code master” in a coding competition. Participants had to finish writing a section of code before the code master, who could only code with one hand. The second activity featured a video game designed by another KidOYO code master, where students had to navigate a video game character through a mixture of procedurally generated platforms and obstacles.

“There’s been hundreds [of students] that have come by [our table],” KidOYO operator Melora Loffredo, said. “The kids like the competitive part of it.”

In addition to KidOYO, the fair had a booth operated by the Eastport-South Manor High School Robotics Team. A small, rectangular walled space was erected in a corner of the gymnasium

for students to control remotely operated robotic constructs capable of lifting small objects. The Suffolk County Water Authority had a booth in the middle of the main gymnasium, where a representative explained the water cycle to passersby. Fair attendees could also make LEGO constructs on special miniature walls, compete to see how many plastic cups they could stack, and take a celebratory photograph in front of a green screen, among a plethora of other activities.

“It’s a great event for all family members to attend and work together,” Dayton Avenue Library teacher Cheryl Skidmore, said.

Multiple event organizers hoped that this year’s fair attracted as large a crowd as last year’s fair. Two teachers expressed their hope that at least 700 students attended this year’s fair. The Eastport-South Manor Central School District plans to host another STEAM Fair next year, and the school district is also investing in the expansion of the STEAM program throughout its schools.

“We hope this continues forever,” superintendent Steimel said. ■

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Center Moriches proposes bond vote

The Center Moriches Fire District has scheduled a June 20 vote on a \$17.9 million bond proposition that would pay for the renovation and expansion of the department's firehouse, which presently does not have the capacity to accommodate larger trucks required by National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards.

Fire district officials are proposing to reconstruct a portion of the facility originally built in 1930, undertake renovations that will bring the overall building into compliance with current NFPA safety codes and standards, and add additional apparatus bays.

Based on current market conditions, the plan, if approved by voters, would increase fire district taxes from \$24.188 per \$100 of assessed valuation to \$35.212. This amounts to less than \$6.50 per week for a typical home assessed at \$3,000. It keeps the cost of fire and EMS services well below that of nearby districts in Brookhaven Town such as Coram (\$43.945), Brookhaven/Shirley (\$42.591), Middle Island (\$41.167), and North Patchogue (\$39.753).

Polls will be open between noon and 9 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20 at the firehouse, located at 301 Main Street in Center Moriches.

"To protect the safety of Center Moriches residents, it's essential for us to upgrade our obsolete firehouse," said commissioner Edward Stypulkowski. "These renovations will not only bring us into compliance with current fire safety codes and standards; they will also help protect the health and safety of our volunteer firefighters and the community at-large."

An apparatus bay built in 1970 is now



at the point of needing major repairs and renovations, as it is too narrow to provide for the safety of firefighters and to allow for the efficient dispatching of emergency vehicles. An annex building, added in 1990, is now at the point of requiring costly renovations to the roof and exterior envelope in addition to being too small to accommodate modern fire trucks. And the existing radio room, located on the ground level of the main firehouse, will be repurposed to better accommodate the 24-hour presence of emergency medical personnel, who currently lack a dedicated space at the firehouse.

The district's fleet of vehicles has expanded from 10 at the time of the last major expansion in 1970 to 19 today—nearly double—including five fire trucks, three ambulances, two fire police vehicles, an advanced life support first responder, and two rescue boats.

Today's ladder trucks are at least 29 percent longer than trucks from 40 years ago, and pumpers are 22 percent longer. They are too long to be properly accommodated by either the main apparatus bay or by the annex building.

The department's entire communications system is now situated at basement and ground level. Based upon lessons learned from Superstorm Sandy in 2012, these telecom systems must be elevated to protect them from the threat of a flood or hurricane.

In addition, the lack of separate gear storage space creates dangerously overcrowded conditions for volunteers where vehicles operate—and exposes firefighters to carcinogens.

The community has seen a surge in alarm calls in recent years. Fire call volume has increased from 347 to 539 between 2010 and 2022, an increase of 55 percent. Emergency medical service calls have skyrocketed from 735 to 1,778

during that same period, an increase of 142 percent.

The current firehouse also violates federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) codes because of its lack of access for people with disabilities. It also doesn't provide separate gear-dressing areas for men and women volunteers.

A cost analysis concluded that renovating and expanding the existing firehouse would be less expensive than building a new facility. The renovation would re-use any existing infrastructure that still meets current safety standards.

"This renovation is long overdue and is a cost-efficient plan for our community's taxpayers," said commissioner John DeLong. "Building an entire new facility would not be the best use of taxpayer dollars. We worked hard to devise a plan that promotes public safety, protects our firefighters, makes us code compliant with NFPA, and saves money."

The \$17.9 million bond would be supplemented with \$500,000 in reserve funds, available because of careful, conservative budgeting by the Board of Commissioners. It brings the total project to \$18.4 million. Sandpebble Project Management of Speonk, N.Y., will serve as construction managers.

District officials will host a community open house on Thursday, June 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the firehouse to allow residents to review the existing facility and proposed plans firsthand. Residents will also be able to meet with representatives of the fire district and their consulting team to help to fully understand the scope and budget for the project. ■

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Skincare for Special Events

BY VIRGINIA WHITE, LE

Wedding, prom and graduation season are here! Healthy skin is the foundation for glowing skin for all of your important events. Prepping the skin should begin as early as one year in advance but if you've got an event coming up soon and you need a crash course on how to quickly clear up, hydrate, and brighten your skin before your big day, we can help you. Read on for tips you can follow at home and recommended spa treatments you should book to achieve your glowiest glow.

MAINTAIN A SIMPLE ROUTINE.

Big events can be busy and stressful but it's important to be consistent with a good routine to maintain healthy skin. Use a hydrating cleanser, a balancing toner, a serum and a moisturizer with SPF daily. Once a week, use an exfoliator and a mask to slough off any dead skin and keep a bright complexion. Don't overcomplicate your routine or use too many different products your skin isn't used to which leads us to the next piece of advice:

PRODUCT UNDER-HAUL.

It's common for people to panic buy multiple products right before an event but if you aren't sure which ingredients are best for your skin, you may end up with breakouts, redness and irritation. At Ocean Spa, our approach is quality of products, not quantity. Schedule an appointment with one of our licensed estheticians so that they may get to know your skin and its needs. After seeing your skin, they will be able to make recommendations on what you should be using (or not using) leading up to your big day.

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THE WEEK OF.

Schedule your final facial the week before your wedding, prom, graduation or any other major event. This facial should concentrate on hydrating, brightening and calming the skin. Now is not the time to try any new aggressive treatments or products with acids you aren't accustomed to using. Make sure you are applying and reapplying SPF daily to avoid sunburn. Get plenty of sleep, drink a lot of water, and enjoy radiant glowing skin and a fabulous wedding day, prom night, graduation ceremony, etc.

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Local Rotaries unite to ‘stuff-a-bus’

Service above self

BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN

On a recent Saturday morning, “service above self” was evident when Rotarians from the Moriches and Seatuck clubs, as well as a group of student volunteers from East Moriches Middle School’s Interact Club and Girl Scout Troop 4000, braved the rain to collect nonperishable foods and toiletries as part of Rotary’s Day of Service. The international organization’s motto is “Service above self.”

Rotary’s Day of Service is a district-wide annual event that, this year, saw more than 500 clubs and 14,000 Rotarians across five states and three countries volunteer in different capacities, including collecting clothes for the homeless, collecting food pantry items, refurbishing parks, and more, according to Deborah Brown-Volk-

man, president of Moriches Rotary Club. Moriches Rotarians, including Brown-Volkman, stood in front of King Kullen, while Seatuck Rotarians, including club president Rosanne Gencarelli, stood in front of Lidl.

Residents who were doing their shopping dropped nonperishables, including boxes of cereal, pasta, rice, canned beans, popcorn, and more into a designated shopping cart. When shoppers couldn’t think of what to donate, they often gave money, which the Rotarians used to purchase needed items. The clubs worked together to raise money and items for the pantries at Center Moriches Methodist Church, St. John’s Church Center, and Eastport Bible Church.

“The food pantries are really empty now. In November and December, they are stocked because people are extremely generous around the holidays, but then people get busy with their lives and start

to donate their time and money to other places. We recognized this and want to make sure the food pantries are filled year-round,” said Brown-Volkman.

This year, the Rotarians had a goal to stock the pantries with items that are needed, but in short supply.

“We try to ask for some of the things that people don’t normally donate,” said Brown-Volkman.

Some of the less-donated items include baby formula, cleaning supplies, women’s feminine products, and toiletry items like deodorant, body spray, lotion, and razors.

In addition to the Rotarians, the middle school’s Interact Club was also present. Interact is considered a branch of Rotary. Interact’s volunteers were happy to spend their Saturday raising goods and money for local pantries.

“We get to help the community and help make it a better place,” said Riley Bishop, 11, an Interact Club member, of

why she volunteered her time.

The club’s parent advisor said that the youngsters volunteering their time is especially interesting because it was all their idea.

“They start with nothing at the beginning of the year and think of ways to fundraise in the community. So, it was their idea to come out today. I think that’s really important because when you pick what you do, you really take ownership over it,” said Sherry Kretsch, Interact Club advisor for East Moriches Middle School.

Kretsch also said that she admires the students’ commitment to helping others, especially at such a young age. There were 10 student volunteers at the Rotary Day of Service event.

“It’s special because they’re taking the time they could have spent with their family and using it to help out other families. I think they’re rockstars!” ■



Volunteers collected items for three local food pantries.



There were many goods raised during the event, including boxes of cereal and pasta, cans of beans, toiletries, and more.

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students and parents in a district-wide community event. The goal was to connect with kids in a meaningful way and have them learn about safety from role model experts. They also focused on character building, antibullying, and being a leader.

“It was a fantastic show, and our students were so excited!” he added.

Later on in the school year, the district will also be teaming up with the East Moriches Community Ambulance, which visits the school to reinforce bike safety and donates helmets to students. ■



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The annual Spring Fair will be held on Sunday, June 11. There will be no rain date. Main Street will be closed for the duration of the fair.

"We're celebrating over 35 years of the Spring Fair," said Gerry Sapanaro of the Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches. "We have a variety of vendors: food trucks, ice cream trucks. It's the opening of the summer season and our beautiful flowerbeds will be on display along with the American flags."

The purpose of the event, she said, is to give the local businesses a chance to showcase with the opportunity for the community to see what they have to offer.

The fair starts at 10 a.m. and runs until 5 p.m. Vendors will be offering clothing, accessories, and toys lined on both sides of the street. There will also be plenty of options for food and refreshments as well as live performances.

Vendor spots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Spot assignments are not guaranteed. Cost for a spot is \$85; \$45 for nonprofits and chamber members.

All mailed applications and checks must be received by June 9, 2023. After this date, all applications must be accompanied with cash or money order only and may be turned in at Moriches Bay Realty, 328-1 Main Street, Center Moriches. The cutoff date to pre-register is June 10, 2023.

To register the day of the fair, the fee will be \$100 per spot, cash only. Do not call to reserve a spot. Spots are reserved with payment only.

For more information about the fair and vendor registration, visit moriches-chamber.org.

-Nicole Fuentes



File photo

Moriches Chamber Update

BY NICOLE FUENTES

Want to join the chamber? The Moriches Chamber of Commerce is hosting a membership drive. To join, visit the chamber's table at the June 11 Spring Fair or visit the chamber's website and register online.

"Enjoy the many benefits of belonging to your local chamber!" said president Jackie Osborne.

This month, the chamber is also hosting two great fundraisers. The first will give you a chance to win an electric bike at \$20 per raffle. The drawing will be held at one of the four summer concerts. The second raffle will be by the Downtown

Beautification Committee, which is raffling off a wheelbarrow full of goodies and gift certificates from local businesses. Raffles are \$10 and the drawing will be held on June 11 at the Spring Fair.

Visit the chamber's website to buy a raffle or go to these local businesses for raffle tickets: True Value, All State, Jimmy Osborne Music, Moriches Bay Realty, AJ Sunflower, Gavin's Treasurers, Lem-on Tree and Moriches Bay Deli.

The neighboring Bellport Chamber is also hosting a Chambers Gone Wild networking meeting on June 14, at the Bellport Country Club from 8 to 10 a.m.

The next Moriches chamber meeting will be held on June 13. ■

Summer concert series returns!

Moriches Chamber of Commerce's summer concert series will return for the season starting Saturday, July 8.

Dates also include July 8, July 22 and Aug. 12 and 26. The concerts will be held on the Clayton Huey Elementary School front lawn from 7 to 9 p.m.

"We are looking to make this year the best one ever," said chamber president Jackie Osborne.

There will be four different musical groups performing. The performances will include 95 South (July 8), Milagro (July 22), Chain Reaction (Aug. 12), and High Tide (Aug. 26).

The chamber suggests participants bring chairs and/or a blanket for seating on the grass and to dress appropriately for an evening outdoors. Parking will be available in the lot.

This year, the chamber is offering sponsorship opportunities for local businesses. Lawn signs for sponsors will be posted on the school grounds during the performances. Yard signs will be 18-by-24 and will be positioned in the front of the lawn by the performers.

For \$100, businesses can get their lawn sign posted for all four of the performances, reaching not only the attendees, but car traffic passing by the school during the concert. The funds received from the sponsorships help the chamber to offset some of the costs of the performers and the advertising/marketing expenses to make the concert series a success.

To register for a sign visit their website: <https://moricheschamber.org>. ■

Student of the Month

The Moriches Chamber has awarded Tyler Stewart as the April Student of the Month. Stewart is a Center Moriches senior and 2022 all-state soccer player. He is also the Boys Basketball B-C-D Class Academic Award winner and Center Moriches Class of 2023 career basketball scoring leader. He also plays varsity lacrosse and is the captain for all three sports. He plans on attending Palm Beach Atlantic University on a lacrosse scholarship as a committed athlete and academic scholarship student. Academically, he is enrolled in eight International Baccalaureate Classes. Outside of the classroom, he coordinated the Center Moriches Kalers Pond Park and Webby's Beach: Town of Brookhaven Cleanup and helped coordinated the Town of Brookhaven Parks Fundraiser. He also works locally at Atlantic Seafood and is a certified lifeguard/employee for American Pool Long Island.

Recently, he was also voted by the Center Moriches senior class as the "2023 Best Male Athlete" and was chosen by Center Moriches administration to be a Student Leader-Upstander, representing Center Moriches High School.

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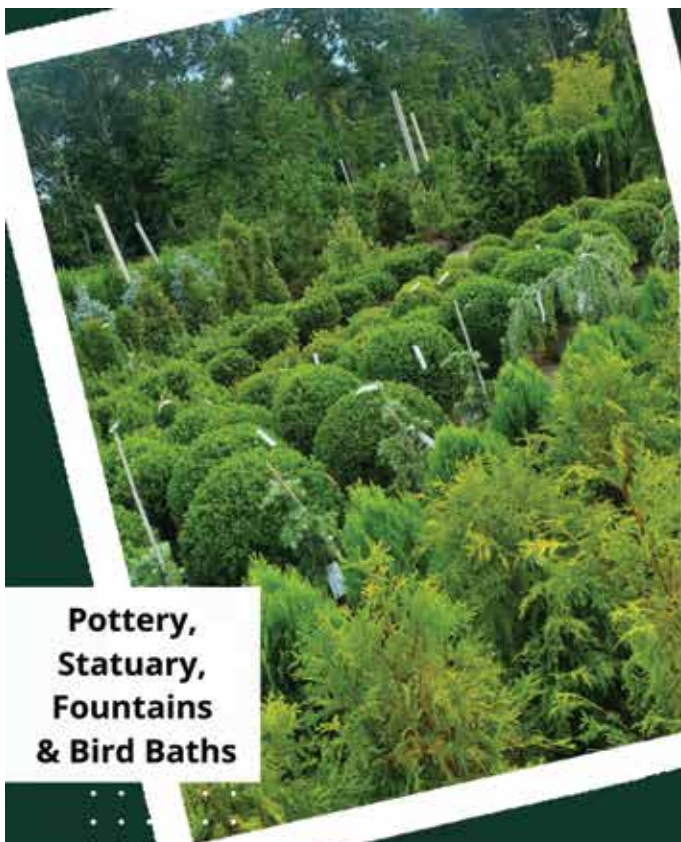
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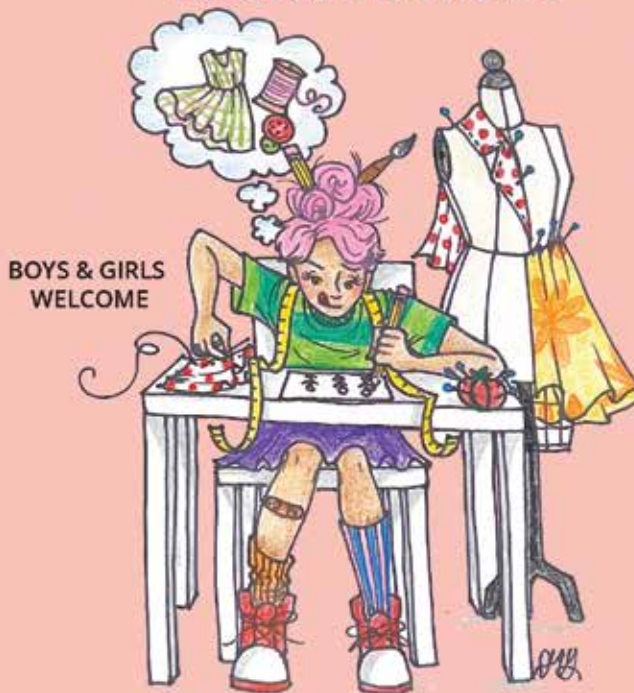
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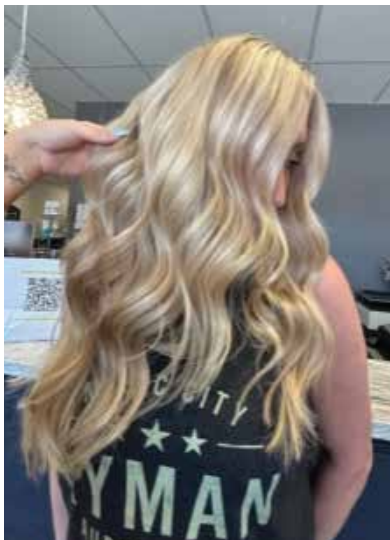
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Annual Mother's Day Tea at the Presbyterian Church

BY KRAIG KLEIN

The Presbyterian Church of the Moriches hosted its annual Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 14.

"This is our 25th tea, served on our best China and tea stands," church elder and anniversary committee member Nancy Horton said.

Residents of the local community were invited to sit down for a meal in a cafeteria attached to the right side of the central room containing the altar. Members of the church's congregation, aided by a Girl Scouts squadron, collaborated to prepare food, drinks, and desserts for the guests. The Mother's Day Tea is one of the church's ways of connecting with the community it has served for 275 years.

"We [want] to fill [our dining area] at least once, if not twice," church member Dawn Viggiano said.

Attendees entered the church through a small, temporary gift shop behind the main dining area. The shop's offerings, which ranged from preserves to household decorations, were made by several of the church's members. For example, deacon Pat Smith crafted several pieces of jewelry that were on sale.

"[Church member Kerri Crawford] donates a lot of her handcrafted goods," Smith said.

In addition to hosting the tea, the church held a raffle. Attendees could buy a separate ticket in order to win a basket consisting of a bottle of wine, a \$100 gift card, and some chocolates. Church members Marilyn Runyan and Carol Santos were responsible for handling the raffling of the basket. They also oversaw a separate raffle for a door prize.

"When people buy a ticket for the tea... they are [also] eligible for [the] door prize, a \$25 [gift card] from [local florist] Hailstone's, and a little basket of tea," Santos said.

Once inside the cafeteria, guests were escorted to one of several tables decorated with tablecloths and cutlery. While they waited for the tea to begin, more church members prepared food in the church's kitchen. Church member Dick Horton baked scones for the meal as other members prepared meals such as cucumber, ham, and chicken salad sandwiches.

Finished meals were carried from

the kitchen to a small preparation area, where the meals were loaded onto metallic stands. Desserts such as brownies were plucked from trays and added to the stands as well. Church members Darby Arizmendi and Susan Trommer assembled the stands as fresh food arrived from the kitchen.

"If somebody comes in and says, '[We have] a table for four,' we can grab a setup for four [diners]," Arizmendi said.

Waiters picked up the stands and carried them to their respective tables. The lead server was Viggiano, who directed the distribution of food and tea bags to attendees. Three volunteer Girl Scouts also acted as servers: Kaitlyn Corn, Leanna Young and Makayla Medina. Church member Diana Waters worked alongside the Girl Scouts.

"We all worked together, as a team," Waters said.

"They love doing this type of stuff," Girl Scout troop leader Kim Mitchell said. "They love to do any kind of volunteering to help with the community."

Near the conclusion of the tea, everybody involved shifted to cleaning up. The church members in the kitchen worked together to clean and store away dirty dishes and used utensils. One participant would scrub a dish clean and pass it to a partner to dry. Meanwhile, in the main cafeteria, servers collected unused tea bags and placed waste in large black garbage bags.

The church's congregation hoped that this year's Mother's Day Tea would see a massive number of people due to the COVID-19 pandemic greatly diminishing the number of attendees at the previous year's tea. They view the tea as a crucial means of bonding with the Center Moriches community. Church members desire to further cement that connection with local residents in the future.


"It was nice and busy this year," Trommer said.

The Mother's Day Tea is but one event in the church's schedule for this year. The Presbyterian Church of the Moriches is currently celebrating its 275th anniversary and has multiple special festivities planned for the rest of the year. The most recent event connected to the church's anniversary was a piano and organ concert hosted by concert pianist Michele Garzo this past April. ■

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MAIN STREET FLOWERS: Beautification group hangs flower baskets

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The current fundraiser is a raffle for a wheelbarrow stocked with wine, gifts from local stores and lotto tickets, a value of \$500, that is on display in the window of Allstate Insurance on Main Street. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at Main Street businesses and shops that will have a flyer in the window. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.moricheschamber.org. The raffle will be drawn at the annual Spring Fair & Festival on Sunday, June 11.

Despite the challenges, the organization remains committed to its mission to beautify Main Street, a mission that could not be done without volunteers, said Danowski. "These volunteers are your friends and your neighbors," he emphasized.

The Hart family of Center Moriches has been part of the watering crew for the last four years, said mom, Mary. They got involved after her children saw the golf cart on Main Street one day, and thinking it was cool, said, "We want to do that." After an inquiry to Danowski, the Harts became volunteers and the watering became a family affair.

"To give back just a little time to our beautiful community. The flowers make Main Street come alive and brighten up our little town," said Hart.

Lifelong Center Moriches resident and Center Moriches High School art teacher, Laura DeJohn, couldn't agree more.

"When I turn onto Main Street and see the beautiful flowers hanging from the lampposts, it just puts a huge smile on my face," DeJohn said.

To learn more about how to support the Beautification Organization and become a volunteer, visit www.moricheschamber.org.



With an annual budget of \$5,000, flowers are usually purchased from Kurt Weiss Nurseries at a wholesale price; the nursery also hangs and removes the baskets on Main Street. Pictured are Brody and Patrick Heart.

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Get your fresh flowers and veggies, too!

Hulse's Potting Shed celebrates 25 years in service

BY NICOLE FUENTES

With eight large greenhouses, plenty of flower varieties and their unique fresh-roasted coffee bean offerings, Hulse's Potting Shed in Center Moriches is also adding a fresh flowers and veggies farm stand this season. This year, the Potting Shed is celebrating 25 years in business, established in April of 1998. Owners Dave and Debbie Hulse have lived in the Moriches area their entire lives. Dave's uncle, Frank Savage, was the original owner back in 1940, when it was called Savage Nursery. Dave started working there when he was 14 and met Debbie while working at the nursery; later, they were married and had two children.

Though Dave loved horticulture, he pursued a career in New York City as a firefighter until Debbie noticed the nursery was for sale. They couldn't resist buying it. Now, as of this year, the couple runs the nursery along with their son Christopher, who grew up in East



The new fully stocked farm stand at the barn holds plenty of produce. Photo courtesy of Debbie Hulse

Moriches and now lives in Eastport with his wife and two daughters.

"It gives us joy to be able to grow quality vegetable plants and flowers for the community," said Debbie Hulse of the reason they have been able to maintain their business for over two decades. "We are so thankful that they strongly sup-

port local businesses."

According to the Hulses, visiting the potting shed is like taking a step back in time, with the promise of the highest-quality flowers. They are known for their seasonal flowers and native plants including annuals, perennials and herbs in hanging baskets, planters, barrels

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and decorative pots. They also have sunflowers and impatiens as well as flats, deer-resistant and hummingbird, butterfly and pollinator garden options.

As for veggies, the Hulses provide a large variety of organic produce including artichokes, beans, broccoli, broccolini, cabbage, cantaloupe, chard, kale, lettuce, okra, onions, peas, peppers, squash, strawberry, sweet potato, tomatillo, collards, cucumber, eggplant, tomatoes, heirloom tomatoes, watermelon, herbs and horseradish.

In addition to flowers and vegetables, the shed also offers different options for fresh-roasted coffee beans. Also new this year, their son Christopher will be featuring his new company's beans from Deep Roots Roasting. His goal, he said, is to find the most interesting coffee from around the world and to expertly roast each bag. ■

SUMMER FIELD TRIP SPOT

Visit the Havens Homestead this summer!

A hidden Gem in Center Moriches

BY NICOLE FUENTES

If you drive down Montauk Highway, you might notice a Brookhaven Town landmark nestled in the hamlet of Center Moriches adjacent to Kalers Pond Park. The John Scudder and Mary Pelletreau Havens Homestead, at 15 Montauk Highway, is located in the heart of the hamlet.

The landmark, which includes the John Scudder Havens and Mary Pelletreau Havens Homestead, the Havens Barn, and the Tin Barn, is now preserved and run by the local Moriches Bay Historical Society with the mission to preserve the history and artifacts of the site. Established in 1996, the nonprofit corporation enjoys educating the nearby residents and the general public about the area's history.

The historical society offers house tours, art that is on display and for sale, and hosts their annual vintage car show, as well as their antique show and sale.

The Barn Shop, which is located in

the Tuttle Barn on the north side of Montauk Highway, offers collectibles and locally crafted items. The shop is entirely run by volunteers and all the proceeds go to the preservation of the landmark.

"We see the importance of preserving and protecting this property for now and future generations," writes the MBHS. "We would be happy to accept your new or gently used items in sellable condition."

The shop is open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. from April through December.

For more information about the homestead visit the MBHS, or for a calendar of upcoming events email havenshomestead@hotmail.com or visit havenshomestead.org.

ABOUT THE HOMESTEAD

The Havens Homestead is known to have been the final residence of John Scudder and Mary Pelletreau Havens. In 1898, the major addition enabled the remodel job of 1750 with modernizations relating to the American shingle style at the turn of the century. The J.S. Homestead was relocated north of Montauk



(Left) J.S Havens Homestead (Right) Havens Museum Shop

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Highway in 1971.

In 2015, the John Scudder and Mary Pelletreau Havens Homestead was granted Brookhaven Town Landmark status. It is now managed by the Ketcham Inn Foundation, which manages five additional historic landmarks in the area and is maintained by the MBHS.

ABOUT THE MBHS

The Moriches Bay Historical Society is

a nonprofit supported by their membership. Membership of Moriches Bay Historical Society enables support for their continuing restoration of the Moriches' most significant historic properties. Members receive current updates on restoration progress, current events, and educational programs. Annual memberships are \$25 per person and \$50 per family. To become a member, visit their website at havenshomestead.org. They also accept one-time donations. ■

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Library to host Low Vision Equipment Demonstration

Center Moriches Library is slated to host a low vision equipment demonstration on Wednesday, June 21, beginning at 11 am. This equipment will make the library more accessible to those with vision loss, according to library representatives. The demonstration will include information about how to use the equipment, plus a chance to thank assemblyman Fred W. Thiele for securing

the \$10,000 in bullet aid that was used to purchase the three pieces of low vision equipment. Bullet aid is a form of funding awarded to New York State libraries through their assembly representatives.

-Katherine Al Rashdan

LI Game Farm dedication ceremony



Long Island Game Farm held a dedication ceremony today for late NYPD sergeant Paul Ferrara. Ferrara, who died in August 2014 from cancer as a result from his time working at/around 9/11's Ground Zero, had been passionate about animals and wildlife and an avid supporter of the game farm.

The newly renovated Woodland Hall was dedicated in his memory and will help the game farm further its mission and support the sanctuary for rescued

animals, bringing more awareness to animals, nature, and conservation.

In attendance today was Ferrara's wife, Kerrie; his son, Paul Jr.; Long Island Game Farm president Melinda Novak; members of the NYPD, including the NYPD Ceremonial Guard Unit; Town of Brookhaven supervisor Edward P. Romaine; Town of Brookhaven councilman Daniel Panico; and Catherine Stark from the Suffolk County Legislature.

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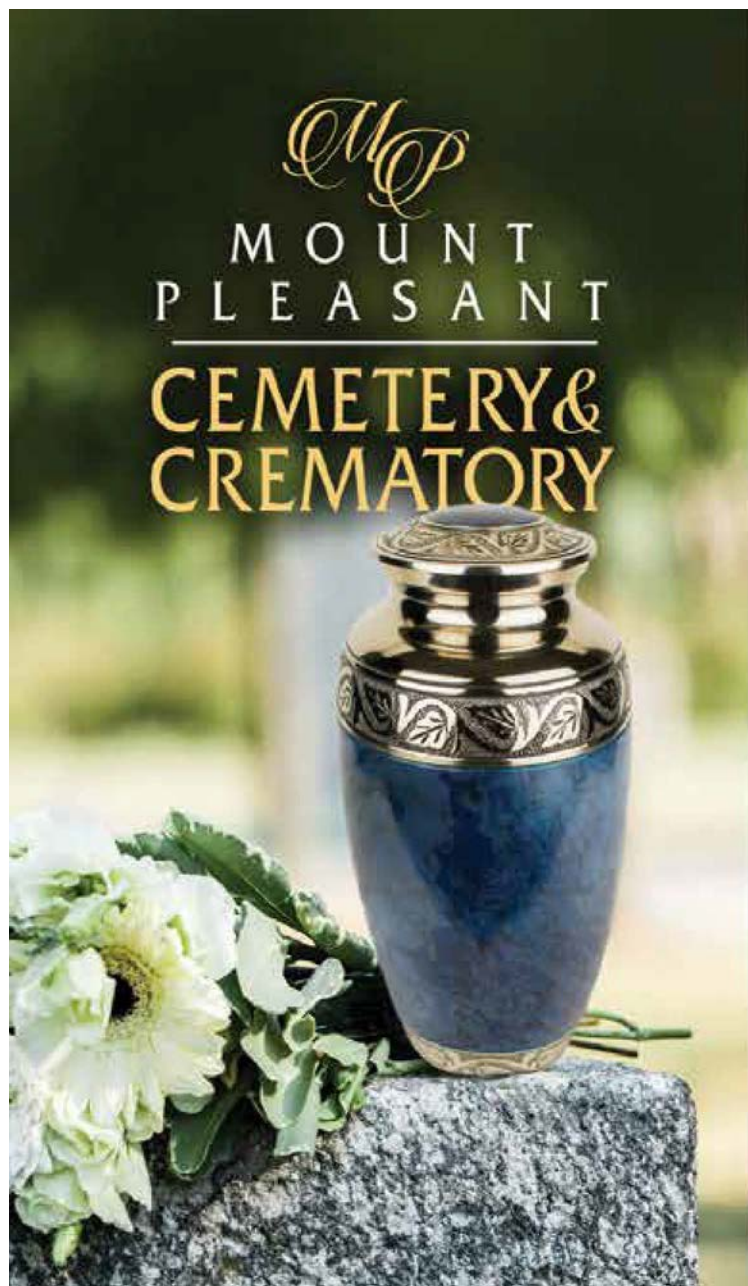
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Pictured with Keith is ESM student Brianna King, who held her own very successful food drive, which gives us a running head-start.

During the months of July and August, we typically collect/purchase, sort, and deliver over 11,000 pounds of nonperishable foods, so we are very grateful for any assistance!

June is also a very busy month for us, as we award our Helping Makes U Happy scholarships to deserving seniors in the Center Moriches, Eastport-South Manor, and William Floyd high schools. Congratulations to all graduates!

We are thrilled to have been invited to the Center Moriches Parent-Child Home Program End of Year Celebration on Saturday, June 17. We'll be bringing and distributing backpacks and lunch bags to the 2- to 4-year-olds in the program, so they may be well-prepared to continue their good work!

Planning ahead, we are hard at work on a "Be A Hero: Every Child Matters" event, which we'll be hosting at Center Moriches High School on Saturday, July 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event, with carnival-type games, superhero characters, magic, face painting, a petting zoo, touch a truck, food trucks, a basket raffle and more, is designed to raise funds for child abuse awareness/prevention—something that sadly touched all our hearts three years ago.

In an effort to do what we can to ensure that there is help available for every child who needs it, all proceeds from this event will be donated to the East End Child Advocacy Center. If you are interested in being a sponsor for this event, donating a raffle basket, or volunteering, please reach out to us at 631-848-9008.

We will have a table at the Center Moriches Street Fair, Sunday, June 11, with more information. Special thanks to DJ Daddy O Entertainment and Tony the Pony & The Barnyard Buddies who, without hesitation, generously offered to donate their services to this very important event.

Please come out and help to make it a big success!



MORICHES BAY GARDEN CLUB

Our gardens are flourishing!

We had some unusual weather conditions in May—winds, heavy rain, record-breaking temperatures, and a weather report of a possible freeze. In spite of all that, our gardens are flourishing. Many perennials, including roses, clematis and irises, are blooming; annuals are planted and thriving.

June is a great month for the garden club because we have planned garden tours, and brunch, of several members' gardens. It will be a relaxing afternoon together to enjoy fellow gardeners' gardens and to share new projects, new ideas, new plants, new tools and some really good food.

This month we are working very hard finalizing plans for our fundraising luncheon, "Red, White and Bloom." It will be held at Rock Hill Golf and Country Club in Manorville on July 13. The price is \$45 and includes lunch, a garden program, raffles and a 50-50 drawing. To make a reservation call Betty at 631-878-6115.

Our vice president, Patti Chieffo, and family recently traveled to Savannah, Ga., and visited the botanical garden there. She couldn't resist sitting on this beautiful butterfly bench. Do you have a bench in your garden? It would be a lovely addition.

-Maureen Pollack



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Remembering Jean Littman

On a sunny May afternoon, friends gathered at the Warrior Ranch in Calverton to dedicate a memorial tree honoring the late Jean Littman, a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps, who served our nation during the Korean War, from 1952-1955.

Littman was remembered by members of Women in the Marines Association, president of Warrior Ranch Eileen Shanahan, and community members as a spirited and independent woman who was deeply entrenched in veteran organizations and was always there to lend a helping hand.

"Jean would have loved this magnolia tree," said Lisa Fischer, a member of

the Women Marines Association, NY-7, who dedicated the tree in memory of Littman. "We all miss her."

In 2019, Littman seized the opportunity to travel with Honor Flight Long Island (honorflightlongisland.org) and spend the day with fellow veterans visiting war memorials in Washington, D.C. She also served as the grand marshal for the 2021 Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches Veterans Day parade.

Littman died in 2022, and was interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

For more information on veteran activities at Warrior Ranch: warrior-ranchfoundation.org.

- Jane Koropsak



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AROUND TOWN

Saturday, June 3

Anthony Parlato Memorial 5K – The annual run/walk will take place at the Moriches Community Center, 9 a.m. Register online by June 2 to save \$5. Visit www.anthonyparlotomem5k.itsyourrace.com/register.

22 A Day Ride – Join AMVETS Riders, Post III, for their first annual Poker Run for 22 A Day, a day of awareness of military suicide. Donation: \$25 per rider; \$10 per passenger. Stops at various AmVets Posts with final stop at Dunton Inn Bar for a pig roast party. Party attendees pay \$15 each. Call 631-601-6964.

Donate: 22 A Day Walk – On Friday and Saturday, June 2-3, Roger Fonest, Dept of NY AmVets 22 Every Day, will walk 22 miles to raise money for and awareness of veterans suicide. To donate, call 516-853-5614.

Monday, June 5

Mercy Haven Golf Outing – This year's golf outing, honoring the family of Tony McNulty, will be held at Hamlet Golf and Country Club, Commack beginning at 10 a.m. with registration and breakfast. For information, visit www.mercyhaven.org.

National Cancer Survivors Day – A day set aside to "demonstrate that life after a cancer diagnosis can be a reality." Use

#CancerSurvivorsDay to post on social media.

Wednesday, June 7

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

Thursday, June 8

Prom Dresses – Through June 16, the Town of Brookhaven Youth Bureau will provide dresses and other accessories for young women attending prom at no charge and confidential. To make an appointment or for more information, call 631-451-8011.

Saturday, June 10

One Day Book & Media Sale – Shop books for all ages, DVDs, and CDs at Center Moriches Library's one-day sale, in the Community Room, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. A painting by this month's featured artist Wendy McLaughlin will be raffled off.

Sunday, June 11

New Sermon Series – The non-denominational Christian church, South Bay Bible will begin a new 3-week teaching series, "Plot Twist: When God Does the Unexpected," presented Sundays, 9 and 11 a.m. Join in per-

son or online. Visit www.southbaychurchli.org or call 631-909-8241.

Friend Sunday – South Bay Bible Church is celebrating friends with an outdoor service, 11 a.m. followed by a free outdoor barbecue for current church attendees to build community and create opportunities for friendships. Reservations are not required. In the case of rain, the event will move indoors. For information, visit www.southbaychurchli.org or call 631-909-8241.

Saturday, June 17

Yard Sale – Shop housewares, electronics, costume jewelry, and much more, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Presbyterian Church of the Moriches, 263 Main St., Center Moriches. Lunch available. Call 631-878-4480.

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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.

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YEARS AGO

75 Years Ago

JUNE 1948

Richard Vail Brown, of Eastport, has been named valedictorian of the Class of 1948 at Eastport High School. Salutatorian this year at the high school is **Alice Helfrid Orsman**, of Manorville.

Thomas Moore has been selected to receive the Eastport American Legion Award for ranking first in his eighth-grade class on the qualities of honor, leadership, courage, scholarship and service.

Students of the East Moriches School participated in a field day under the direction of principal **Harry Huson** and coach **David Rothenberg**. Winners of a series of events included **Judy Lilly**, potato race; girls' three-legged race, **Marian Raynor** and **Edith Ruland**; and sack race, **Joseph Accardi**.

Members of the East Moriches Fire Department, which won first place in the Sunrise Fireman's Protective Association Tournament, are **Stanley Kanas**, **Vincent Raymond**, **Walter Ruland**, **Jack Kanas**, **Richard Ringhoff**, **Henry Raymond**, **Mervin Lane**, **Stanley Chornoma**, **John Kanas**, **John Podlaski** and **Reginald Benson**.

LeRoy Sutter, of Eastport, entertained members of the Rotary of the Moriches at their meeting held in the Long Island Hotel, with his program "Composerology," in which he demonstrated at the piano how old tunes and classics are used as a basis for the popular tunes and hits of today. He wrote a catchy song as a gift to the club, and members sang the instantaneous hit during the program.

Teen Town celebrated its first anniversary with a large party at the American Legion Hall in Center Moriches. Among the entertainers at the celebration were **Donald Johnson** at the piano; **Donald Roth**, who played the trombone; and **Marjorie, Alice** and **Mary Beck**, who formed a trio singing one of the popular songs of the day.

June Anderson has been chosen as valedictorian of the eighth-grade graduating

Class of 1948 at the Moriches Grammar School.

Capt. William Liscum, of Center Moriches, entertained faculty members of the Moriches Grammar School aboard his 26-foot boat, *The Full Moon*. Those who enjoyed the cruise across the Great South Bay were **Clifford Hawkins**, **Walter Thomas**, **Mrs. Charles Sweet**, **Ms. Julia Tunnell**, **Mrs. Edna K. Gracey** and **Mrs. Lucielle Hobbie**.

Ronald A. Lukert, of Moriches, graduated from Amherst College, cum laude, in biology. Lukert also played a part in the recent production of "Lamp at Midnight," presented by the Masquers, an undergraduate dramatic organization.

Marion Bowditch, of Senix Avenue, Center Moriches, was married to **Walter Sheldon Dayton Jr.**, of Bayside, at the home of her parents.

The following Girl Scouts of Troop 13, of Center Moriches, received First Class badges at the annual rally of the South Suffolk Girl Scout Council at Camp Edey, Bayport: **Winifred Seale**, **Louise Russell**, **Thelma Gillian**, **Joy Lindley**, **Janet Schoener**, **Marilyn Davies**, **Arlene Makransky** and **Louise Burwell**. **Marilyn Merritt**, received the Curved Bar, the highest award in Girl Scouting.

Playing in June at **The Center Moriches Theatre**: Gregory Peck and Jennifer Jones in "Duel in the Sun"; Dana Andrews and Gene Tierney in "The Iron Curtain"; Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn in "State of the Union"; and Clark Gable and Lana Turner in "Homecoming."

50 Years Ago

JUNE 1973

An "audio ball" was presented to **August Stout Jr.**, president of Camp Paquatuck, Center Moriches. The audio ball has a beeping device for use as a softball for visually impaired children at the camp. The ball was a gift from the Telephone Pioneers of America of the New York Telephone Company.

The Mastic Studios of **Lillian Brunett Ott** presented the piano class at Baiting Hollow Congregational Church. Those



June 1973: Antoinette Notaro, of William Floyd High School, displays the medal she won for the second year in a row at an Italian poetry recital sponsored by Columbia University. Pictured at right is her teacher, Mrs. Elena Pawlitschek.

performing included two of Mrs. Ott's former students: **Virginia Osborne**, soprano, who was accompanied at the piano by her sister, **Patricia Osborne Feiler**.

Kurt F. Smith, of Osborne Avenue, East Moriches, received an associate in applied sciences degree at Morrisville Agricultural and Technical College, Morrisville.

Ms. Sue Day, chairperson of the Home Economics Department at William Floyd High School, presented the Crisco Award to senior **Karen Riker**, for her outstanding work in home economics at the high school.

Karen Hindenlang and **David Chapman** were named the two top-ranking students of this year's graduating class at Eastport High School. Ms. Hindenlang will hold the title of valedictorian and Mr. Chapman was named salutatorian.

As the top-ranking student of her class, **Rosette Sunray** will deliver the valedictory address at commencement exercises at Center Moriches High School.

At the 250th commencement of Brown University, **Roger Cottingham**, of Center Moriches, was awarded a Master of Arts degree in French literature.

Slim Miller, president of Angler's, donated a color T.V. to Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck, in Center Moriches, which was happily accepted by camp director **Dave Rogers**.

Playing this week at local United Artists Theatres: Glenda Jackson and Peter Finch in "The Nelson Affair"; Charles Grodin and Eddie Albert in "The Heartbreak Kid"; Gene Hackman and Al Pacino in "Scarecrow"; and Roger Moore in "Live and Let Die."

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Shark Tournament to be held this month

Two groups merge for larger club

BY NICOLE FUENTES

The Moriches Anglers will host their annual Shark Tournament on June 24. This year is the first year under the new name since the Great Gun Anglers' merge with the Moriches Anglers to form a

whole new club.

The mandatory captains meeting will be held on 7 p.m. the day prior on June 23 at the VFW on Main Street in Center Moriches. At the event, there will be raffles of a Penn offshore reel, a 70-quart high-performance Igloo cooler, and a 50/50 raffle. They also plan to raffle off their famous Boatload of Booze, as well as several door prizes for all tournament participants.

The annual Take a Veteran Fishing Trip will also be held on July 22. Last year's incarnation of the event saw nearly twice as many veterans as the first, held in 2020.

"Seems like every year we're building," Evan Goldstein, president, said of the July trip. "The first year we had about 25; then we had 35 or 40 last year. This year we're up to 45. We look to do about 50. We're hoping to get some local veterans that are interested in fishing to come join

our club."

The club also plans to host a fluke tournament in August in honor of local fishing enthusiast Chet Wilcox, as well as their fall Striped Bass Tournament. Wilcox, a longtime Center Moriches resident and business owner (B&B Tackle Shop), died on May 3 at the age of 80.

For club information please contact Evan Goldstein at (914)804-5875 or (631)878-6019. ■



Photos from last year's Take a Veteran Fishing Trip.

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