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# Meet the vet parade grand marshal

## Lou Baer has been active helping local veterans for four decades

### **BY GLENN ROHRBACKER**

In 1975, Lou Baer went for a haircut in Center Moriches. While seated at the chair, his barber gave him the usual haircut and shave — but pushed for him to join the local Veterans of Foreign Wars organization. He was hesitant, but eventually agreed.

"You don't argue with a man with a razor at your throat," Baer said.

Now over 40 years later, Baer, 74, has been named the grand marshal for the second annual East Moriches Veterans Day parade. Upon arriving home from his honeymoon with his wife, Debra, Baer found his draft notice in the mailbox. Baer was drafted in 1968, went through his basic and advanced training, and was deployed to Vietnam in January of 1969.

Baer spent a year in Vietnam, and was a squad leader for his air rifle platoon. He was wounded in September of 1969 and came home at the end of his tour in January 1970. While he was deployed, he received the invitation for his graduation from college.

Baer moved to East Moriches with his family in 1972 (and is living in the same house). He has been married to his wife for 51 years, and has three children, Christopher, Amy, and Diedre, all of whom went to East Moriches Elementary.

As part of the VFW, Baer has been active in many of the community programs the club offers. He helped to organize the annual Memorial Day parade for 40 years as well as the annual tradition of placing flags on all the graves at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. They also host a Veterans Day service at Mt. Pleasant, do outreach with local schools and organizations, donate flags, and make contributions to local church food pantries. Baer has served a number of roles, most recently as the post commander for 12 years. Baer is also active with St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, previously serving as warden and in the vestry.

"It's a very great honor," he said of being named grand marshal, adding that it was a humbling experience.

Baer said the VFW is always looking for more veterans to join the organization, recognizing that some need the small push like he did 40 years ago. He added that the more members, the stronger the organization.

## THE PARADE

The route begins on Adelaide Avenue and roads will be closed east of Lincoln Avenue. The route will then head down to the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial, where there will be a wreath-laying ceremony. This year's grand marshal is veteran Lou Baer, who is the post commander for the



VFW Post 414 in Center Moriches. "We had so many candidates we wish they

could all be the grand marshal," said Miriam Gillies, an organizer of the event.

The parade begins at 2 p.m. on Nov. 10.

# **DOT proposes new exit on Sunrise**

The interchange would be at Barnes Road in Mastic and shorten a 3.5-mile gap between exits

### **BY GLENN ROHRBACKER**

The New York State Department of Transportation is in the development stages of a project to add a new interchange exit to Sunrise Highway in Mastic. Based on a 2011 Sunrise Highway Corridor Sustainable Transportation study, the department said this would be an ideal location for a new exit, spokesman Stephen Canzoneri told the Advance.

Currently, between the exit for William Floyd Parkway and Moriches-Middle Island Road, there is a three-mile gap. This project would bring the distance to 1.5 miles, which is more common for Long Island drivers, who experience that and shorter distances on most of the highway.

"It provides better access to and from the highway in that gapped area," Canzoneri said.

The new exit would also allow for an additional way to get out of the Mastic peninsula in case of an emergency or even

## **Project timeline**

Current status: Future development Bid open date: Winter 2020/2021 Construction start date: Spring 2021 Construction completion date: Spring 2023 just during rush hour. The only way to access the highway from the area is through William Floyd Parkway, which is often backed up and not exactly close for Mastic residents, who are caught in between the two exits. It would also be an additional route for first responders.

The plan includes an entrance and exit on each side of the highway, connecting to Barnes Road. The ramps would be constructed in an already-established right of way, Canzoneri said, so no buildings or homes would be removed.

The project is in an open comment phase, so residents can submit comments to the DOT for consideration in the final proposal. To send in a comment, email r10-rpic@dot.ny.gov, call (631) 952-6929, or write to the Barnes Road Interchange Project Team, NYSDOT Region 10, 250 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788. ■



A rendering of the Barnes Road interchange project shows a new exit connecting the street with Sunrise Highway on the north and south sides.

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# Ed Romaine (R)

Brookhaven Town Supervisor

#### **BY GLENN ROHRBACKER**

Republican incumbent Ed Romaine is running for re-election for his fourth full term as Brookhaven Town supervisor. He was first elected in a 2012 special election.

One of Romaine's top priorities moving forward is making sure the town stays fiscally secure. He is proud of the high credit and bond ratings that he said allows the town to borrow at lower rates, therefore saving taxpayers money.

"All questions of government are questions of money," he said.

Another priority for Romaine, 72, is to prevent overdevelopment throughout the town and find areas that can be preserved. He has made it a goal to find areas near waterways, wetlands and sensitive areas to keep as open space. Romaine said he also uses zoning as a way to plan for the future, making decisions carefully that could last for decades. He added that he doesn't want roads and highways becoming clogged due to overdevelopment.

Romaine has announced that the town landfill is scheduled to close in 2024 and that he has been working with the town board to set up adequate measures leading up to and following its closure. The site, which now only takes construction debris and ash, will become an energy park once capped and fully closed. "Our future is not in landfilling garbage," Romaine said.

The supervisor added that more could be done in the coming years to address reducing waste for residents and improving recycling habits. Romaine said there needs to be recycling that also allows products to be reused, rather than put back into the waste cycle. He said it is now cheaper to make new glass than to recycle it, therefore reducing the market where the town can resell. Romaine wants to continue to look at improving the recycling system while also being conscious of cost and being able to have an adequate product.

"I am strongly committed to recycling," he said.

Romaine said he has the commitment and a vision to improve

communities across the town. each with its own unique issues and needs. He said he cares about helping his neighbors and having friends, lived in the town for four decades.



Ed Romaine

# Dan Panico (R)

Brookhaven Town Council District 6

### **BY GLENN ROHRBACKER**

Dan Panico is running for re-election in the 6th district of Brookhaven Town. Panico was first elected in a 2010 special election and currently serves as deputy supervisor.

For his record with the town, he cited the town's fiscal success with stable finances and tax levies, as well as the high bond and credit ratings the town has received. He added that personally his knowledge of zoning and land use, both from his time on the town board and in private practice, has led him to be successful in planning for the town.

He said that the new sewer project is a major step forward for the Mastic, Shirley and Mastic Beach communities, which was approved earlier this year. Panico said that sewers allow new commercial uses like restaurants and other retail spaces that are attractive to businesses and housing developers.

"It gives you tremendous opportunities," he said. "You're going to see dramatic changes to the corridor."

In areas like Shirley and Mastic, Panico said he has been proactive in removing commercial blight and working with property owners to clean up abandoned properties and develop new ones. He said he has been seeing more investment in the area.

As for the landfill, Panico is confident in the plan to close by 2024, and said the town has been capping and closing as time goes on, rather than all at once at the end. He said there would be an energy park on the property and the reserve fund will help with the revenue when the landfill closes.

Panico is proud of the way the town board has worked together on many issues, and he has taken special steps to preserve lands as open space and manage taxes. He is also supportive of the new measure that gives councilmembers four-year terms, which he said would bring more stability

to the town and the government. He added that he is always open to working with residents and the community to solve problems.

"I am full steam ahead," he said. "We care about what residents have to say." ■

**Dan Panico** 

# William Ferraro (D)

Brookhaven Town Supervisor

#### **BY GLENN ROHRBACKER**

William Ferraro is running for Brookhaven Town supervisor in this year's election. He said he decided to run after learning that residents were unhappy and not being listened to.

"There's so many people who feel their needs are not being met," Ferraro, 32, of Selden said in an interview.

Ferraro is the founder of Brookhaven Action Network, where he fought against the term limit/ extension referendum that passed in last year's election. He said the process behind that initiative was an example of the town not adequately communicating with residents.

Ferraro supports the goal of closing the town landfill in 2024, but said more should be done to create a concrete plan for post-closure. He suggests forming a regional partnership to study what the best options are to move forward, and include the public in those plans.

Ferraro said he would set up a plan to reduce waste over the next several years, moving toward a zero-waste town. He said the plan would incentivize people to reduce their waste and recycle. He wants to increase recycling pickups to every week for all waste, rather than switching between paper and plastic, which he said has frustrated people, causing them to throw things out instead. He also wants to bring back glass pickup and increase the number of locations where residents can drop off their glass recyclables.

Ferraro also wants to improve the experience for residents, including creating an interactive recycling website which would help people understand the process, and what they can do with their waste.

Ferraro wants to have regular town halls, change town meetings to more convenient times for working people and put those meetings on Facebook Live. He said he would make himself accessible to residents, even those who may disagree with him.

"I will give everybody an opportunity," he said. "[I would] represent 100 percent of the residents."

The candidate said this election is an opportunity for change and to rethink what the town could look \_\_\_\_\_

like over the next decade. He said he presents an alternative vision and can tackle the issues the town faces.

"I think it's the most important election, at least in my lifetime," Ferraro said.



Will Ferraro

# James Gentile (D)

Brookhaven Town Council District 6

### **BY GLENN ROHRBACKER**

James Gentile is running for Brookhaven Town Board in the 6th district. Gentile, of Mastic Beach, moved to the community over a year ago from Nassau County, but has worked here for almost two decades. He is an Air Force veteran and a lawyer of 17 years, now owning his own practice, Law Offices of James S. Gentile. He focuses on criminal, family and divorce law.

In walking the district, Gentile has heard from residents who want more quality-of-life issues addressed. He said there should be more sidewalks, especially around schools, more streetlights and bus shelters. He said these promote a safer, more accessible community.

He supports the demolition of zombie structures, but said more could be done to manage the lot once it is empty.

Gentile also wants to make communities more attractive to incoming businesses. He suggested working with National Grid and Verizon Fios to bring gas lines and fiber optic lines further east, creating new options for homeowners and businesses.

"We need to have the right kind of growth with a guarantee that the voice of the community is heard," Gentile said.

He also wants to see more auxiliary roads

on the peninsula to alleviate the buildup on William Floyd Parkway. He said for safety and in emergency cases, more access points to the area would be beneficial. Gentile questioned if there has been enough preparation to close the landfill in 2024 — a move he supports, but is concerned that the income to supplement the loss hasn't been figured out yet. He said there should be more concrete plans for when the landfill closes, and a look at the real cost of maintaining it when it does.

Gentile said his plans would fight for working and middle-class families, like cleaning up neighborhoods and providing services while not raising taxes. He also would like to look at lowering fees for different town services to lessen the burden on residents and encourage them

to comply. G e n t i l e e n c o u r a g e s people to get out and vote, and said he would bring change to the town board. Vote for Gentile "if you're unhappy, if you want changes," he said. "Now's the time."



**James Gentile** 

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# **From garage to Main Street**

Local couple brings their business to Center Moriches

### **By PATRICIA KALOSKI**

Every piece of furniture has a story, say Dennis and Cyndi Dwyer, owners and operators of Pallets & Pickets, the latest retail shop to open its doors on Main Street in Center Moriches. Pallets & Pickets – headed by the husband-and-wife team from Manor Park – offers customers everything from custom-made coffee tables constructed from wine bottle crates, to personalized, handmade American flags.

Pallets & Pickets comes from humble beginnings, starting in the Dwyers' garage some 20 years ago as more of a hobby for Dennis. Although he always enjoyed working with his hands, tinkering here and there with personal household projects, it wasn't until Dennis volunteered for ABC's Extreme Makeover, in 2006, that he really got the bug to build.

With his toolbox in hand, Dennis took a week off from his day job and traveled to Queens, where he was part of a large team of volunteers who helped transform the home into the owners' dream house. It was during that time that Dennis got an appreciation for repurposing furniture and recycling material. The owners' children were huge



Cyndi and Dennis Dwyer are the owners and operators of Pallets & Pickets, the latest retail shop to open its doors on Main Street in Center Moriches.

cricket fans, Dennis recalled, so the design team incorporated old cricket bats into the redesign of their bedroom. In another room, old movie reels were fashioned into a shelf. But it was the old ambulance that was cut in Courtesy Photos half to make a desk that truly impressed and

inspired Dennis. "It was cool," said Dennis. "It made me realize that I didn't always have to go to Home Depot to get material." So instead, Dennis began to look at discarded items in a different light. There was the small bench that a neighbor was going to get rid of because their dog had chewed on the corner – Dennis loved the legs, so he used them to build a coffee table. Then there was another neighbor's garden fence that was no longer being used that found its way to Dennis who used it to construct a hallway tree. One of the Dwyers' favorite pieces is a shadowbox table that came from a windowpane of the historic

La Grange Inn in West Islip. As their business grew, the Dwyers moved Pallets & Pickets from the garage to an old barn in Moriches, then to a building at Forge River Nursery, also in Moriches, before finally finding their new home at 376 Main Street. Their successes are due in large part to both Dennis and Cyndi's creative talents. While Cyndi doesn't usually get involved in building furniture, she does provide Dennis with a ton of ideas. The wine crate table was her brainchild, as was the display used for candles in the new store. Cyndi also handpaints the various wall hangings, signs and other gift items, such as wine glasses. She also serves as store manager.

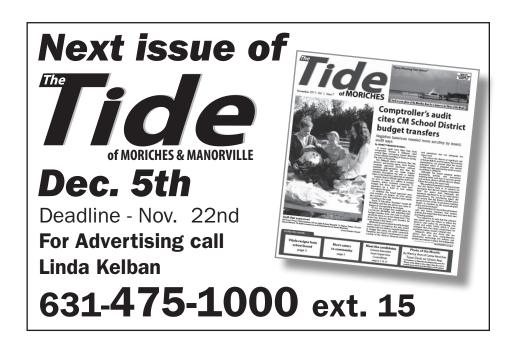
The other part of their success is the quality of their work and beauty of their designs, but also their attention to service, according to many of their satisfied customers. At the grand opening on Oct. 2, one of their satisfied customers sought Cyndi out to let her know that she had been following Pallets & Pickets since they were working out of the Moriches barn. Another happy customer, Sandra Tysz of Center Moriches, stumbled upon Pallets & Pickets when shopping at Forge River Nursery. Her collection now includes a live-edge table and a bench.

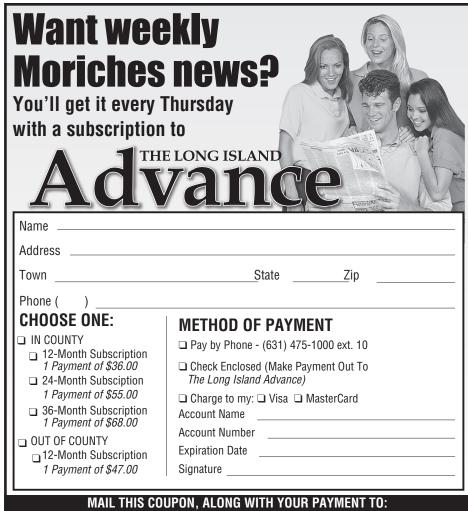
"I love the uniqueness of their designs. Everything is customized. I also like the fact that they repurpose," said Tysz during a recent visit to the store, where she was greeted with a big hug and kiss by the Dwyers, who say for them, one of the best parts of owning the business is the time they get to spend with their customers. They also consciously try to keep their prices reasonable, because they don't want their items "to be out of reach." Creating is their passion, say the Dwyers, and it's something they want to share.

Cyndi will also be hosting on-site Pallet Paint Parties, beginning in November. The cost is \$40 per person and will include all required materials.

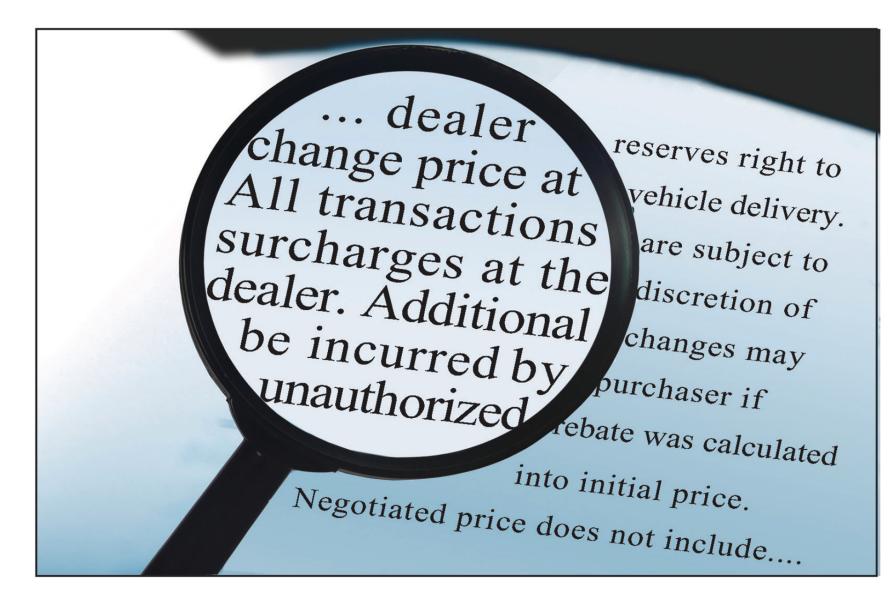
As the Dwyers are settling into their location in Center Moriches, they say they couldn't be happier with the welcome they have received.

"There is such a spirit in this community," said Cyndi. "It's tangible. You can see it and feel it. There is no other Main Street like this around here – this is Main Street USA."





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# Beautification efforts make a difference

### **By PATRICIA KALOSKI**

If you like music, bingo and flowers, then you won't want to miss Music Bingo, a fundraiser being hosted by the Center Moriches Downtown Beautification Organization to benefit its popular Main Street Flower Basket Program, being held on Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Moriches Bay Recreation Center, 313 Frowein Road, Center Moriches. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Members of the Downtown Beautification Organization have spent the better part of 2019 brainstorming fundraising ideas to help offset the costs of the program, which this year, came with a price tag of about \$5,000. It's money well-spent, say board members, as it makes a big difference in the physical appearance of Main Street. In the spring and summer, the decorative lampposts that line Main Street are donned with flowering hanging baskets that bring a burst of color. Come fall, those baskets are replaced with homemade scarecrows, the result of an annual scarecrow-making contest; and in the colder months, winter greens take

their rightful place among the lampposts. To some, this may seem like a small effort in the grand scheme of things, but to DBO members, the flowers are essential in creating a downtown that is welcoming to businesses. And it seems that their efforts are paying off, as a variety of new businesses have located to Main Street over the last several months, specifically, Gavin's Treasures, Artistic Choreography, Sunflower Boutique, Pallets & Pickets and the Daily Grind Café.

"The efforts of the Beautification Committee have most certainly helped to bring business to Main Street," said Gerry Sapanaro, committee president. "We are happy to have these new businesses and want to continue our work to bring even more business to town, while supporting our existing businesses and beautifying Main Street."

Pallets & Pickets owner/operator Cyndi Dwyer said that the aesthetic appeal of Main Street was a major factor in the decision to locate her business to Center Moriches. "There's no other local Main Street like it," she said.

Music Bingo is the Beautification Committee's latest fundraising initiative and was selected because the board wanted to host an event that would be suitable for all age groups and families, said Sapanaro. She explained that Music Bingo is much like the traditional game, except that numbers on the bingo card are replaced with song titles. A DJ will play different songs from a variety of genres including country, doo-wop and today's latest hits. And because of the time of year, holiday favorites are expected to be sprinkled in the



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mix as well. Winners of each game will receive prizes donated from local businesses. The cost of the event is \$20 per player and includes four game boards and a snack. Additional boards and snacks will be available for purchase.

The Center Moriches Downtown Beautification Committed was established in

2007, as a nonprofit offshoot of the Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches for the purpose of fundraising and applying for grants to help maintain and improve Main Street.

Courtesy Photo

For more information on the Center Moriches Beautification Organization, visit moricheschamber.org.

# Local inducted in to WVU hall of fame

A William Floyd grad, she was also inducted into their first hall of fame

#### **BY GLENN ROHRBACKER**

Lisa Stoia, a native of Shirley and William Floyd graduate, was named to the 29th class of honorees in the West Virginia University Sports Hall of Fame. Stoia was previously inducted into the William Floyd Athletics Hall of Fame in 2007.

Stoia is a senior associate head coach of the WVU women's soccer team. Stoia has helped guide WVU to multiple Big 12 and Big East titles, as well as 12 consecutive trips to the NCAA Tournament and the 2016 NCAA College Cup Final. In 2018, Stoia helped the Mountaineers reach another title, as WVU claimed the Big 12 Soccer Championship title in November with a 3-0 showing at the league tournament, finished by a win over Baylor in the title match. WVU finished the season with a 15-4-4 mark and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament, according to the university website.

At her alma mater, Stoia earned her bachelor's degree in sports management in 2005 and her master's of business administration from Jacksonville in 2007.

During her playing career with WVU, Stoia earned Big East Midfielder of the Year honors in 2002 for leading West Virginia to its first regular season championship. She also assisted on 10 of West Virginia's recordbreaking 53 goals in 2003, tying her for the season record, according to WVU. Stoia was a NSCAA/adidas and Soccer Buzz second team All-American in 2002 as a junior.

Stoia continued in her senior season, breaking the season assist record she tied the season before on her way to becoming West Virginia's all-time assists leader with 33. She became the first midfielder in Big East history to earn midfielder of the year honors in consecutive seasons by winning the award for the second time in 2003. Due to her record in 2003, Stoia earned first team All-America honors from Soccer Buzz and the NSCAA. Stoia also earned NSCAA/Adidas third team All-Mid-Atlantic region and Big East co-Rookie of the Year honors as a freshman in 2000, according to WVU.

## **Playing Career**

West Virginia, 2000-03 Steel City Sparks, 2004 Boston Renegades, 2005-06 Saint Louis Athletica, 2009

## **Coaching Career**

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Lisa Stoia was recently inducted into the West Virginia University Sports Hall of Fame.

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# Around Moriches & Manorville Compiled by Suzanne Link

## Saturday, November 2

**Sermon Series** – South Bay Bible Church, 578 Montauk Hwy., East Moriches will start a new 5-part series, "#Adulting: Growing Up in God," providing the keys to helping you grow in faith, discover true abundant life, and get fresh hope for daily living. Services are held every Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. Visit <u>www.</u> <u>southbaychurchli.org</u>.

## Friday, November 8

**Colonial Youth Honors** – Colonial Youth and Family Services will honor Anthony "Tony" Saggio and family for their contributions to the Mastics-Shirley-Moriches communities, 7-11 p.m. at Sunset Harbour, East Patchogue. \$100 tickets include cocktails, dinner, open bar, Chinese and silent auctions. Call 631-281-4461.

## Saturday, November 9

**Spring Scallop Dinner** – Annual dinner at East Moriches United Methodist Church, 370 Montauk Hwy., 4:30-7 p.m. \$25 for adults, \$12 for children under 12. Menu includes scallops, baked potato, cole slaw, coffee, tea, and choice of dessert. Takeout available. For advance sale tickets, call John at 631-878-1898.

## Sunday, November 10

**James Taylor Experience** – Copperline, a James Taylor tribute band, will perform a concert at Center Moriches Library, 2-4 p.m. in

## Events...

**Jigsaw Puzzle Swap** – Puzzle fans are invited to bring in used puzzles and swap them out for another, in a 'bring one, take one" fashion

in the barn at Hart's Cove Farm, 70 Woodlawn Ave., East Moriches, Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stay and work on puzzles. Refreshments. No charge.

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the Community Room. To register, call 631-878-0940 or visit www.

**Thursday, November 14** 

Moriches Bay Garden - The club will meet at the East Moriches

United Methodist Church, 370 Montauk Hwy., East Moriches, 8

p.m. Guest speaker Eileen DeRicco will present a workshop on

making a Thanksgiving centerpiece and demonstrate creative

ideas for a Christmas centerpiece. Business meeting at 7 p.m.

Horticulture: Herbs. All welcome. Free. Call 631-605-0760. Visit

Wednesday, November 20

Mastic Peninsula - The Historical Society will meet at the Mas-

tic Fire Dept. Hall, 7:30 p.m. Call 631-281-7347 or visit www.

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Saturday, November 23

Chinese Auction and Christmas Fair - Christmas gifts, 100 item

auction, raffles, baked goods, kids activities and more at the Pres-

byterian Church of the Moriches, 263 Main St., Center Moriches, 9

a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lunch available. Call 631-878-4480.

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# Moriches - Years Ago compiled by Vanessa Graniello

## 75 Years Ago November 1944

The pupils of East Moriches School gave a successful Hallowe'en party in the firehall. Prizes for costumes were awarded to many students, including Carol Geiger as Little Bo Peep, Conrad Smith as an eagle, Roberta Martin and Miriam Zilli as salt-and-pepper shakers; and Joan Woodzell as a Thanksgiving turkey. In addition to the many prizes awarded for costumes, the guessing contest was won by Mrs. John Meyer and Percy Mather.

Virginia Snow and Betty Dolezal, both of East Moriches, are studying cadet nursing at Southampton Hospital.

Lily Lukert, of East Moriches, is studying home economics at Cornell University.

Mrs. Walter Darnell, Mrs. George Stone, Mrs. Roger Criado, Mrs. Claude Conklin and Mrs. Walter Chichester attended the annual meeting of the Moriches Woman's Club.

Charles Chapman of East Moriches was in charge of the program at the meeting of the Moriches Rotary Club, where the Rev. Walton D. Moffitt of Aquebogue spoke on "This Long Island of Ours," using color slides which he himself had made.

The Eastport High School sophomore class gave a successful barn dance. Committee members were Otto Becker, Nicholas Capozzola, Betty Lou Brown and Doris Griffing, refreshments; Arthur Richman and Charlotte Scott, publicity and decorations; and tickets, Doris Johnson, Haskell Warner, William Ryder, Mary Knott and Wilmer Foskey.

An Art Club was organized in the East Moriches School with the following officers elected: president, Marie Petzschke; secretary, Ruth Petzchke; treasurer, Arlene Romanowski; Mrs. Harold Chapman, advisor.

The Eastport school halls have several new oil paintings, reproductions of famous masterpieces in history. Walter Crennan and Roy Wilson, advanced industrial arts students in the high school, are mounting maps of interest to the lower grades.

Edward Rogers, of East Moriches, was given a surprise birthday

party with two birthday cakes and a special feature. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. William Steigler and their four children, of Eastport.

Carl Olson, of East Moriches, celebrated his 11th birthday with games and refreshments. Harold Dunlap won first prize in both a doughnut contest and a sack race.

Alice Fenner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bayard C. Fenner of Center Moriches, has been stationed for several weeks in a hospital in Calcutta, India, as an American Red Cross hospital staff aide.

Allen Rogers, of East Moriches, celebrated his birthday with a party at his home, where guests enjoyed games and home movies. Prizes were won by Sarah Hamilton, Joan Woodzell, Corinne Valenti, Shirley Hart, John Meyer and William McPhail.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Olson and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Raynor, of East Moriches, visited New York and saw the ice revue.

A stork shower was held for Mrs. John Zeneski at the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Martin Zeneski, of Clinton Street, Center Moriches.

Mrs. Marian Pearson has been accepted by the Moriches Tribune for the position of advertising representative.

A Thanksgiving assembly was held in Center Moriches High School under the leadership of Lillian Thurau with the school band playing for marching and singing.

Playing in November at the Center Moriches Theatre: Ann Sheridan and Alexis Smith in "The Doughgirls"; Jean Arthur, Lee Bowman and Charles Coburn in "The Impatient Years"; Spencer Tracy in "The Seventh Cross"; Wallace Beery in "Barbary Coast Gent"; Hedy Lamarr and Paul Henreid in "The Conspirators"; and Lana Turner and John Hodiak in "Marriage is a Private Affair."

### 50 Years Ago November 1969

Top scorers of the Center Moriches Junior High School Math Team in their most recent win against Southold were Fran Cuomo, Lisa Bowditch, Mark Herrmann, and Erica Neuhoff. **Food Pantry** – Word of Life Ministries, 15 Frowein Rd., Center Moriches, will open its Angel Food Pantry Mondays and Fridays, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. Call 631-208-4050.

**Free Food for Seniors** - The Commodity Supplemental Food Program is offering free food for seniors age 60 and over who meet income guidelines. Food packages include cheese, milk, starches, cereals, juices, canned fish, meats, vegetables and more. Call 631-491-4156 for information.

**Teen Counseling** - The Sanctuary Program of Brookhaven Youth Bureau offers free individual or family counseling for town residents ages 12-21. Call 451-8011 to speak with a licensed clinical worker.

**Abuse & Abduction Prevention** - Parents for Megan's Law and The Crime Victims Center will hold educational workshops for children, teens, staff and adult community members. Call the helpline at 689-2672 for information or to schedule a workshop.

**BiasHELP** - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender. BiasHELP proudly supports the LGBT community year round. For more information on BiasHELP's anti-bias programming and efforts visit <u>www.biashep.org</u> or call 877-END-Bias.

The Rev. John Argia has been assigned supply pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the Moriches by the Presbytery of Long Island.

The Center Moriches High School soccer team is No. 1 in League V after their victory over Mattituck. Five senior members of the team are John Penney, Ralph Flowers, Ron Geiss, Ted Welsh and Greg Townsend.

Lt. Col. Zollie W. Privett, an Air Force Liason officer from Center Moriches, has recently completed a tour of active duty at the Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs.

Eastport High School's soccer team completed its most successful season ever when it finished second to Center Moriches in League V. Coached by Neil Stam, members of the team include Robert Kuech, Chris Fennell, Todd Kelley, Louis Nowakowksi, Joe Henderson, Paul Ferguson and Jim Green.

Anthony Vaccaro of Nathaniel Woodhull and Moriches elementary schools and Mrs. Anne Marks, a member of the board of education, greeted elementary school principals Dr. A.R. Bertoldi of William Floyd and Carl Rosenblad of Nathaniel Woodhull to a buffet dinner for new teachers and coordinating committee members of American Education Week.

James M. Marrin of Pine Street, East Moriches, has passed the New York State Bar exam and obtained his doctor of law degree from Fordham University School of Law at Lincoln Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Douksza, of Manorville, celebrated their 50th anniversary.

Frank S. Turso of Hawkins Avenue, Center Moriches, was among 36 members of the senior class at the State University College at Fredonia nominated to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Just like the old days, the Choral Society of the Moriches will present its 29th free Christmas performance of Handel's "Messiah" on Dec. 7 at Center Moriches High School. Director Josef Lemmon promises a bigger, better-than-ever performance with an orchestra as an added attraction.

Playing in November at local area theatres: Arlo Guthrie in "Alice's Restaurant"; Brigitte Bardot and Peter Fonda in "Spirit of the Dead"; and Maximilian Schell and Diane Baker in "Krakatoa East of Java." 11

# Keith's Corner



## **Donation season**

We thought November might be a slow month at Helping Makes U Happy, but happily, that's not the case! On Nov. 3 we'll be visiting Christ Lutheran Church in East Moriches, where, in honor of Veterans Day, we connected their Sunday School group with another great charity, Paws of War, who trains and places shelter dogs to provide independence to veterans. We are all coming together to give Paws of War some donations for their awesome organization. On Nov. 7, we'll be heading over to Suffolk Federal Credit Union's main office in Medford to pick up all the food they collected at their 10-branch food drive for Helping Makes U Happy! This food will be used to benefit many local families and pantries and we are so very grateful for the support of the credit union. We were very excited to learn that Mrs. Waller's fifth-grade class at Our Lady Queen of Apostles has chosen Helping Makes U Happy as the organization they'd like to help and work with throughout the school year! We'll be working on some projects with them in the very near future. Our annual coat drive, and Hoodies for the Homeless, is in full swing now. If you have gently used coats or hooded sweatshirts you no longer need, you can drop them at Carlos Pizza in Manorville or The North Face Outlet Store at Tanger in Riverhead, both of whom have generously offered to be collection locations for us. We also collect hats, scarves, and gloves at this time of year and you can reach us at 631-848-9008 or by emailing helpingmakesuhappy@ gmail.com to donate. Please do not drop any of the above in our clothing bin on Neville Street. We'll be supporting our friends at Stepping Stone Support at their Family Volunteer Day, Nov. 24 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Long Island Aquarium. This is another great organization that helps families affected by cancer, and their volunteer day is a fun and easy way to do some volunteer gift wrapping, card making, etc. which will help these families have a happier holiday season. For more info go to SteppingStoneSupport.org. Have a blessed and thanks-filled holiday, everyone!

# **Moriches Bay Garden Club**



# Fall is here

Our club entry in the second district standard flower show, "A Social Whirl," which was held at Brecknock Hall in Greenport, won a second-place award. Rita Sepenoski, Eileen DeRicco, Lillie Brown, Betty Ronston and Diane Tuttle entered individual horticulture and received awards. Diane's entry, a black mamba begonia, won the grower's choice award. Congratulations to all.

Speaking of whirls, we have a whirl of activities going on. In October, all participants enjoyed Maggie Delboy's workshop of a two-seasoned centerpiece. Members donated several shopping bags of non-perishable food items, plus 11 \$10-dollar gift cards from King Kullen for the Thanksgiving food drive sponsored by the Brookhaven Community Center. We are starting our holiday toy drive now and will continue through Nov. 15. Eileen DeRicco will present a workshop on a Thanksgiving centerpiece and offer ideas for a creative Christmas centerpiece at our regular meeting this month.

Some members went to the dahlia show at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum last month and were wowed by the display—some dahlias were as big as 10 inches across and some as tiny as one inch. The dahlia garden is open to the public and is a great place to go in the fall.

Longtime garden club member, Dalida Taylor, has moved to the Carolinas. Dalida is mostly a vegetable gardener and always willing to share extra plants in the spring, so we will miss that and will miss her. She says that she and her husband will have two nurseries at their new home. Maybe she can ship plants to us.

Take a minute to enjoy the fall foliage in our parks and around the neighborhood.

Maureen Pollack

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# \$8M 'dream home' horse farm for sale

Manorville property owned by Italian immigrant dubbed "Dream Come True"

### **BY GLENN ROHRBACKER**

An immigrant from Palermo, Italy, moves to the United States, opens a horse farm and builds his own home, continuing a family legacy-the epitome of the American Dream. Now his estate, 29 acres in Manorville, is up for sale.

Located on County Road 51 just north of Sunrise Highway, Dream Come True Farms is a 29-acre equestrian facility, which is still operational and will be up until its sale. It has several stables and practice areas. Also on the property is the home, a 5,200-squarefoot Georgian Manor built by its owner, Vito Giambanco. He said it's the largest indoor horse-training arena on Long Island.

The home is three stories with a basement. The basement includes a gym, game room, and storage area. The first floor has a center hall, library, bathroom, full kitchen, and laundry area with connection to the three-car garage. A real mahogany spiral staircase leads you to the second floor, where there are four oversized bedrooms, a loft, and a balconv. There are 11 total rooms, with four bedrooms and four baths. There are three fireplaces.



An aerial view of the manor, which is for sale for \$8 million. The home is on the site of a 29-acre equestrian farm.

"Unmatched in luxurious residence and large property to create your dreams here in elegance, grandeur, and location," reads the description from Coach Realtors, who is selling the property. "Unlimited ideas for any family to either raise and care for horses or lots of land to develop here. This is a oncein-a-lifetime opportunity to live in a gated compound and breathe the fresh air on this Pine Barrens-backed estate."

Giambanco plans to scale down as he gets older, which is why he decided to sell the property. He wants to spend more time with his family, which he said is "more important."

Courtesy photo

The listing officially went live on July 12, and is currently for sale at \$8 million. Giambanco built much of the home himself over his 40 years on the property. He installed mahogany hardwood flooring, tile, and tall windows, which allow plenty of natural light.

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