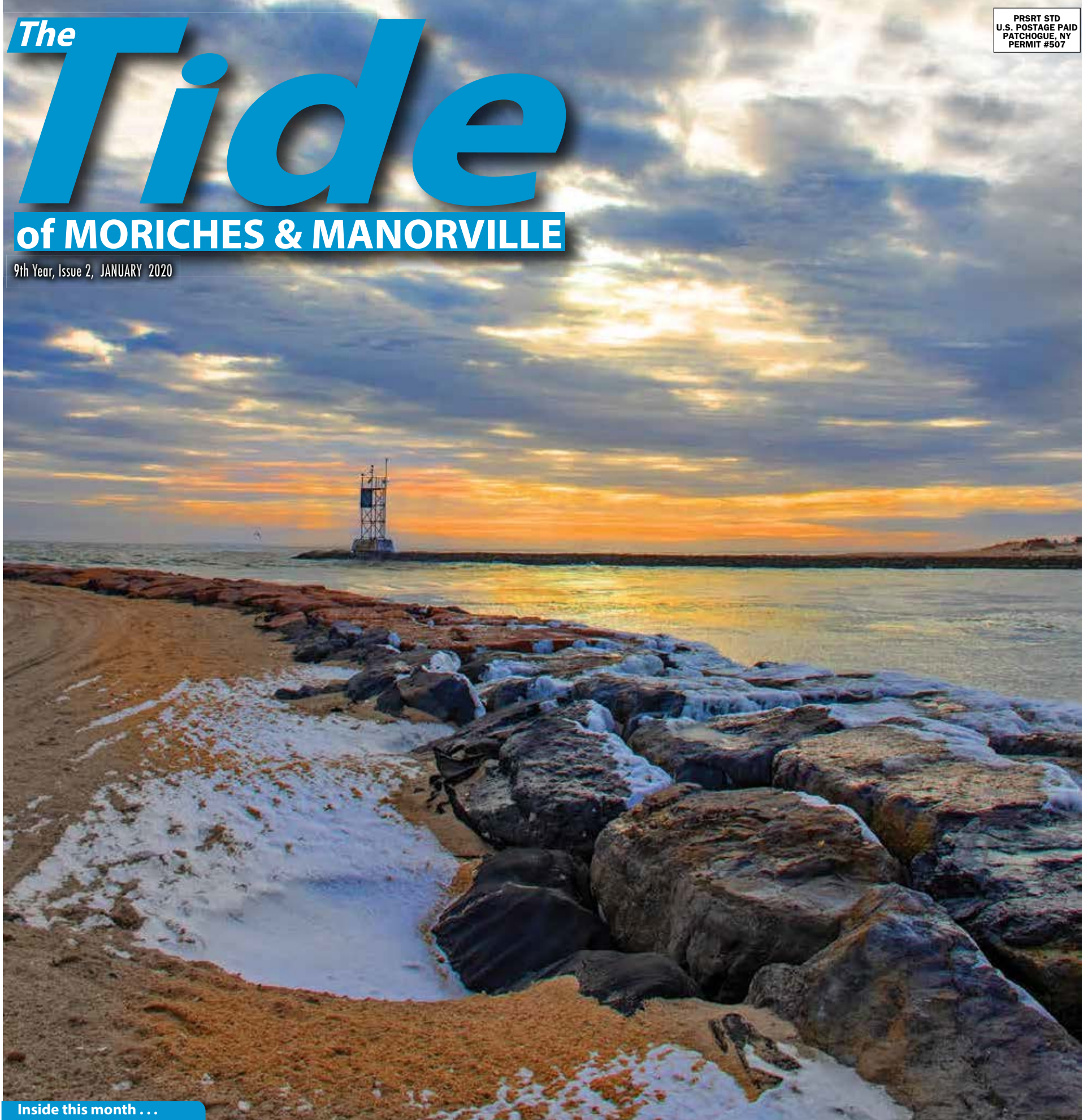


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CM Middle School Band showcases their talent

Band places first at News 12 Long Island's Sounds of the Season

BY TRISH KALOSKI

There's Christmas spirit and school spirit, but then there's Center Moriches School District spirit; combine the three and you've got a formula for success, which was instrumental in propelling the Center Moriches Middle School Band to first place in News 12's annual Sounds of the Season competition, held last month.

The Center Moriches Middle School Band beat out nearly 3400 musicians across Long Island – from soloists, to church choirs, to fellow school bands – thanks in large part to the overwhelming support received from the Center Moriches community. The contest, established by News 12 online in 2017, launched on Nov. 29. Nominations were able to be submitted until Dec. 6, and based on those nominations, the number of contestants was narrowed down to the Top 12 musical groups or musicians. Dec. 9-13 then marked open voting and after that round, the Top 5 were selected.

Sara Greene, Center Moriches Middle School music teacher and band director, was notified on Friday, Dec. 6 that the middle school band had made it to the Top 12. It was the first time that the middle school band participated in the contest and Greene said she was beyond thrilled at the news that the band had advanced.

"The middle school band is a special group because it is a group of sixth to eighth graders—many schools do not have all three grades combined into one," explained Greene.



Center Moriches Middle School Band placed first in News 12's annual Sounds of the Season competition, held last month.

Courtesy photo

"The level of music performed, as well as the musicianship displayed by these young students, always impresses me. They work so hard to play very challenging music for their age and strive to produce mature sounds that have been described by others as sounding like a high school group."

News of the contest and the student musicians' outstanding performance spread fast, and soon it seemed that the entire school district—students, staff, teachers, administrators, parents, friends and family—were scrambling to make sure they logged their votes. All voting took place online, and people were able to vote multiple times. Voting officially ended on Dec. 13. Greene was notified shortly thereafter that not only had the Center Moriches Middle School Band made it to the Top 5, but that they had also secured a total of 19,660 votes: the next closest group received 19,592 votes. The grand prize was to be taped during a live performance that

would air periodically on both channel News 12 and News12.com, beginning Dec. 19.

A News 12 camera crew visited the middle school campus on Tuesday, Dec. 17, to film the band performing two selections: "A Christmas Festival" by Leroy Anderson and arranged by Robert W. Smith, and "Dance of the Tumblers" from the opera "The Snow Maiden" by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov and arranged by James Curnow.

Although admittedly nervous, many student musicians were also proud of their accomplishment. "We worked hard for this moment," said eighth-grade student Jimmy Deedy. "I felt like we really put our heart and souls into it to make it sound the best it can be."

"We went beyond our comfort zone and worked together as a team. We also really appreciate the recognition of our hard work," added Jonathan Frohnhoefer, also in eighth grade.

Lidl opens

New store takes place of old Waldbaum's space

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

It was one of the first major snowfalls of the winter season, but that didn't stop eager Center Moriches residents from venturing in the early morning to the newest grocery store in town.

Lidl opened to the community on Dec. 11, with a ribbon cutting and giveaways for people brave enough to get in line early. The first 200 customers were greeted with a gift card ranging from \$5 to \$250.

"After touring the store, I think shoppers will be pleasantly surprised," said councilman Dan Panico in a post on Facebook.

Lidl is a German-based grocer that first opened in 1973. The chain now operates 10,800 stores in 32 countries and employs over 280,000 people.

"We are happy to soon bring Lidl's unique and fresh approach to grocery shopping to Long Island," said Johannes Fieber, CEO of Lidl US in a statement announcing the opening.



Local elected officials, employees, and residents cut the ribbon to welcome Lidl to the community.

Courtesy photo

"Our new stores will allow customers to save time and money each week with a simple and efficient shopping experience. We also look forward to celebrating our grand openings with many familiar faces from the local Best Market teams."

Some things offered at Lidl include:

- Fresh-baked goods: Lidl holds breads and pastries, which are baked fresh throughout the day. A bakery is located at the entrance of the store.

- High-quality American products: Roughly nine out of 10 products sold at Lidl are its exclusive private label brands, and

To be highlighted on News 12's Sounds of the Season was also an honor for the entire school district. School superintendent Dr. Ronald Masera, who joined the district this past year, said he was overwhelmed but not necessarily surprised that the middle school band had won and garnered nearly 20,000 votes.

"It was truly exciting to see the level of support we received from our community for the News 12 Sounds of the Season competition. For a relatively small school, it is amazing that we were able to place first in voting! It is inspiring and heartwarming to see what can be accomplished when an entire community pulls together. Mrs. Greene sets such high expectations for our middle school musicians and they rose to the occasion, making us all very proud. Their performance was magnificent."

Christine Buff, mother of eighth-grade twins Stephen and Spencer, said having her sons be able to perform on News 12's Sounds of the Season was "a dream come true. Music and Arts is so very important to kids and we are fortunate to have very committed staff in the Center Moriches district. This community rallied and the support from all over the country is what assisted us in getting the chance to perform."

"I set very high standards for my students and they amaze me every day with how hard they work to achieve their level of musicianship," noted Greene. "For them to be recognized for their dedication on a larger platform is something that they truly deserve. I am also extremely overwhelmed by the amount of support we received. I was blown away by the fact that the entire community came together to bring us almost 20,000 votes! I am eternally grateful for that!" ■

a majority of Lidl's everyday assortment is sourced in America.

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- Organic and gluten-free options: Lidl carries a variety of organic and gluten-free items including organic fruit, vegetables, meat, dairy, and packaged food items.

- Lidl surprises: Lidl offers an ever-changing selection of non-food products each week that will be in stores for a limited time. The selection will include fitness gear, small kitchen appliances, toys, and outdoor furniture, among other non-food items. ■

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Spanish food exploding with flavor

New spot La Buena Vida brings flair to Moriches

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

There's a new player in the Moriches restaurant game: La Buena Vida. Located on Montauk Highway just east of Barnes Road with a scenic view of Mill Pond, La Buena Vida brings a new type of cuisine to the community that bursts with love, history, and passion.

Owned by local resident Tom Freck, who has been living in Moriches and Center Moriches



The bacon-wrapped dates stuffed with goat cheese are the perfect savory appetizer.

MT/Rohrbacker

for 15 years, the restaurant takes authentic Spanish cuisine with Mediterranean influences to new levels. Freck and his team took over the building in September, which was formerly occupied by Asian fusion restaurant Watami. They made some design and aesthetic changes, but left the layout largely the same.

The space also comes with a catering hall that can seat over 100 people. The food is meant to be enjoyed by all, and is at affordable prices while still being fresh and well-made. Freck recruited his longtime friend and chef, Luis Nunez, to help craft and cook the menu. Nunez has been cooking for over 30 years and said he puts a lot of love into his food every night.

The menu has a lot of options to craft a meal. You could get yourself a nice paella (\$26-\$34), or chops of NY strip steak (\$32) or salmon (\$24), or mix it up with different appetizers.

"It's the way I like to eat," Freck said of his efforts to craft the menu.

The owner added that he chose Moriches because he wanted to bring a new type of food to the area, as well as loving the community. The restaurant has a comforting ambiance that makes it suitable for any occasion, from not being in the mood to cook all the way to an anniversary dinner.

"We're just really excited to be part of the community," he added.

THE FOOD

We tried a few dishes on the menu, and the favorite had to be the pork chop drowned in a classic Spanish garlic sauce (\$24). Named Chuletas de Cerdo a la Bilbaina on the menu, the dish gives you a thick cut of a pork chop, drizzled in a savory sauce with diced red peppers, garlic, and parsley bringing out a great balance of flavor. (Nunez said he has been told multiple times to bottle this sauce, which isn't surprising.)

We also tried a few appetizers, which make great picking plates when you're with a group (or by yourself—we're not judging). Our favorite of these was the bacon-wrapped dates

stuffed with goat cheese (\$14). The date brings a sweetness to the table as the vehicle for really thick goat cheese that melts perfectly and seared bacon that easily rips apart when you bite into it. There's a rich, complex combination of flavors that makes this something you won't want to stop grabbing for. There's also stuffed mushrooms containing shrimp and scallops (\$12) that put a little twist on the classic appetizer. We also enjoyed the lamb chops (\$15), which were tender and juicy.

Freck said he also keeps a good stock of quality Spanish wines. For inquiries about catering or renting the space, call 631-909-1985. ■



The pork chop is served with a light but flavorful garlic sauce.

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At \$5 a chance, you won't get a better deal anywhere, and this is our main fundraiser for the \$1,000 scholarships we fund at four area high schools, and also the \$500 Martha O'Brien Home-town Scholarship at CMHS. We'll also be at TJ'S Heros in Mastic Beach the afternoons of Jan. 8 and 15 and the mornings of Jan. 11 and 18. Our two winners will be drawn on Jan. 19 at the Triangle Pub in Eastport, where a small Chinese auction will also take place.

You've got to be in it to win it!!



Moriches Bay Garden Club

A wonderful year of projects

The MBGC has had a wonderful year of projects, programs and field trips. Our last project was to participate in the Ketcham Inn Foundation's wreath-decorating event. The finished wreaths were distributed to all the shops along Main Street. Regular meetings will begin again in March. Our board will take the next month to plan our programs for 2020. One event we know for sure is that we will be staging a standard flower show at the Masury Estate in August. We were happy to welcome five new members this year. Perhaps you could take a minute to see if you might like to become a member. Our objective is to stimulate and promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility. Best wishes for a happy New Year.

-Maureen Pollack
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Around Moriches & Manorville

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Let Us Know About Your Event!
 email to liaproducton@optonline.net

Sunday, January 12

New Sermon Series – The South Bay Bible Church's new nine-week teaching series, "Radical with David Platt: Following Jesus with Reckless Abandon," will be presented Sundays, 9 and 11 a.m. or Saturdays at 5 p.m. Visit www.southbaychurchli.org or call 631-909-8241.

Moriches Chamber – The Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches will meet at the Moriches Bay Diner, 6-8 p.m. Call 631-874-3849.

Monday, January 13

Teen Guidance – William Floyd H.S. guidance counselor, Ms. Crocetti, will be at Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Library to help teens with job and college applications, interview

prep, and resume help, 3-4 p.m. To register, call 631-399-1511.

Wednesday, January 15

Mastic History – The Mastic Peninsula Historical Society will meet at the Mastic Fire Dept. hall, 7:30 p.m. Call 631-281-7347, email mphs333@optonline.net, or visit www.mphistorical.org.

Saturday, January 18

5-Hour Pre-Licensing Course – The required course to schedule a road test, at Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Library, 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$50 payable by cash. Attendees must bring valid Learner's Permit to class. Register in advance and pay the instructor upon entering class. Call 631-399-1511.

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Send Us Your Events – The Moriches Tide prints Moriches, Center Moriches, East Moriches, and Manorville community events in our "AROUND TOWN" section, free of charge. For inclusion, please submit event via email to: LIAProduction@optonline.net by the 15th of the month prior to event.

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

Student Volunteers – Colonials Community Volunteers Corp is looking for students in grades 7-12 to help with graffiti removal, flowers for friends, tutoring, newsletter publication, youth council and community events.

To get involved, call 631-281-4416 and ask for Ray.

DVDs for Military Personnel – AMVETS Task Force DVD is an appeal to patriotic Americans to donate their new and used DVDs to be shipped to our fighting men and women overseas. If you have a family member and/or friend deployed anywhere around the world, AMVETS will send them a box of DVDs for their personal and/or unit's use. You may make your request by providing their complete military mailing address, name, APO, etc. in an email addressed to thilton@amvets.org.

Sunday Worship – Join the Presbyterian Church of the Moriches Sundays for worship and Sunday school at 10:30 a.m., and teen class at 9:30 a.m. Call 631-878-1993.

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Tide to introduce new website

Site to include all content, community calendar, and multimedia

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

The *Tide of Moriches and Manorville* is getting ready to debut its brand-new website, after months working on a rebranding effort. The site will feature additional web-only content, multimedia, an enhanced community calendar and more. The web address will be www.tideofmoriches.com. In addition to the website, the Tide will debut a print redesign in February.

"After several iterations, this new site will bring our business to the next level;

it will provide our readers with more content, photos and information about our community," said *Tide* publisher John "Terry" Tuthill IV. "The site will keep readers coming back and make us the 'go-to' site for all that is southern Brookhaven town. Our new print design will also bring us up-to-date and provide content in a more readable fashion. We are very excited to share this with our loyal readers!"

The *Tide*, which was first published in 2010, covers the towns of Moriches, Center Moriches, East Moriches, Manorville and Eastport. It is published monthly in print and is offered at no cost to readers. Our new website will be launched on Jan. 9. To give feedback or suggest changes, send us an email at tideeditorial@gmail.com. ■

Students help create Candy Cane Lane

Artwork turns into family event

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

Every year, Renee DiMeo-Bridgwood's students do a host of decorations for the holiday season. They get giant rolls of paper to paint and hang on the hallway walls, create special holiday-themed display cases, and this year, hosted local families for the first Candy Cane Lane event.

"I've always wanted to do something bigger," DiMeo-Bridgwood said.

The event, held on Monday, Dec. 16 at Center Moriches High School, brought families in to see the artwork created by students, both in class and in the school art club. It was inspired by the trick-or-treat events held by business teacher Jackie Rose, which were successful. And it was simultaneously a toy drive to benefit Center Moriches nonprofit Helping Makes U Happy.

DiMeo-Bridgwood said her students get a fun opportunity to learn new art skills through this event. The artwork has been in production since before Thanksgiving, and students voted for this year's theme to be "The Grinch."

"We want to give people an arts experience," she said.

Families who visited Candy Cane Lane were able to enter several rooms and participate in different activities. In one room, children could make edible winter snacks like marshmallow snowmen, chocolate-covered pretzels, and hot chocolate. In another room, children could make homemade reindeer food in preparation for Christmas, candy cane ornaments, and greeting cards. They could also drop off letters to Santa, or ask him for presents themselves when they got a picture taken.

The event was a team effort between the art department, the art club, and the Interact club. ■



Students from the Center Moriches art club join with Santa as he waits to hear from children who want presents.

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TOP STORIES

Library bond passes by under 100 votes



The Manic-Moriches-Girley Community Library earned the green light to move forward with a bond to finance \$6.5 million in renovations, after the community voted in approval by a slim margin.



Boy Scouts tour FBI

Family members of Boy Scouts of America Troop 29 toured the largest FBI office in the United States on Nov. 24. The FBI community outreach personnel officers, Evelyn and Kevin, guided the scouts and families through various offices in the Manhattan FBI headquarters. The scouts were able to visit the operations center and other areas of the building. Information about the various FBI activities, community outreach programs, and employment opportunities was provided while the group sat in the actual operations seats. There are various programs available that range from teen/youth academies to college internships. The group was given insightful descriptions of crime prevention methods, gang activity, mafia investigations, and an exhibit about the major terrorist events. Evelyn and Kevin clarified the various activities and areas of responsibility of the FBI.

The FBI provides valuable investigative services to counter a wide variety of crimes. Other federal agencies work cooperatively with the Federal Bureau of Investigation on events from terrorist attacks, such as the Boston Marathon attack, to securing us during events such as when the Super Bowl was at the Meadowlands. The process of becoming an employee or a special agent was described as the scouts and family members of Troop 29 inquired about the FBI. The visit to 26 Federal Plaza in Manhattan left a great impression on the troop. Their service to our nation became profoundly visible and appreciated when the tour ended in the memorial room.



Girl Scouts decorate homeless shelter

Girl Scout Troop 1556 decorated and donated a Christmas tree for a local homeless shelter. They also held a food drive and donated Thanksgiving food boxes to a local food pantry as well as donated two additional trees. The girls said they love helping those in their community and sharing the spirit of the season with those who need it most.

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