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Tulips are almost in season!



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Pictured is the owner's daughter, Poppie.

Did you know, Waterdrinker Family Farms grows millions of tulip bulbs? The annual Tulip Fest blooms in April. The owners predict that peak time will commence around April 15. Waterdrinker officially opens on April 1 to get ready and welcome in visitors with all the hoopla and festivities of a Holland festival.

"But we are always at the good pleasure of Mother Nature," said owner Marc Weiss with a smile. "Weather will determine exactly when those hundreds of different varieties will bloom!"

Manorville soil has been most agreeable to cascades of tulip varieties, this year with even more and unique arrays and variations. Guests can truly tiptoe through the tulips and capture some of the finest, most breathtaking photo opportunities possible: bicycles in the field, giant Dutch shoes, a wishing well, and vintage cars!

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Longtime church member and 275th anniversary committee member Nancy Horton stands with her husband Richard outside the Center Moriches church, which has one of the most iconic steeples that can be seen from sea.

An astonishing anniversary for a beautiful community

Presbyterian Church of the Moriches celebrates 275 years

BY NICOLE FUENTES

It's not every day your hometown church turns 275. In celebration of this monumental event, the Presbyterian Church of the Moriches community will be hosting several events throughout the year.

Proud of the church's longevity, anniversary committee member Nancy Horton anticipates the year ahead. Horton is, notably, not the oldest, but one of the longest members of the church, having been baptized there as a baby 76 years ago. Her parents were married here, as were she and her husband, Richard.

"I love the church. I've been here my whole life and it's just such a part of my life, it's like breathing, it's just what I do," Horton said, admiring her time with the church.

Of the many things to love about the church, she said, is one of their most prized possessions: the original organ, which was restored in 1978 and played by a baby grand piano. The members are also proud of the newly renovated kitchen adorned by original wood floors, which helps make one of most successful Mother's Day tea fundraisers possible. This year will mark the 25th anniversary for the tea as well.

About 10 years ago, the church's first female minister, Jeannine M. Frenzel, arrived. She has since moved on to Pennsylvania in 2020. Currently, the church has an interim minister, Rev. Mark Applewhite. The church also has ruling elders, about a dozen deacons, and a session with about half a dozen voting

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Easter and Passover Greetings from Our Family to Yours.



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Erin go bragh! In Moriches

Annual St. Patrick's Day parade comes to town

BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN

We've all heard the saying, "Erin go bragh," but what does it actually mean? In the Irish language, or Gaelic, "Erin go bragh" is roughly translated as "Ireland Forever" or "Ireland 'till the end of time." Judging by this translation, Moriches has lots of Irish pride, evident in the many

"Erin go bragh" banners and posters seen at the annual Moriches St. Patrick's Day parade, hosted by the Moriches Chamber of Commerce on Sunday, March 12.

The day was cool, but bearable. Main Street was packed as marchers and spectators alike, dressed in green and donning shamrocks, displayed Irish pride and Moriches pride, too. Ireland's famous flag, three equal blocks of green, white, and orange, could be seen waving in many a spectator's hand.

Many different local businesses and

services participated in the day's festivities, including Mulvihill-Lynch Dance, Shaolin Self Defense Center and Muller's Tree Farm, as well as the ambulance companies and fire departments. Marchers from the dance schools performed choreographed numbers in front of spectators, as the karate students performed their moves. Representatives from Hampton Coffee Company marched in the parade and were on hand to give spectators free hot chocolates.

One local business owner, Nicole Com-

misso, creator of My Cup Condom, took the parade as an opportunity to showcase her product, which protects people's drinks from being tampered with.

In addition to the many businesses and services present, there were also social groups and clubs, including the Ancient Order of the Hibernians, many of whom marched in their cream-colored cable knit sweaters. Also, 2023 St. Patrick's parade grand marshal, Joseph Townsend, marched alongside past grand marshals in true parade tradition.



Bagpipers at the annual Moriches St. Patrick's Day parade.



Marchers from Clayton Huey Elementary School.



Ancient Order of the Hibernians.



Michael Whelan, Rose Whelan, Miles Whelan (back), Cassidy Huynh, Tony Huynh with Cole, and Casie Ferraro with Mason.



A float carrying Helping Makes U Happy's Keith Caputo.



Muller's Tree Farm of Manorville.



Hampton Coffee Company gave out free hot chocolate.

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St. Patrick's Day parade grand marshal Joe Townsend, Irish Princess Jillian Ryan, and past GMs and dignitaries.

4-Leaf Clover 5K Run

Seatuck Cove Rotary hosts largest yet

BY KRAIG KLEIN

The Seatuck Cove Rotary Club reported that their annual 4-Leaf Clover 5K Run drew in more participants on March 18 this year than in the past.

"We had over 150 [people running]," Rotary Club district governor Wendy Walsh-DeMaria said.

The 4-Leaf Clover 5K Run/Walk for Charity raises funds for various local high school scholarships given to students attending Eastport-South Manor, Center Moriches, and Westhampton high schools. Multiple members of the Seatuck Cove Rotary Club said that this year's marathon had the highest number of attendees yet, with around 158 runners. The club hopes that the increased number of participants is an indicator that the event will expand and prosper further, thus raising even more money for students.

"This is the most runners we've ever had in all the years we've done this," race director Ruben Reyes stated at the event.

This year's 4-Leaf Clover Run was the sixth iteration of the event, hosted by the Seatuck Cove Rotary Club. The marathon is a key early event in their charity scheduling, as the results of the run impact the club's ability to help students and influence future projects.

"So far, every year we [held the marathon, except the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic], have been able to give out five \$1,000 scholarships," Rotary Club member Roseann Gencarelli said. "Any money above that, after our expenses, [is] put in the bank to start saving for our next project."

Participants started at East Moriches Middle School on Adelaide Avenue, traveled to the East Moriches Sea Cadet and Coast Guard base, and returned to the middle school. Runners either jogged alone or as part of a team, and their times were tracked by employees from EliteFeats.com. The Theodore Roosevelt Division of the

United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps, commanded by Lt. Kenneth Roberts, helped participants follow the marathon's route and handed out refreshing supplies, like bottles of water, to runners at certain points on the path.

"We've done this run a few times," Roberts said.

Runners in the marathon could also win honorary awards, depending on how quickly they finished the course. Winners were spread across multiple categories, with some people winning medals for being the fastest runner in their age group and gender. The first person to finish the event overall received his own separate award. Sergey Avramenko took first place with a running time of 16 minutes and 23.16 seconds.

"I feel happy," Avramenko declared, after Reyes placed a medal around his neck at the finish line. "I'm getting back in shape. Good result."

The Rotary Club works to make sure they can raise awareness of the 4-Leaf Clover Run as much as possible. Before the

event, the club reaches out to a plethora of local businesses and the Moriches Chamber of Commerce in order to advertise the event.

"I help as much as I can—getting sponsors, getting participants, [et cetera]," Rotary Club vice president Joyce Duck explained.

The organization also holds other charity projects and fundraisers in addition to the run. Rotary Club members help distribute baskets during Thanksgiving, donate backpacks to young students, and collect a variety of used objects—from worn-out sneakers to broken eyeglasses—for recycling initiatives that use the resources to help suffering individuals internationally.

The Seatuck Rotary Club intends on holding another 4-Leaf Clover Run next year, and they hope to have even more runners then and surpass this year's numbers.

"I would love to have 200 [runners]," Gencarelli said.

"My hope is that it will grow to, at least one day, [have] at least a thousand runners," Reyes added.



Donna Giambruno stands with her medal for second place female contestant aged 30-39, after recording a time of 25 minutes and 5.50 seconds.

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Ruben Reyes (far left), accompanied by two other members of the Seatuck Rotary Club, take out the medal for second place female contestant aged 30-39, as Donna Giambruno approaches the finish line.



Sea Cadets Kall Robert (left) and Howard Graham (right) operate a water bottle stand during the marathon to give water to exhausted runners.



Sergey Avramenko, overall first-place winner of the 4-Leaf Clover Run, stands with his newly won medal on the front lawn of East Moriches Middle School.

CHURCH: 275th Anniversary

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members. Their services are held every Sunday at 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

One of the church's most important community outreaches is their food pantry. The pantry, which serves up to 50 families per week, is open on Monday evenings and staffed by church members and local volunteers.

"I believe our church is one of the most beautiful, iconic buildings in our lovely town of Center Moriches... The steeple can be seen from out on the sea, and the current building has been an established part of Main Street since 1886."

LINDA DAVIS, *Choir member and Deacon*

Choir member and deacon Linda Davis has also been a longtime member and joined in 1998. She has been the director of the children's choir and served on the Board of Trustees. She currently serves as the co-director of the food pantry with Dawn Murray. "This is our third decade of serving our neighbors in need in our community, and we have a terrific group of dedicated volunteers who are there every Monday," she explained. "We serve over 5,000 families a year and offer clothing, bedding, toys, kitchenware, pet food, as well as food to our clients every week. Everyone involved with the food pantry—vol-

unteers, donors, recipients—share our common humanity and the need to take care of our brothers and sisters, every week."

Bill Phillips, chairperson of this anniversary committee and elder, joined the church about 12 years ago with his wife.

"We attended a few Sundays and it inspired friendship, acceptance, and a place of peace and caring," he said of the atmosphere. "My experiences since that first Sunday have been a positive one, which have affected many corners of my life."

Since then, he has become the coordinator for the upkeep of the church and joined as the chair of the 275th anniversary committee.

"I am happy to welcome the community to celebrate with us," he added. "Our church has been an icon in the community for 275 years and hopes to continue for many generations to come."

THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

The church was founded in 1748, reorganized in 1831, incorporated in 1839 and had the first edifice in 1809, second in 1839 and enlarged in 1861, rebuilt in 1886 and had a Sunday school extension in 1931. The church has had over 20 ministers, including their first female minister in 2010.

The first recorded church documents date back to Oct. 20, 1748. The minister at that time was Rev. Nehemiah Greenman, a graduate of Yale Divinity School. He was a circuit rider, a horse-riding preacher with a Bible in a saddlebag. He covered the South Shore from Quogue to South Haven, then known as Fire Place. At that time, services were held in peo-



A view from inside of the church, where services are held every Sunday. Mt/Fuentes

ple's homes.

The first building of the church was erected in 1809 at the site of their present edifice at 263 Main Street in Center Moriches. By the mid-1800s, Center Moriches had about 600 residents, two churches, four stores, two hotels, a blacksmith shop, a grist mill, a boat builder, and a few tradesmen. Most residents earned their living from the soil or the bay.

The church has since become a landmark building and has been enlarged many times since its inception, most recently in 1986 for their education/food pantry wing.

CELEBRATION EVENTS

The first event will be held on April 16 at 2 p.m. with a piano/organ concert by Michele Garzo, concert pianist. The concert is \$20. The second event will be the annual Mother's Day Tea, a three-course Victorian tea on May 13. Then,

the church will host a community celebration on Sept. 23 with an open house, including food and fun at no charge. ■



The Presbyterian Church of the Moriches in 1910. Courtesy photo



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TULIP FESTIVAL: Bring the kids and the pets

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Tulip Town at Waterdrinker is a miniature village inspired by Amsterdam, where kids can feel like giants. And just a short stroll from there, the animals are always happy to see visitors. Say hello to the Kunekune pigs, visit the goats, and stop in at the greenhouse to see the Sulcata tortoises and Hops the Bunny. Other activities at the farm include the obstacle course, Waterdrinker's Wooden Playground, tractor pedal cars and of course, the Jumbo Jump Pads. Practice your putt-putt skills and play a round of mini golf with the family.

Take a selfie by the windmill and enjoy live music and food trucks on the weekends. Ever tried a stroopwafel with coffee? The Long Island Farm Brewery is located right next to the farm, and it is serving up some delicious beers for the season, including a Tulip Fest-inspired Dutch pilsner. The greenhouse/gift shop is bursting with garden supplies, beautiful spring flowers, garden supplies, and Tulip Festival souvenirs.

Waterdrinker is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the weekdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends, rain or shine. Pet-friendly, leash required. Updates provided on social media and water-drinker.com. ■

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Harlem Wizards come to CM

The world-famous Harlem Wizards will visit Center Moriches High School on Friday, April 28 for an evening of great fun and fundraising. The Wizards will play a game against a team of Center Moriches teachers, principals and community leaders. The event is a fundraiser for Center Moriches PTO.

Pre-game, any child or teen with a Wizards jersey can warm-up with the Wizards! Throughout the game audience members will be asked to volunteer in different contests and acts. And the end of night final moments includes an invitation for all students to come onto the court for a dance celebration with the Wizards.

The event will feature a variety of fun interactive extras to complement the Wizards' dazzling demonstration of hoops artistry: Pregame "Wiz Kids" warm-up, contests, comedy, awesome slam dunks, audience participation, merchandise giveaways, and more. The game will conclude with the Wizards' signature dance celebration that will have the parents on their feet and the kids moving to the beat.

TICKETS:

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Moriches Chamber update

Scout award and featured businesses night

BY NICOLE FUENTES

Last month, the chamber had help from Eagle Scout Eric Corn of Troop 414. Eric and his troop helped put up and take down the flags along Main Street. He has the highest rank of badges and received a merit award.

The Brookhaven Coalition Chamber of Commerce will also hold its Awards Night on April 20, at Stereo Garden in Patchogue. The chamber will also be announcing their Member of the Year during their April 4 meeting.

March's featured business was Good Bickle, located at 617 Montauk Highway in Center Moriches. Owner Yakeev Chance brings the taste of Jamaica to Center Moriches by sharing his mother's and grandmother's recipes. According to chamber president Jackie Osborne, they had a sample during the last meeting, and it was delicious.

The chamber is also busy working with new committees to help businesses continue to grow. The new committees include Membership Committee, Restaurant Committee, New Events Committee, Retail on Main, Downtown Beautification Committee, and Fundraiser Committee. Anyone who would like to join a committee should contact the chamber at info@moricheschamber.org.

"We are always looking for community members to help us make our commu-

nity great!" said Osborne, also hoping to promote local shopping.

The April chamber meeting will be held on April 4 at the Moriches Field Brewing Company, 1 Wilcox Avenue, in Center Moriches. The meeting starts at 6 p.m. for business networking and 6:30 p.m. for the chamber meeting.

The chamber is hard at work for their businesses and community; check out their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MorichesChamberofCommerce> and Instagram. For promotions and activities visit their website at moricheschamber.org.

Courtesy photo



Chamber students of the month

The Moriches Chamber of Commerce's January student of the month for March was Josh Lehle. He is a senior at Center Moriches High School who plans on going to SUNY Farmingdale in the fall with a major in business.

For February, they chose Savanna Reyes, a senior at Center Moriches high school. She is committed to the University of South Carolina and will be majoring in English in the fall. She

hopes to become an English teacher in the future. During her high school career, she was a tennis player and team captain this year, she is also the vice president of DECA, treasurer of the fishing club, and currently a member of the English, math, science, social studies, foreign language, and national honor societies. This year, she also joined cheer and flag football.

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Students of the month Josh Lehle and Savanna Reyes.

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BY VIRGINIA WHITE, LE

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Real estate in Center Moriches

A million and a half-million dollar homes sold

BY NICOLE FUENTES

Center Moriches is a 2.04-square-mile hamlet and is located in Suffolk County, on the South Shore of Long Island. The name “Moriches” comes from Meritces, a Native American who owned land on Moriches Neck.

According to BridgeHampton Real Estate Broker and owner Kevin Loiacono, Center Moriches has a quiet Hamptons feel, with a quaint Main Street with waterfront homes and plenty of waterfront access including Holiday and Webby’s beaches as well as the popular Terrell River Park. As for young people looking to purchase in the area, he said they have many parades and in-town events like street fairs, Halloween March of the Goblins (trick-or-treating in town at local businesses), the annual Spooky Walk at Camp Paquatuck, and sailing classes at the local yacht club.

“It’s the land that time forgot—a very quaint,” he said of the area, also noting the more modern additions including a Goldberg’s Deli and the Westhampton classic, which is now in Center Moriches.

His agency specifically, he said, is located in Center Moriches and provides both residential and commercial real estate services. Also, his agents are local from the surrounding towns. Loiacono has lived in the area of East and Center Moriches since 2000.

ABOUT THE MORICHES

According to BrookHampton Realty, house styles and sizes vary through-

out Center Moriches, including capes, ranches, colonials, Victorians, post-modern and contemporary, from smaller 1200-1400-square-foot homes to over 4000-square-foot homes. Center Moriches is part of the Center Moriches Union Free School District.

MORICHES REAL ESTATE STATS

As of March, there were 17 homes on the market in Center Moriches with prices ranging from \$469,000 to \$5 million and taxes ranging from \$5,450.70 to \$23,000. The average sale price of a home in Center Moriches last year was \$620,406. The Center Moriches rental market also has very low inventory and about six pieces of land currently listed for sale ranging \$199,000 to \$5 million. If considering the Moriches area in whole, including Center and East Moriches as well, a total of 46 homes and land for sale were found listed from \$5 million to \$459,000.

RECENT HOMES SOLD IN THE CENTER MORICHES



2 Marion Court, Center Moriches, recently sold for \$1.735 million with \$23,364 taxes. The two-story home was part of Wilcox Farms and built in 2003. It has 11 rooms with five bedrooms and four baths. The lot is just over an acre and includes an inground pool, sprinklers and a porch. Gorgeous Hamptons-style home right on the water and perfect for boaters. Offering direct access to Old Neck Creek, leading into Moriches Bay, the 1.01-acre property features a welcoming two-story contemporary with water views from nearly every room, plus lots of great space for entertaining and gathering, five bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, fireplace, chef’s kitchen and spacious dining room. Outside, there’s lots to enjoy, including a large backyard, picturesque walkway through manicured lawn and specimen trees leading to a 60-foot deep-water dock, multiple water-facing decks and balconies, outdoor spa, and freeform waterside pool with slide and waterfall. Having it all never looked so good!



26 Old Neck Road S., Center Moriches, sold for \$2.275 million with \$35,597 in taxes. The expansive, gated waterfront estate sits on over 4 acres, with 4-5 beds, four baths, spacious wrap around patios, a private dock with running water and electric, tennis, basketball, and a 20x40 pool with patio and spa. Outdoors a firepit area makes entertaining second to none while a Trex catwalk that leads to the floating dock. With deeded beach/boat rights and usage of the historic Masury Estate Ballroom in Holiday Beach.



67 Hawkins Avenue, Center Moriches, recently sold for \$529,990 with \$9,890 taxes. The charming colonial home was in move in condition with many upgrades sitting on a shy acre property close to all village amenities. It has three bedrooms and two baths. It is a completely updated 1894 colonial has historic charm and modern conveniences. Renovations include siding, windows, insulation, sheetrock, electric, heating, ductless A/C units, incredible custom chefs’ kitchen, hardwood floors, baths and more! There is also a huge 26 x 40 attached garage with unfinished bonus room above and a large enclosed porch. The shy acre property has fruit trees, berry plants, 2 sheds, room for gardens, pool and more!



127 Senix, Avenue, Center Moriches, sold for \$2.9 million with \$26,878 taxes. This listing presented a rare opportunity to own one of Center Moriches’ premier waterfront parcels. Protected by Senix Creek and mere yards from Moriches Bay, the exclusive 2-acre property is minutes to the Hamptons. The spectacular waterfront compound affords luxurious resort-like living in a premier South of the Highway locale, featuring 180’ of water frontage, a boathouse, sparkling in-ground pool, and sprawling lush grounds with lots of room for a tennis court. A grand 6-bedroom 4-bathroom main house. The gracious, 6,000+/- sq ft Nantucket-style main residence has been substantially renovated, incorporating modern conveniences and state-of-the-art amenities to create one of the most special and alluring properties on the market. Sweeping architectural lines, oversized rooms with unique designer touches, high airy ceilings, sun-filled windows galore.

CENTER MORICHES CENSUS DATA

Total Population- 7,580

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Median Household Income- \$104,108

Zip Codes- 11934 and 11955

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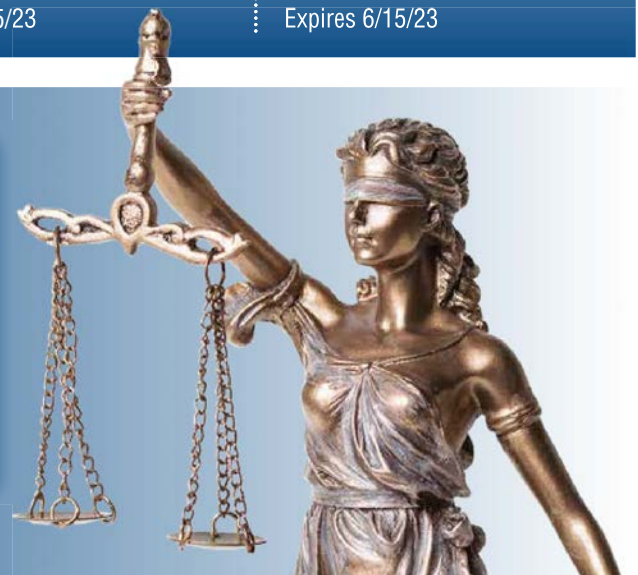
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The seeds are in!

Library program to return this month

BY NICOLE FUENTES

All you need is your library card to start planting a variety of seeds, provided by your very own local Center Moriches Library. “The mission of our seed library is to provide information, instruction, and education on sustainable gardening,” explained library director Marcie Litjens.

The CM Library’s seed program began in 2016, and since the inception over 10,000 patrons have “checked out” seeds for free with their library card. The program is funded in part by the Friends of the Library group.

All of the seeds are non-GMO and organic. Throughout the years, Litjens said that they have curated a selection of over 75 different types of vegetables, herbs, fruits, and flowers to choose from.

Also, if you are interested in learning how to grow a garden but don’t know how to begin, the library has many books to help you get you started.

“Whether you have a yard for a garden or a small container to plant in, this fun and exciting program is a great way to engage all members of the community and a great family activity,” she said, excited for another year of planting.

Also, the library does not require that harvested seeds be brought back



Donna and Kathy are two of the many library clerks who help sort and package all of the seeds in the library. Courtesy photo

to the library, but they do encourage patrons to send in photos to show them what they have grown.

“Since the program has begun, people are very interested in coming in and taking advantage of it and growing their own garden,” said library clerk Donna Evans. “And they love it!”

WHAT IS A SEED LIBRARY?

It is a collection of seeds that you can “borrow” for planting at home or community garden. All of the seeds in the seed are organic and are purchased through Seed Savers or High Mowing Organic Seeds.

HOW TO GET STARTED?

Simply fill out the form on the library’s website and choose up to five packets of seeds. Then, you will receive a mailing from the library with seeds to plant in your garden. Slips are also available at the library. And, no, you don’t need to return the seeds! However, they do love to see photos from local library member’s success.

WHAT KIND OF SEEDS ARE THERE?

As for herbs, there are basil, mint and thyme, to name just a few. For veggies, there are options for cauliflower, zucchini, and squash, and for flowers there are options for marigolds and sunflowers. For a complete list of options, visit the drop-down menu in Selections on the library website.



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4/2 to 4/8	Moriches Bay	5:49 AM	6:22 PM	6:33 AM	7:03 PM	7:12 AM	7:39 PM	7:49 AM	8:12 PM	8:23 AM	8:45 PM	8:59 AM	9:18 PM	9:36 AM	9:55 PM
	Moriches Inlet	5:10 AM	5:43 PM	5:54 AM	6:24 PM	6:33 AM	7:00 PM	7:10 AM	7:33 PM	7:44 AM	8:06 PM	8:20 AM	8:39 PM	8:57 AM	9:16 PM
	Smith Pt. Bridge	8:05 AM	8:38 PM	8:49 AM	9:19 PM	9:28 AM	9:55 PM	10:05 AM	10:28 PM	10:39 AM	11:01 PM	11:15 AM	11:34 PM	11:52 AM	-----PM
4/9 to 4/15	Moriches Bay	10:20 AM	10:39 PM	11:11 AM	11:32 PM	-----AM	12:10 PM	12:32 AM	1:14 PM	1:37 AM	2:19 PM	2:43 AM	3:26 PM	3:51 AM	4:33 PM
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4/16 to 4/22	Moriches Bay	4:57 AM	5:34 PM	5:56 AM	6:28 PM	6:49 AM	7:16 PM	7:37 AM	8:01 PM	8:23 AM	8:43 PM	9:08 AM	9:25 PM	9:55 AM	10:08 PM
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	Smith Pt. Bridge	7:13 AM	7:50 PM	8:12 AM	8:44 PM	9:05 AM	9:32 PM	9:53 AM	10:17 PM	10:39 AM	10:59 PM	11:24 AM	11:41 PM	-----AM	12:11 PM
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The land is located in the area, which is in common ownership with the current development at the former Parr Meadows Race Track. All 152 acres are wooded and allow for the development of condo units on already cleared land and a planned development, which according to Panico, was already going to be built.

"By being proactive, working with owners and reaching out, we were able to again save a massive tract of property without costing the taxpayers the capital expenditure to purchase it for preservation," he added.

-Nicole Fuentes



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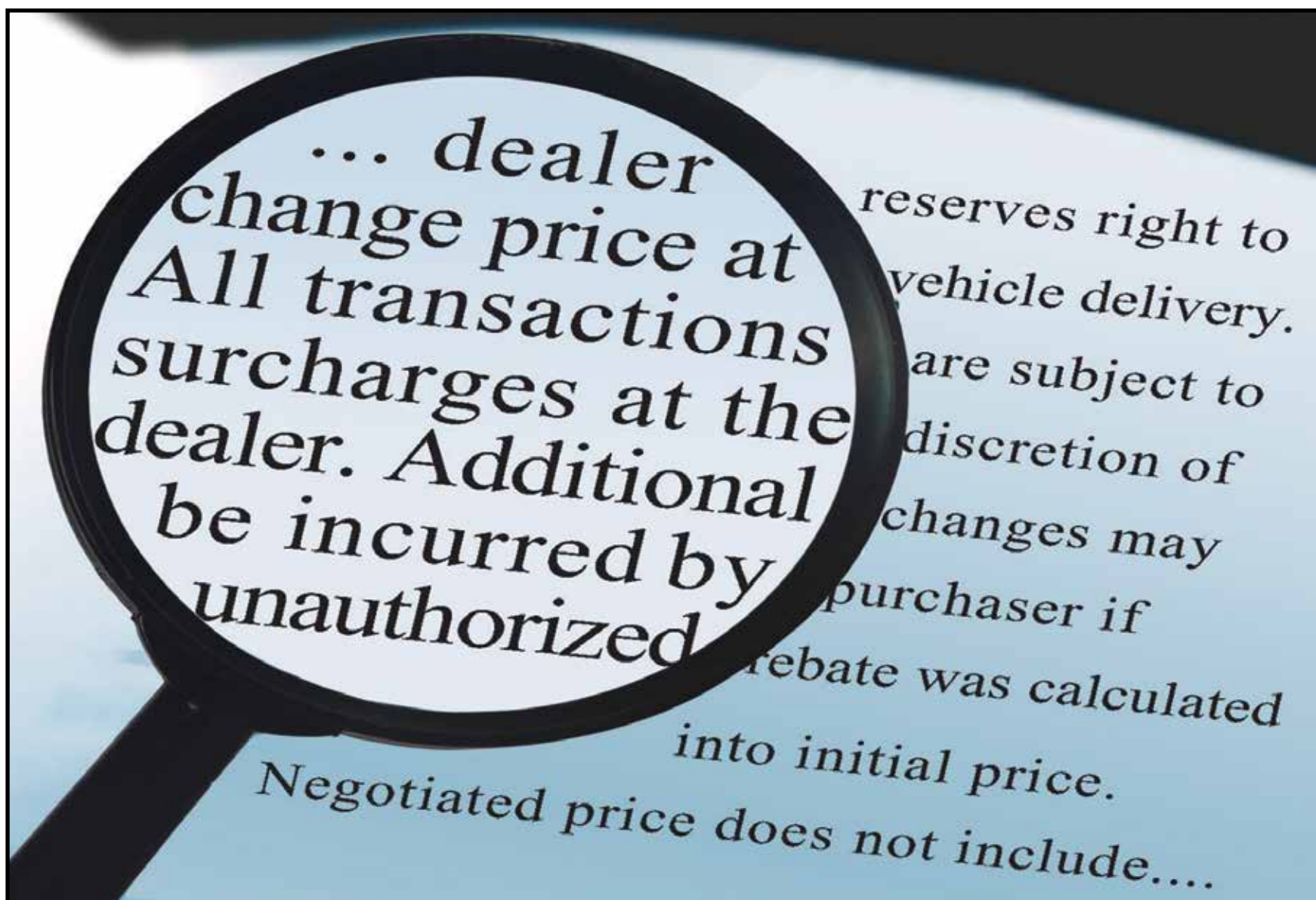


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Happy Easter & Passover Greetings
From Our Family to Yours...

CM teachers bring supplies to Ukraine

NY4Ukraine takes second trip

BY NICOLE FUENTES

Center Moriches social studies teacher, peer group leadership, varsity lacrosse, middle school football and varsity winter track coach, Chris Winslow, and another history teacher colleague, Craig Charvat, recently returned from their second trip to Ukraine in February.

Despite a few bumps in the road, Winslow, a former United States Marine, said the trip was extremely successful. They traveled with a five-man team that included himself and Charvat; two retired military pilots and a retired United Airlines pilot, John Yackus and Rob Zettel; and Aaron Messina, a former U.S. Marine.

The bumps, he mentioned, included a canceled flight on Lufthansa airline on Feb. 24, due to a strike. They were rescheduled to fly on Finnair the next day. Then, upon checking into Finnair with all the documentation that showed they were a legitimate 501(c)3 and that Lufthansa was flying their 31 bags (1,550 pounds) for free as part of their humanitarian aid policy, Finnair refused to accept it and charged them \$5,000 to bring the aid. They arrived in Krakow, Poland, on Feb. 25 and spent the night in a hotel. On Monday morning, they then had a driver and a van pick them up and drive them to Przemysl, Poland, where they delivered seven bags (350 pounds) to the Hope Foundation refugee center. They provided winter clothing, wool hats, socks, art supplies and sporting goods (soccer balls, basketballs, etc.). The team then traveled to the Mydeka, Poland, border crossing



Roman and his wife, son, and daughter-in-law. Roman helped them donate at the Mercy House orphanage. They brought supplies to the children in the camps to help create art, which will then be sent back to Long Island and used for fundraising.

Courtesy photo

into Ukraine.

“At this point, the border guards would not allow our driver, who was Ukrainian, to drive into the country because the van was rented in Poland,” Winslow said of another snag. “Thankfully, after six hours, a Ukrainian soldier who was returning to Ukraine overheard our situation and sent his wife to get their van, and he drove us with all the aid to Lviv.”

Running behind schedule, they missed a train to Rivne, Ukraine, where they were supposed to meet Roman, a commander in the Territorial Guard, to deliver seven more bags of combat support gear. This gear included tourniquets, medical supplies, camouflage uniforms, and handmade ghillie suits for their snipers and drones. Instead, they arrived in Rivne at 11 p.m. that night, after securing

a driver for the three-hour drive. Roman had traveled that same day 13 hours to Rivne to meet them.

On Feb. 21, they then went to the Mercy House orphanage, run by the Eastern Catholic Garrison Church. There, they delivered winter clothing, art supplies, and sports equipment to Roman for the 250 orphans in their organization. That night, they met with Maria, who runs a humanitarian aid organization in Lviv, and delivered her four duffel bags of winter clothing and children’s clothing.

“We became friends with her on our last trip and also gave her one duffel bag with clothing just for her two sons,” Winslow added. “Her husband is a soldier in the Territorial Guard.”

By Feb. 22, their translators, Ostap and Bohdanna (both Ph.D. professors at the

Lviv National Academy of Arts), took the team to the Institute of Cultural Strategies, which is a government-run organization. The organization provides art and music therapy for refugees throughout the country.

“We delivered the rest of our art supplies, which will be sent out to Eastern cities in Ukraine,” he said.

On Feb. 23, Ostap took Winslow to a refugee shelter at Ternopilska 8, in Lviv, which was located in a Soviet-era apartment building. There, he delivered the last three duffel bags of children’s clothing and winter hats. And by Feb. 24, the entire team took the train from Lviv to Przemysl and exited Ukraine.

“We needed to get out of the country before the one-year anniversary of the war, Feb. 24, because there was much anticipation of a massive offensive and rocket attacks throughout the country,” he explained.

Last year, the duo started the nonprofit NY4Ukraine and launched their website and Facebook page to help drive fundraising for the campaign. They made their first trip to the Ukraine over the summer of 2022, where they made a lot of great friends and contacts. During that trip, they visited with 17 bags of aid.

In addition to providing clean potable water filters and first-aid supplies to the 250,000 civilians in the city of Mykolaiv, NY4Ukraine also assisted in providing essential combat supplies to the Mykolaiv Regional Guard. These supplies included body armor, camouflage clothing, and ballistic helmets.

For more information, to get involved, or to donate visit www.NY4Ukraine.com, or visit their Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ny4ukraine>. ■

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Folkie Fest: Getting to the roots

American music blends many styles and genres, and this gathering of artists represents several styles of music—some contemporary, some more traditional. Regardless, you will find an abundance of talent in this one event. We welcome Pete Mancini and the Mountain Maidens for the first time on our stage while enjoying the return of James O'Malley, Hank Stone and Tom Ghent. Folkie Fest offers an ongoing concert series with local acoustic artists in the spirit of folk music as envisioned by the late Pete Seeger. They provide a listening space and

support live, local singer/songwriters sharing their original work. A portion of the proceeds are donated to the community center, and a 50/50 raffle is held to benefit Long Island Cares: The Harry Chapin Food Bank. Like "Folkie Fest" on Facebook to keep up with all their events. Also, join the next Folkie Fest on April 23, Getting to the Roots, at the Moriches Community Center, 313 Frowein Road, Center Moriches. There is a \$10 donation online at <https://morichescommunity-center.org> or \$15 at the door.

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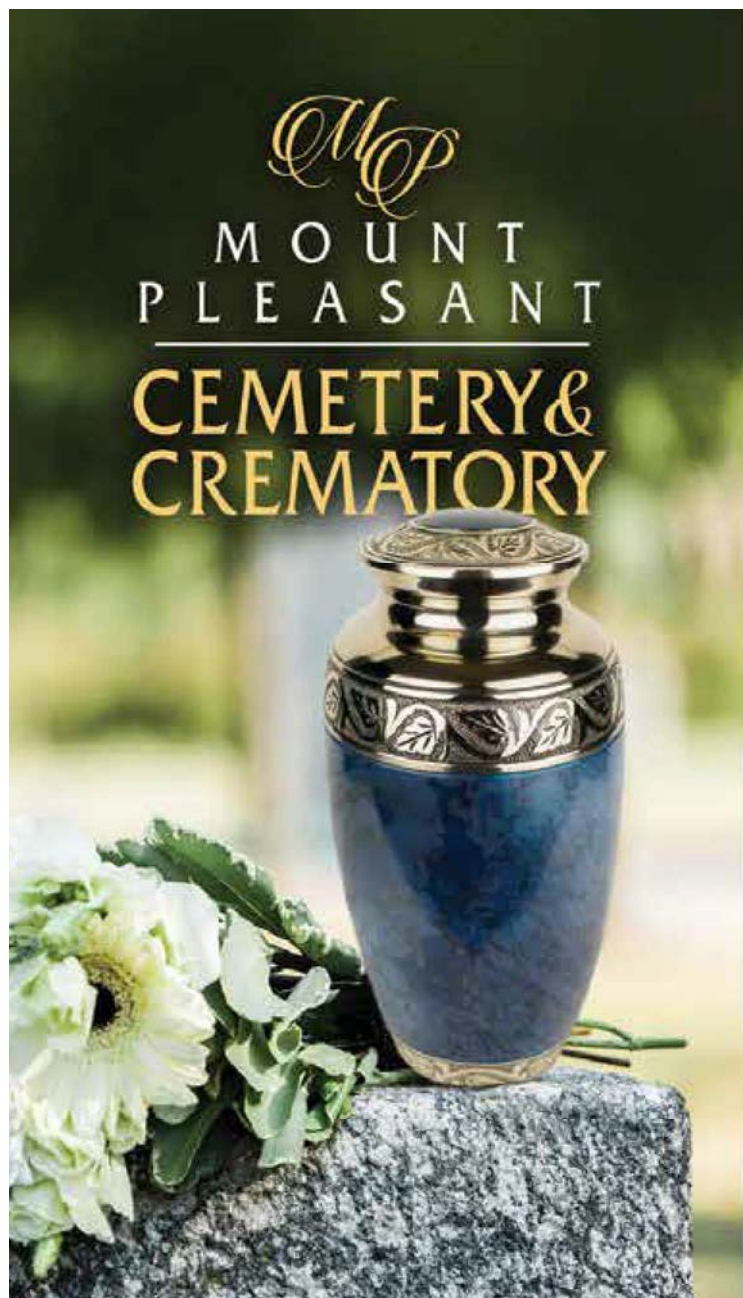
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Spring has sprung

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April is also the month that we will be hosting our HMUH community yard sale, which will raise funds not only for the Summer of Feeding Families, but also for a very special project we are working on, soon to be announced.

The community yard sale is planned for April 29 (rain date April 30) at 1 Neville Street, Center Moriches, from

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are spring cleaning and have items you wish to donate, please contact us at 631-848-9008. Please, no baby items, clothing, books and magazines, large furniture, or electronics such as TVs, printers, etc.

We will also be doing our annual Mother's Day raffle of an awesome gift for the mom figure in your life. Raffle sales will begin April 17 and the winner will be drawn at the end of the yard sale. For more information on the raffle, please contact us at the previously mentioned number.

We wish you all a very Happy Easter and a Happy Passover!



MORICHES BAY GARDEN CLUB

Spring is in Center Moriches!

Spring is busting out all over Center Moriches, and so is the garden club. You will see some members helping with the Brookhaven Town park cleanup program starting this month.

Our regular meeting on April 20, 1 p.m., is at the Center Moriches Public Library. Mary Chelton, from the Sweetwater African Violet Society, will be our guest speaker; all are welcome to attend, and it's free.

Saturday, April 29, is our annual plant sale at the Havens Homestead, 15 Montauk Highway, Center Moriches. We will be there from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. with lots of perennials, annuals, flats, herbs, and small shrubs and trees, as well as slightly used garden tools, pots, books and decorative garden items.

We have not been able to have a fundraising garden luncheon for the past two years because of the COVID shutdown, but we are happy to announce that we have booked Rock Hill Golf and Country Club, in Manorville, for Thursday, July 13. The committee is in the planning stage; they will figure out a theme, a speaker, prizes and surprises. What

they do know is that it will be \$45. More details to follow next month.

Last month, on the day we had snow, was the day I returned home from Florida. Very happy to see that spring is busting out in my yard: snowdrops, crocus, heather and lenten rose in bloom. Buds are ready to pop on daffodils, red maple, and a new plum tree I planted last year.

The snow told the story of at least three deer who wandered through my yard, ugh. My friend, Nina Bartel, from Remsenburg, told me deer ate her daffodils because there was nothing else in her yard for them to eat. It's time to start spraying deer repellent; I give a very little sprinkle of cayenne pepper, too. Some good daffodil news is that the bulbs that garden club member Betty Ronston planted in mid-winter are coming up and looking good.

Earth Day is April 22 and Arbor Day is April 28. Take a minute to plant a tree, shrub, or perennial flower in your yard; it will make you happy and will benefit the planet.

-Maureen Pollack

the Tide

Town recognizes Miriam Gillies

Every year, the Brookhaven Town Division of Women's Services honors outstanding women of Brookhaven. This year, the town celebrated its 37th annual Women's Recognition event during Women's History Month, with a special celebration held in March. Among the many women honored, supervisor Ed Romaine and deputy supervisor Dan Panico honored Center Moriches resident Miriam Gillies.

Gillies brought the Relay for Life to Center Moriches, which raised thousands of dollars in order to help cancer research. She also spent tireless hours for many years organizing, planning, and reaching out to survivors.

As a charter member of the Passport Rotary Club, she's participated in educating people about organ donation, food drives, and delivering food and basic necessities to the working homeless that live in Suffolk County.

Gillies has also been a member of the Moriches Chamber of Commerce for many years as an integral participant in almost every event.

She started her community volunteerism during the annual Blessing of the Fleet in the late '70s and started the first Offshore Women's Fishing Tournament. She also participated in Camp Paquatuck's Bike-A-Thon for years and the chamber's annual Duck Race. She is also known for taking cancer patients back and forth to treatment.

During the years, she has also volunteered for the Moriches Bay Unit of ACS and participated in Daffodil Days, Jail and Bail, Help Soccer Kick Cancer, and the Amazing Kite Fly.

But the most rewarding event, she said, is the Relay for Life and being an active volunteer at East End Hospice.

Additionally, she has been on different programs/committees at the local school, judge for the fire department's holiday parade, and presently, she is on the Board of Directors of Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches, Moriches Community Center, and Our Lady Queen of the Apostles. She is also a parishioner at St Johns R.C. Church.

Several years ago, she also restarted the chamber's Halloween window painting, and chaired the Student of the Month, menorah and tree lighting, and the Veterans Day parade. The chamber also honored her as the first female grand marshal for the annual St. Patrick's Day parade in 2011.

Gillies moved to Center Moriches in 1965, purchasing an abandoned duck farm and turning it into a marina. She and her husband had one daughter and one son. She was a registered nurse-turned-nursing-teacher and her husband an electrician. Her husband died in 2000. ■



Miriam and fellow Rotarian Lorraine Kuehn, from Bellport, being recognized by Brookhaven Town for their community service.

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AROUND TOWN

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday – Happy Easter!

Easter Services – South Bay Bible Church, 578 Montauk Hwy., East Moriches, will celebrate the holiday with services at 9 and 11 a.m. They will also begin a new three-part teaching series called “What Would Jesus Undo?” presented Sundays at 9 and 11 a.m. Visit www.southbaychurchli.org or call 631-909-8241.

Tuesday, April 11

Caregiver Support Group – ADRC Support group for those providing care for someone with Alzheimer’s Disease or other dementia disorder at Center Moriches Library, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month. For registration and meeting details, call Sharon Reichman, LMSW, at 631-580-5100, ext. 302. All Suffolk cardholders welcome.

Sunday, April 16

Piano Concert – Marking the start of the Presbyterian Church of the Moriches 275th Anniversary Celebration, concert pianist Michele Garzo will present a piano/organ concert at the church, 236 Main St., Center Moriches, 2 p.m. Suggested donation \$20. Call 631-878-4480.

Saturday, April 29

Plant Sale Fundraiser – The Moriches Bay Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale at Havens Homestead, 15 Montauk Hwy., 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Shop annuals, perennials, bulbs, herbs, small shrubs, trees and more.

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

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YEARS AGO

75 Years Ago

APRIL 1948

At an organizational meeting of the graduating class of the East Moriches School, principal **Harry Huson** announced that **Boyce Rogers** will be the valedictorian and **Robert Warner** will be the salutatorian. **Louis Bishop**, third highest in his class, was elected president; **Clifford Brown**, vice president; **Miriam Zilli**, secretary; and **Theresa Brown**, treasurer.

The Choral Society of the Moriches performed the sacred cantata, “The Holy City,” in the East Moriches Presbyterian Church, with **Mrs. Edna Kaler Gracey** conducting. Those taking solo parts are **Mrs. Waldron Bliss**, **Mrs. Erick Lemmen**, **Barbara Osborne**, **Halsey Reeve** and **Mrs. Gracey**. **Mrs. Katherine Waldo** and **Mrs. Jean Oakes** sang duet numbers.

Among the students who enjoyed a trip to Washington, D.C., this Easter vacation were **Neva Olsen**, **Jacqueline Lukert**, **Madelyn Martin**, **Caroline Smith**, **Mary Robinson** and **Virginia Howell**, from Center Moriches High School, and **Elizabeth Lemmen** and **Will Weatherbee** from Eastport High School.

There was a delightful wedding in the Brookfield Presbyterian Church on Easter Sunday when **Margaret Hettrick**, of Dayton Avenue, Manorville, became the bride of **Frank Reich**, of Patchogue.

William J. Bouvier, of Center Moriches, was among a group of 80 high school seniors from seven states who undertook a two-day series of examinations at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind., in competition for five honor scholarships.

An eventful day in New York City delighted Girl Scouts of Troop 13, Center Moriches, where the girls attended the Easter pageant at Radio City Music Hall and visited the Grand Central Art Gallery and lobby of the *New York Daily News*. The scouts included **Winfred Seale**, **Marilyn Davis**, **Jane Burwell**, **Joy Lindley**, **Louise Russell**, **Marilyn Merritt** and **Thelma Gilliam**.

The poultry farm of **J.F. Muller** and son, of Moriches, was featured over WOR,

on the “Man on the Farm” broadcast, in which the Mullers told the story of the 28-year-old Blue Ribbon poultry farm.

Three students from Center Moriches High School, accompanied by **Ms. Carmela Magnatta**, went to New York University to compete in the Baird Memorial Latin Contest, translating passages from Cicero’s commentaries and Julius Caesar. The students competing were **Ruby Bell** of Center Moriches, **Gwen Lukert** of East Moriches, and **John Keane** of Manorville.

Shutterbugs from the senior class of Center Moriches High School will soon see their snaps of their Washington trip turn to black-and-white magic in the forthcoming photographic competition sponsored by the CM Camera Store. Among those entered in the contest are **Ted Janis**, **Joan Edwards**, **Florence Smith**, **Thomas Raynor**, **Myra Fay**, **Jackie Lukert**, **Mary Sachak**, **Beverly Hait**, **Mary Robinson**, **Alfred Anderson** and **Victor Byczkiewicz**.

Roman gods and goddesses were brought to life on the stage of Center Moriches High School in a World History Pageant. Among the highlights was a production of “The Golden Fleece,” performed by **Wilbur Layman**, **Joan Belli**, **Edward Larsen**, **Ralph Cafora**, **Richard Hyland** and **Gordon Craft**.

Playing in April at **The Center Moriches Theatre**: James Steward in “Call Northside”; Henry Fonda and Dolores del Rio in “The Fugitive”; Irene Dunne in “I Remember Mama”; Disney’s “Bambi”; and Gregory Peck and Dorothy McGuire in “Gentleman’s Agreement.”

50 Years Ago

APRIL 1973

Joseph Cettina, **Mrs. Rose Vetter** and **Wayne Girardin**, all of Center Moriches, were among the winners at the First Long Island National Ceramic and Hobby Expo held at the Nassau Coliseum. Mr. Cettina took second place in the amateur sculpture category; Mrs. Vetter placed first in the professional porcelain lace draping category; and Girardin received honor-



April 1948: Pictured are members of the popular Center Moriches High School clarinet quartet, which won highest honors in last year’s music festival and will enter again this year: (left to right) Florence Smith, Joan Pieper, Joyce Clark and Dolores Loper.

able mention for his amateur stains.

Students **Joseph Petrillo** and **Dennis Taboada**, members of the William Floyd High School Environmental Club, collected aluminum cans for recycling, of which the proceeds of the sale of metal go towards financing the proposed Youth Center.

Members of the Moriches Historical Society, **Jean Lauer** and **Richard Herbert**, uncovered one of the original milestones at the site of the new Bohack shopping center in Center Moriches, one of four known artifacts in the Moriches Bay area.

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. **Gary V. Raymond**, of East Moriches, was a member of the medical staff which received prisoners of war returning to Clark AB, Philippines, from North and South Vietnam. He and fellow medical personnel processed and checked the POWs before

they were airlifted from the Philippines to the United States.

Moriches Rotary Club members **Herb Guthrie**, **Dr. Hugh Bush** and **Cas Nawrocki** moved a pony shed to the grounds of Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck, a Rotary-sponsored camp in Center Moriches, which was donated by **Robert Durette**, of Center Moriches.

Members of the Boy Scout Troop 414, of Center Moriches, made 27 duck decoys and entered them into the National Decoy Show held in Babylon. The first-prize winners included **Tim O’Brien**, **Robert Chartuk**, **Billy Verity**, **Michael Meyer**, **Any Van Bourgondien** and **Tommy Johnson**.

Playing in April at local United Artists Theatres: “The Hot Rock,” “The Thief Who Came to Dinner,” Jack Lemmon in “Save the Tiger,” and Richard Burton in “Bluebeard.”

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Bringing safe water to area impacted by PFAS

Community meeting held

Officials from the Suffolk County Water Authority, Town of Brookhaven, Town of Riverhead and the Suffolk County Department of Health Services convened at a community meeting and provided an update on projects to bring safe drinking water to two areas of Manorville, where private wells have been impacted by PFAS contamination.

At the meeting, officials said the various sources of grant funding had been secured to pursue the projects, one in the Town of Brookhaven and one in the Town of Riverhead. In both cases, the water main will be extended to the impacted communities, each of which has 64 homes.

Tests on private wells in the area have detected various contaminants, with some levels exceeding state and federal drinking water standards. The perfluorinated compounds PFOS and PFOA—regulated by New York State last summer at 10 parts per trillion—are among the contaminants detected.

“The Suffolk County Water Authority is ready to begin this important project to bring safe and constantly tested drinking water to neighborhoods in the Manorville area impacted by PFAS contamination,” said Suffolk County Water Authority board chairman Patrick Halpin. “Those who take advantage of this opportunity will be

receiving the resources and high-quality water of one of the most respected public water suppliers in the country.”

Brookhaven supervisor Ed Romaine said, “Most residents take clean drinking water for granted, but as some Manorville residents have experienced, that is not always the case with their groundwater. This project will finally provide safe and clean water that we have come to expect from the Suffolk County Water Authority. I am happy that quality-tested water is in the near future for the Manorville community.”

“On behalf of the town supervisor, all members of the town board and its departments, we are very pleased to have support from senators Schumer and Gillibrand, congressman La Lota, New York State Department of Health, and our state representatives, [with] an award of \$3.815 million for Manorville Extension 94 and an award of \$1.185 for Forge Road project. The town is and will continue to focus on addressing the protection of public health through clean, potable water. The town’s focus on public health is demonstrated by its continued efforts for funding and the success in 2021, 2022, and just days ago. Sometime ago, the town entered into an agreement with SCWA with the goal to provide clean drinking water to Extension 94 as expeditiously as possible, and we are anxious for work to begin for these

residents,” said Devon Higgins, deputy supervisor, Town of Riverhead.

New York State Sen. Anthony Palumbo said, “Providing clean, reliable, and safe drinking water to the residents of Suffolk County remains one of my top priorities, and I am extremely happy that this critical project is moving forward for residents throughout the Manorville area. Today’s announcement is the result of years of hard work and the determination of residents, town supervisors Romaine and Aguiar, the Suffolk County Water Authority, and our state and federal representatives. This project is a prime example of what can be accomplished when government works together for the betterment of residents.”

“The Suffolk County Department of Health Services supports connections to public water systems whenever possible to ensure that residents have access to a regulated water supply,” said Dr. Gregson Pigott, Suffolk County commissioner of Health Services. “The department is pleased to work with our partners in state and local government in the ongoing effort to advance these projects.”

“Everyone should have access to clean drinking water. Often times, the regrettable stories of unsafe drinking water will conjure an image of an underdeveloped country,” shared Brookhaven town councilman Dan Panico. “However, we must recognize

that we have domestic challenges with regard to contamination linked to the aftereffects of products and processes that have ceased many decades ago. The partnership between the Town of Brookhaven and the Suffolk County Water Authority will address the issue of contamination in private wells to help our residents achieve clean, safe public drinking water.”

“It’s been four long years for the Manorville community waiting for clean, safe drinking water. In the last four years, the drinking water standard for PFAS has gone from a federal advisory goal of 70 ppt, to a state drinking water standard of 10 ppt, and now a new proposed federal standard of four ppt. Homeowners with private wells need assistance to obtain public water that is tested and filtered when needed. We are appreciative of the all the levels of government and the Suffolk County Water Authority, who are working together to help protect the health and safety of this community,” said Adrienne Esposito, executive director of Citizens Campaign for the Environment.

“The Manorville community is anxious for this project to begin,” said area resident Kelly McClinchy. “We are appreciative of all the effort that has led to this point on our behalf. We look forward to being able to turn on our taps and know for sure that we have clean, safe water.”

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