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All salute the grand marshal

Veterans Day parade to be held this month

BY NICOLE FUENTES

Korean War veteran Jean Plattania Littman, 90, will be honored as the 2021 grand marshal of the East Moriches Veterans Day Parade. The parade will take place on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m. along East Main Street in East Moriches from Adelaide Avenue heading east to Soldier and Sailors Field.

Littman served in the Marines from 1952 to 1955, during the Korean War.

At 9 years old, when her uncle and cousin enlisted, she knew she wanted to follow in their footsteps. In 1952, at 19 years old, she enlisted in the Marines, with the written permission of her father. She was stationed in California and Virginia from 1952 to 1955.

At first, she was part of the motor pool, where she worked as a driver for two years at El Toro, Santa Anna, Calif. She was also assigned to reenlistment and recruiting and spent many days supporting the airfield. After El Toro, she was stationed at Henderson Hall in D.C., where she worked at the Marine Corps Institute.

During the Korean War, she earned her National Defense Medal and her Good Conduct Medal. She served her three-year enlistment and had planned to reenlist when she met and married her husband, and they decided to start a family. Together they had four sons, nine grandchildren and even a few great-grandchildren.

She grew up in Brooklyn and now lives in Shirley. Her late husband, who died 45 years ago, was an Air Force

veteran who also served during the Korean War.

She is currently an active member of Women Marines Association LI NY 7 and holds the responsibility of communications. She is known for helping older veterans, who may not have social media or email, stay in contact by calling them biweekly and letting them know about current events and meetings.

"I was honored and shocked when I found out they had picked me," Littman said of being named the grand marshal. "I love this country."

She said she looks forward to attending the parade with some of her family members and even plans to decorate her walker in red, white and blue.

According to the chamber, Littman was the obvious choice, though making the decision of the grand marshal is a difficult one every year. Fellow Marine StaceyAnn Castro-Tapler is a friend of Littman's and a member of the Women Marines group as well.

"She's a tough cookie. She is a female Korean War veteran; she is a trailblazer; she did things that were unheard of at that time," she said. "She is an inspiration."

"I thank Jean for her service to our country and her continued active work with fellow female veterans," said Legis. Jim Mazarella. "I can think of no one more deserving to be this year's grand marshal of the Veterans Day parade. It has been truly amazing to see the entire community come together to assist her and recognize her service. Mrs. Littman's patriotism and commitment to her service to her fellow veterans has made her a true local celebrity." ■



The Center Moriches Chamber of Commerce is honoring Jean Littman as the grand marshal of their Veterans Day parade.

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Troop 29 sails away in Saint John and Saint Thomas



BSA Troop 29 of East Moriches attended one of the High-Adventure bases operated by The Boy Scouts of America this past July. Six Scouts and two adult leaders flew to Saint Thomas for a week-long sailing adventure at one of the Boy Scout's Sea Base locations. Sea Base, Philmont Scout Ranch, the Northern Tier, and Summit Bechtel Reserve are the four high adventure locations around the country. Sea Base was the third high adventure trip for Troop 29. The troop has ventured out to all the programs except the Northern Tier. One of the scouts on the most recent trip attended all three of those trips. For other scouts of Troop 29, this was their sec-

ond or initial adventure. The scouts and adults of Troop 29 sailed around the island of Saint John aboard Juno with the boat's owner, Capt. Tom. The scouts operated all functions for the weeklong adventure. While sailing over 60 miles, mostly under sail, the scouts also enjoyed hiking and snorkeling. The highlights, aside from sleeping in the rain on the deck of the 41' sailboat, were the wildlife, the camaraderie, and daily adventures on land and in the sea. ■

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Man on the Street: Thanksgiving Edition

What are you thankful for this year? And how will you be giving back this thanksgiving?

BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN

In 2020, the world took a collective breath, realizing that all we have to be thankful for is all that really matters in life, anyway: health and family. In this edition of Main Street Q&A, we asked the age-old Thanksgiving question, "What are you thankful for this year?" And we weren't surprised by the answers. In fact, you'll see a pattern in what people said: health and family. It's on all of our minds. We are all appreciative for the prospect of a Thanksgiving with everyone we love at the table once again. We took it a step further and asked neighbors how they'd be giving back this year. This time we went to the King Kullen shopping center in Manorville and made a stop at the Center Moriches Fall Fair, where we even had the opportunity to ask Brookhaven Town supervisor Ed Romaine and Suffolk County Legis. Jim Mazzerella their take on the questions. We hope the responses you read remind you of your own blessings, and if you get the inspiration to share your gratitude, feel free to share it with us in the email below.

If you have a question or idea for next month's Main Street Q&A, email us at TideEditorial@gmail.com.

Manorville

Name: Jayden Milheiser

What are you thankful for? "I'm thankful that I get to see my uncle on Thanksgiving this year because I haven't seen him in a while."

Name: Kim Milheiser

What are you thankful for? "I'm thankful for a lot this year. I'm thankful that our family will be together this year—and that we're all healthy. And I'm thankful that I'm able to provide for my family and put food on our table."



The Milheiser family of Manorville.

How will you be giving back? "We'll be donating to the Boy Scouts; they give the donated items to our local food pantry. We participate in this drive every year. We do other food drives, too, but I guess we look forward to the Boy Scouts drive."

Name: Tim Kelleri

What are you thankful for? "I am thankful for the health of my family, especially this year over last. My father was battling cancer and my nephew has now been in the hospital for three months. Now they can see the doctors they need to see and their conditions are progressing. Last year they couldn't go to doctors. It is a big improvement and I'm so grateful."



Tim Kelleri.

Center Moriches

Name: Suffolk County Legis. Jim Mazzarella

What are you thankful for? "I'm thankful that my friends, family and the residents of Suffolk County are coming out of the pandemic healthy and better individuals."

How are you giving back? "We adopt a family each season, but this is especially important during the Thanksgiving season. We always donate to all of the food



Suffolk County Legis. Jim Mazzarella.

drives. My wife buys something extra every time she goes food shopping."

Name: Brookhaven Town supervisor Ed Romaine.

What are you thankful for? "I'm thankful for so much—so many things. I'm thankful that my wife, children and grandchildren have stayed safe during a time when it was unsure. I'm also thankful in my job that there are so many good people in Brookhaven—so many charitable services that make our community a great place to live."

How will you be giving back? "A joy of being supervisor is that we serve and look to help. I donate all of the time, specifically to our INTERFACE program. I always say that if you are blessed and good to do it, you should give back. And I always think it's better when people do it on their own rather than the government mandating it through taxes." ■



Brookhaven Town supervisor Ed Romaine.

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Thanksgiving Drives

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, several local organizations are beginning to accept donations as part of their annual food drives. We've listed each of them below.

Brookhaven Town

The Town's INTERFACE program is in the midst of hosting its annual Thanksgiving food drive from Oct. 15 to Nov. 15. Last year, nearly 1,000 Brookhaven families were provided Thanksgiving meals through the program. Donations of nonperishable food items and \$10 gift cards can be made at the following locations: Brookhaven Town Hall, 1 Independence Hill in Farmingville; Brookhaven Town Highway Department, 1140 Old Town Road in Coram; Brookhaven Town Parks & Recreation Department, 286 Hawkins Road in Centereach; Brookhaven Town Vehicle Control Building, 550 North Ocean Avenue in Patchogue; Coram Fire Department, 303 Middle Country Road in Coram; College 101 Resource Center, 290 Main Street in East Setauket; Rose Caracappa Senior Center, 739 Route 25A in Mount Sinai; Modular Devices, 1 Roned Road in Shirley.

Center Moriches

The United Methodist Church will be accepting nonperishable food item donations, money and gift certificates through its food pantry. Donations will be accepted during pantry hours, Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Please call (631) 878-0832 for more drop-off times and details.

Helping Makes U Happy and Boy Scout Troop 23 will be teaming up again for their annual Thanksgiving food drive. They're looking for nonperishable food items, canned goods, gift certificates and more. A drop-off location is in the works, email Colleen Nizza at CommitteeChair23@gmail.com or Keith Caputo at HelpingMakesUHappy@gmail.com for more information.

Ernie's Place food pantry, part of St. John the Evangelist, is always accepting donations at its location. Pantry hours are Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Shirley

The Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Library is accepting non-expired, nonperishable food items at a drop-box inside the library. They are looking for gravy, stuffing, cranberry, powdered mashed potatoes, canned yams, and more.

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Honor Flight brings veterans to the memorials they inspired

BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN

In the words of the late, great Will Rogers, “We can’t all be heroes, because somebody has to sit on the curb and applaud as they go by.”

This is the sentiment that motivates people like Islip Town supervisor Angie Carpenter to fight for veterans and ensure they have opportunities like the ones provided by Honor Flight Long Island. After a hiatus that lasted nearly two years, the organization is back to flying World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War veterans to their memorials in Washington, D.C.

“I never had the opportunity to serve my country in the armed services, but like the T-shirt says, ‘We can’t all be heroes,’” said Carpenter at an Oct. 3 press conference marking the first Honor Flight to take off from Long Island MacArthur Airport (LIMA) post-COVID-19.

In a pre-COVID-19 world, the flights left LIMA twice per year, flying an average of 50 veterans per trip, according to Steve Russell, a LIMA employee and liaison to Honor Flight. Now, in an effort to provide a safe trip for everyone, fewer veterans travel at once. Only nine veterans, plus their chaperones, took off with the Oct. 3 flight.

“They fly into Baltimore Airport and take a motor coach to their monuments in downtown D.C.,” said Russell.

WWII veterans get to see the WWII Memorial; Vietnam veterans get to see theirs. For many veterans, this trip might not otherwise happen because of the cost or logistics. For example, many WWII veterans were born

True in-flight service



Honor Flight Long Island took off from Long Island MacArthur Airport on Oct. 3 after a two-year hiatus.

between 1916 and 1926, and are not as agile as they once were or are wheelchair-bound.

“This is our last trip with a group of World War II veterans, so this is a very special trip,” said Bill Jones, director of the Long Island chapter of Honor Flight.

Jones explained that the trip was delayed a few times, and that the veterans on the flight were very much looking forward to the experience.

“Most of them were supposed to fly out two years ago,” he said.

The veterans were handed a booklet with stories they each submitted. The booklet reads like a page from history. In one entry, Constantine “Gus” Efthimiades, an Army corporal from Whitestone, Queens, tells the story of joining with Russian forces to look for Nazis in Germany.

“We marched past farmhouses and small villages, inspecting them for any Nazis along the way. One day we stopped marching and my sergeant gave me a bazooka and told me and my friend to go down a trail and wait for further instructions,” it reads.

Efthimiades shared two sepia-col-

ored photos and concluded the story with the end of the war and the medals he earned for his service and bravery.

“After a long time, we met the Russians at the Ebbe River and my last order was to stand guard with a Russian soldier for four hours. After that, the war ended. I got my Combat Infantry Badge in April 1945. I also received the WWII Victory Medal, the EAME Campaign Medal, The Good Conduct Medal and Bronze Star for distinguished service.”

According to Jones, Honor Flight Long Island is one of approximately 100 hubs throughout the country that fly veterans from regional airports to Baltimore, which is the closest airport to D.C. Veterans chosen for Honor Flight Long Island are from Nassau County, Suffolk County or New York City.

“We started here on Long Island in 2007, and we’ve taken over 1,700 vets from Long Island into Baltimore,” he said.

For Jones, LIMA and the relationship with Southwest Airlines, who sponsors the flight, is crucial to the success of the program.

“We’re blessed to have MacArthur because it’s better than flying out of New York City,” he said.

Next on the agenda for Honor Flight Long Island is to provide flights to veterans of other wars. They currently provide flights for Korean War and Vietnam War veterans, but will soon offer flights to veterans from more recent conflicts as well. ■



From Baltimore, the veterans were taken by motorcade to Washington, D.C., where they got to see the monuments they inspired.

MT/AI Rashdan

Athletic Hall of Fame inductions



The Center Moriches School District recently celebrated their 2021 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees. The goal of a Hall of Fame, according to athletic director Jeremy Thode, is to highlight excellence and to remember those who have paved the way and accomplished or achieved at the highest level.

2021 Inductees:

Natasha Davis Class of 2006
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Center Moriches fall fair back on Main

BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN

When the outside air chills to a crisp, residents know it's time for the Center Moriches Fall Fair. But like everything else, the COVID-19 pandemic forced the chamber of commerce to put the beloved event on hold. Back on Main Street and better than ever, the event was held on Oct. 17.

"I have been doing this fair now for close to 15 years, and I was amazed at the turnout and the support we got from people that I believe came from not just Center Moriches, but all of our surrounding neighbor towns. I sold more of my items than I have ever sold and got to meet some old friends and some new ones. That is what I believe it is all about, seeing old friends and making new ones.

"Thanks, chamber, for making this possible," wrote Miriam Gilles, on behalf of Freedom Wood Designs, one of dozens of vendors who came out selling their wares.

Setting a lively tone for the event, "Time Warp" blared from the speakers at Artistic Choreography Dance Academy, and people were seen doing little jigs to themselves in honor of the song made famous by "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," a Halloween favorite. "Thriller" by Michael Jackson also played more than a handful of times.

Farther down the street, at a table adjacent to the fire department, the Center Moriches Library gave out inflatable swords and beach balls. They also brought a book bike, paid for by the Friends of the Library. The book bike

provides children with their choice of free book. Titles ran the gamut, from famous favorites like “Chika Chika Boom Boom” by Bill Martin Jr., to lesser-known titles. Next to them, Helping Makes U Happy, a local nonprofit, gave out free, gently used Halloween costumes.

The Mastic-Shirley Lions Club came out in a caravan, selling cotton candy, water, and popcorn. For Bob Prevete, president of the club, being out in public again after the COVID-19 pandemic was a blessing.

"We haven't done a fundraiser in almost two years and that's how we make our money. So being here today is a blessing for sure," he said.

Businesses throughout the Moriches, both established and new, also had booths. For many of them, the festival

was a chance to meet would-be patrons.

"It's an opportunity to meet people in town that we might not always see at the brewery," said Rich Flynn, from the Moriches Field Brewing Company, who was there with Jonathan Hillman. They brought samples of porter and Oktoberfest on tap.

At some points, the Fall Fair seemed to double, as a pooch parade with dozens of adorable dogs strutted the street in their fall-themed best. Lola, a tiny breed, there with her human mom, Jeannie Smith, wore an orange and black jogging suite. Bella, a pit bull mix with hazel eyes, wore a perfectly-fall Burberry-themed vest.

Not only is the Fall Fair back—it's more fashionable than ever, for pups and their human counterparts alike. ■



Jeannie Smith and her pooch, Lola.



The Sparks family.



Oakley Frost, 3 years old, was happy to be at the Fall Fair.



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The beauty of autumn

Covered in autumn leaves, Terrell River Park in Center Moriches shows off its beauty during the fall season.
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Share the blessings

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

The ongoing effort will also spill into the holiday season, she explained, noting they will be making an effort to serve the families this year for the first time with a hot thanksgiving meal. She hopes a local restaurant might donate pre-packaged meals for easy distribution at the campsites.

"Most of these people are working families with jobs, retired or on Social Security," she said. "They just can't afford an apartment or home."

Donations, Graf said, are welcome and can help cover the costs of the program. For more information or to donate visit: rotarypassportclub.org.

Passport Rotary covers all of geographic Long Island from Brooklyn to Montauk. They are a Rotary Club based on service rather than meetings. To visit their Facebook page go to Rotary Club of District 7255 Passport. ■

-Nicole Fuentes

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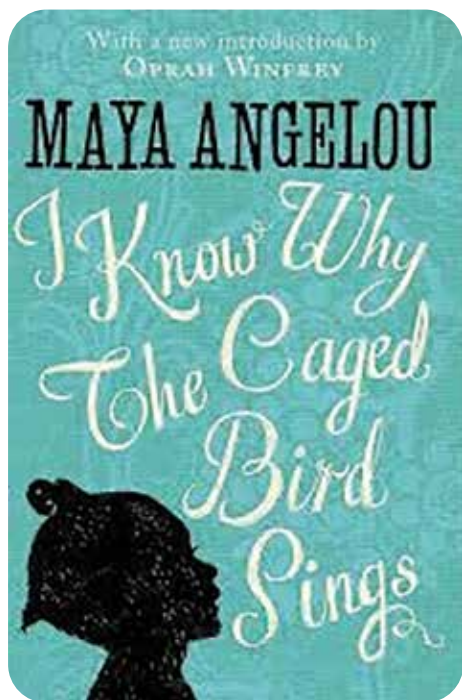
Reading between the lines

Center Moriches Library highlights banned books as part of national week

BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN

In 1969, American writer and poet Maya Angelou published her first book, “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings.” The book, an autobiography, is an evocative true story of the sexual violence she endured as a child. By 1983, the book was banned for the first time—by the Alabama State Textbook Committee, who deemed the book unusable because it “preaches bitterness and hatred against whites.”

Over the next 30 years, the book was banned in state after state, from Maine to Texas, for reason after reason, but mostly because of a vividly written rape scene, something Angelou suffered at 8 years old, and went on to write about in poignant, heart-wrenching detail.



“I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings” is one of five titles the Center Moriches Library’s teen department put on display in honor of Banned Books Week, which took place from Sept. 26 to Oct. 2. This year’s theme was “Books Unite Us. Censorship Divides Us.”

“During Banned Books Week, we like to highlight some of the many books that have been challenged or banned over the years,” said Jessica Ceramello, head of teen services, Center Moriches Library.

The five books on display were chosen because they’re some of the most challenged teen books on the banned books list. Along with seeing the actual books, teens were told why the books were banned; plus, teens who read or reviewed any of the banned books were given community service credits.

The books on display included: “The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian” by Sherman Alexie, “Speak” by Laurie Halse Anderson, “Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You” by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds, “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings” by Maya Angelou, and “The Hate U Give” by Angie Thomas.

Of those books, “Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You” is the most recent. The book, a *New York Times* No. 1 bestseller, was first published in 2020. It explores racism in the United States, beginning with the history of racism and how racism became a part of U.S. society. And that topic is why the book became banned nearly immediately after being published. According to the Banned and Challenged Books website for the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, the book was banned for its messages about racism; it remained one of the topmost challenged books in 2020.

The Banned and Challenged Books website gave this as the reason the book was banned: “Banned and challenged because of the author’s public statements, and because of claims that the book contains ‘selective storytelling incidents’ and does not encompass rac-

ism against all people.”

Another book that got banned right after being published was Mark Twain’s American classic, “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.” The book was published in February of 1885 and by March, it was banned for the first time—it would go on to be banned many more times. The group of public officials in Concord, Mass., who first banned the book said it was “trash” and it contained “coarse language.”

“Most of the time, books are banned by religious entities and parent/teacher organizations who contest the content to school districts,” said Ceramello.

Over the years, people and organizations have banned various titles. The reasons books get banned touch upon themes like sexuality and religion—the things people disagree on and want to censor.

“There have been many books banned throughout history for a variety of reasons, such as LGBTQ+ themes, witchcraft, occult practices, profanity, sexual content, just to name a few. For example, the ‘Harry Potter’ series has been banned consistently throughout its publication history for mostly religious reasons pertaining to the main characters practicing ‘witchcraft,’” said Ceramello.

Ceramello said the importance of showing teens the books on the banned list is to show them how much censorship changes over the years. It’s also to “show our teens how pervasive censorship is in our society.”

“I believe they have the right to have access to any information they may need or want,” she said of a teen’s choice to read what they want.

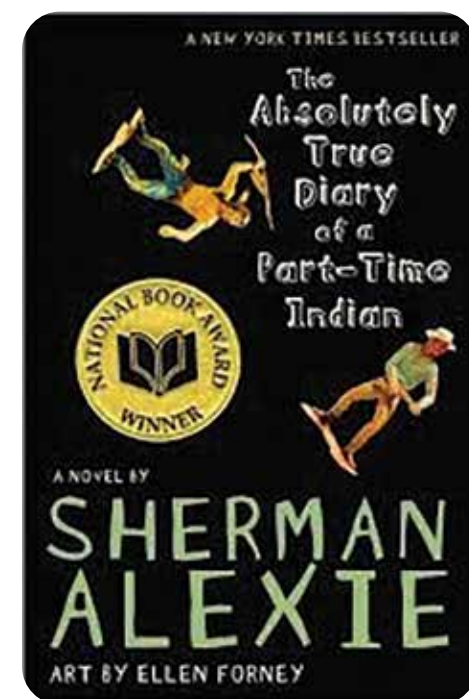
For Marcie Litjens, library director, Center Moriches Library, unveiling banned books is about the reader seeing for themselves and making their own decisions, rather than having others decide for them.

“The library advocates for intellectual freedom. Reviewing a banned book

allows the reader to have the opportunity to investigate and form their own opinions, and determine whether or not they feel the material is suitable for themselves,” she continued. “Reading a banned book is more than agreeing or disagreeing on the subject; it encourages examining the viewpoints of others and develops critical-thinking skills that aid in decision-making.”

Maya Angelou’s “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings” is on the list of books that have been banned. Angelou is an American poet and civil-rights activist. On Jan. 20, 1993, she performed at the inauguration of former U.S. President Bill Clinton, reading an original poem, “On the Pulse of Morning.”

Center Moriches Library’s teen department highlighted several banned books, including “The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian” by Sherman Alexie. The library put five titles on display and invited teens to review them in order to receive community service credits. ■



Small Business Saturday coming up!

The holiday season is a time of the year that brings out the best in us. Our generosity, caring, and understanding are on full display as we donate to those in need and purchase gifts to show those we love how much they mean to us.

Small Business Saturday is one of many opportunities we have to support our local businesses. The holiday falls on the Saturday after Thanksgiving and this year will be held on Nov. 27.

When you support a local business, you are also supporting your town, county, and neighborhood. The owners

of these businesses are your friends, neighbors, and family members. They give back to our community in big ways, and are always the first to step up to support local charities, community organizations, and sports teams.

The Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches is encouraging Main Street businesses to plan for the holiday shopping event with deals and specials for shoppers.

“We’re here for small business. We try to help in any way we can to promote their businesses so that people in the community will think of us before

going to the big-box stores,” said chamber treasurer Gerry Sapanaro. “Shop Main Street! Shop local.”

The owners of AJ Sunflower Boutique said they are already stocking up for their Black Friday and Small Business Saturday \$25 deals. “We will also have swag bags for the first 50 customers each day with a purchase over \$100,” said the owner, Katie. “And for every \$50 purchase, our customers will receive \$10 Sunflower cash to spend in January. It’s a great opportunity check items off your holiday list while supporting local businesses.” ■



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Dr. Daniel Zito joins the Savino practice, coming back home to Long Island. Dr. Zito grew up in Deer Park, NY and obtained a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Dr. Judy Savino's alma mater, SUNY Geneseo. After completing his undergraduate education, he moved on to obtain his DMD from Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine. Immediately following dental school, he completed a General Practice Residency at Kings County Hospital Center in Brooklyn, NY before practicing in the Boston area for 2 years. Dr. Zito has known Dr. Judy Savino for over a decade, having spent time in the office with both Dr. Judy and her father Dr. William Savino as part of his education. Dr. Zito is an avid boater and fisherman, and is engaged with a wedding date in 2022.



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A 'boo'-tiful day at Bay Gardens

BY KATHERINE AL RASHDAN

It was a “boo”-tiful day at Bay Gardens. Families flocked to the nursery to take part in the fall festival, complete with a storybook maze, featuring the book “Five Little Pump-

kins.” Winding in and out of green shrubbery, families read aloud from hand-painted storyboards, and when they got to the end of the book, they moved along to other fun sta-

tions. The festival was also for a good cause, as eventgoers were encouraged to bring new or gently used Halloween costumes, which were then donated to local children. ■



Bay Gardens owner John Cannarelli and his family stopped by to take part in the day's festivities.
All photos MT/AI Rashdan



The Lapin and Mullally families especially enjoyed the storybook maze. Here they are pictured in front of one of the handmade storyboards.



Participants got their choice of beverage and snack. Pictured are (left to right) Jonathan DeMartino, Cooper Carr, and Skylar Stanek as they strike a pose near the snack station.

Thrift shop switches gears

Clothing will be sole donation in hopes of preventing dumping

BY NICOLE FUENTES

The Center Moriches United Methodist Church Thrift Store will no longer be collecting items other than clothing in hopes of preventing the extensive dumping.

“People are dumping more and more garbage,” said Tom Muller, president of church trustees and thrift store manager, explaining the issue.

Since the “No Dumping” and new policy signs have been posted, Muller said, the community has been responding with less frequent dumping.

The major change will also help turn a better profit by selling the highest-earning commodity, he said. Clothing, assistant director Barbra Petrone said, is one of the most popular items.

The thrift shop will also see a facelift, with indoor and outdoor painting and a porch refresh.

Diane Durray, five-year store director, hopes the changes will help deter the dumpers. Trash and garbage show up almost every night, requiring the store to empty their dumpsters three times a

week, at a great cost. Junk left behind, Muller said, includes a king mattress, couches, and so much more.

“It’s all junk,” Durray added.

Many donations, Petrone echoed, are often unusable and dirty. The shop currently has about 10 volunteers and all the proceeds go to help upkeep the store and benefit the church.

As for clothing donations, she said, “If you wouldn’t wear it, then don’t give it to us.”

Items of value are sold for \$1 to \$3 and some for as little as .50 cents and up to \$8 for jackets.

The shop is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to shoppers. To donate clothing, please either leave in the porch drop or visit during open hours.

What’s accepted:

Donations of clean-bagged clothing items and accessories. Also, seasonal decorations and decorative glassware and dishes.

Not accepted:

No toys, furniture, food, beds, bedding, rugs, pillows, strollers, TVs, electronics, books, CDs, DVDs, records, stationery, appliances, lamps, Christmas trees, stands, garland, pots, pans or cookware. ■

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Tom Muller and Diane Durray stand outside the thrift shop that opened in 1981.

Since the signs have been posted with the new donation policy so far, Muller said, the community is responding quickly.



Typical overload of donation violations and dumping on the thrift shop’s porch.
Courtesy photos



Holidays in the Moriches

Neighbors helping neighbors in need

BY NICOLE FUENTES

For years, the Moriches Community has come together in several ways to help neighbors in need. This year, the Moriches Community Center will be hosting their annual Santa's Workshop Holiday Outreach program and their Thanksgiving food drive.

The programs, Kathleen Johnson, executive director of the community center, said, have been running for 18 years.

"It's all made possible by the generous

donations from local folks and businesses," she said.

"We are so grateful to the Moriches Community Center for their partnership and outreach to our students and families over the years," said Kelly Kavanagh, Center Moriches School social worker.

THANKSGIVING

Center Moriches School District students spend the month collecting non-perishables; then a group helps sort them to place in boxes for families to be accompanied by donated turkeys. The Ricco Memorial Foundation then donates the birds for a full Thanksgiv-

ing feast. Baskets are then dropped off anonymously by volunteers. According to Johnson, the drive usually feeds about 28 to 35 families depending on the need.

CHRISTMAS

Come December, the center shifts gears to gift giving by collecting and shopping for items. All items are then donated to families identified as "in-need" by the district.

Those interested in lending a hand can do so monetarily through donations or by volunteering their time to shop. Donation drop-offs are also welcome.

Johnson said she also hopes to bring back the community gift-wrapping day,

which was not held last year due to COVID restrictions. The event is volunteer-run and allows those who want to help the opportunity to do so. The day is usually held on the Saturday before Christmas and is to be announced.

"The pandemic [caused] a greater need than ever with so many people out of work," she said, explaining the situation of becoming in-need can happen to anybody. "This community is generous, caring and giving people. The donations always equal the need."

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KEITH'S CORNER

A lot to be thankful for

We have a lot to be thankful for this month at Helping Makes U Happy.

We've been really busy collecting food for the holidays, and so thankful for the community members, organizations, and businesses who've been helping us!

We'll be partnering up with our friends at Caitlyn's Vision (Caitlyn and Keith are pictured below) again this Thanksgiving so we can help even more people.

We'll also be partnering with our friends, the 7th Precinct COPE officers, so there'll be a lot of good stuff going on!

Speaking of good stuff—Helping Makes U Happy is finally having its long-postponed Keith's 40th Birthday Casino Nite to help us raise money to make the holidays happy for local families. The Casino Nite/Chinese auction is scheduled for Nov. 20, at the Masury Estate Ballroom, from 7-11 p.m. It's going to be a fun night of food, drinks, fun games, and chances to win fantastic prizes. We are thrilled to be honoring three local businessmen who are always helping others,

too: Spiro Nikolopoulos of Moriches Bay Diner, Mike Moore of TJ's Heros, and Justin DeMarco of Justin's Chop Shop. Tickets are limited and must be pre-paid, so be sure to get yours now by calling 631-848-9008. This is a 21-and-over event, and carpooling is suggested if possible.

Lastly, we'll be putting together the final arrangements for our HMUH Craft Night at Moriches Field Brewing Co. on Dec. 1 from 7-9:30 p.m. Join us for a fun jump-start to your holidays by making something to brighten the season, sharing some camaraderie, and enjoying some delicious local drinks that include a raffle entry with every purchase. There will also be take-home kits available to purchase, and pick-up kits to pre-order for those who cannot attend, both with detailed instructions. These tickets are limited also, so please give us a call or text as soon as possible to reserve your spot!

This is my first Thanksgiving as an uncle and I'm very thankful for that and for all of you—always. Happy Thanksgiving everyone—stay safe and well! ■



MORICHES BAY GARDEN CLUB

Plant those perennials

Our meeting last month at Landcraft Garden Foundation in Mattituck was a great success; we were treated to a guided tour.

This garden of approximately four acres recently opened to the public includes lush perennial and mixed borders, container plantings that are changed seasonally.

There are rose gardens and tropical gardens and much more. Also, last month Eileen DiRico and Rita Sepe-noski represented MBGC at the Judges Symposium at St. Peter's in Bay Shore. Eileen submitted a tubular design and an armature design.

This month we are participating in the annual Second District luncheon which is Nov. 15. You can reserve a spot by calling Diane (631-325-1828).

The luncheon is at Captain Bill's in Bay Shore; for \$50 you will be treated to a luscious lunch, lavish basket raffles, home-baked goods (MBGC is par-



ticipating with this), individual club designs and vendor shopping.

Meanwhile back in the garden, as we come to the end of the hands-on gardening season, it is a good time to reflect on any changes you might want to make next year. Local nurseries are having sales on perennials now and you still have time to plant. The MBGC always likes to promote native plants, so ask about them.

We are not quite at the end of the pumpkin-picking season yet, so take a minute to check out what I did with my pumpkin. ■

-Maureen Pollack

Don't miss the Folkie Fest

The annual Folkie Fest will be held on Sunday, Nov. 14 from 2 to 5 p.m. with live performances from Matt Levine, Fred Raimondo, Anne O'Rourke, Nick Russell and James O'Malley.

Russell is will also be joining the event for the first time in a while. He is a singer-songwriter from Long Island who just released his latest full-length album in January 2019, produced by Grammy Award-winning guitarist Andy Falco of The Infamous Stringdusters.

Levine is a singer-songwriter who plays the mandolin, banjo, lap steel and bass as well. O'Rourke, for the first time in-person, is a singer-songwriter from the North Fork of Long Island. Raimondo is an accomplished singer-songwriter based on Long Island's East End. O'Malley's songs are universal, often written

with a subtle humor. His music and songs have been featured on scores of radio stations nationwide and around the world.

Folkie Fest offers an ongoing concert series with local acoustic artists in the spirit of folk music as envisioned by the late Pete Seeger. A portion of the proceeds are donated to the community center, and a 50/50 raffle will be held to benefit Long Island Cares: The Harry Chapin Food Bank.

The "Every Song Tells a Story" music event is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. The event will be held at the Moriches Community Center located at 313 Frowein Road. There is limited seating and masks are required. Visit www.morichescommunitycenter.org for more information or to purchase tickets.

-Nicole Fuentes

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AROUND TOWN

Sunday, November 7

Veterans Day Parade – The Chamber of the Moriches parade down Main Street, East Moriches, 2 p.m. Are you a veteran interested in being in the parade? Call Miriam at 631-965-9645. Visit www.moricheschamber.org.

New Sermon Series – The South Bay Bible Church's new sermon series, "Unshakeable: Pressing In and Pressing Through," will be presented Sundays, 9 and 11 a.m. or Saturdays at 5 p.m. Visit www.southbaychurchli.org or call 631-909-8241.

Wednesday, November 10

Positive Parenting – Six-session Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Library virtual pro-

gram will discuss setting healthy boundaries, discipline without punishment, and how to treat your children with respect so they respect you. Meets Wednesdays on Zoom, 6-7:30 p.m. Dates: Nov. 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8 and 15. Register online at: www.communitylibrary.org.

Saturday, November 13

Job/Career Counseling – Adults, ages 18 and older can talk with career counselor for help with resumes, interviewing strategies, job searches, and other career concerns. Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library cardholders only, 10 a.m. to noon. When registering, provide your email and telephone number in order to receive resume templates and other career resources.

To register, call Tara Moran at 631-399-1511 ext. 240, or email tmoran@communitylibrary.org.

Wednesday, November 17

Mastic Peninsula – The Historical Society will meet the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Meeting venue to be announced. Call 631-281-7347 or visit www.mphistorical.org or email mastichistory333@gmail.com for more information.

Thursday, November 18

Moriches Bay Garden Club – This month's meeting is a holiday workshop with evergreens, 10 a.m. Location TBD. Visit www.morichesbaygardenclub.org.

Saturday, November 20

Christmas Fair – Chinese auction and Christmas Fair at Presbyterian Church of the Moriches, 263 Main St., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Christmas Shoppe, 100 items auctioned, raffles, crafts and more. Soup for takeout. Call 631-878-4480.

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YEARS AGO

75 Years Ago

NOVEMBER 1946

A small, doleful rabbit hound owes her life to the kindness of **Sidney Estcourt** of Mastic Beach, who waded through perilous mud to rescue the pup, trapped and almost completely submerged in the western of the twin ponds. At present, the hound is staying with Mr. Estcourt.

A fire in the woods north of Woodlawn Avenue, East Moriches, believed to have been started by sparks from a passing train, was discovered by **Robert Raynor**, who immediately called fire chief **Edward Ringhoff**, and the two were able to successfully extinguish the blaze after an hour's work.

For the first time in the history of Mastic, a physician resides in the area. **Samuel Gelband**, M.D., has opened his office at Stuyvesant Avenue and State Street.

The senior class of Eastport High School held its annual Halloween party. Prizes for costumes were awarded to the following: **June Griffing**, prettiest costume; **Kent and Bruce Pressley**, most original costumes; and **Lois Steigler**, funniest costume.

Before an enthusiastic and appreciative audience of music-lovers, several of the younger students of **Edna Kaler Gracey** performed in a recital at Mill House. Among the performers were **Mary Ann Galbraith**, soprano, of Mastic, who sang "White Christmas"; and baritone **Joseph Lemmen**, of East Moriches, who sang "Die Beider Grenadiere."

Mrs. Alonzo Bartholomew of Moriches Avenue, Mastic Park, has presented a large 20-foot Norwegian blue spruce to the community in honor of her late husband, who was in the Spanish-American war.

Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Miller, of East Moriches, have received a letter from their daughter, **Mrs. Arthur Surkamp**, who is spending two months abroad. She is now in Paris after having visited Sweden, Denmark,

London, and Edinburgh. She also visited Windsor Castle at the time the Royal family was giving a party and had the opportunity of seeing the King and Queen and their two daughters.

Mrs. Lorenzo Nickerson, of East Moriches, was hostess for the book club, in which members attended in costume representing a character from a book. Among those in costume were **Mrs. Russell Henderson** as Mama from "Mamma's Bank Account"; **Mrs. Harry Huson** as the schoolteacher from "The Little Country School Teacher"; **Catherine Afterman** as "Huckleberry Finn"; and **Mrs. Clarence Howell** as Rhett Butler from "Gone with the Wind."

Playing in November at the Center Moriches Theatre: Ernest Hemingway's "The Killers"; Robert Young and Barbara Hale in "Lady Luck"; and Margaret O'Brien and Lionel Barrymore in "Three Wise Fools."

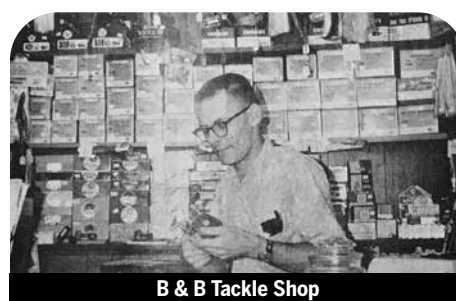
50 Years Ago

NOVEMBER 1971

Contest winners in the Halloween window-painting contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches at Center and East Moriches schools were **Regina Blechner**, **Vicki Langdon**, **Judy Adkins**, **Mary Alice Costich**, **Ingrid Neuhooff**, **Denise Costich**, **Jane Donahue**, **Linda Stemnach**, **Diane Stemnach**, **Guy Lloyd Stetzenmuller**, **George Chapman**, **Catherine LaClair** and **Katyie Owen**, and **Myra Caputo**.

Center Moriches wrapped up its third-straight League V crown as the Red Devils tied Southold 1-1. Center Moriches was able to tie the score on a goal by **Warren Croon**, when **Bob Greene** ignited the play by breaking away from two defenders and setting up a perfect cross from right to left, with Croon waiting in front of the goal mouth.

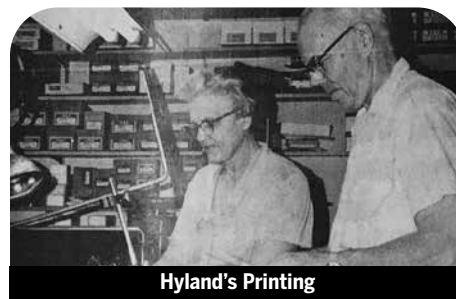
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Pictured are new members of the Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches.

ano, elementary co-coordinator, and fifth-grade students **Paul Quiggle** and **Pamela Ackerly**.

Exchange student of the Moriches Rotary Club **Yolanda Perez**, of Argentina, spoke about her trip she made via bus across the United States to club members at its recent meeting. Yolanda, a student at Center Moriches High School, also showed slides of her trip. Among those present were program chairman **John Eberhard**, club president **Al Nooger** and vice president **Herb Guthrie**.

Donna McMillan and **Jeanette Mazzeo**, students at St. John's School, were winners of the President's Special Award for their drawing at Savage's Hardware in the Halloween window-painting contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches. Chamber member **Mrs. Eleanor Bindel** presented them with the award.

The first issue of the newsletter was published this month by the Friends of the Center Moriches Library. The newsletter committee consists of **Wanda Pat-**

erson, **Alice Brown**, **Eileen Newhouse**, **Helen Raynor**, **Ruth Hartell**, **Edith Huggler**, **Willie Day Miller**, **Gladys Berg**, **Dolores Carlone** and **Stacia Nawrocki**.

Among the members of the dance committee of the Jewish Center of the Moriches who are making plans in preparation for the 20th annual dance of the center are **Carol Mirrer**, **Shirley Bergmann** and **Sally Heller**.

New members who were inducted into the Moriches Lions Club were **Frank Lambert** and **John Kanas**.

The Moriches Woman's Club held a very successful benefit covered-dish luncheon and bridge at the clubhouse on Lake Avenue, Center Moriches. The committee members were **Mrs. Charles B. Chapman**, **Mrs. John Lukert**, **Mrs. Harry Carmer**, **Mrs. David McCutcheon** and **Mrs. Bruce Raynor**.

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Suffolk County Legislature (3rd LD)

Jim Mazzearella (R) Incumbent

As a union leader, community activist, and family man, Jim Mazzearella has the experience and record to fight on behalf of Suffolk's middle-class families. Mazzearella promises to work tirelessly on quality-of-life issues. He has also served on the board of the Mastic, Moriches,

Shirley Community Library as a trustee and board president since 2009, and he is a longtime member of the Rotary Club of the Mastics and Shirley, and has been honored as a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International.

Kate Browning (D)

Browning served as a Suffolk County legislator representing the 3rd District, where she fought for Suffolk County's working families. She successfully controlled spending and held the line on taxes, cracked down on illegal housing and made protecting our precious envi-

ronment a focus. Before taking office, Browning worked as a school bus driver for the William Floyd School District in order to make ends meet and have the same hours as her children while they attended school.

Suffolk County District Attorney

Tim Sini (D) Incumbent

Tim Sini previously served as the Suffolk County police commissioner prior to being elected as SC district attorney. Following a scandal that ended in the federal prosecution of the former chief

of department, Sini was appointed to this position in January of 2016. Previously, he served as Suffolk's deputy county executive for public safety.

Ray Tierney (R)

Ray Tierney is a prosecutor who has dedicated his career to fighting for victims and protecting citizens. As a prosecutor, he has tackled some of the toughest cases in Suffolk County. He has approached Long Island's gang problem head-on and put dozens of members of MS-13 behind bars, leading to safer communities and less fear. ■

November voter ballot propositions explained

In the upcoming Nov. 2 election, Suffolk County voters will be asked to vote for four different ballot propositions.

Prop 1: Amending the Apportionment and Redistricting Process

The proposal will amend the portions of Article III of the New York Constitution that relate to the way district lines for congressional and state legislative offices are determined.

Prop 2: Right to Clean Air, Clean Water, and a Healthful Environment

The proposed amendment to Article I of the New York Constitution would establish the right of each person to clean air and water and a healthful environment. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

Prop 3: Eliminating Ten-Day-Advance Voter Registration Requirement

Section 5 of Article II of the New York Constitution now requires that a citizen be registered to vote at least ten days before an election. The proposed amendment would delete that requirement. If this amendment is adopted, the Legislature will be authorized to enact laws permitting a citizen to register to vote less than ten days before the election.

Prop 4: Authorizing No-Excuse Absentee Ballot Voting

The proposed amendment would delete from the current provision on absentee ballots the requirement that an absentee voter must be unable to appear at the polls by reason of absence from the county or illness or physical disability. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

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