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Moriches Bay 2018 recap

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

The Moriches Bay Project recently revealed their 2018 annual report, which outlined different metrics by which the bay was improved. The report also outlined company goals and financial stability.

According to the report, the oyster population was increased to 1.2 million, leading to an estimated 23 billion gallons of filtered water in 2018. Oysters remove nitrogen from the water, and MBP estimated that 786 pounds of nitrogen

were removed from the bay. Each oyster filters approximately 50 gallons of water per day, at an average length of three inches. The report also showed how the numbers have grown in recent years. In 2013, only about 91 million gallons of water were filtered and MBP projects that 2019 could see over 34 billion gallons.

"I feel really proud of the work our team did," said Laura Fabrizio, a co-founder of the Moriches Bay Project.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New York State Department of Environmental

Conservation have identified Moriches Bay as "nitrogen impaired," meaning there is too much nitrogen in the water, MBP reported. In 2013, three pounds were removed, compared to this year's 786 and next year's projected 1,156.

"Cleansing the waters of Moriches Bay is an important part of an overall approach to healthy bays that includes reducing inputs from septic systems and road runoff, treating contaminated groundwater and filtering Moriches Bay with oysters and clams," the report said.

In 2019, Moriches Bay Project plans to grow

and increase their impact on the bay. They project adding another 600,000 oysters to the bay to meet their filtration goals. They also plan to build an oyster sanctuary in Quantuck Bay in Quogue and continue outreach and educational programs. MBP will also work to establish a structure in the bay to hold oysters in a way to ensure a longer survival. Fabrizio added that the work of MBP is to improve water quality in the bay and increase educational opportunities for children and adults on why it's important. ■

Town earns tributary grant

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

The Town of Brookhaven announced the receipt of a \$27,347 grant for the "Trees for Tribs" program, which allows reforestation of old farms through which tributaries, a small river or stream, run. The grant will not require a match from the town.

The trees slow down erosion and help take up pollutants, as well as create habitat for native animal species. The tributary is the Terrell River, which runs from the Moriches Bay up to the Moriches Bypass. The project is planned for town property, formerly the Smith Farm, a duck farm that was purchased for open space, located on the corner of Bay Avenue and Montauk Highway in East Moriches, on the east of the river.

"The Terrell River is an environmentally sensitive waterway that needs to be protected and preserved," said supervisor Ed Romaine.

While preparing for the grant, the town's division of Environmental Protection reached out to the local Moriches Bay Civic Association, which has representatives from

the Ketcham Inn, Audubon Society and the Farmland Committee. With the civics' input, DEP presented a draft landscaping plan and received approval from the local DEC forester. The town will use the funds for ground prep, invasive plant and structural removals, and community volunteers will plant the trees.

Romaine told the *Tide* that the forest planting allows for environmental stability and improves quality of life in the area. Duck farms were known to be pollutants to the nearby waters, and Romaine said this program prevents that from continuing in the future.

"This will help tremendously," Romaine said, who is a noted tree enthusiast. "Trees are the best thing that nature has."

Romaine added that grants have helped the town accomplish a lot of environmental and open-space goals, which don't provide a monetary return, but do impact quality of life. The town recently received a \$1 million grant for projects in Mastic Beach and Davis Park.

"The entire ecosystem of our South

Shore wetlands needs to be protected, and reforestation is a big part of our plans at this location and others," said councilman Dan Panico, who represents East Moriches. "I

will continue to work with our town environmental staff to identify other areas in my district that need to be addressed." ■



Tributaries along the Terrell River will be converted by the town for forestry and open space.

Courtesy photo

Police blotter

Center Moriches

The fence at a home on Senix Avenue was damaged on Jan. 6.

A wagon was stolen from the parking lot of the library on Main Street on Jan. 6.

On Jan. 26, a mailbox was damaged at a home on Hawkins Avenue.

East Moriches

A light fixture was damaged on Jan. 27 at a Bay Street home.

Manorville

Justin O'Connor, 22, of Center Moriches, was arrested for loading a Visa card while working at Speedway on Wading River Road and not paying for it.

Man arrested for multiple burglaries

Suffolk County Police arrested a Center Moriches man for committing multiple

residential burglaries and possessing stolen property.

Aubrey Hill entered a residence on Wading River Road in Center Moriches and stole a backpack and a tablet on Jan. 26 at approximately 11:10 a.m. Following an investigation, Hill was arrested in front of his residence, located at 327 Railroad Avenue, at 12:30 p.m.

Further investigation by Seventh Squad detectives determined Hill burglarized a residence on Clinton Street in Center Moriches between Jan. 25 and Jan. 26 and a residence on Neville Street in Center Moriches on Jan. 14. Hill also pawned items stolen from residences on Chichester Avenue in Center Moriches on Jan. 14 and Railroad Avenue in Manorville on Dec. 17.

Hill, 51, was charged with three counts of burglary second degree, one count of criminal possession of stolen property fourth degree and one count of criminal possession of stolen property fifth degree. He is scheduled for arraignment today at First District Court in Central Islip. ■



Students help to improve water quality

Fifth-grade students in Madison Gunderson's and Kimberly Scala's classes at Moriches Elementary School have once again partnered with the Moriches Bay Project, an aquatic restoration program with a mission to improve the overall water quality in Moriches Bay and increase environmental productivity by re-establishing populations of shellfish and eelgrass to the fragile marine environment. The classes recently gathered in the school library to help construct oyster cages, which can hold approximately 200 adult oysters and collectively filter approximately 10,000 gallons of water per day. Altogether, the students built six cages, which will help to filter up to 60,000 gallons of water in the bay each day!

The Moriches Bay Project is a small grassroots nonprofit organization with a mission to improve the quality of the water in Moriches Bay and turn it back to its natural state of health, which is done through oyster farming and eelgrass planting. They are dedicated to bringing awareness about their mission to the local community and inspiring children to carry on that effort.

Community lobbies PSEG to take down poles

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

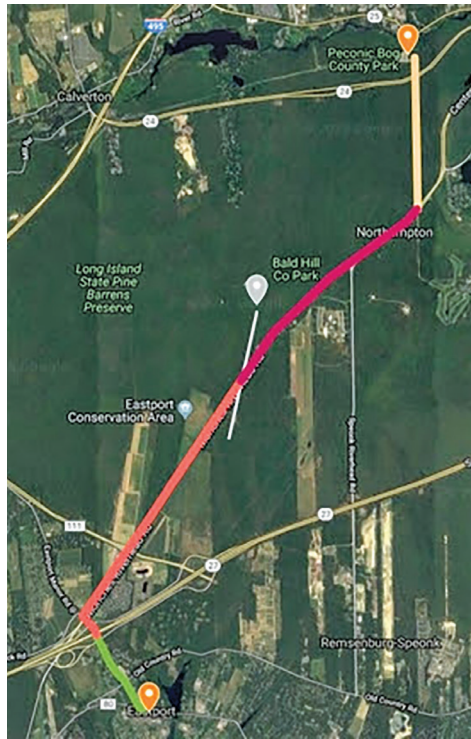
Community members and town officials were recently successful in a mitigation with PSEG to remove 24 steel utility poles that run from Montauk Highway up Eastport Manor Road and County Road 51. The poles were erected in 2017 without public notice and consisted of a total of 200.

"I view it as a compromise and a wrong being righted for the community of Eastport," said councilman Dan Panico, who worked with community members that were outraged with the structures. "Those poles belong nowhere near a historic district and the downtown business district."

The removed poles constitute an approximately 9/10 of a mile stretch of Eastport Manor Road, beginning at the Montauk Highway substation. By Dec. 31, 2020, the lines will be buried underground. As reported by the *Southampton Press*, the construction is expected to cost between \$9 and \$13 million, but will not cause rate increases to the community, according to a PSEG representative.

While the poles were installed on county roads, the towns of Brookhaven and Southampton teamed up with community members, and were able to execute the agreement with PSEG.

"I don't believe this compromise would have been reached without the town and



This Google Maps view shows where the PSEG poles in Eastport are located. The green portion is what will be removed under a new settlement.

Courtesy photo

community coming together," Panico said.

The East Moriches Property Owners Association has been vocal in the process to petition the removal of the poles, and still sees concerns with the existing poles that are close to the main road. They will continue to work with county officials and town representatives to try and get them addressed. Panico agreed that the placement of these poles was questionable.

"Removal of the poles on any part of Eastport Manor Road surely is a good thing, especially for those living there and travelling it regularly," the organization wrote in a letter to members early in January.

Coincidentally, a law was signed early this

year by Gov. Andrew Cuomo, which was sponsored by state Sen. Kenneth LaValle and Assemb. Fred Thiele, which requires advanced notice of public transmission construction projects. According to the law, notice must be provided by mail to every county, town, village, or city in which the project is to be located, including both the preferred location and any alternative sites, every utility customer within 500 feet of the proposed transmission project, and to the members of the state Legislature representing the areas affected by the project. It must include the location of the project, a description, related studies, and other information. ■

Moriches Bay Garden Club



Pictured: Mike Costanza is amazed at the riches his basement garden produces. MT/Pollack

While we are waiting for Punxsutawney Phil to make his prediction regarding when spring will arrive, you might want to check out the Evolution of the American Landscape Symposium at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum. Agenda and registration for "Gardening in a Changing Climate" is available at bayardcuttingarboretum.com/symposium. In the meantime, take a minute to read about how Mike Costanza, a member of the Moriches Bay Garden Club, maintains a winter garden.

One of the most satisfying things all gardeners can experience is the joy of fresh vegetables picked from their garden throughout the summer months. In my case, I began to extend my vegetable garden season into the winter months by creating a container garden in my basement. With just minimal effort and expense, I was pleasantly surprised to still be picking cherry tomatoes and several varieties of peppers, including bell, habanero and jalapeno during the Christmas holiday. By utilizing some old fluorescent shop lights and a little Miracle-Gro, the yield of produce I experienced was nothing short of amazing. I found that the keys to a successful basement container garden included soil temperature, extended hours of light as well as eight hours of darkness. While I found that some vegetables do better than others in a basement environment, I was able to get one head of broccoli—albeit, not more than one mouthful on my first try—but hey, there is always next winter.

Come late February and early March, I plant seeds to produce starter plants for my outside backyard garden. By Mother's Day, bustling starter plants are more than ready to move outside and ensure early summer vegetables.

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Town protects Manorville farm

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

In a deal struck in January by town officials, Brookhaven is now the owner of the development rights to 30 acres of farmland in Manorville. Known as the former Kennedy farm, located on the east side of Wading River Road, it will now not be possible to develop on top of the land.

The majority of the 30 acres will be active farmland, owned by the Weiss Family, who have another location in East Moriches. They plan to grow corn, sunflowers, lavender and hops — the flower buds that create the bittering taste of beer. The farm is also working towards adding a brewery, which would be the first in Brookhaven Town.

“The significance of this is that as

development pressure comes from the west, the fact that the development rights have been purchased...it secures the farming future of Manorville and the surrounding area,” said councilman Dan Panico.

Panico named several benefits that in his view, make this a win for the town. He has been an advocate for open space, which the new Manorville space will allocate, and said the deal will help to preserve farming history.

The deal is different than outright purchasing the property, Panico explained. The owner will still keep the title of the property, but would not be able to further develop the land or breach certain restrictions. The buyer, in turn, receives 80 percent of the appraised value, and the

town achieves its main goal of preserving the parcels without paying the full price for the land itself.

W&K Farms was run by John Kennedy and featured seasonal produce, including a farm stand and you-pick option. It’s part

of the 500-acre farm belt in Manorville, 100 of which was owned by the Kennedys. The scope of the land starts at Wading River Road, and runs between the Long Island Expressway and South Street in Manorville.



An aerial view of the now-preserved farmland in Manorville — 30 acres that cannot be developed. Courtesy photo

Keith's Corner



TV winners and crafting project coming

By the time you are reading this, two lucky winners will have been selected for their Super Bowl Party and 50-inch TV deliveries in the Helping Makes U Happy scholarship fundraiser. Thank you all for making this fifth year our best yet and funding all our scholarships — for ESM, WHB, Wm. Floyd, CM, and the Martha O'Brien Scholarship. Watch for application reminders in the next couple months. Pictured are the new Helping Makes U Happy Junior Board co-chairs: Olivia Wheeler-Cooney (pictured with Keith) and Kayla Mitchell. We are so excited for the great ideas, energy, and events they will bring to HMUH! First up will be a crafting project during winter break for younger students, both boys and girls. Look for more info on flyers around town and on our website www.Helpingmakesuhappy.org and Facebook. If any student has a helping idea they'd like to see put into action, these are the girls to seek out! Also, if still necessary during the month of February, HMUH will continue to assist federal employees and their families with food and birthday club items. Suffolk County has asked us once again if we could provide comfort cases for kids removed from their homes due to neglect. Like last year, these will be new backpacks filled with a fleece throw, toiletries, a journal and pen, and a small toy. We will also be looking forward to contributing to and attending the CMPTA Chinese auction on Feb. 9 at CMHS, 5:30 p.m. Hope to see you there! Wishing you all a very Happy Valentine's Day!

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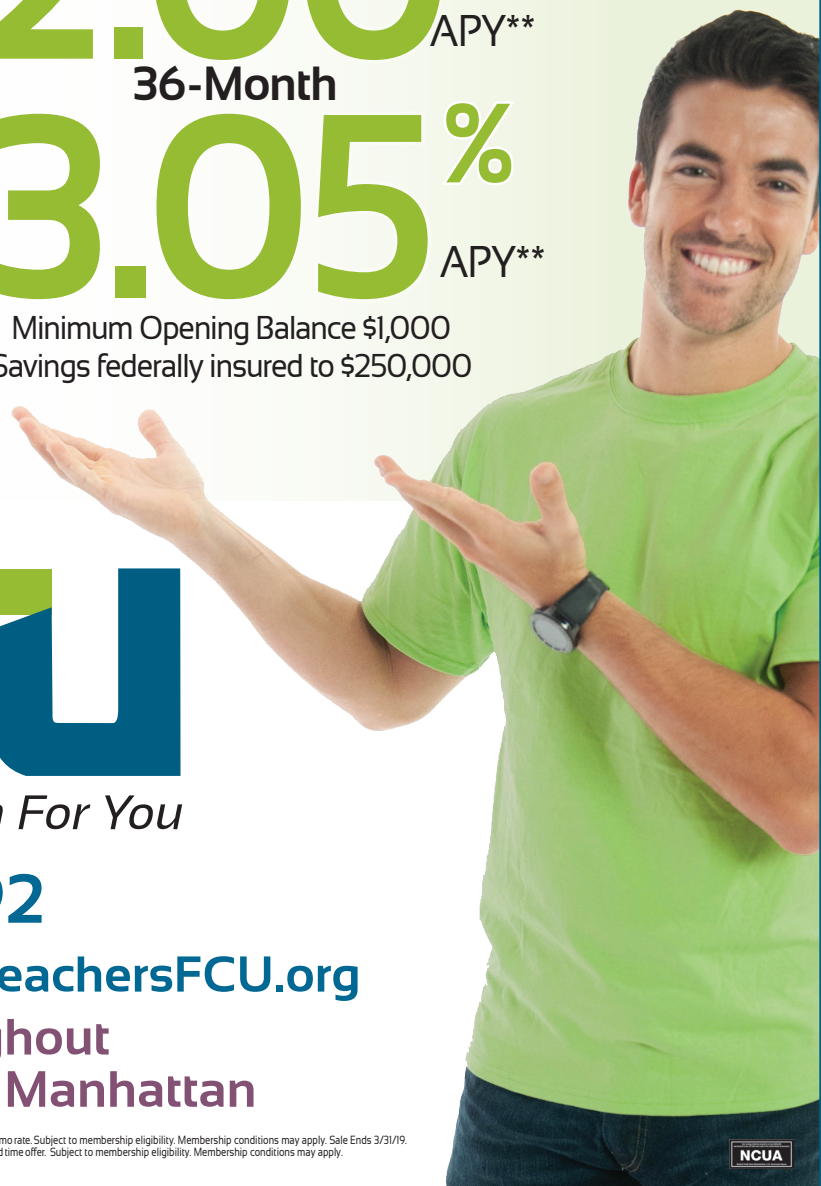
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Town, district to sue Walden Pond complex

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

The East Moriches Union Free School District and the Town of Brookhaven will join together in a lawsuit against the Cassata Organization, owners of Walden Pond in East Moriches. The lawsuit alleges that the complex, which was created to be a planned retirement community, houses several school-aged children, which is a violation of the town zoning agreement.

The district and town will seek compensation to make up for the extra resources used by the school to accommodate these children. Officials estimate there are about a handful of children who hail from the complex. Representatives for the Cassata Organization did not respond to a request for comment.

Due to the way the East Moriches district

is set up, students are taught in-district for grades K through eight. High school students are sent to either Center Moriches High School, Eastport-South Manor High School, or Westhampton Beach High School, where each district charges a direct fee per student. Charles Russo, superintendent of the East Moriches UFSD, estimated the cost per student to be \$10,000 to \$60,000 when sent to a high school, which the EMUFSD absorbs.

Russo explained that the district sets a budget and only receives certain revenue from taxes, so any outside costs put a strain on the resources the district could provide. He added that this not only puts a strain on the school, but the community members as well, all of whom contribute to the school's budget.

According to Russo, the community

and the town made an agreement with the property owner, to offset taxes on the parcel in exchange for keeping it without school-aged children. About a year and a half ago, the two parties discussed how to resolve the issue, but Russo said the property owners refused to comply, and therefore no resolution was made.

"The district and the town felt that there would be no progress made," Russo said.

Officials are now hoping the courts will decide in their favor. Russo said the district and town didn't want to use money on a lawsuit, but felt there was no other way to prevent the problem from spiraling. Russo acknowledged that the more school-aged children coming from this complex, the more financial resources the district will be forced to spend.

However, Russo said that this issue is not

being taken out on the students or their families. He said the schools are committed to providing the same level of education as any other student, since the ordeal is out of the students' control. He said the district has the moral and legal obligation to do so. During registration, he added, families who have come from Walden Pond are notified of the pending situation.

Councilman Dan Panico expressed his support for the district in an interview last month, saying it is the duty of the property owner to comply with town zoning laws. He called for the property owners to either come into compliance or pay for the tuition of the students it houses, plus fines.

"The town will uphold its zoning laws," he said. "We support the East Moriches School District 100 percent."

Thiele lays out 2019 goals

BY GLENN ROHRBACKER

Assemb. Fred Thiele (I-Sag Harbor) announced his legislative priorities for 2019. He said he remains committed to caucusing with the Democratic majority in the Assembly, and believes the new Democratic Senate majority working with a Democratic Assembly and Democratic governor will allow "real progress" to happen.

"I will continue to work with both parties to get things done for the state, Long Island and my district," he said.

Thiele was appointed chairman of the Local Governments Committee in the Assembly, which oversees all issues relating to local governments including towns and villages. He will continue to be a member of the Ways and Means, Environmental Conservation, and Transportation committees.

Thiele supported the voting reform bills passed in the Assembly and Senate on Jan. 14, some of the first of the year, which added seven new provisions to state election law. It established early voting, limits on LLC contributions, consolidation of state and federal primaries, pre-registration for 16- and 17-year-olds, and expanding access to absentee ballots.

"It is only a first step toward a fairer, equitable, and transparent election system that makes it easier for everyone to vote and insures that wealth and money do not control the political process," he said.

Thiele said his top goal for 2019 was to improve affordable housing options on the East End. "Working- and middle-class families must be able to afford to live here," he said. He added that a lot of young people are moving away because they can't afford housing costs, which impacts other issues in the area.

Thiele announced that he would sponsor legislation to create the Peconic Bay Community Housing Fund. By adding .5 percent to the existing regional real estate transfer tax, over \$20 million would

be provided annually to provide financial assistance to first-time homebuyers and to construct new housing stock for ownership and rental. Towns would be required to develop a town housing plan and a regional housing strategy with the other Peconic Bay towns to demonstrate to the public how the money would be spent. The exemptions for the transfer tax would also be increased for sales under \$2 million to reduce the impact on affordable housing. Voter approval would also be required.

The assemblyman also wants to improve sustainable fishing on the East End, and after sponsoring legislation in 2018, the state attorney general has now brought a lawsuit against the federal government advocating for New York's fair share of fish under federal quotas. Thiele also wants to change "antiquated" commercial fishing licensing and permit regulations to improve the growing fishing industry. He added that he has conducted meetings with the DEC and will meet with commercial fishers before bringing up legislation.

"Commercial fishing is not just history and tradition," Thiele said. "It is a part of our sustainable economic future."

Another issue Thiele wants to address is the availability of clean water. He reported progress with the amendment of the Community Preservation Fund to permit up to 20 percent of the fund to be used for water-quality improvement projects, including water main extensions to contaminated areas and grants and loans to upgrade septic systems. In 2019, Thiele announced he will sponsor legislation that would provide a recurring revenue stream to Suffolk County to match the state bond issued by the governor and Legislature to reverse the trend of water-quality degradation affecting groundwater and surface waters.

The legislative session is underway and will continue until June. ■



Assem. Fred Thiele.
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220 by 2020

By Patricia Kaloski

At a time when fellow Long Island Catholic schools have closed their doors or are struggling to remain open, administrators and staff at Center Moriches' Our Lady Queen of Apostles, located at 2 St. John's Place, have launched a campaign to increase enrollment to 220 students by the year 2020. The campaign kicked off on Sunday, Jan. 20 with an Ambassador's Breakfast held in the school's cafeteria, which was attended by OLQA teachers and support staff, parents, students, alumni, local elected officials, civic leaders and special guest and keynote speaker Monsignor Jim Vlaun, president and CEO of the Catholic Faith Network.

"This is not a campaign of desperation," noted Fr. John Sureau, OLQA principal and pastor of St. John's R.C. Church, during his remarks. Emphasizing that the school was "not in trouble," Sureau said the "220 by 2020 Campaign" was established to help make the school stronger and to be "proactive" and not "reactive." The inaugural campaign kickoff at the Ambassador's Breakfast was organized to invite community members into the school to learn more about OLQA and to see and hear, firsthand, what the school has to offer, said Sureau.

Currently, OLQA serves students in kindergarten through eighth grade, but also includes a pre-kindergarten and early childhood program. Student enrollment stands at 180 students, a solid enrollment Sureau said, especially considering that two Catholic schools closed in 2018: Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School in West Islip and Mercy High School in Riverhead.

Stressing that the good news about OLQA—Center Moriches' only Catholic school—needs to be shared, Sureau recently wrote in an open letter to the parish that "it is my hope that we can build on the good foundation that is here and invite more students and families to the "family of families at OLQA."

"I have walked through this building many times," said Vlaun when beginning his remarks. "And this place shines. It is something to be proud of." He agreed,



Our Lady Queen of Apostles students Christina Keller and Robert Deshler. Back row, left to right: Parochial Vicar Reverend Michael Plona, OLQA Pastor and Principal Reverend John Sureau, and Monsignor Jim Vlaun.

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however, with Sureau that the word about Center Moriches' only Catholic School needs to be shared.

"We need to let people know that something beautiful is happening in Center Moriches. A Christian community is forming that will affect kids in the next generation. It's much bigger than going to school and going home. Catholic schools can transform the world," Vlaun noted.

Vlaun told those in attendance that sending children to a Catholic school is a conscious decision made by parents, who often make sacrifices to do so. "There are

no tax credits for tuition," Vlaun noted, pointing to the fact that oftentimes, parents get second jobs. In fact, Vlaun said his own father worked two jobs to help pay for his Catholic education.

Vlaun also spoke about the sacrifices made by Catholic school teachers and students. When referencing teachers, Vlaun said it takes "something special" to be a Catholic school teacher. "They work for less and they live for less so that the next generation of students can live the Bible in their lives."

Vlaun said that students sacrifice by having to wear a uniform. Recognizing

that many students would rather wear more fashionable attire, Vlaun said there was something "beautiful" about school uniforms. "They are the great neutralizer. Once students put on a uniform, there's no rich, no poor, just OLQA students. Everybody is one."

There was a common theme among parents who attended the Ambassador Breakfast when asked why they chose Catholic school over other schools. Jeanne Hogan, a preschool and technology teacher and librarian at OLQA, sent six children to Catholic grammar and high school.

"Catholic school provided a solid education while bringing God and morals into the curriculum," Hogan said. "It also helped to build strong friendships."

Suzanne McKeon, who sent her three sons to OLQA, concurred. She also appreciated the more intimate classroom setting, where every child knows each other. "It was a more personal experience with a more tailored curriculum to each child."

"I appreciated the consistency of Catholic school," noted Gina Depaola, whose son and daughter attended OLQA. "There was a common set of beliefs throughout the whole school."

OLQA students who were at the breakfast couldn't be happier about going to Catholic school. Seventh-grader Christina Keller especially appreciates her teachers, saying that they are "more hands-on." She also said that she enjoys "learning more about God."

In closing the breakfast, Sureau said one of the most important components of the enrollment campaign is to get the community to know that OLQA is a viable option for education. Monsignor Vlaun added that his hope is that this message would spread through his 10-to-1 theory that by telling 10 people, they will share the information with one other person and so on.

"OLQA is a best-kept secret and the community needs to know about it," said Vlaun.

For more information about OLQA, its programs and services, visit www.olqany.org or call 631-878-1033. ■

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a.m. to 4 p.m. To make an appointment, call 631-399-1511, ext. 240.

Saturday, February 23

History of African American Music – Enjoy the musical tribute to various Motown and Gospel greats performed by Jerome “City” Smith & the City Sounds Ensemble at Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Library, 2-3:30 p.m. To register, call 631-399-1511, ext. 240.

Events...

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Biblical Counseling Training – South Bay Bible Church will offer intensive classes to help people earn a Certificate in Biblical Counseling. Classes begin on Friday, March 22, 6 p.m. and take place at the church located in East Moriches. Two payment options available. To find out more, visit www.southbaychurchli.org/biblicalcounseling.

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Moriches - Years Ago

Compiled by Vanessa Graniello

75 Years Ago

February 1944

The Center Moriches High School Class of 1944 conducted a very successful Leap Year dance. The usual choice in the selection of partners was reversed and the girls had an opportunity to dance with whomever they desired. Assisting committee members were: John Podlaski, Eugene Havens, Richard Eyer, Virginia Snow, Marion Bowditch, Jean Bedson, Robert Hartstein, Lewis Oppenheimer, Zelda Kronman, Barbara Hopper and Carmine Cardamone.

Miss Elisabeth Lemmen has attained the highest standings in East Moriches High School and will be valedictorian in the graduation exercises in June. Miss Virginia Howell will be salutatorian.

Mrs. Caroline Fehner of Canal Street, Center Moriches, now has the distinction of having five sons in the United States military. The fifth, Arthur Fehner, went into active duty in the Marine Corps. The other sons are in the Army: Pfc. Victor G. Fehner, Pfc. Clarence Fehner, Pfc. Emmett Fehner, and Pfc. Alfred Fehner.

The Stamp Club of East Moriches met with Madeline Martin, including principal Harry Huson, Neva Olson, Caroline Smith, Elizabeth and Ella Lemmen, Aino Carman, Betty Smith, Shirley Lukert, Faith Henderson, Shirley Hart, Corinne Valenti, Roberta Martin, Donald Johnson and George Dunlap. There was a stamp swap and Mr. Huson showed a two-reeled colored film, "Vermont, Around the Year."

The Rev. Howard W. Kiefer, pastor of the Bible Protestant Church of Moriches, is a member of the American Council of Christian Churches, which will broadcast a new series over the Blue Network every Friday, WJZ, New York.

Mrs. E. Campbell and Mrs. F. Muller are in charge of the War Stamp Sale for February at the Moriches School.

Seaman John Chituck, of Eastport, has been awarded the Purple Heart, along with four of his comrades, who were injured in Sicily.

Members of the orchestra at Center Moriches High School took

a trip to New York to attend the New York Philharmonic concert in Carnegie Hall with the great violinist Nathan Milstien. Those who made the trip were: Jean Bedson, Reginald Bedson, Carol Mae Berstein, Max Cutler, Marion Davis, Richard Eyer Jr. Robert Hartstein, Anna Mae Huson, Zelda Kronman, Lily Lukert, Howard Skarka, Patricia Tuttle and William Tyson. The trip was conducted by Robert C. Hoops, director of music for the Center Moriches School.

Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Brown and Miss Margaret Kay, of Center Moriches, attended union vespers in the Southampton Presbyterian Church to hear Professor Randolph C. Sailer, a graduate of Princeton, who was teaching in Yenching University in Peking, China, when the war broke out, and was imprisoned in a concentration camp.

Playing in February at Center Moriches Theatre: Richard Arlen and Jean Parker in "Minesweeper"; Olivia de Havilland in "Government Girl"; Claudette Colbert and Fred MacMurray in "No Time for Love"; and Gary Cooper and Jean Arthur in "Mr. Deeds Goes to Town."

50 Years Ago

February 1969

Strong consideration is being given towards the possible closing down of the Moriches Elementary School, as announced by principal Dr. Bernard Rappaport. Currently housed in the Moriches facilities are students in the district's first-grade classes. With the closing of Moriches, these students would be transferred to other elementary schools at both Nathaniel Woodhull and William Floyd.

Winners of the Dental Health Poster contest in Center Moriches Elementary School, who were presented with \$5 prizes, are Carol Specht, Robin Allen, Regina Robinson and John Lerner.

Center Moriches High School graduate Jo Ann McBee earned her nurse's aide certificate as one of 30 Center Moriches High School pupils participating in BOCES's vocational program.

Miss Vanessa Tuttle, of Eastport, received a Good Citizen's pin and a monetary award at a recent meeting of the Suffolk Chapter,

Daughters of the American Revolution. Vanessa plans to go on to college and major in elementary education.

Third-grade students at Woodhull Elementary School attended a special breakfast hosted by school nurse Mrs. Elizabeth Lapham as the culmination of a unit on nutrition, taught by Mrs. Lapham.

Mary Skidmore, of East Moriches, sends word from Florida that she caught a fine string of fish using red-dyed shrimp as bait.

The initial practice session of the Center Moriches Community Band was held in the band room of Center Moriches High School, with Valentine Tagliavia providing the necessary leadership for the group.

Miss Lutz's third-grade class at Woodhull Elementary School were privileged to have a combat veteran of Vietnam come to visit. Sp. 4 John A. Welge showed over 200 slides of Vietnam and Thailand. Members of the class were John Campbell, Robert Ripolone, George Werner, Pat Bremner, Frank Curtin, John Lenhauser, Mary Ann Wisniewski, Denise Desiderio, Beth Doyle, Linda Lawry, Philip Rappa, Mary Ellen Miller, Tamara Jourawleff and Patricia Jackson.

Center Moriches High School students Larry Kennedy, Dave Cousins and Wilton Burwell attended registration proceedings for the U.S. Naval Air Reserve along with New York Jets backfield ace Matt Snell, who is a member of the Naval Air Reserve.

Miss Marion Ceruti of Eastport and George Lomnyckj of Columbia University attended the New York Philharmonic concert at Lincoln Center. Pinchas Zukerman was violin soloist, with Leonard Bernstein accompanist.

Miss Jean Louise Kris, a graduate of Eastport High School, obtained a 3.8 average at Bucknell University, placing her on the Dean's List for the second consecutive semester.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas A. Capazzola of Old Country Road, Eastport, are the parents of a son, Nicholas Jr., born at Southampton Hospital.

Regents Scholarships were presented to the following students at Center Moriches High School: Henry Stark, Robert Monzeglio, Faith Roesch, Kathleen DeMatteo and Steve Pribut.

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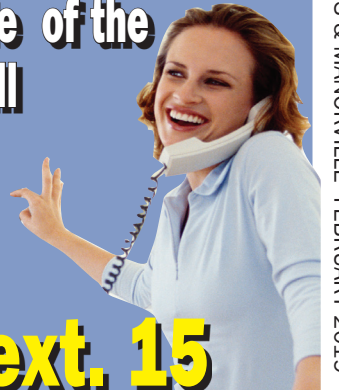
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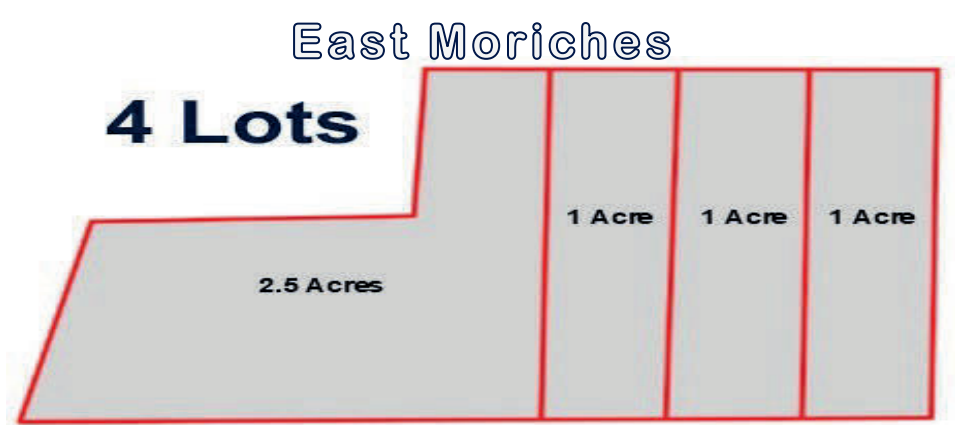
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