

## Focused on future of NY

BY ANGELO J. MORINELLO

Whether it be behind masks, screens, or phones; the legislature has reconvened in Albany, focused and motivated. The coronavirus epidemic has put a tremendous strain on our communities, our livelihoods, and the very things that make us human. Interactions at work, in social settings, or in passing have

ceased to brief greetings and informal salutations. The legislature returns this week frustrated but with a heavy heart, knowing the pain, suffering, stress, and anxiety the members of our community have faced over the last few incredibly trying months.

Life cannot afford to be placed on pause for any longer, our businesses, our communities, and our families must persist. In the face of unfathomable tragedy and record setting unemployment, I am eager for the return of the legislature, the return of democracy, and the return of New York. Our governor has led to the best of his abilities, but the voices of all must outweigh the actions of one. Checks and balances are a fundamental principle of a democracy. Let's get back to the business and normalcy of this state, and let's begin the process of recovery, because we are and always will be, New York Strong.

Angelo Morinello represents Grand Island in the 145th Assembly District of the New York State Assembly.



Assemblyman Angelo Morinello

## TOWN BOARD AGENDA

Grand Island Town Board  
Grand Island Town Hall  
2255 Baseline Road  
Grand Island, N.Y.

Agenda, Regular Meeting No. 10  
8 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2020  
ZOOM Meeting with Live Streaming

- I ROLL CALL BY THE TOWN CLERK:
- II INVOCATION:
- III PLEDGE: Councilman Michael H. Madigan
- IV MINUTES:
  - Approve Minutes of Workshop Meeting No.20, May 15, 2020
  - Approve Minutes of Workshop Meeting No.21, May 18, 2020
  - Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting No.9, May 18, 2020
  - Approve Minutes of Workshop Meeting No.22, May 20, 2020
- V CONSENT AGENDA: Golden Age Center – Facility Usage – April 2020
- COMMUNICATIONS –TOWN BOARD:
- VI SUPERVISOR JOHN C. WHITNEY: Monthly Supervisor's Report – February, March & April 2020
- COMMUNICATIONS – OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS:
- VII HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT – RICHARD W. CRAWFORD: Status Change
- VIII DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING & WATER RESOURCES – ROBERT H. WESTFALL:
  - Appointment – senior water plant operator (provisional)
  - Appointment – senior water plant operator – part-time
  - Seasonal hire – Waste Water Department
  - Promotion – Water Department
- IX CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE:
  - Status Change
  - Appointment – full-time code enforcement officer
  - Diane Luther, 2871 Whitehaven Road – request to split/merge property – SBL No. 36.01-5-1.1
- X PARKS MAINTENANCE CREW CHIEF – THOMAS DWORAK: Seasonal hire
- XI REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE:
- XII FROM THE BOARD:
- XIII MEMORIAL ADJOURNMENT: Lisa Savage, Roy Meyers, David Fisher, Virginia Fisher, Robert Ringler, Elisabeth Nagy, Elsie Clark, Barbara Potenski, Robert Wendling, Richard Narad

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## Early Act club raises funds in school-wide competition

BY ALICE E. GERARD  
Contributor

Huth Road Elementary School's Early Act Club's Coins for the Congo raised \$1,431.11 over a week of fundraising, ending at the PTA's basket raffle and cake walk, held at the school on March 6, said Early Act club advisor Jeanne Percival.

"We were working with the Rotary Club to get a well for a village in the Congo," Percival said.

Each grade level collected coins in large jars. It was a competition "to see which grade live could raise the most money. The winning grade gets a popsicle party," Percival said.

The Early Act Club also ran a bake sale to raise money for Coins for Congo and for Heather Maras, a school social worker with the Grand Island School District, who was seriously injured in a fatal car accident on Aug. 17 in the Adirondacks that resulted in the deaths of her husband Keven and the driver, ReneCastonguay of Montreal, Quebec, and the serious injury of her daughter, Sierra.



The Early Act club at Huth Road Elementary School, working with the Grand Island Rotary Club, raised money for a village in the Congo to have a well. Early Act club members are pictured with their teacher-advisors Rhonda Taylor, left, and Jeanne Percival.

"The response was overwhelming. The kids were clamoring to get their coins into the jars. It was a one-week

challenge that started on Monday and ended on Friday," Per-

cival said. "The jars filled up so quickly that I had to go the dollar store to buy more jars."

The fourth graders raised the most money in the challenge, Percival said.

## Numerous stolen vehicles on Grand Island

Erie County Sheriff Timothy B. Howard reported April 28 his office continues to investigate a series of stolen car reports in Grand Island.

From Jan. 1 to April 28,, the Erie County Sheriff's Office has responded to 10 reports of stolen vehicles in the town, and detectives attribute eight of the thefts to individuals leaving keys in the vehicle.

"Unfortunately, people are leaving valuables and keys in the car," stated Howard. "Anytime items are left in plain view, nefarious individuals are going to take the opportunity to commit a crime."

Beyond the stolen vehicles, deputies have also responded to car larcenies throughout the town.

Howard added, "The thieves

are not breaking windows or popping locks. Instead, they are simply pulling the door handle, and if the door opens, the criminals are going in."

Detectives arrested two minors on April 10 and charged them with felony counts of grand larceny, criminal mischief, criminal possession of stolen property, and unauthorized use of a vehicle following a report of a stolen vehicle on April 9.

ECSO reminds people to take valuables out of the vehicle, don't leave the keys in the automobile, and lock it.

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# Grand Island CHURCH DIRECTORY

### ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Evangelical Lutheran Church In America  
1453 Staley Road, Church Office 773-4400  
Child Care Center 773-9249  
The Rev. Kris Bjerke-Ulliman, Pastor  
[www.StTimothygrandisland.com](http://www.StTimothygrandisland.com)

Sunday Worship.....8:00am & 10:30am

#### Sunday Church School

Children Ages 2 Years - Grade 6 .....10:30am  
Professional Child Care provided during the 10:30 service  
Holy Communion All Services  
Day Care Ministry Operates Monday-Friday 6:00am - 6:00pm

### BIBLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1650 Love Road (Just off Beaver Island Pkwy.)  
773-7303  
Pastor: Rev. Kevin M. Backus, Ph. D.  
Assistant Pastor: Rev. Andrew R. Wann, M. Div.  
[www.biblepres.org](http://www.biblepres.org)

Sunday School-Classes for all ages .....9:30am

Worship Service .....10:45am  
(Nursery, Children's Church)

Evening Worship Service .....6:00pm

#### Wednesday

AWANA - 3 yrs old thru Gr 8 during school year.....  
6:30pm-8:15pm

24/7 program for Sr. High youth.6:30pm-8:15pm  
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting .....7:00pm

### BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

1136 Baseline Road • 773-3748  
Rev. Calvin VanderMey  
[www.bfcgi.org](http://www.bfcgi.org)

Regular Service at Bible Fellowship.....8:30 & 10:15am  
Youth Group ages 8 & up - Mondays..6:30-8:00pm  
Adult Prayer & Bible Study - Tuesdays .....6:30pm  
Adult Bible Study - Fridays .....7:00pm

### CORNERSTONE CHURCH

1290 Whitehaven Road • 773-1004  
[cornerstonechurch.life](http://cornerstonechurch.life)

Join us Sundays at 9:00am and 10:30am  
Worship Service  
Discovery Island Children's Ministry  
RockStars (Special Needs) and Nursery

Middle School Youth Group.....Thur 6:00pm  
High School Youth Group.....Mon 6:30pm  
Kids Club (K-5th during school year).....Wed 6:30pm  
MOLO (Moms of Little Ones during school year) .... Wed 9:15am

Find more info on ministries for all age groups at  
[Cornerstonechurch.life](http://Cornerstonechurch.life)



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### CROSSRIVER TABERNACLE

2920 Grand Island Blvd. • 716-229-8000  
Pastor: Michael Chorey  
[CrossRiverMinistries.org](http://CrossRiverMinistries.org)

Sunday Morning Worship Service.....10:00am

(Nursery & Children's Church Provided)

#### Revolution Youth Rally for Teens

(Grades 7-12) .....6:30pm

#### Wednesday Services

Prayer Meeting .....6-7:00pm

Worship and Bible Study .....7-8:15pm

Kid's Bible Club (Ages 5-11) .....7-8:15pm

### TRINITY CHURCH

"Welcome Home"  
2100 Whitehaven Road, Grand Island, NY  
[www.TrinityGrandIsland.org](http://www.TrinityGrandIsland.org) • 716-773-3322  
Pastor: Kevin Slough

#### Join us in Worship

Traditional Worship .....8:00am

Contemporary Worship .....10:00am

U-Turn Youth Groups\*

Rooted Children's Groups\*

Adult Bible Studies\*

\*Please check website for time and details

Handicap accessible/Nursery care

#### Believe + Belong + Build

Believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior

Belong to the Lord Jesus with your whole heart and soul

Build on your relationship with Jesus through worship, prayer and service

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- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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