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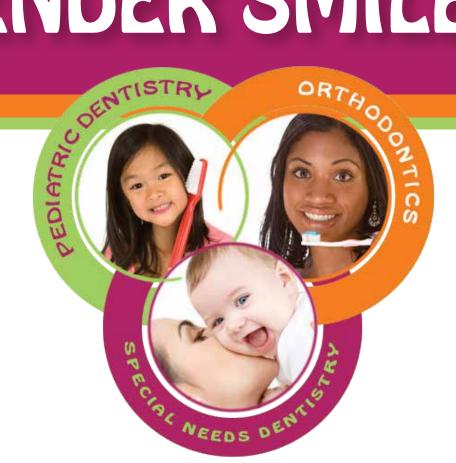
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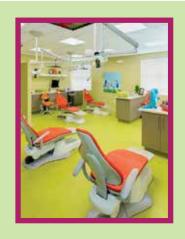
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## Grow Team teaches children how to garden

## Applications for program are due by Jan. 31

Children ages 9 through 11 are invited to take part in Monmouth

County's Grow Team Program that includes learning gardening basics through special hands-on activities on the way toward becoming a certified Junior Master Gardener.

The deadline to register for the program is Jan. 31. Those interested in the program should contact the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service of Monmouth County at 732-431-7260. There is a \$30 registration fee and \$25 registration fee for additional siblings. Register early because class size is limited.

Children will be involved in a unique opportunity to unlock the mysteries of seed germination and plant propagation, to experiment with soil composition and to harvest and protect seeds.

All classroom and hands-on sessions will be held on Saturdays from 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Monmouth County Agricultural Building at 4000

Kozloski Rd. in Freehold Township. Eight sessions will be held April 25, May 2, May 9, May 16, May 30, June 6, June 13 and June 20.

"The Grow Team offers children an exciting way to learn how to grow

local fruits and vegetables," said Freeholder Lillian G. Burry, liaison to

the County's agricultural interests. "Children who participate will have exciting, hands-on experiences in plant biology, soil science and disease and pest control."

The children will work with certified Master Gardeners who are experts in all things related to home gardening in Monmouth County. Graduates of the program will be welcome to return to the garden weekly to harvest produce for their families or for donation to the local food banks. Children also may enter their produce in the Monmouth County Fair Home & Garden competition in late July.

The Grow Team program is a part of the County's Master Gardener program. Similar programs are conducted throughout the United States and Canada. In New Jersey, the program is a cooperative effort of Rutgers University, the U.S. Department of

Agriculture, and the County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Monmouth County's program also involves Brookdale Community College and the Monmouth County Park System.





## Let Me Shake Your Hand; Millstone PTO Carnival Meets Home Depot Angels

By Susan Heckler



Fundraising events takes a collection of many hearts and hands to be a success. Typically, a PTO event is run and done by loving parents who want to see their child well educated and happy.

This year's planning of the PTO Carnival in Millstone brought about some great surprises. Volunteer Barbara Cohen offered to build some carnival games. After all, how hard can that be? She went into Home Depot in East Windsor to purchase the supplies she needed to build games she found on the Internet. She had some questions about selection of wood and construction methods and asked one of the employees, Walter Ritchie, his opinion. What happened next left Barbara speechless.

Walter volunteered to build the carnival games! And if that wasn't enough, he spoke to Jackie Tracey, the store manager, who approved his involvement as well as other employees at the store. Thirteen employees from the Home Depot staff helped out, in part, on the clock and off the clock on their own time. They also donated some of the parts on their own. A total of seven games were built for the students to enjoy for many years to come. While attending the carnival, if you are playing Rainbow Roll, Duck Pond, Bean Bag Toss, Fish Bowl, Can Smash, Hungry Hippo, and Let's Go Fishing, those were made with Home Depot hands!

According to Barbara, Walter Ritchie headed the project by conceptualizing, organizing and building the games. Anna Chicco did all of the artwork on the games. Dale, who is a seamstress by trade, sewed 20 beanbags and the netting for the sides of the games. Phil, Randy, Kevin arranged the lumber and building materials. Anthony, Frank, Francis, "G," Joey "Buckets" and Gordon helped with constructing the games. Bill - millwork - made Home Depot stencil and Walter, Phil, Anthony, Dale and Anna delivered the games to Millstone.

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## Millstone Times' Photo of the Month

By Pam Teel

This photo was sent in by the Bergeron family who lives on Backbone Hill in Millstone Township. They have a statue that they nicknamed 'Ole Betsy.' The family has a fun time dressing up their statue during the different holidays and seasons. Perhaps you've already seen her as you drove by?

In this photo 'Ole Betsy' is all decked out in her February best with a red hat and scarf and red hearts for Valentine's Day. Keep an eye out for Betsy as she changes with the seasons!

If you have a photo that you would love to share, send it to: crescent671@ yahoo.com. Please mention (share photo) in the subject box.

Keep those photos coming! You just might see yours in the next edition! You can send more than one!





# Daniela's Wish Donates Toys to CentraState Pediatric Department

**Freehold**—Daniela's Wish, a local non-profit that supports special wishes for children, visited CentraState Medical Center's Pediatric Department and delivered cheer to those who unfortunately are in the hospital for the holidays. Over 100 new toys, pajamas and special 'Daniela's Wish' capes were provided.

This partnership between CentraState Healthcare Foundation and Daniela's Wish continues throughout the year, as children need support year round, not just during the holidays. In addition, Daniela's Wish has a mission to help every child, everywhere, have comfort and safety, especially during times of sadness by granting wishes, creating smiles & memories. Wishes are granted to children when they need it the most.

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## Perrineville Lake Memoirs Continued By Pam Teel

an you imagine spending a leisure day swimming at the lake and then having your pick which general store to go into to buy candy? Emma Palmer and Marie Ugi remember it well. Emma Palmer remembers frequenting Schwartz's general store very often after cooling off at the laké. Schwartz's was the larger store carrying more day-to-day items such as clothing, pots and pans, candy, and other essentials. They even sold gas in front of their store for 25 cents a gallon. The Schwartz's home stood where Albivi's Restaurant is now located. The Schwartz's also lived on the premises. The home went through a few owners after the Schwartzs and was still functioning as a general store and deli when the owners of Albivi's purchased it.

Kormans was the name of the owners who ran the other general store, which was located diagonally across the street. The family was from Roosevelt and ran a smaller store stocked with milk, bread, and other necessary food essentials. Emma recalls it being in the vicinity of the Jewish synagogue parking lot.

Where Vesuvio's is now, there were a few large homes. On the corner lot, there was a shoemaker. Next to him, where the newer house is now, to the left of the pharmacy, lived an elderly woman named Mrs. Roundtree. Next to her, Emma's blind aunt Lena Palmer Patterson lived. Emma's aunt used to iron clothes to make extra money. On the corner of Sweetmans Lane and Millstone Road, where Cornerstone Music is now, Henry and Adelaide Wolfe owned a large two story building where they ran a general store and the Perrineville Post Office. Mr. Wolfe was the postmaster. Emma recalls that it was an old time store heated by a wood stove. The post office had old-fashioned bars on its windows just like the old banks used to have. The Wolfe's also had a gas pump in front of their store. That home did eventually burn down. (Some of you who came to town in the early 1980's, might still remember that the Perrineville post office was in a trailer on the opposite side of the road from Vesuvio's Plaza). Across the street where US Water is now, there used to be a chicken farm owned by a man named Max Pep. Emma remembers a little yellow house where Max lived. There were a lot of chicken farms in the area in those days. Marie recalls some of the bigger ones being the Merkins, Grudins, and Brusselhoff farms. There was even a local taxidermist in the area. Emma recalls when she was a little girl, tagging along with a family member and being scared of all the stuffed creatures in the taxidermists home.



Postcard of the Wolfe's General Store in Perrineville, which stood on the property where Cornerstone Music is now located.

Perrineville Lake is now a part of the Monmouth County Park Commission and welcomes fishing, canoeing & kayaking.

Directly behind Vesuvio's, there was a home owned by Jack and Emma Rooney. The home was sold one or two times and eventually it was bought by the Smith Family. Earl and Ida Smith still own the family property and they have recently put up a small strip mall on

the site of the old homestead. For some of you who don't know the Smith family, their son JR. Smith plays basketball for the New York Knicks! Both Irene Rooney and Adelaide Wolfe were teachers at the old Perrineville schoolhouse, which lies at the beginning of Sweetman's lane. The original schoolhouse is still standing. It now houses various businesses.

Directly across the lake there were many small cottage homes. I believe that all of them were owned by the Tolins and rented out during the summer months. The Tolins owned a large Victorian home directly across from the lake before Jimmy Hall bought the land and built his large rectangular building. Most of these small cottage homes were torn down just recently when the Monmouth County Park Commission purchased the lake and the property around it.

From Emma's and Marie's description of the Perrineville lake area back in the forties and fifties, you can almost paint a picture in your mind about how busy and full of life the main road was on both sides of the lake.

Not only did the locals swim on the Perrineville Lake, but they used to ice skate there too. When Marie's boys got older, they would play ice hockey all the time on the lake. Back then the lake would freeze over solid. The whole town would enjoy skating on the lake. There would be a big bonfire nearby where they would go to get warm. Marie noted that the lake hasn't frozen over solid in over in a decade.

Millstone resident Roger Mannion remembers back in the seventies when he was just in his twenties. He would come to Perrineville to frequent friends in town and they would all go ice-skating on the lake. After they finished ice-skating they would go across the street to Jimmy Hall's tavern and sit around an ancient wood stove with a group of old time locals. They would drink brandy and enjoy each other's company. He recalls the locals as being friendly and inviting. "I have fond memories of those days and I am glad that I got to experience the tail end of that bygone era in Perrineville," stated Roger. Hall's tavern was still standing on the opposite side of the lake in the early 1980's.

There were other forms of entertainment in town besides the Perrineville Lake, which we will explore in our next issue as well as other tidbits of Millstone's history.

If you live in Millstone, Allentown, or any other neighboring community and would love to share your tales of the past, please email me at: crescent671@yahoo.com. We'd love to hear from you.



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#### Woodedge at the Park

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## Millstone Township Welcomes New Judge

By Susan Heckler

anuary 2015 welcomes a new judge into the Municipal Court at Millstone Township. Hon. Judge Thomas F. X. Foley has recently retired after over 20 years.

The incoming judge, Nicole Sonnenblick 43, grew up in neighboring Southern Manalapan. A graduate of Rutgers Law, Nicole brings almost 7 years of experience as a Municipal Prosecutor, 3 years as a Monmouth County Prosecutor and 4 years as a Criminal Defense Attorney with her to the bench.

Many of you may recognize the name Sonnenblick. Her father is Gerald Sonnenblick who has a law practice in Freehold for many years. Her husband, Peter G. Licata, is also an attorney working for Sonnenblick, Parker & Selvers.

Judge Sonnenblick and her husband live in Manalapan Township with their 12 year old twins. In addition to the honor of being our Municipal Judge, Freehold Township and Sea Bright Borough have also made their court her new home.

Welcome Judge Sonnenblick!







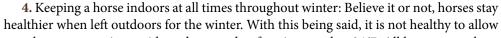
## 10 Equine Winter Health-Care Mistakes to Avoid

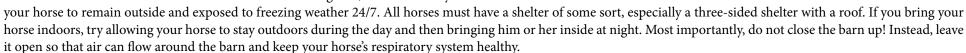
inter is here and the cold weather is not budging. Being the compassionate people we are, we hope to do everything we can to keep our family members warm, especially our pets! As the temperature continues to drop, we wonder what we can do to prevent our horses from getting too cold. We don't want to do things to harm or irritate horses in the winter, and at the same time, we don't want to keep horses out in the cold all winter and forget about their needs until warmer weather begins settling in. To

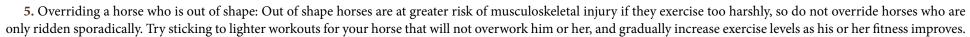
ensure your horse remains healthy all winter long, avoid the following winter health-care

mistakes:

- 1. No exercise: Horses, like people, need to exercise all year long to remain in great health. Make sure your horse is getting enough exercise during this season, and if possible, try to continue riding your horse throughout this winter season. However, do not attempt to ride in harsh weather conditions (that will not end up well for the rider or the horse!)
- 2. Letting your horse's water freeze: Horses must stay hydrated to remain healthy, but if the water is frozen, your horse will not remain properly hydrated. Snow and ice are not substitutes for unfrozen, clean drinking water. Make sure that your horse has clean water at all times!
- 3. Not increasing feed rations when temperatures drop: During the winter, we tend to eat more food to stay warm, and horses do the same! Horses burn more calories to stay warm in the winter, and for some horses, the end result is considerable weight loss. Talk with your veterinarian and find out how much feed your horse will need during the winter months to remain in tip-top shape.







- 6. Slacking off from taking care of your horse's hoofs: Horses, no matter what kind of horse or what kind of shape they are in, need regular hoof care very six to eight weeks (sometimes even more often). No exceptions!
- 7. Over blanketing your horse: Do not place layers upon layers on your horse. Horses with partial body clips do need blanketing during winter, no matter if the horses are kept indoors or outdoors, but horses with natural winter coats most likely do not need blanketing as long as they have shelter from the winter elements, are receiving proper nutrition, and are in good health. Over blanketing horses can cause horses to overheat, leading to dehydration and other health issues.
- 8. Scarcely grooming your horse: It is important to groom your horse regularly, even daily if possible! When grooming your horse, you have time to evaluate him or her and check for injury, weight loss, cracked hooves, lost shoe, illness, et cetera. Your job as an owner is to intervene as quickly as possible if you notice something is wrong.
- 9. Slacking off on daily horse-keeping chores: This is an absolute no-no. Even if your horses are in pasture, you still have lots of work to do to keep your horses in tip-top shape, including watering, feeding, grooming, and exercising. Don't be a slacker!
  - 10. Neglecting your health: Your horse is relying on you every day, therefore it is vital for you to stay healthy, keep warm, and stay safe.

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The New Jersey 4-H Equine Arts Project is a creative and instructional program, which invites 4-H members to display their artistic talent and imagination, while developing life-time skills and abilities. Participants are able to express their appreciation of the horse through various art mediums, while at the same time they are expanding their cultural knowledge. Art projects enable 4-H'ers to learn the value of developing visual exhibits in areas of specific interest.

Through the various forms of equine art, club members learn about the physical anatomy of the horse, its proportions, skeletal structure, musculature, colors, markings, and behaviors and attitudes. They practice math skills in measuring fabric and patterns, or calculating distance and light settings on a camera.

Equine related craft projects are fun activities for club meetings. Many of the projects can be done together as a club, as well as individually. The "Clothes Horse" division teaches skills that can be economically beneficial to the 4-H'er from a savings and money-making point of view.

The culmination of the project is for the 4-H'er to be able to express him/herself, and to increase the awareness of the 4-H Horse Program to others through the use of graphics and photography. It also allows 4-H'ers who do not have a horse to create their "ideal" stablemate. The boundaries for this project are set by your imagination.

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## Millstone Township Foundation For Educational Excellence Awards Grants to Millstone Township Schools Totaling \$13,591.40

Grant awards included a middle school book room, STEAM pro library mini lab and an interactive LEGO® wall

Foundation for Educational Excellence (MTFEE) awarded three grants today totaling \$13,591.40 to its schools. The grant awards included a book room in the Millstone Township Middle School, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) pro library mini lab and an interactive LEGO® wall. MTFEE is a non-profit organization devoted to funding grants for items that nurture extraordinary educational experiences for every student in Millstone Township Public Schools and are beyond the scope of the general school budget.

Following is a listing of the grants and recipients:

Middle School Book Room (\$7,923.88) (Sara Stofik, Middle School Reading Specialist) - The grant consists of the establishment of a school-wide book room to better meet the diverse, independent reading levels of all students in grades 6-8. It will contain 2,628 fiction and nonfiction books ranging in a variety of reading levels. Language Arts teachers will be able to use the book room to supplement their classroom libraries during specific units of study. Additionally, Science and Social Studies teachers will be able to use the book room to supplement and diversify reading materials within their classrooms. As a result, students will have access to more books, which bolsters independent reading and opens the doors to new experiences, time periods and ideas through books. MTFEE awarded a grant last fall to the Elementary School to establish a book room in that building, which has been successful with its staff and students.

STEAM Pro Library Mini Lab (\$3,697) (Jo-Ann Trifiro, Fourth Grade Teacher; Beth Topinka, Fifth Grade Teacher; Michelle Falanga, Gifted and Talented (K-8)) - Mrs. Trifiro recently received a \$500 STEAM classroom grant from FirstEnergy, with which she purchased littleBits® deluxe kits for her students to get a hands-on experience learning electronics. MTFEE's grant award will expand the possibilities of that grant and reach more students within the Elementary School. The grant consists of a littleBits® Pro Library, which is an expanding collections lab of color-coded, modular electronics that snap together magnetically. This "library" will allow elementary school students the ability to design and build their own electronic inventions using the engineering design process. This will enhance the district's STEAM initiative and further prepare its students to actively engage in shaping the technology of the future. littleBits® Pro Library provides an extensive way to learn and prototype with electronics. The electronic modules range from the very simple—such as power sensors—to complex, wireless programmable components that promote hands-on learning and exploring. Students will also have the opportunity to utilize the district's rapid prototyping tools, such as 3D printers and laser cutters, to create realistic prototypes.

Collaboration, Creativity and Learning with LEGO®s (\$1,970.52) (Marian Peck, First Grade Teacher; Shannon Bell, Art Teacher (K-5)) - The grant consists of a 42'x50" interactive LEGO® wall with over 6,000 LEGO® bricks to aid in instruction, creativity and STEAM lessons. The wall will serve as a STEAM lab for teachers and students to use, as well as an indoor recess option and lab for Gifted and Talented. Students can use these bricks in areas including math, STEAM and visual arts to plan, investigate, design, create and revise—all essential skills for problem-solving and creativity.

Since 2002, MTFEE has awarded more than \$500,260 to its schools. There are currently more than 60 MTFEE funded grant programs running in the Millstone Township School district. Every child that matriculates through the school district will in some way benefit from an MTFEE funded grant.

For more information about donating to MTFEE, becoming a trustee or its fundraising programs and events, please e-mail info@mtfee.org, visit www.mtfee.org and like us on Facebook.

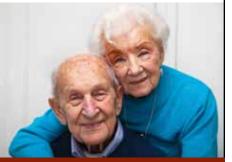




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By Brianna Siciliano

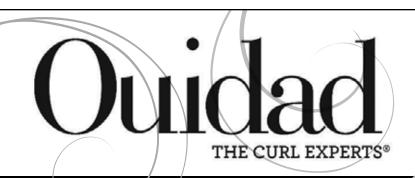
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## Love is in the air in Monmouth County

## Show a little love to the Jersey Shore this February

"Don't let the winter blues keep you from enjoying everything Monmouth County has to offer this month," said Freeholder Thomas A. Arnone. "From delicious food to a great comedy show, you are sure to find something to warm your spirit this winter."

For Valentine's Day theater, on Feb. 14 "A Valentine's Doo Wop" at Count Basie Theatre and Chris Pinnella's Valentine's Day Concert is at Algonquin Arts Theatre.

Make it a date to enjoy Red Bank's famous restaurants with a \$30 prix fixe dinner menu during Red Bank Restaurant Week from Feb. 16 through 26.

If you're looking for something to do with the kids, Kidabaloo at Brookdale Community College is the place to go on Feb. 8 from noon to 5 p.m. Enjoy games, crafts, character appearances and a live performance by Dove Cameron and Ryan McCarten from Disney's Liv and Maddie.

In light of Presidents' Day, celebrate George Washington's birthday 1830's style in Historic Allaire Village on Feb. 28. Visit the village, located in Allaire State Park, any day this month for a taste of history and a look back in time.

If you're not up for outdoor winter exploration, stay warm and discover Monmouth County theater:

- · RaeLynn of "The Voice" will perform at iPlay America on Feb. 6.
- · TruTV's Impractical Jokers present two shows at Count Basie at 8 and 10:30 p.m. on Feb. 7.
- · Catch comedians Craig Ferguson on Feb. 9 and Bobby Collins on Feb. 21 at Count Basie.

Don't forget that when it's been cold enough for long enough, there is ice skating in several Monmouth County Parks. It normally takes at a week to 10 days of subfreezing temperatures to produce safe skating conditions. When the conditions are right and the ice is at least five inches thick, start looking for the "Skating Today" signs at Holmdel, Shark River and Turkey Swamp Parks. When the ice is considered safe, skating hours are from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and from 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. After your skate time, be sure to warm up in front of the wood fire in the park's shelter building.







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## Questions to Ask Before Choosing a Real Estate Agent

By Brianna Siciliano

Selling, buying, and renting a home is not going to be a walk in the park if you do it all on your own. However, by using a real estate agent who understands your likes, dislikes, hopes, and dreams within the real estate market, selling and/or buying property will be anxiety-free and enjoyable. Your real estate agent will do nearly all the work for you! To ensure that you and your housing needs are well taken care of, you must absolutely love your real estate agent and be confident that your agent is working with your best interest in mind.

The best way to find out more about your agent and their values is to ask questions, including ones similar to: How long have you been working with real estate? Have you ever worked with clients in a similar situation to mine? Learning more about your real estate agent, and what he/she has accomplished, will help reassure you that you are getting the best service available to you. You would not want to work with a real estate agent who excels in rentals if you plan on purchasing a home, just like you would not want to work with a real estate agent who has not been able to help previous clients close on their ideal home purchases.

Another great question to ask is: What days of the week do you work? It is important to be certain that your real estate agent will be able to show you properties, show off your home, and fulfill your home buying, selling, and/or rental needs. You do not want to hire a real estate agent that does not work on the only days you have free!

How will you and your real estate agent communicate? This question is vital to ask! You must be comfortable with your agent, and be able to reach him or her whenever needed. Working with the best real estate agent does not mean that your agent will call or email you occasionally with updates on your house hunting or selling; great agents keep you updated many times a week. Real estate agents who truly care about you and your home are just a quick response away.

Ask as many questions as you can when interviewing agents, and make sure that you are confident in your agent's ability to help you rent, sell, or buy your home. mean that your agent will call or email you occasionally with updates on your house hunting or selling; great agents keep you updated many times a week. Real estate agents who truly care about you and your home are just a quick response away.

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## Everything You Need to KnowAbout Home Inspections

By Brianna Siciliano

Before buying a house, a home inspection must be done to examine the exterior and interior of the house. Home buyers want to be sure that their new home is livable, safe, and working well. Home inspectors examine the house top-to-bottom and review things like heating and air conditioning systems, walls, ceilings, floors, windows, basements and attics, roofs, wiring, plumbing, and the home foundation.



Professional inspectors are needed to educate the home's new owners. When buying a home, you want to know as much as you can to protect your family, finances, and property. You do not want to overpay for a home that needs a completely new roof and new gutter system!

When buying a home, ask your real estate agent which home inspector they recommend. Agents who constantly work with house transactions know which inspectors to call and trust and which are not worth your time and money. Home inspections are not cheap; they cost a few hundred dollars, depending on the location and size of the house. You will not want to waste your valuable time and money on an inspector who will not give you the full truth on the home!

Home inspections are necessary before closing on a home, and the results for the inspection may be available immediately or within a few days. When reading the inspector's report, you -- as a home buyer -- may be advised to not buy the home until certain issues are fixed (for example, if the smoke detectors are not working, if there are missing railings on staircases, if mold is found, et cetra). If costly repairs are listed, the seller of the house may be willing to adjust the home's price or fix what is needed to be fixed. If major problems are found, you will have the chance to back out of the deal. Home inspections must be passed in order for the house to be closed on, so in some cases, more than one home inspection is needed.



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## STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Justin Kobrin is a 6th grade student at Millstone Middle School. He was recently honored for achieving perfect math scores on NJASK. Justin has always exhibited a natural ability in the area of mathematics and his favorite subjects are Math and Science. Justin was also recently honored at the school as Student of the Month for October. He was chosen for consistently demonstrating leadership, academic excellence, and exemplary work ethic. His teachers also noted his ability to work well with others, willingness to help, motivation, love of learning, humorous personality, and stated that he is a joy to have in the classroom. In addition to his studies, Justin plays basketball on two teams, is on the middle school soccer team, and plays baseball and flag football. Justin is highly motivated and always puts forth his best efforts in all that he does. Congratulations to Justin for all of his accomplishments.

# Central Jersey Student Innovators' Association Is Looking For Creative, Scientifically Minded, or Problem Solving Students

By: Eric Li

The Central Jersey Student Innovators' Association is the first-ever organization in the area to provide opportunities to motivated students to be recognized for their ingenuity and innovation, free of cost.

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This organization is a great opportunity for all creative, scientifically minded, or problem-solving students. If you are interested in getting involved in one of these programs, check out our website www.cjsia.org or reply to us at CJStudentInnovators@gmail.com with any questions or concerns you may have.



## Ways to Walk More This Winter

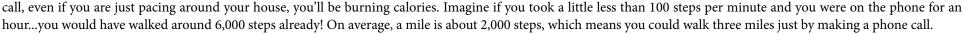
By Brianna Siciliano

he freezing temperatures are here, and we are all coming up with more and more excuses to stay indoors and sit by our fireplaces with hot soups, hot coffees, and hot chocolates in our hands. Our bodies are craving comfort foods and sleep during winter, but we need to fight those cravings and do our best to walk as often as we can. Walking in the winter can do great things, such as:

- -Keep your bones strong and working
- -Improve your mood
- -Motivate you to continue working out in the days, weeks, and months to come
- -Burn calories

When walking in the winter, try to avoid constantly walking on the treadmill day by day. After a few days, you will get bored following the same routine, unless you find that you like walking on the treadmill. Then by all means, keep it up! Walking while watching an episode of your favorite television show is much better than lounging on your couch, eating a bag of popcorn, and being lazy! However, if you are looking for different ways to get moving, try walking when doing simple things, for example when you are on the phone.

Whether you are on a business phone call, talking to your parents or children, or catching up with friends, phone calls can take a while. If you were to walk throughout your entire phone



If you have friends or family in the area that you'd like to catch up with while being busy, go to the mall together. By browsing around the stores and making conversation, you won't even realize that you're walking! You can catch up on gossip, spend quality time together, and maybe even get some shopping in. By the time you leave the mall, you could lose some calories (and possibly money, too!).

Walking may not seem like exercising, but it is! It is important to not give up and keep moving. Walking can be done at anytime, anywhere, whether you are at work, outdoors, in your home, or in the mall. Why not stand up and get walking right now?





## Did You Know that ...?

By Pam Teel

id you know that Valentine's Day was originally celebrated on February 15th, not the 14th? Valentine's Day can trace its origins back to the ancient Roman fertility festival of Lupercalia in Rome. The day was an honor to the Gods, Lupercus and Faunus. The celebration also honored the legendary founders of Rome, Romulus and Remus. Young men would draw the names of women from a box and the couple would be paired up until the next year's celebration. Some would marry; others waited to find a new love interest.

In 270 AD, Rome was in turmoil and there was civil uprising. Not wanting to join the army, the men were forced to leave their loved ones behind. Emperor Claudius the 2nd decided to cancel all marriages and engagements because of all of the uprising. Two priests, Fathers Valentine and Marius, secretly married the couples behind the emperor's back. Valentine was caught on February 14th and imprisoned. It was on February 14th he was beaten to death with a club and beheaded. Legend has it that before his execution, he expressed his love for the jailer's daughter and wrote her a final note saying, "From your Valentine."

In 391AD, Emperor Theodosius 1st declared Christianity as the official religion of Rome. The fertility festival was celebrated until 496AD when Pope Gelasius replaced it with a similar celebration. For the Patron Saint of the Celebration, he chose the lover's Saint, St. Valentine. He moved the date to the 14h, marking the date of Valentine's death. Throughout the centuries that followed, Valentine's Day became more of a festival of love instead of a religious day. It was even dropped from the Roman Catholic calendar as a designated feast day in 1969. Today people all over the world celebrate Valentine's Day.

So where does Cupid fit in all of this? We all know from Greek mythology that Cupid has always played a role in the celebration of love. Cupid was known as Eros, the young son of Aphrodite, the goddess of love and beauty. He was also the son of Venus. Venus was jealous of the beauty of Psyche, a mortal woman, and he ordered Cupid to punish her for actually being too beautiful. Instead of punishing her, Cupid fell in love with psyche and took her for his bride. As a mortal, Psyche was forbidden to look at her new husband, but her sisters convinced her to look at him because he was so handsome. As a punishment, Venus demanded that she perform three difficult tasks. The last one caused her death. Cupid found her lifeless on the ground and removed the eternal sleep from her body. The Gods, moved by their love, granted Psyche immortality.

Only in recent times the symbol of cupid became part of Valentine's Day. According to Greek myth, Psyche represented the struggles of the human soul and Cupid is still drawing his magic diamond studded arrows on unsuspecting couples casting his love potion over them.

Esther Howland was credited with creating the first commercial American Valentines in the 1840's, having received a Victorian Valentine from an English admirer. She loved all the frilly lace and decided to make a few of her own. She put in orders at her college for valentines and was astonished at all the responses she got. She had to ask for the aid of her friends to help fill all her orders the first year. Back then she sold over 5,000 cards in her first year. Her second year netted her over \$100,000 and her business continued to prosper every year. Today there are over one billion Valentines sent a year. Don't forget to pick up a card for your special Valentine!



## County Office recoups \$2M for consumers

Consumer Affairs investigates and resolves complaints against businesses

The Monmouth County Division of Consumer Affairs recouped \$2,081,845 on behalf of consumers in 2014.

Figures in the Division's year-end report shows that while the number of cases handled by the Division dropped by nearly 8 percent in 2014, from 615 in 2013 to 564 in 2014, staff was able to recoup nearly the same amount of money directly to local consumers.

Consumer Affairs Director Annmarie Howley attributed the drop to consumers being more savvy about the money they spend on goods and services.

"People are being more conscious of where their money goes and making sure they get the item or service that they paid for and expected," Howley said.

The money breaks down this way: \$246,136 was in cash refunds; \$1,656,098 represents the value of services and items that the Division



was able to recover for consumers who were unable to get them on their own; \$178,061 was in voided contracts, and \$1,550 was in exchanges, which means the seller substituted an item of equal value.

"In tight financial times people are watching every dollar they spend and it's comforting to know there is a place to turn to for help," said Freeholder Lillian G. Burry. "The Consumer Affairs staff works not only for Monmouth County residents, but for

any resident who is having difficulty dealing with a business located in Monmouth County."

Consumer Affairs will help consumers resolve all types of consumer-related issues. Information about rescission, fraud and other consumer affairs programs can be found on the County website at www.visitmonmouth.com, by calling 732-431-7900 or email consumeraffairs@co.monmouth.nj.us. The office is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

#### By Pam Teel

This month's Student of the Month is Julianna Conforti. Twelve-year-old Julianna is a 7th grader at the Millstone Middle School. She loves to see her friends when she goes to school and she loves to spend time with the friends who share the same interests with her. Her favorite subjects are science and music class. In the future, she would love to be in the field of forensic science. She thinks it's awesome how much information you could get from studying the evidence of a crime. Julianna loves to watch the TV shows that revolve around this topic.

Her favorite books that she enjoys reading are Dystopian or futuristic, realistic fiction. At this time, her favorite music to listen to is the band "Panic at the Disco". She loves the song "Nine in the Afternoon."

Julianna plays the guitar and the trumpet. She also loves to gymnastics and attends classes. She also loves running. Her favorite places to visit are at her relative's houses in Virginia and Delaware. Julianna lives with her mom and dad and twin sister Jacquelyn. She has a very close-knit family and they always know what's happening in each other's lives. She also has an older sister who lives on her own. Julianna likes to spend time with her grandparents. They live just twenty minutes away so she gets to see them often.

When asked about her feelings about being a twin ,she told me that sometimes it's tough. "We are always perceived as one, so when one person gets in trouble the other person usually does to. For the most part it's great though. We are very close and share everything. It's nice to have someone to confide in and someone who knows you better than anyone else. Sometimes we get compared to each other and we don't like that. We are still separate people."

Both Julianna and Jackie are very sweet humble young ladies and both excel in their studies at school. They put 100 percent into whatever they are doing. Julianna recently scored 300 out of 300 in math on the NJ Ask test. This past November, she was voted Millstone Middle School Student of the Month.

Julianna loves to perform in the school plays. She has been a part of the musicals since the third grade. She was just recently cast as Mrs. Darbus in the upcoming play High School Musical.

Her best holiday is Thanksgiving. To her, it's not about getting gifts but being with your family. A family that loves you unconditionally is the best gift you can have. Right now, Chicken Marsala is her current favorite food.

If she could have but one wish, she wishes for everyone to see the positive side to every situation and for the world not to be such a negative scary place.

Good luck in the future Julianna with all of your dreams. Keep up the good grades and stay the sweet young woman that you are!

#### **Attention Millstone, Creamridge and Allentown Parents**

Do you have a child who excels in their academics? Attention Students, do you have a friend that you would like to nominate for Student of the Month? Email me at <a href="mailto:crescent671@yahoo.com">crescent671@yahoo.com</a>. I would love to highlight them in one of our Student of the Month features.





## Frenchtown, NJ

## River Road Loop on the New Jersey Side

By Pam Teel

ur journey north via Route 32 through Bucks County on the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware River ended in Riegelsville, the last town in Bucks County, where we found the Riegelsville Suspension Bridge crossing over to the New Jersey side and into Pohatcong Township. If you keep heading north and follow the river, you will continue north through the Delaware Water Gap, Easton, PA and well into the Pocono's. It's a great ride through a lot of state owned lands and hiking trails.



After crossing over the Riegelsville Bridge, follow Route 627 to route 619, through the small town of Milford, NJ. Follow Milford- Frenchtown Road. This will lead you right into the heart of Frenchtown, NJ.

Frenchtown is a quaint little town on the NJ side of the Delaware. Its history dates back to 1757 where three joint owners purchased a tract of land from the West Jersey Land Society. They began laying out streets and building lots at Calvin's Ferry. The developing town was to be called "Alexandria" in honor of William Alexander, (Lord Stirling), one of the three owners. In 1776, the three sold the settlement to Thomas Lowrey, a Flemington speculator. In 1794, Lowrey sold the tract to Paul Henri Mallet-Prevost, a Swiss fugitive from the French Revolution. He and other early settlers were French speaking, leading some to begin calling the place "Frenchtown." The town grew substantially in the next four decades. A trade in grain and other farm products developed using the river as a way to transport their wares. Boatmen and river men helped fuel Frenchtown's growth by navigating the river to other destination points of trade. The arrival of the Belvidere Delaware Railroad in 1853 sparked continued growth in Frenchtown. Steam-powered industry became widely developed, and by the 1860s, mills were being converted into larger factories. Around the same time, the town had three major hotels, The Lower Hotel (present day Frenchtown Inn), The Middle Hotel (no longer existing), and the Upper Hotel (The National Hotel). In 1889, Britton Brothers Big Brick Store, which sold a variety of goods, opened on Bridge Street. In the early 20th century, growth was spurred by the arrival of Frenchtown Porcelain Works, the establishment of the Milford plant of the Warren Paper Company, and the rise of the poultry industry. It was also once home to the Lenni Lenape Indians who called the land their Sunbeam. (Most likely having to do with the light at dawn and dusk over the water).

This river town has old historic buildings that line its Main Street with shops and restaurants mostly owned by locals in the area. It sits on just over a square mile with a population of 1,300 residents throughout the township. Frenchtown is located in Hunterdon County. It's a great destination for a Sunday ride and dinner at one of the restaurants. Frenchtown is also a principle destination to many river activities. There are over fifty unique shops, which include, art galleries, restaurants, antiques, gifts, and specialty shops. The town hosts many street festivals such a Riverfest in September, Bastille Day in July, the wine and Art weekend in May, a Halloween celebration and Zombie walk in October, the Delaware Valley Poetry festival, and many holiday shopping incentives given out by store owners, such as drawings for gift baskets and discounted merchandise, to thank patrons for shopping local for the holidays.

Some of the local restaurants include the Bamboo House, The Bridge Café, Riverview Café, Frenchtown café, Frenchtown Inn, Galasso's Italian Restaurant, Maria's coffee house and more. There's a local Sunday farm market and most shops on Main Street are within a five-minute walk. Finer dining includes the Frenchtown Inn, The Ship Inn and Milford Oyster House in Milford, (2 miles up the road). Just over the Uhlerstown- Frenchtown Bridge in Erwinna, Pa., you'll find the Golden Pheasant Inn and the Indian Rock Inn in Upper Black Eddy, Pa. The Uhlerstown- Frenchtown Bridge is right off of the main street in Frenchtown. The bridge also has a walkway over it for foot traffic. Frenchtown is a scenic area and a great destination for a weekend drive. If you like weekend Flea markets, check out the Lambertville flea market first on route to Frenchtown. You'll find it on the right hand side on Route 29 just before the town of Lambertville. Just to note, Flemington, NJ, is only 11miles away.

Make sure you bring your camera. There's a lot of charm in this old town!



# Holiday Spirit Goes a Long Way in Allentown

By Pam Teel

ne family's holiday spirit goes a long way in helping out their community. For the past three years, Mike and Debbie McCormick of Allentown, NJ, have generously opened up their home to the public with a holiday display of over 200 very well decorated Christmas Trees and holiday adornments both on the inside and the outside of their spacious home.

Since he was a child, Mike has always loved Christmas time. He always loved to decorate for the season and over the years, according to his family, it seemed like his passion just grew bigger and bigger. Some might even call it an obsession, but what a wonderful one at that to be able to dress up his home in cheerful Christmas attire and share it with strangers. With the help of his wife, two sons, Chris and Matthew, and a few friends, the McCormick's start setting up their Christmas display the day after Thanksgiving. Both boys enjoy helping to decorate the trees but admit that it is a chore to take it all down and pack it away every year.

What a joy it must be to live in the house of Christmas, even for just a short time. Many visitors that come for the tour have tried to count all the displayed trees, but have all come up with different numbers. The McCormick's have even lost count, but they do know that there were definitely over 200 trees at last count. There is even a small tree in the upstairs bathroom.

The first year the family held a Christmas open house, they had over 500 people come through their home dropping off many donations for victims of Hurricane Sandy. Last year they helped collect donations that went to the Allentown Hope Fire Company. This year the donations that they collected went to help the Allentown Public Library. The admission to tour the home is free, but donations are always graciously accepted.

The library is preparing to celebrate fifty years since its founding by local



residents. It's the locals who continue to finance one hundred percent of the cost to operate and maintain the historic building on Main Street. Monmouth County underwrites the cost of books and librarian salaries, but the private Allentown Association must help to raise over \$40,000 a year to pay for expenses that include utilities, insurance, maintenance, and repairs to the historic building.

The Allentown Library Association has been around since the 1870's. On March 8th, the association will be leading a full presentation on the library history including a slide show and photographs. In April, the library is having story time for young preschoolers and children are encouraged to bring in their favorite toy that they can leave there overnight. The toy will be photographed as it takes an adventure around the library and a small book will be made about its adventures. This is just one imaginative fundraising idea on how money can be made to help go toward expenses. If you wish to find out more about this event, please call the library. The free public library offers many children's programs and it is opened six days a week. For more info on upcoming events you can contact the library at 609 259-7565. They also have a facebook page.

The Allentown Public Library Association is always looking for new people and new ideas to help with fundraising for the New Year. This year's fundraising goal is to free up the library mortgage and repair the library steeple. The Allentown Library is essential to the children and everyone else in the Township, so think about donating to a wonderful cause.

Mark your calendar and check your local papers around November for the date and address of the McCormick's next Christmas Open House as they once again help raise funds for their community, or just come by and feel the magic of Christmas at the McCormick's. You might not want to leave!



Every room was decorated for the Holidays in the McCormick's large home.









# The Benefits of Reliable Pet Care in your Home

By: Gina M. Schneller

There is always stress and guilt when it comes to leaving your pet behind at vacation time. We become so concerned with what they may be doing; are they eating, are they comfortable but most of all, do they think we abandoned them? Boarding them at even the top of the line kennel is still a disruption to the daily routine and as a result, they lose the security of their home, a safe and familiar environment.

The benefits of an "In home pet sitter" are numerous. By having a trained and trusted individual visiting your pet(s) in your residence they are able to remain in their own safe and secure environment surrounded by familiar sights, smells and sounds with their own clean toys and sleeping spots. It is important for pets to maintain their normal diet and

exercise routine. In many boarding facilities it is not feasible to accommodate individual needs which can result in decreased appetite, depression or self destructive behavior due to anxiety. While group play time at a facility is great for socializing young dogs and letting them release bottled up energy, it can often lead to accidents, injuries and unfortunately aggressive behavior.

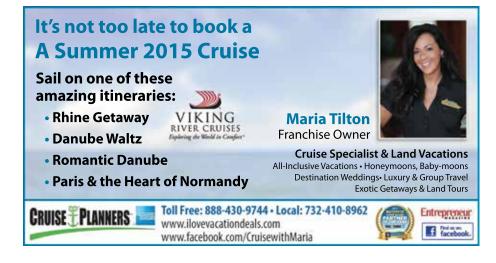
In addition to their safety and maintained routine that home pet sitting allows, pets that are on medication, insulin, palliative or hospice care can continue treatment without disruption or stress that could worsen their condition. In these cases, especially, it is necessary to have a sitter that knows your pet's condition and has experience in the veterinary field. Some pets, especially nervous dogs or cats, do not handle car rides well; therefore, home pet sitting will eliminate that trauma. While staying in their own environment pets are not exposed to parasites or contagious illness or viruses. In most cases it is financially comparable to boarding and actually cheaper with multiple pets. Also, the sitter, if qualified can care for cats, exotics, livestock or horses.

There are many benefits the pet owner can enjoy with home pet sitting as well. First of all, and most importantly, your stress level will be much lower allowing you to enjoy your vacation, family and friends. Your pet is in caring, responsible hands in their own home. You can finally have confidence that someone is "pet sitting" and not "housing" your pet. If an issue does arise, the sitter will contact you and do what is needed in your place including vet visits. There is a direct line of communication between you and the sitter, no reception or leaving messages for employees that may not be returned.

At this point, it is important to discuss that not all pet sitters are created equal! Not only should they be competent, professional and trustworthy but they should have experience in the veterinary field, for example, a technician. This person must have the experience and knowledge to not only feed and clean after your pets, but they should be able to spot health or behavioral issues from the start. Education and experience is the key. They should be a true professional that is fully insured and bonded as well. Furthermore, there are pet sitter associations such as NAPPS which is a national non-profit organization for professional pet sitters. This association membership requires certification from advanced training and testing, experience in the field, insurance through a recognized and approved pet sitter insurance company and continuing education. Individuals with this membership are serious about what they do and dedicate their life to their business.

Once you locate a prospective pet sitter, you should ask for proof of membership, insurance, references (including vet) and always review their website material, including their biography prior to your in home interview. It is important that you conduct the interview within your home with your pets being in the center to ensure that there is positive interaction and acceptance. A professional sitter will have paperwork for you to complete including a contract, client information form and a veterinary authorization form in case they need to take your pet to the vet. Please, don't be afraid to discuss your pet's routine and daily care in depth. Ask all the questions you can and develop a comfort level. After all, your pets are part of your family and deserve the best of care!







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- Winter golf rates will be in effect from January 1-February 28.
- The Tee Time Reservation System will be available to those with Golf Cards.
- Golf Cards will continue to be sold at 2014 rates until 2015 rates are established.
- FootGolf will be available at Bel-Aire Golf Course.
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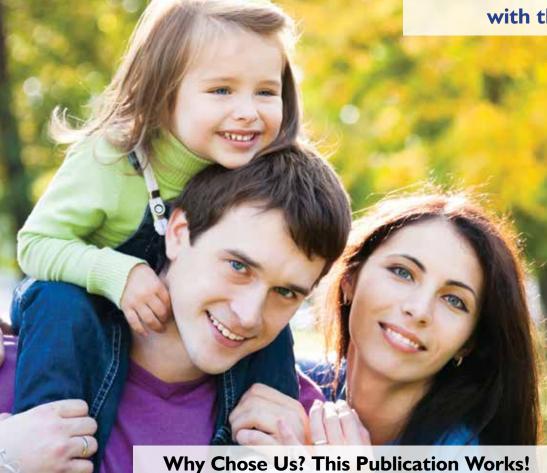
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#### **LIFE360 FAMILY LOCATOR**

This app can be fun for everyone in the family. It allows you to send and receive check-in and check-out alerts to let you know when your children have left specific functions.

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points and potential threats. Its interface is smooth and easy to navigate for users young and old.

#### **MAMABEAR**

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# **Special Needs Boy Scouts Troop 454**

By Susan Heckler

oy Scout Troop 454 meets in Freehold, NJ but caters to special needs scouts from many neighboring towns as well. Troop 454 was founded in 1998 by Chris Hughes and his wife Leni Hughes. Mr. Hughes served as the Scoutmaster until 2006. Jay Edgar is currently serving as the Scoutmaster. The troop is associated with Cub Pack 454, which caters to younger special needs scouts (7 to 10 years old). Leni Hughes is serving as the Packmaster. Both Troop 454 and Pack 454 are sponsored by Freehold Elks Lodge #1454.

Boy Scouting is available to boys ages 11 through 17 (10 if completed fifth grade). According to Jay Edgar, "Since its founding in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has had fully participating members with physical, mental, and emotional disabilities. James E. West, the first Chief Scout Executive, was a person with a disability. Although most of the BSA's efforts have been directed at keeping such boys in the mainstream of Scouting, it has also recognized the special needs of those with severe disabilities."

Today, approximately 100,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers with disabilities are registered with the Boy Scouts of America in more than 4,000 units chartered to community organizations. Proudly, the troop has had 5 Eagle Scouts since the founding

According to the Scoutmaster; "Being involved with the troop and these boys is extremely satisfying. The troop helps these kids to grow into responsible adults."

The troop meets on Tuesday's at 7:00 p.m. (except for the third Tuesday of the month). Check the website for meeting information www.troop454bsa.org. Any questions, you can also call Jay Edgars at 609-758-0975.

They welcome visitors!





# Induction Ceremony for the National Junior Honor Society

The induction ceremony for the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) at the Millstone Township Middle School was held recently in the Millstone Performing Arts Center.

The chapter's Faculty Council selected members based on high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, citizenship and character. According to Millstone's chapter mission statement, the purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character and to encourage good citizenship in the students of secondary schools. NJHS members are chosen and then expected to continue their exemplary contributions to the school and the community. This year's members recently volunteered at a local food bank and have many activities planned.

The following students were selected for 2014-2015:

Top Row: Ms. Friedman (NJHS advisor), Christina Morris, Rajiv Mehta, Erik Henig,

Mason Grigo, Michael Pugliese, Chimaobi Chikezie, Kyle Sikkema, Ms. Heine (NJHS advisor)

Middle Row: Ayaan Memon, Victor Cappuzzo, Robert VanErem, Ryan Morris,

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