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# NJ Bandits Secure Championships in 3 out of 5 Fall Tournaments

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The 10U NJ Bandits USSSA softball team, recently revived via its existing players in Allentown and the surrounding areas and players from the combined Millstone Softball and East Windsor PAL Little League partnership, took the fall by storm, winning three of the five tournaments in which they played. This "new" iteration of the team only began practicing together at the end of August and in no time it was clear that this team was special. The tournaments were held over various weekends in September and October and consisted of anywhere from 4 to 16 teams. The 12 dedicated players battled their opponents, all while showing the utmost sportsmanship. The Bandits competed in the Play for the Pink, USSSA Glow in the Park, Carteret Craze, Monroe Monster Brawl and USSSA Fall Extravaganza tournaments. They came out on top as champions in all but the Play for the Pink and Monster Brawl, where they were runners up. "I am so proud of the girls and the way they are playing. I would like to thank the coaches, parents and fans for their support. We are looking forward to a very successful spring," head coach Paul Anthony said, after the winning season.

Back row: Coach Lisa Quackenboss, Coach Jill Beggs, Coach Chris Morris, Coach Paul Anthony, Team Parent Donna Murray, Coach Shawn Murray Middle row: Gwen Quackenboss, Brielle Peerboom, Ashley Federico, Morgan Beggs, Abigail Stanberry, Alex Desiderio

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# SCHOOL NEWS

# Millstone Middle School Physical Education Update

By Susan Heckler

Millstone Township's schools are always striving to improve and give their students the best education and opportunities available.

In a conversation with Kelly Rossetto, of the HPE Department at the Millstone Middle School, she let me know of the highlights of the program.

November 20-21 they hosted their annual hoops for heart/jump rope for heart fundraising event for the American Heart Association.

Starting December they kick off their 25 year plus annual staff/student volleyball tournament.

Each September and June they run their presidential fitness tests. These are capped off with a big awards assembly for our National and Presidential Fitness Award winners.

Throughout the year they filter in various fitness activities such as yoga, fitness stations with a lot of cardio and arm strengthening exercises.

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# Local Navy Reservist Awarded Prestigious Legion of Merit

Millstone, NJ resident and Navy Reservist Captain John M. Carroll, was recently awarded the prestigious Legion of Merit by Vice Admiral Kenneth Floyd, Commander of U.S. THIRD Fleet in San Diego, CA. Captain Carroll has devoted over 24 years of service to the United States Navy and is currently serving as the Commanding Officer of the Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping Pacific Hub.

Captain Carroll was also recently appointed as the Chairman and senior U.S. Navy representative of the Pacific Indian Ocean Shipping Working Group, a multi-national coalition of Pacific and Indian Ocean Nations formed to develop strategies and tactics in defense of sea lines of communications. In this role, Captain Carroll recently briefed a large NATO summit meeting in Hamburg, Germany where he represented the United States as the senior U.S. Military representative.

Having served in his present Command since 2012, Captain Carroll leads over 100 reservists and has served with great distinction. His Legion of Merit citation reads as follows, "Captain Carroll' s visionary leadership and exceptional professional acumen paved the way in developing the Naval Cooperation and Guidance Pacific Hub with THIRD Fleet directly resulting in the alignment of policies and strategies for six Reserve units worldwide. An outstanding planner, he directed over 7,000 man-days of support to U.S. THIRD Fleet Maritime Domain Awareness...his operational experience and superior knowledge made him THIRD Fleet's principal advisor on Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping exercises, crisis response and contingency operations."

Captain Carroll is a 4-time Commanding Officer in the U.S. Navy, a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom, and holds numerous other personal and campaign awards. He presently resides in Millstone, NJ with his wife and four children.

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The Christmas Shop features unique Santas of vintage materials, each telling their own story. Aromatic Balsam Fir pillows in holiday fabrics, Annalee dolls, and nativity sets from Italy by Fontanini. Make a selection from our many styles of stockings, tree skirts, throws. pillows, and table accessories. Custom wreaths are also available with hand tied bows. The Christmas Shop will inspire you to create your own holiday style with finely crafted trimmings and decorative accessories. Join us for Family Days at Keris Tree Farm, the first two weekends in December. Your children can visit with Santa by the fireplace, bring your camera to capture the moment. The local 4-H clubs will show their farm animals on the grounds, December 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th, 8am-5pm.

We've invited the AHS choir to perform Christmas carols. The local pony club is also scheduled for this weekend. Enjoy a complimentary cup of hot mulled cider and cookies. Santa will be on hand to greet customers and spread Christmas cheer.

Bring a little Christmas spirit to deserving military families whose loved ones are away from home. Your donation to Trees for Troops is a great way to spread holiday cheer. This year you can



purchase a tree for a military family at Keris Tree Farm December 5th, 6th and 7th, or make a donation at www.treesfortroops.com.

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# Frogbridge Day Camp Hosts 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Party and Toy Drive

**F**rogbridge Day Camp was the home once again to a private Halloween party and fundraiser offered only to their campers, families and friends, along with the students and families of the Tadpole Village Preschool, which is also found on the Frogbridge property. This annual event, known as the FROGTOBERFEST, is most importantly an annual toy drive, helping to raise awareness and toys for local children in need this holiday season. The day features fun and goodies for kids young and old, from ages 3 to 93! There are magic shows throughout the day, a petting zoo, Halloween themed ice cream and toppings at Ribbits Ice Cream Parlor, pumpkin picking and decorating, and churros and hot chocolate at Frogaritas. But the fun and excitement certainly does not end there.

Among the best festivities found at the event was a live haunted house featuring a dozen of the camp's team members dressed in the spookiest costumes imaginable. Appropriately known as "the scariest place in camp", the haunted house is over 300 feet long and takes it's guests through some of the darkest and narrowest halls and tunnels you will find anywhere. The crew at Frogbridge turns the camper's locker rooms into an asylum, where the patients freely roam the halls and come at you from everywhere—including from above! "We warn even the bravest of visitors that this is very much a scary place, made to rival any of the haunted houses and attractions throughout the country." Designed by JR Pugliese and built by our on-site general contractor



and his team of craftsmen, this attraction takes over one month to build. "The feedback was incredible this year. Guest after guest confirmed that this year's attraction was the scariest of our 16 year history by far!

Also featured is the "Not-So-Haunted Hayride." This decorated ride takes it's guests for a tour of our property, riding along the lakeside and through the open fields until they are greeted by some not so scary team members along the way. "These characters are much friendlier and manage to get a smile from all of our riders!" says Frank Pugliese, the camp's owner. "We wanted to create something for everyone, and the hayride gives the younger and less thrill seeking guests a chance to explore the grounds while at the same time getting a friendly spook from time to time." Over at "Windows on the Water," the facilities on-site catering hall, guests were treated to an endless buffet fit for a king or queen, or more appropriately on this day, a ghost or goblin for that matter. It featured pasta stations, barbeque stations, pizza, chicken specialties, and even filet mignon with vegetables for children and adults of all ages! There was even a dessert station, which included freshly baked assorted cookies, ice cream, coffee and hot chocolate,



all graciously offered by the Windows on the Water Catering Team.

But the very best part of the day without question was the fundraising aspect of it all. The price of admission to the day's festivities is nothing more than a new, unwrapped toy, which will be donated to local groups and charities that don't receive the recognition of the bigger national toy drives. Throughout the camp season Frogbridge teaches it's campers about giving back to those less fortunate than themselves all summer long as part of it's "Campers Helping Kids" campaign. To read more about all of the groups that the campers and their families have raised money, awareness and even food donations for, visit their website at www.frogbridge.com.

The Frogtoberfest is something that Frank Pugliese and his son JR offer to their Frogbridge Family members as a way of saying thank you for choosing Frogbridge this summer. The food, the staff and all of the giveaways are all donated by the Pugliese family as a token of their appreciation to the families that have chosen to call the Tad-

pole Village Preschool and the Frogbridge Summer Day Camp as their home. "Parents are faced with many challenging questions and have several options to choose from when making their children's summer plans, and we truly appreciate the trust they have put in us," Pugliese explained. "The Frogtoberfest represents yet another event that is unique to Frogbridge and at the same time keeps the campers and their friends connected throughout the school year. It's our way of giving back to the community while at the same time raising awareness about the hundreds of local families in need this holiday season. Today, we collected over 500 toys for children to help put a smile on the faces of hundreds of kids that otherwise may not have had much to smile about this December!"

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# Baird House Harvest Fest Proves to Be a Hit with Millstone Residents

#### By Pam Teel

n Saturday, October 25th, Millstone Township residents got to spend some time at the Baird House, located appropriately on Baird Road, for an October Harvest Fest. The Harvest Fest was sponsored by the Friends of Millstone Township Historic Registered Properties, The Millstone Township Historic Commission and the M.T. Agriculture Council. The cost for admission was five dollars to tour the house and grounds and ten dollars if you wanted to join in the pig roast dinner. (All proceeds from this event will be spent toward operating costs for the Baird Property and for future educational programming).

It was a great opportunity for the Friends of MTHRP to introduce themselves to people of the community and to give the guests an opportunity to see for themselves the future potential that this property has to offer.

Future Farmers of America from Allentown High School offered hay rides and the children from the Millstone Township Middle School participated in an art contest, which was held in the greenhouse. There was a pumpkin patch provided by Dancer Farms and there were local vendors selling their wares. There was a petting zoo with chickens, pigs, donkeys, goats, and a small black cow. Along with the pig roast, Zinna's Mobile Bistro provided some tasty food.

The Friends of Millstone, together with members of the Historic Commission, are still working toward the restoration of the home in hopes of bringing it back to the 80year period in which the Baird Family owned it. Both Committees have spent countless hours volunteering their time and talents throughout the restoration, from spackling to painting, to maintaining the outside property, and much more.

Township Historian, Joann Kelty, was thrilled to see so many townspeople interested in the history of the home and the Baird Family. She is hoping that the Harvest Fest will become a yearly event and eventually the home will become a place for different township organizations to make use of. Joann was very grateful for all the volunteers who went beyond the call of duty to help pull this event together. Joann herself volunteered numerous hours at the



*The Friends of Millstone, together with members of the Historic Commission, are still working toward the restoration of the Baird House.* 



Clockwise from top, Bonnie McFie and Emma Morris portrayed Eleanor and Sarah Baird during the house tour, the Old kitchen hearth in the Baird Home, the pumpkin patch

Baird home spackling and painting and helping to oversee the many things that had to be done.

There is still more work that needs to be done on the property. An addition was just completed to the pole barn, which will house ADA bathrooms, an office, and a classroom. Come springtime, and with the help of the New Jersey Barn Company, a historic barn and blacksmith shop will be resurrected. Both the barn and the blacksmith shop were taken apart piece by piece from the Charles Allen property in Clarksburg after it was cleared for the future development of a Senior Housing Unit.

They will use these buildings to house the collection of furniture, artifacts, reading material, etc, that they received from the New Jersey State Agricultural Museum at Rutgers, which recently closed. Also, a working windmill, given by the Agricultural Museum, will soon be erected on the property.

The Thomas Baird House is an excellent example of a Greek Revival Farmhouse built around 1830 by Thomas Baird who lived there for most of his life. The Baird family members were prominent early settlers in the township. Thomas was born down the road from the current Baird home at Captain David Baird's Homestead Farm. There are property deeds that date back to the 1700s. Captain Baird served in the Revolutionary War. He became the Captain of the Militia in 1777. He also served as Captain of the Lighthouse in Monmouth County's Militia and was in the line of battle at Germantown, PA. He was then called up to protect Toms River and the salt works. He married three times and had eighteen children, among them Thomas. Thomas and his son David were in the nursery business. Thomas was one of the original founders of the Monmouth County Agricultural Society. Thomas deeded to his only son David the plot of land known today as Waters Nursery, which also included the grounds that the new Middle School is on.

For a small fee you can still purchase a brick and have your name imprinted on it. These bricks will be used to make a future walkway at the Baird residence. If you are interested in purchasing a brick, please contact Pat Butch at the Friends of Millstone (MTHRP).

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#### By Brianna Siciliano

Do you ever question what you really want in life, or what you wish to be? If you haven't yet, ask yourself these questions! Dream big and be honest with yourself; after all, no dream is too big and no dream is unreachable. Life is short, but life can be extremely rewarding and exciting. It is time to live the life you have always wanted to live. Give your attention to the things that really mean something to you, and stop wasting your energy and time on things that do not truly matter.

Oprah Winfrey took the Toyota Center stage in Houston, Texas on Friday, October 17 and Saturday, October 18, sharing her personal stories and insights about life to an intimate group of people. Cami Gunther, publisher for Gunther Publish-

ing, had the privilege of attending this inspirational event and could not wait to share everything that she learned with our readers.

To start off the night, Oprah Winfrey asked the Houston crowd, "Why are you here? 'Cause you know I don't sing, right? There will be no singing, no dancing, no hit record here. But why are you here? This is my promise to your for the weekend: By the time this weekend is over, you are going to have a beautiful answer to that question. Your life is speaking to you right now, and it is speaking to you all the time. I am here to help you surrender to the flow and the bigger dream of your life."



Cami Gunther, publisher of *The Millstone Times,* with Oprah Winfrey

Oprah stressed the fact that every person on this earth has a purpose and a reason to be here. That's right...your life has been created for a reason! An inner voice speaks to all of us each and every moment of every day, but we hardly ever listen to that voice. Well, it is time to change that. We need to sit still and listen to that inner voice. Throughout our lives, we go through different experiences and make different decisions that are essential to threading our entire life together. Maybe, just maybe, that inner voice can help us take the right steps to complete the journey of our lives.

At one point in her speech, Oprah revealed that she nurtures her spirit in her prayer chair. We are all spiritual beings having a human experience, Oprah shared with everyone. Real success connects to spiritual nurturing. Well, where and when do you nurture your spirit?

"As long as there is still breath, you are still on the rise," Oprah revealed.

Saturday evening, Oprah's visionary life trailblazers took the stage and helped Houston gain insight and advice to cherish and follow for the rest of their lives. Deepak Chopra, a public speaker and best-selling author, led the crowd in a meditation session, Elizabeth Gilbert, the author of *Eat, Pray, Love*, explained that choosing to create the life you want is difficult but extremely rewarding, and Iyanla



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# Millstone Artist Brings a Bit of Russia Back with Him

#### By Pam Teel

In last month's issue, we got to visit with Russian born Vadim Chertkov of Millstone Township who came to America five years ago to live with his son's family. It was here, on his sons sprawling six-acre property that he got to expand his talents and design wonderful creative projects. The larger ones became fixed staples throughout the property, and the smaller ones are on display in their indoor art gallery.

Despite having cancer and going through major surgery last year, and the fact that Vadim has only one eye and just fifty percent of his hearing, this seventy year old should be an inspiration to all Seniors who still have dreams they want to fulfill; it's never too late to begin anything.

With his hands as his tools and his engineering background behind him, Vadim continues to create glorious works of art. It would be unjust to share only one photo of his work with you. This is why we are dedicating this space to show you more of his artwork. Vadim, your patience and dedication to your art are most appreciated. Thank you for letting us share it with our readers.



Futuristic looking picnic table and benches fit right in under the trees on the property







# THE SEASON OF GIVING

# Give to the Ronald McDonald House!

By Brianna Siciliano



The holiday season is known as the time of giving. It always feels incredible knowing that the gifts you give make others happy. Wouldn't it be great to know that this winter, you could change a family's life? Wouldn't it be great to help an ill child and his or her family celebrate their lives—and the holidays—united and supported? We think so!

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families during times where they need help most is very rewarding, so this season, try to help out!

There are many available options to help make a family's stay at a Ronald McDonald House a little easier, including collecting pop tabs, volunteering, and donations. For every pound of aluminum pop tabs collected, the Ronald McDonald Houses can make money. If you have soda drinkers in your house, collecting aluminum can tab tops is a simple an efficient way to help out the Ronald McDonald House!

Volunteers are always welcomed at the Ronald McDonald Houses. There are lots of volunteer options available; for example, you can volunteer individually or as a group to assist in a variety of roles, like cooking meals, gardening, and assisting in the office. Volunteers have the incredible satisfaction of seeing their time and hard work directly benefitting families with seriously ill children.

Donations help provide care, comfort, and supplies to families when they need it most. The Ronald McDonald House relies heavily on the generous support that people can provide. Anything that you can gift is greatly appreciated.

Life is precious and priceless. Give from your heart and make a difference this holiday season. You will change a family's lives for the better, and you will not regret your decision. To learn more about helping the Ronald McDonald House of Long Branch and New Brunswick, visit www.rmh-cnj.org.



# **Allentown High School Football Team on a Winning Streak**

High school sports are a big deal for students and parents alike. It is great exercise, looks great on college applications, is a lot of fun and teaches your child to be a part of a whole and teamwork.

Participating in any game at any time is a good

#### By Susan Heckler

thing; it feels even better when your team wins the game!

Allentown High School had an unfortunate losing streak for 48 years. The streak ended in 2010 when a new coaching staff was brought on board. As of late



October, the Freshman team stands at 5:2, Junior Varsity stands at 5:1 and Varsity is 5:2. This new track record is a source of great pride to all and encouragement to the teams.

The new staff, headed by Coach Jay Graber, includes Jeff Schmidt, Blake Nebbia, Anthony Amico, Drew Lachenmayer, Sean McPherson, Conor Hayes and Brian DeAngelo. These men, in conjunction with some fine student athletes, have changed how others view the team. They are now a force to be reckoned with.

In a conversation with Coach Jay Graber, he stated, "Our student athletes and their parents show a great amount of dedication and commitment. We have a wonderful nucleus of players that are dedicated to the game and the weight room." He also added that the team greatly benefits from the support of parents who assist the students to be where they need to be and when they need to be there, as well as show support at the games.

Congrats to the Allentown High School Football Team, their coaching staff and families for a job well done. Keep up the good work...Go Redbirds!



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## Bucks County River Road Loop Continued

By Pam Teel

If you were following our journey up the Delaware River on the Pennsylvania side, we ended up at Stover Mills Art Gallery, a former gristmill of Henry S. Stover, circa 1832. In this issue we will explore the last few stops in Bucks County along Route 32, River Road.



After passing Tinicum Park on your left, you will be entering the rich fertile countryside of Uhlerstown. Uhlerstown is rich with canal related buildings and structures. There is a canal lock with its associated lock tender's house and canal boat yard. The village's lime kilns

mills, hay press, and lumberyard, which used the canal for waterpower, could not have existed without the canal. Other buildings and properties, such as the hotel and country stores, were dependent on the canal trade. The village, formerly known as Mexico, was renamed Uhlerstown in honor of Michael Uhler when he became postmaster on July 26, 1871. Michael Uhler was the force behind the transformation of Uhlerstown into a complex commercial venture that prospered by being able to process raw materials to transport up the canal to sell. There are still many old homes and abandoned lime kilns in the area. For Iris lovers, you can dig your own iris bulbs at River Valley Iris Farm on Uhlerstown Hill Road in Upper Black Eddy. GPS zip code 18940. Call ahead in May to see if the flowers are blooming; they only dig if the plant is blooming (610-294-9623). You will also find the Uhlerstown Covered Bridge just off the River Road on Uhlerstown Road in Tinicum Township. It's the only covered bridge that crosses over the canal. You will find another covered bridge in the town of Erwinna, within Tinicum County Park. This one you will have to walk to. Make sure you bring your camera; the views are breathtaking!

Continuing on Route 32, our next stop is in Upper Black Eddy, a town, which also began around canal related businesses. A general store, shipyard, mule stables, and several hotels sprang up quickly during the early 19th century. A popular stop over point, the town got its name from the Black family who operated a hotel there. It shares its name with lower Black Eddy (now known as Point Pleasant). Ringing Rocks State Park is nearby. A great place to visit with the kids, but make sure you bring a hammer with you. This is a four-acre boulder field of Diabase rocks. If you strike the rocks, you might be lucky enough to find that some of them ring like a bell when struck. You can also climb on Bucks County's largest waterfall, a mere walking distance from the ringing rocks. Upper Black Eddy itself has many old stone houses and lively old mansions built by wealthy 19th century businessmen. There are a few great Halloween haunts during October such as the Bucks County Haunted Woods Hayride.

Close in proximity is Nockamixon Cliffs, a 400-foot wall of shale overlooking the Delaware River. This is located in the Delaware Canal State Park. Delaware Canal State Park is an 830-acre park in Bucks and Northampton Counties in Pennsylvania. The main attraction of the park is the Delaware Canal, which at 60 miles is the only canal that remains fully intact from the towpath canal-building days of the 19th century. The canal is a Registered National Historic Landmark and its towpath is a National Recreation Trail. The park maintains six public recreation areas with shoreline access to the river. Of the many islands in the river, eleven

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#### Miracle on 34th St. - Old Fashioned Radio Show

**Monday, December 1, 2014** @ **6:30 PM.** The magic of the holidays comes to life with this radio show reenactment of the heartwarming classic, Miracle on 34th Street.

#### **Shivering Seeds**

Wednesday, December 3 @ 3:30 PM. Join us as a naturalist from the Ocean County Park system shows us how some seeds survive the cold and how others help animals get through winter. A bird seed craft will follow the program. Ages 4-10.

#### **Book Discussion**

Wednesday, December 3 @ 6 PM. Please pick up the book at the circulation desk prior to discussion date.

#### **Children's Story Time – Holiday Stories**

Thursday, December 4 @ 1:30 PM. Stories and craft. Ages 3-6.

#### LEGO<sup>®</sup> Club

Friday, December 5, 2014 @ 10:30 AM. LEGO\* building fun. Ages 3-11.

#### Make a Gingerbread House

**Saturday, December 6, 2014** @ **10 AM – 12 PM.** Construct and decorate a gingerbread house for the holidays with our Teen Advisory Board (TAB). Ages 4-10.

#### BJ and the Band: Motown Holiday Revue

**Monday, December 8** @ 7 **PM.** Join us for a Motown holiday concert featuring favorites from The Temptations, Four Tops, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye and more.

#### **Toddler Time – Holiday Stories**

**Tuesday, December 9** @ **10:30 AM.** Toddlers ages 18-36 months and their caregivers are welcome to join us for stories, songs, and a craft.

#### **Teen Board Game Night**

**Wednesday, December 10** @ 7-8:30 PM. Come and play board games provided by the library, or bring your favorite ones. Grades 6-12.

#### Winter Holiday Celebration

Friday, December 12 @ 3:30 PM. Celebrate winter holidays with crafts, game and treat to make and eat. Ages 4-10.

#### **Balloon Sculpting for Teens**

Monday, December 15 @ 7 PM. Join Cheryl Schwendel as she instructs teens on how to make balloon creations with a seasonal twist.

#### **Family Picture Book Discussion**

**Tuesday, December 16** @ **3:30 PM.** Let's celebrate the holidays by reading *The Carpenter's Gift* and *Hanukkah Bear*. Best suited for grades 1-3.

#### **Anime Club**

Wednesday, December 17 @ 6-7:30 PM. Join other teen fans to screen anime DVDs. Grades 6-12.

#### Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Wednesday, December 17 @ 7:30-8:30 PM. If you are a teen in grades 7-12 join us to see what TAB is all about.

#### **LEGO® Club**

Thursday, December 18 @ 1:30 PM. LEGO\* building fun. Ages 3-11.

#### Children's Storytime – Gingerbread People Stories

Friday, December 19 @ 1:30 PM. Stories and craft. Ages 3-6.

Please stop in, check our website: www.theoceancounty library.org, or call the branch at 609-758-7888 to register and find out about all of our monthly programs.





# Home Maintenance to Keep Your Home Healthy This Winter

Humans and cars have needs for annual checkups and tune ups in order to keep in the best shape possible, and unsurprisingly, homes need annual checkups too! Proper upkeep of households can protect your home from expensive afflictions, ensure safety, enhance curb appeal, and maintain your home's value. Spending a little bit of time and money each year on home repairs and maintenance is definitely worth it: you will make more money when you sell your home one day, and your home will have no chances of falling apart on you.

- 1. The winter is the perfect time to thoroughly clean and care for your home's exterior and interior health. If you would like to keep your home in tip top shape, it would be a great idea to follow this home maintenance checklist as best as you can:
- 2. Before snow and ice start to form and fall, it would be a great idea to make sure all of your home's windows and doors are properly caulked, so that water, snow, and ice have no chances of ruining—and possibly causing rotting and molding—in your home. If gaps between siding and window (or door) frames are bigger than the width of a nickel, you must reapply exterior caulk.
- 3. Clean your gutters. If your gutters are full, water can build up in the gutters and cause damage to your siding, wood trim, roof, and possibly cause leaks and ice

By Brianna Siciliano



Homes need annual checkups too!

dams. Do your best to keep your gutters clean to prevent any hazardous damage to your home's health.

- 4. Turn off exterior faucets. Undrained water in pipes can freeze, causing pipes to burst (which is something you definitely do not want!). By disconnecting all garden hoses and draining the water that remains in faucets, you will save yourself from a lot of stress and financial worries.
- 5. Make sure that all crawl space vents are closed. Walk around your home's exterior and throughly check the home's crawl space vents, which are located at your home's foundation. Closing these vents will ensure your home's safety from unwanted visitors, like water damage and animals looking for shelter.
- 6. Call a chimney sweep. Winter is the time to enjoy the heat that your fireplace will provide, therefore it would be a great investment to make sure your chimney and vents are clean and in great shape.
- 7. Clean laundry vents. Cleaning your dryer vents will lower your risk of having a fire, lower your energy costs, improve efficiency of your dryer, and guarantee that your clothes will be dried in one efficient cycle of laundry.





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# What You Need to Ask Before Adding onto Your Home

#### By Brianna Siciliano

Remodeling or adding onto a home can be a huge, desirable project that your family may be needing. Many homeowners avoid thinking about home additions because of their economic fear, but in reality, well-planned home additions pay for themselves time and time again.

By now, you have flipped through home magazines, visited showrooms, studied friends' houses, and maybe even found inspiration for your home addition. Your goal is clear, you have (hopefully) created a budget, and you might even have a design board or scrapbook filled with sketches, clippings, and brochures. With all of this said and done, you still are not yet ready to make the leap into starting your remodeling project; first, you must ask yourself the following questions:

- 1. How would you design your house if you were building it new? Forget about your house right now and imagine you are starting from scratch. What would your ideal home have? Allow your creativity to help prioritize your goals for your addition job. By doing this, your remodeling will turn your home into a dream house, whether it's through an addition, a remodeling project, or both.
- 2. Will the addition add value to your home? Even if you have no plans of selling your home anytime soon, you (or your family) will list your house one day, so it is vital for you to consider the resale value of your project. To maximize your payback value, add highly sought aspects that homeowners are looking for in your area. For example, if your neighbors have master suites and you don't, then adding a master suite is a great investment for you to make.
- 3. Is there any way to lower the cost of the project? Looking for ways to cut the costs of your project will make your wallet happy and appreciative. Five years from

now, you may want to move, but spending a large amount of money on your home's addition right now can limit your moving options in the long-run. Instead of building an additional room outside your house for a home office, for example, why not build a stand-alone office and in your backyard, and use the money you will be saving to remodel another room in your home, like your kitchen perhaps? By doing your re-



search on costs for different additions, you might end up saving thousands upon thousands of dollars.

4. What inconveniences should you prepare for? Adding a room can be a noisy and destructive experience, but there are ways to prepare for what's to come. If you are expanding your kitchen, you might want to set up a temporary kitchen and create plan for preparing your meals or eating out. If the necessary construction will create a lot of noise that will be too much for your pets to handle, you might want to arrange for your pets to stay with a family, friend, or at a kennel during the construction process.

Home projects seem like wonderful dreams, and the best part about these dreams is that your dreams can become reality!



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## **Cream Ridge Resident to Perform as Soloist in "The Nutcracker"** *Production Features Prominent Dancers from Acclaimed Companies*

A yla Eilert, 16, of Cream Ridge, will join renowned professional guest artists when she performs the soloist roles of Arabian and Lead Marzipan in this year's full-length production of New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble's (NJDTE) beloved holiday classic "The Nutcracker."



Celebrated dancers Morgan McEwen, Scott Weber, Rosemary Sabovick-Bleich, Joseph Fritz, Bradley Shelver, Mario Espinoza and Shanna Irwin, from prestigious companies such as Metropolitan Opera Ballet, Complexions Contemporary Ballet, New Jersey Ballet and Ballet Hispanico, join the Ensemble for three performances at the Wilkins Theatre at Kean University, 1000 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ on Saturday, December 13 at 2:00pm and 7:00pm, and Sunday, December 14 at 2:00pm.

Ayla, daughter of Amy and Daren Eilert of Cream Ridge, is an 11th grade homeschooled student. She will also be dancing the roles of Snowflake, Spanish and Rose Waltz. Ayla previously danced with NJDTE in the 2012-13 season, when she appeared in the roles of Lilac, Mouse and Russian.

NJDTE celebrates its 45th anniversary season with this year's production of "The Nutcracker," set to the timeless music of Peter Tchaikovsky. Choreographed by Nancy Turano, now in her 20th season as NJDTE Artistic Director, the ballet features 65 dancers ages 7 through 18 from across New Jersey.

#### **ABOUT NJDTE:**

Founded in 1969 under the direction of acclaimed ballet master Alfredo Corvino and led by Turano since 1994, Ensemble dancers are offered a challenging pre-professional curriculum and repertoire. Throughout the year, classes and repertory are taught by faculty and teachers from prominent companies and schools, including the Paris Opera Ballet, Limón Dance Company, Twyla Tharp, Lar Lubovitch and Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, among others. The Ensemble annually premieres new works and maintains a diverse repertory by renowned choreographers, including David Parsons, Robert Battle, Sidra Bell, Loni Landon, Andrea Miller and Turano. In 2010, NJDTE won the Dancin' Downtown at the Joyce Choreography Award. The Ensemble also focuses on ensuring the future of dance by reaching new audiences through educational outreach programs.

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which involve holding leadership positions, achieving twenty one or more merit badges, being an active member in the troop and most importantly to plan, develop, and carry out a service project worthy of an Eagle Scout. For Michael's project, he designed and built a raised 10 x10 foot garden for special needs K-2 students at the Millstone Primary School. The goal of the project was for current and future special needs students to learn necessary life skills by planting in and taking care of the garden. Derek's project was to make a documentary that focused on the Vietnam Veterans' perspectives of the Vietnam War. This project allowed ten Vietnam Veterans the opportunity to share their experiences during the war. This documentary was distributed to the Veterans of the Vietnam War Coalition to be used in the local schools to educate the students about the Vietnam War. Both the boys' projects were extremely educational and emotional undertakings and all of those involved in these projects benefitted tremendously from them. Millstone Troop 116 is pleased to recognize the incredible achievements of Derek and Michael on November 29th at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor.







## Buyer Beware: "MY PILLOW" Is Not My Pillow

By Pam Teel



A fter searching endlessly for a perfect pillow for my elderly mother, who suffers at times with back pain, I came across **My Pillow** on a late night commercial. I was kind of hesitant to purchase it for her at a \$70 price tag, due to the fact that it might end up in her linen closet along with the other four pillows that I had previously bought for her.

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It's filled with three different sizees es of foam designed to adjust to the users head shape. The three different sizes allow the pillow to never go flat. The advertisement states that three different size foam pieces all interlock, but after reading other purchasers reviews, they do not really interlock. They are just all meshed in there together involving a mix of different-sized pieces of open-cell, poly-foam. The pieces are chopped to specification by a machine the inventor, Mike Lindell, developed. The mix also contains a resin that enables the foam to retain much of its shape when molded to the user's preference. The design is also supposed to allow cool air to circulate much more than a regular pillow, keeping the pillow cooler. I did not find this the case at all and found no difference in pillow temperature. The advertisement also stated that it helps alleviate issues that arrive from pinched nerves and unsupported vertebrae. My mother swears that it helps her neck and back. As for me, I didn't feel any different. It does have some things going for it: number one—it's made in the U.S.A. out of non-allergenic and antimicrobial materials. It's machine washable, dryable, and dust mite free. Other things you should know: Before using My Pillow you're supposed to run it in the dryer on high heat for 15 minutes to fluff up the filling. You're only supposed to use 100 percent cotton pillowcases with not too high a thread count, and you're not supposed to use a pillow protector. The product comes with a ten-year warranty and a 60-day money back guarantee.

Some negative things: Some people have complained of a smell when they get the new pillow. It does suggest washing it first before use. It does not come with a pillow case, but you can purchase one on the My Pillow website. It is a high price to pay, but there are specials. You can get a special promo code on their website this month for fifty percent off, knocking the price down considerably. There is also a promo from the inventors ten years in business advertising for a free go anywhere pillow and carrying case, a thirty-nine dollar value, that you pay just \$9.99 for shipping and handling. (Might make a good Christmas gift for someone.)

There are many pillows to choose from. You can find a standard, queen, king, body pillow, traveler's pillow, child's pillow, bolster seat pillow, bed topper, and yes even a pet pillow. The prices are all different. Make sure you look for a promo code online before ordering full price. Bed, Bath and Beyond also carries this product. I wish they did when I purchased it.

Needless to say, my mom loves her pillow. She likes the fact that it doesn't go flat and is easily washable and swears that it helps her back. She has put it in the dryer a few times already to fluff it up. She was very hesitant when I asked her if I could borrow it for three nights to see for myself if it truly was the perfect pillow. What was

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around to help her get through the day.

Adaugo loves being a part of the Allentown High School Drama Program. It continues to be her favorite part of high school. Adaugo loves being on stage. "It's there that one is able to bring out their optimism, diversity, and individuality," Adaugo states. She loves how the directors really care for the students and thinks it's an incredible program to be a part of.

By Pam Teel

Adaugo's favorite subject is English. Since the eighth grade, some of her favorite books include, S.E. Hinton's *The Outsiders* and *That Was Then, This Is Now.* She also loves John Green's *The Fault in Our Stars.* Currently, she is reading *This Side of Paradise* by F. Scott Fitzgerald, which she says that she is absolutely obsessed with. Her favorite artist at the time is Vance Joy and her favorite TV shows are *Degrassi* and *Freaks and Geeks.* Her favorite hobbies are reading, writing and theatre arts.

Adaugo's favorite place to visit is New York City. It's actually her most favorite place in the world! She has always seen the city as representing every person unfazed by the status quo. "New Yorkers are unafraid to get what they want in today's competitive society," Adaugo quotes. "I admire that. Also, it's just a beautiful city."

Adaugo lives in Millstone Township with her parents and her two brothers. She and her brothers are really close. Her favorite holidays are Christmas and New Year's Eve where she looks forward to the anticipation of new and extravagant things happening! Adaugo has a weakness for Chinese food.

Her goal is to become a family lawyer. She also wishes to publish a book at some point in her life. She plans to pursue a major in Family Law and a minor in English, or to major in both, if she has the opportunity.

If she could have one wish it would be that people would show how much they appreciate each other more, and also for others to realize how appreciated and loved they really are. According to Adaugo, everyone deserves to feel important.

Her favorite activities include Theatre, the Debate Club, and the Student Council. She is the Junior class Vice President. This year she will be helping out with the Prom. The junior class will be coming up with many fundraisers to help raise money for the Prom, which includes bake sales, and selling Allentown apparel. She will also be helping to select a theme, find a DJ, and other prom related things. She's very excited about this.

When asked if there was anyone that she would like to meet, she stated that she would want to meet Adam Jacobs, whom according to Adaugo, is an extraordinary Broadway actor. She can't wait to see Aladdin on Broadway in which he will be starring. She also wishes there was a way that she could meet him afterwards.

It's clearly evident that Adaugo is one of those people who looks at all experiences in a positive manner and gets the most out of everything that she puts her mind to, both academically and socially. She is definitely someone who won't let any obstacles get in her way! We wish you well Adaugo in all of your future endeavors. Have fun planning for the Prom and thank you for being our Student of the Month!



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asked about what she likes about high school, Adau-

go stated that she had met the most absolutely in-

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Vazant, a spiritual life coach and best-selling author, left the crowd with a quote to always keep in mind: "Life will bring you experiences, and you have to learn to hold the love and let go of the pain."

"You get in life what you have the courage to ask for," Oprah enlightened her Houston crowd. Well, what do you want in life? What do you want to achieve? Anything is possible! So, what can you do to follow Oprah's advice and put her inspirational speech to use? Create a vision of the new life you want to live and take every stop possible to make that vision a reality. To start, take baby steps and live in the moment. If you want to improve your life and everything you do, focus on how you can bring more peace, kindness, grace, and love into now, not the future! The present is what matters, after all. The present is what leads you to your future.

There are only two questions left to ask: what is the life you want? Are you ready to follow Oprah's inspirational advice and live that life?







## Tommy's Healing Hooves Benefit Trail Ride

#### By Pam Teel

Tommy's Healing Hooves, a nonprofit organization started by Millstone Resident Terry Dorr and her husband Mark, held their 3rd annual Benefit Trail Ride at the Sleepy Hollow Stables in New Egypt. The six-mile poker ride was to help support their non- profit educational organization. Terry rescued Tommy, a Clydesdale horse, who was neglected and abused, in 2007. She was surprised that even after all the years of abuse by a former owner, Tommy was able to recover and maintain his loving gentle nature.

Tommy, along with his sidekick Peanut, a Shetland pony, thoroughly enjoy all the attention that they get as Terry takes them around to visit schools, camps, preschools, churches, assisted living facilities, and youth centers. They are also present at local fairs, community, and 4H events. People love to pet them and take pictures beside them. The animals are very gentle and loving. It's pet therapy at its best for those who enjoy getting close up and personal. The goal of Terry's organization is to educate people about the importance of animal rescue and to help put a stop to animal abuse. Terry also likes to see the joy on people's faces,

no matter what age, when they are around Tommy and Peanut!

Despite the high winds and nippy weather, riders came out to show their support on Sunday, November 2nd, for the Poker run, as they headed for the wooded path that led them into Collier Mills in New Egypt. There was a Chinese auction, wagon train meal, 50/50 and more. You don't need a horse to attend these events. You can come just for the cook out and make sure you take the time to look through the many scrapbooks Terry has put together showing where Tommy and Peanut have visited.

Children can also become a pen pal to Tommy and Peanut. You can write to them at: Tommy's Healing Hooves, P.O. Box 54, Clarksburg, NJ, 08510. (All letters will be answered.) You can even draw pictures for Tommy and Peanut. Donations can be sent to the same P.O. address and supplies are always welcomed.

Terry and Mark have done many charity events for special community causes. You can contact Terry at tldmad64@yahoo.com if you would like Tommy and Peanut to come to your event. Please mark your calendar for an October date next year for the fourth Annual Benefit trail ride or just come and meet Tommy and Peanut for yourselves!



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## Roosevelt Fire Chief Receives Award from Josh Cellars/Gary Sinise Foundation

By Pam Teel

Fire Chief, Dan Archer, was recently the recipient of a \$10,000 award from the Josh Cellars/ Gary Sinise Foundation that held a contest for all first responders. The "Josh Cellars Salutes First Responders" is a skill contest in which participants nominated a local first responder and their affiliated nonprofit organization, who are deserving of a grant from the Gary Sinise Foundation to further aid and support local heroes. Chief Dan was one of the nominees chosen for this award. First responders were nominated on the Josh Cellars facebook website. The top ten eligible responders were chosen and voters got to pick the winners on the facebook page. Chief Archer will use the award money toward the purchase of a much needed newer fire truck for the township.

Chief Archer has been a volunteer firefighter in Roosevelt since 2006, in which time there were only three active members. He was elected as Fire Chief after Hurricane Sandy. Over the years, he was instrumental in adding fifteen more volunteer members to his department. The chief has worked diligently improving the fire department and he is very proud of everyone he works with. He would personally like to thank them all for everything that they do!

The problem that the Chief and the other firefighters are facing in their township is that they are dealing with outdated equipment and outdated hand-medown gear to fight fires. The only truck they have is a 1970 Mack CF-600 fire truck, which is costly for them to maintain. The town has been fundraising and applying for grants that will bring them closer to purchasing a newer truck in order to better serve their growing town and the surrounding communities. With an annual budget of just \$18,000 and a hefty price tag of over \$35,000 for just the truck alone, the township has been applying for grants to help with the costs of replacing their fire truck with a newer one and replacing their old turnout gear for newer gear. Recently, they were successful in getting a \$5,000 grant from the Firefighters Support Foundation, which allowed them to purchase three new sets of turnout gear.

There are three more fundraising events planned during the next two months. There will be a pancake breakfast sometime in November, Santa Delivery in



December, and a long-term 50/50 raffle that is going on now, with the winning ticket being drawn in December. If you would like to help out the firefighters in Roosevelt reach their dream of obtaining a new fire truck and gear you can send a donation to The Firehouse, P.O. Box 490, Roosevelt, NJ 08555. Visit their site at rooseveltyfc.org for more information.

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# THE MILLSTONE TIMES Photo of the Month

By Pam Teel

If you have a photo that you would like to share with us, please send it to crescent671@yahoo.com along with a small description!



Carolyn Meierjurgen from New Egypt sent in this photo of Lake Louise, Alberta Canada. Her husband, Robert, works for the Forestry Resource Education Center in Jackson. Working for the Forestry, she and her husband always wanted to see Alaska and the Canadian Rockies. They decided on taking a trip to see Lake Louise and the surrounding area. They enjoyed canoeing, hiking, horseback riding, shopping, and just sitting and taking in the scenery and the mountains around Lake Louise.

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## Grinch Approved Holiday Gifts

#### By Brianna Siciliano

The holiday season will be here before we know it, and right now we are all on the search for the best holiday gifts for everyone on our lists. This time of the year can be very stressful, but getting an early start on your list-making and shopping can relieve anxiety and be very rewarding.

When searching for gifts for family and friends, keep in mind their likes and dis-

likes. For example, if your brother is a photographer, a great present idea would be customizing a pillow, blanket, or canvas with one of their favorite pictures that they have ever taken. If your best friend is a teacher, and she absolutely loves her job, you might

> want to gift her with a crystal apple keepsake that has an engraved message or quote. Customizing gifts for loved ones is a memorable and affordable way to show loved ones that you care.

If you are looking for gifts for adults, think about what they enjoy. Do they enjoy decor? Pick out beautiful vinyl wall decals, wall canvases, or customized photo afghans that scream their name. Are you searching for gifts for adults who are home-bartenders? You would make your loved ones feel very special if you gifted them with personalized beer mugs, personalized wine glasses, wine chillers, wine stoppers, or coaster sets. Is your loved one an electronic lover? Don't rule out gifts like portable chargers, kindles, or sonos music systems. There are endless options of gift-giving. You just need to clear your mind and think about what your loved ones enjoy the most.

When shopping for teens and young adults, it is always good idea to purchase covers and accessories for their electronics, for example customized cases for their phones, iPods, iPads, tablets, and laptops. It's also a great idea to think about purchasing trendy wallets, clothes that are in style, or concert tickets for their favorite musician's upcoming tour. Young boys usually love the newest sneakers and video games, while girls enjoy beautiful handbags and jewelry pieces.

Children can be challenging to shop for. You can never go wrong with gifting children pajamas and clothes. Although they don't always appreciate clothes on the spot, you'll notice that they look for the cute and cozy pajamas on cold winter nights. If you are looking to buy children toys and gadgets, think about what things they already have. Does little Johnny have an iPad? Why not gift him the latest high-tech wireless headphones? Does Sophia love cookies and sweets? Think about buying her an easy-bake oven. If you know that a little girl you are shopping for loves princesses, get her princess accessories, princess dolls, or a princess themed tea set. If she loves baby dolls, then get her a baby doll. If a little boy you are shopping for loves super heros, then look for action figures and capes. If he loves toy helicopters and cars, then gift him one of those! Sometimes when we are going holiday shopping, we think too hard about what to buy. It is important to take a deep breath and relax before preparing for this upcoming joyous holiday season!

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It's not very often you see a fundraiser where folks walk through a vineyard listening to live music and enjoying wine and cheese tastings, much less be served by breast cancer survivors. Vines of Life Walk for the CURE has been fundraising for the Susan G. Komen Foundation every year since 2010. From humble beginnings with not many participants,



From left to right: Kate Devine, Marketing and Entertainment Director, Alicia Barbieri, Susan G Komen Community Resource Manager, Laura Johnson, two time breast cancer survivor, the Laura of Laurita and owner Randy Johnson's mother, Steve Johnson, manager

the race has grown to host nearly 800 participants, raising thousands of dollars to further the Komen mission of providing early detection services for women in need. Laurita Winery has generously donated nearly \$36,000 to Susan G. Komen thus far.

Laurita Winery is proud to help raise awareness for breast cancer and give HOPE to others! Join us for the Vines of Life Walk at Laurita Winery in 2015.

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## Millstone Township and State Election Results for 2014

By Susan Heckler

Election Day 2014 has come and gone with little change for Millstone Township. Up for grabs were two full terms on the Township Committee and three full terms on the Board of Education. Additionally, there was a race for County Freeholder, U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representative seats.

Millstone Township has 6,950 registered voters; 3,000 unaffiliated, 2,600 Republicans and 1,160 Democrats. In the 2010 United States Census, the most recent one, there were 10,566 people, 3,301 households, and 2,888 families residing in the township. County-wide, there was a 35.7% voter turnout for this election.

Republican incumbents Michael T. Kuczinski and Fiore J. Masci squared off against the Democrats Brian K. Dorf and Raymond D. Dothard for Township Committee. The official results, as posted on the Monmouth County website, are as follows; Michael T. Kuczinski (Republican) received 1,665 votes, Fiore J. Masci (Republican) received 1,651 votes, Brian K. Dorf (Democrat) received 870 votes, and Raymond D. Dothard (Democrat) received 875 votes. The incumbent Republicans maintained control.

In the Board of Education elections, Cynthia Bailey, Melissa H. Riviello, and John Saxton all won election to a full term.

Monmouth County Freeholders Lillian Burry (Republican) received 75,269 votes county-wide; Gary Rich (Republican) received 75,822 votes to maintain their seats. Democrats Joe Grillo received 65,812 votes and Larry Luttrell received 66,647 votes. The Republican incumbents maintained control of their seats.

The race for the U.S. Senate, Cory Booker won the election with 1,016,204 state-wide votes versus Bell's 772,991 votes. Votes in Monmouth County resulted in Republican Jeff Bell receiving 79,417 votes, Cory Booker receiving 67,011 voters and Libertarian Joseph Baratelli receiving 1,561 votes throughout the county. Chris Smith, Republican incumbent for the U.S. House of Representatives received total votes were 116,748 versus Scolavino's 52,978 votes state-wide. The county reported 66,308 votes against Democrat Ruben Scolavino who received 34,651 Monmouth votes.

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Inspired by one of the greatest musical scores ever composed-Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite-Koba Entertainment presents "Max & Ruby in the Nutcracker Suite."

The story begins on Christmas Eve as Ruby decorates the tree and Max chases the delicious scent of Grandma's freshly baked gingerbread cookies. A knock at the door reveals a huge package. Each toy in the package is from the story of the Nutcracker Ballet, so Grandma reads the story. Max & Ruby's imaginations whisk them away to a magical land where they become characters in the beloved ballet.

Dancing, singing and delicious treats follow, as the bunny pair experiences the wonder and excitement of the classic Nutcracker story. Whether it was the sweets, or their lively imaginations, the bunny siblings head to bed with visions of candy canes dancing in their heads! Max & Ruby's adventure, guided by the classic notes

Limited VIP tickets are available and include a meet-and-greet with the

characters and front row seating. Tickets may be purchased at iplayamerica.com/ maxandruby. Shows are scheduled for 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Families can make a day of it and enjoy a bite to eat in iPlay America's Game Time Bar & Grill and play in the indoor boardwalk and arcade before or after the show.

"We are thrilled to bring the beloved children's characters Max and Ruby to iPlay America this holiday season," says Jessica Schwartz, director of marketing for iPlay America. "We love to help families establish traditions and create memories."

For more information, contact Jennifer Quinn at jenniferq@iplayamerica.com or 732-577-8200, ext. 226 or visit iplayamerica.com.







#### **BUYER BEWARE**

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for her wasn't for me. Her queen-sized pillow was too high for my comfort and to firm and yes, I could feel all the different pieces of foam in it.

I went online to see the general consensus and found that a lot of people were very satisfied with the pillow and wouldn't try any other. There were also many that did not like it, like me. Their reasons: too hard, to lumpy, not at all comfortable, and not worth the money. Although I am grateful that the task of searching for the perfect pillow to support my mom's neck and back are over, I think I'll stick with my 25 year old foam pillow that never seems to fail me. I have to give this product a half a thumb up. It's still selling after ten years on the market. That says something for it. You will either swear by it or hate it, but at this price I might suggest borrowing someone else's pillow first to test it out for yourself!

## Allentown Future Farmers of America Is Growing!

By Susan Heckler



A ccording to their website; "Future Farmers of America makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The FFA motto gives members twelve short words to live by as they experience the opportunities in the organization. Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve." Today, there are 610,240 FFA members, aged 12-21, in 7,665 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The local Allentown chapter of FFA, started back in 1936, boasts a membership of 190 students. The students have an interest in agriculture, whether it is after being raised in farming or looking to have a career in an agriculturally related field.

This year's national convention was held October 29-November 1 in Louisville, KY. Their chapter joined over 64,409 FFA members from across the country.

The advisors of the Allentown FFA are proud to announce the following results/ awards:

National 2 Star Chapter: The Allentown FFA was awarded the 2 Star (out of 3) Chapter Award. The star awards are given to less than 1% of the FFA Chapters in the Country.

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Thomas Viviano, Silver, Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems

Congratulations to the winners of these awards and to all of the participants for pursing their dreams.  $\blacksquare$ 





#### **RIVER ROAD LOOP**

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are protected as the Delaware River Islands State Park Natural Area. Canoeists can launch from public access areas to enjoy the water trail, which includes scenic views of River Islands and Nockamixon Cliffs. Water trail users will enjoy viewing wildlife along a major migratory route for raptors, waterfowl and songbirds.

Uhlerstown shares a bridge with Frenchtown, a quant town on the New Jersey side that we will explore in the next issue. There is another bridge in Upper Black Eddy a little ways up from the Uhlerstown Bridge crossing the Delaware into Milford. PA. This is an area on the river that you will find plentiful swimming, jet skiing and other water sports in the deeper part of the river.

#### **ROOSEVELT FIRE CHIEF**

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The Gary Sinise Foundation was founded in 2011. They began by raising funds to build custom smart homes for America's severely wounded war heroes. The foundation has grown to serve the nation by honoring our defenders, veterans, first responders, their families and those in need. They do this by creating and supporting unique programs designed to entertain, educate, inspire, strengthen, and build communities. They also provide support to military and first responder's families recovering from trauma and loss during times of urgent need. The Foundation also serves heroes with a program that provides classic American meals and they have teamed up with local playhouses and theatres to provide dinner and entertainment to local veterans free of charge.

Josh Cellars Winery is located in California. Joseph Carr, the owner of the winery, teamed up with the Gary Sinise Foundation to honor his father and other first responders. His father, also named Joseph, but better known to his friends as Josh, was a volunteer firefighter for many years. Joseph looked up to his father. His dad always prided himself on working hard for what he wanted and helping others in need. His dad put his life on the line every day fighting fires and helping to save people's lives. "We have to take care of each other" was his simple commitment to his community. Joseph's commitment is in helping to provide grant money to the first responders and their fire stations that are lacking in essential equipment necessary to save lives. The Roosevelt firehouse was one deserving of such a grant.

We as a community and surrounding communities can also live by Josh Carr's statement about having to take care of each other. What better cause to donate to than people who might one day have to risk their lives to saves yours!

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