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Santa's Mailbag

Hey Kids! Your hometown newspaper will print your letters to Santa, along with your photo, in the next two issues of *The Grapevine*, then send them along to the North Pole.

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Christmas Dinner

Area businesses and organizations join forces to make Christmas merry for people in need. { BY MARY JANE KINKADE }



Rob Johnson, owner of Pizza Queen in Vineland, poses with a group of gift-wrapping volunteers who prepared presents for the Christmas meal that will be served to the needy at the Carl Arthur Center on December 13.

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he holiday season is upon us! Letters to Santa are in the mail, holiday shopping is under way, decorations are in place, plans are made to spend time with family and friends, and the menu for the big holiday dinner is all set. Or is it?

For many people, and entire families, the answer is no. According to the Food Bank of South Jersey, over 200,000 people in southern New Jersey don't know where their next meal will come from—and many of them are children. It was exactly this need that inspired Rob Johnson, owner of Pizza Queen in Vineland, to find a way to help.

"Last fall I took a ride and found myself heading down Landis Avenue," said Johnson. "As I drove through the heart of downtown Vineland, I saw person after person just sitting out on the street. It was clear to me that many of them were homeless, with nowhere to go and nothing to eat. It was sad to see so many people in my own community living this way."

Johnson decided that he wanted to give a dinner and set his sights on Thanksgiving. He formed a team and together they served 330 Thanksgiving meals at the Carl Arthur Center in Vineland last year.

"Anyone who wanted to join us was welcome," said Johnson. "We even gave rides to people who needed them. It was a great day." As he looked ahead to this year, Johnson and his team decided to switch holidays and hold a Christmas dinner instead. "We noticed that fewer meals were available during the Christmas holiday season, so we decided to focus there this year," he said.

And focus, they have. This year's celebration will take place on Saturday, December 13, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Carl Arthur Center at Third and Plum streets in Vineland. Our vision is to create the type of positive Christmas atmosphere that we all dream of having. To me that's a hot meal enjoyed while surrounded by family and friends, with presents to open, and carols playing in

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Trio With "A" Lot of "Heart"



From left: Robin Hargrove, Brenda Crymes, and Patricia Holland comprise the trio.

Three women help new moms and their babies. { BY NATE JENNINGS }

f you sometimes wonder if there are kind-hearted people in the world today, wonder no more. There are plenty of people with the spirit of compassion flowing through their veins everywhere. As a matter of fact, we have some wonderful people right here in New Jersey.

Three extraordinary women thought it worthwhile to give their time to a nonprofit organization that helps a vast number of unfortunate young

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Soul of the Season

The 14th Annual Soul of the Season is Saturday, from 6 until 9 p.m., with festivities on High Street from Sassafras to Broad streets and all the galleries, shops and restau-



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{ BY PAUL J. DOE, FORMER EDITOR, CUMBERLAND NEWS }



Tis the Season...

...for politicians and the media to take things out of context, even more than they normally do.

nce upon a time it was location, location, location. At least in the real estate world. These days, its context, context, context. I picked up a book the other day because of the blurbs on the back cover by some of my favorite authors and several highly respected publications.

The blurbs included: "page turning excitement," and "his best work to date."

The book was terrible. Probably one of only two books I actually never finished reading. The other was *The DaVinci Code*.

I know they can't just make up the blurbs so I'm guessing the actual context was something like: "If you want page turning excitement, this is definitely not the book for you" and "This is the author's best work to date so he really should start thinking of some other line of work."

There's an old European folk tale:

A farmer is herding his cows across his field on a very, very cold winter day when he hears a very faint rustling sound.

Looking around, he spies a tiny bird, which has apparently fallen out of its nest, gotten lost and is hopping from foot to foot, shivering in the cold.

The farmer scoops up the bird and says, "poor little thing, you're going to freeze to death out here."

So, spotting a huge steaming pile of fresh cow dung, he pops the little bird right in the middle of the mess, so only his head is sticking out.

"You'll be okay there for a while," the farmer tells the bird, "I'll be back when I finish my chores."

The warmth eventually starts to revive the bird and he stops shivering and chirping and starts to sing.

A passing fox hears the singing, stops and spies the bird.

He pulls the bird out of the cowpie, brushes it off and gulps it down in a single bite.

Like I said: context, context, context. It's something to keep in mind during this holiday season when the politicians and the media seem bound and determined to convince us that this is both the best and worst holiday season ever. I'm going to try and make it the best possible holiday for myself and my family and friends by trying to cut myself off from all the news until after the holidays.

I probably won't be able to because there is always something that drags me in or piques my interest.

But I'm really going to give it a shot.

The ongoing civil disturbances in Ferguson and the looming Congressional battle over President Obama's immigration amnesty plan are dominating the news.

Who cares?

Years ago one of the pinheads insisted that, "it takes a village to raise a child."

I'm beginning to think that was when we took the first wrong turn by taking something out of context.

I'm going to have to look it up, but I wouldn't be surprised if the whole quote doesn't go something like:

"It takes a village to raise a child who will grow up to be dependent on other people for his or her health, happiness and well-being."

Actually, I know that's not right. There are, sadly, people who really believe that it's in our best interest to have other people do our thinking for us.

And, those people—most of them media talking heads or politicians—are usually quite happy to volunteer for the job.

Anyway, enjoy the holidays.

Turn off the evening news and restrict your daily newspaper reading to the obits and the funnies.

The world will still be turning when the holidays are over and you'll probably have enjoyed them a lot more.

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Speaking of enjoyment, my sister loved her chocolates (Barbera's is the best) and my brother is still in California so he hasn't responded (he got the salami and homemade wines).

Thanks again for the wonderful suggestions. Sometimes that village thing does work. ?

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Faces in the News

Buena Historical Society To Honor Three







The Buena Historical Society invites all to attend their 17th Annual Anniversary-Christmas Party. Each year local residents are chosen to be honored for their extreme commitment and dedi-

cation to Buena Vista Township & Buena Borough. This year's honorees—Enrico "Ricky" Coraluzzo, Eric M. Hensel and Carlo Merighi-will be honored on Wednesday, December 17, at Martin's Custom Catering, 311 S. Harding Highway, Landisville. A buffet dinner along with desserts, soft drinks and coffee will be included. Doors open at 6:30 and presentations will begin at 8 p.m. Martin's will also offer a full cash bar. Wonderful holiday music all night and "as-always" a huge array of special door prizes await many lucky attendees. Tickets are \$23 per person in advance, made payable to the Buena Historical Society and mailed to: Buena Historical Society, PO Box 114, Buena, NJ 08310. Please include your full name and amount of tickets requested and your full return address for them to mail your tickets back to you. Tickets at the door will be \$25. For additional information, call 856-692-5690

LEFT: Carlo Merighi, former Buena Vista Township Station 12-1-Richland Chief and **Emergency Management Coordinator**

MIDDLE: Eric M. Hensel, former longtime Buena Vista Township Station 12-4 Fire Chief and current trustee

RIGHT: Enrico "Ricky" Caroluzzo, Current Fire Chief, Landisville, current Atlantic County **Deputy Fire Coordinator.**



True Beauty Welcomes Ashley Elizabeth

Hair Stylist Ashley Elizabeth, a resident of Pittsgrove Twp. Graduate of A.P. Schalick High School & S.C.V-Tech Class of 2007. Ashley has been in the Cosmetology Field for eight years, starting while still in classes. After graduating she continued education by apprenticing under a barber to hone her barbering skills, became certified in Sew In Hair Extensions and has taken extensive hair coloring classes, which has transformed her into a Color Specialist for all hair types.

Ashley takes pride in her precision cuts, barber-

ing, perms, brazilian blow outs, all hair coloring techniques, highlighting, foils, beautiful up-dos, hair extensions, braiding, waxing, air brush tanning, makeup and air brush makeup applications. Ashley strongly believes communication is the key to a successful salon style.

True Beauty Salon is located at Pietro's Plaza the "Pink Plaza," 825 South Delsea Dr., Vineland, NJ 08360 (856-691-1743).



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News in Brief

Woman's Club of Vineland **Donates to NAMI**

The Woman's Club of Vineland, a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs donated \$580 to the Cumberland County NAMI organization. As pictured here, Sam Levy, a board member of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) accepted the check from Eva Prestopino, 2nd VP of the Woman's Club of Vineland. NAMI is this year's NJSFWC (NJ State Federation of Women's Clubs) special state project.



Levy explained that NAMI was started in 1979 by two mothers of children with mental illness who needed help and support. Now the organization has over 100,000 members across the country. NAMI educates teachers, police officers,

the public, consumers and their families. The local NAMI meets every third Monday at 7 p.m. at the Chestnut Assembly of God at 2554 E. Chestnut Ave. in Vineland. No registration is required to attend the meetings and if you need more information, call 856-691-9234 or 856-305-5486 or go to www.naminj.org.

Bridgeton Rotary Dedicates New Spike Machine Enclosure

On November 20, the Bridgeton Rotary Club dedicated a newly-constructed enclosure for the Spike Machine located in the Bridgeton City Park. The dedication was led by Bridgeton Rotary Club President Curtis Edwards, Immediate Past President



Wade Sjogren, and Rotary District 7640 Assistant Governor Tom Fletcher. Sjogren remarked that "the beautiful new enclosure for the historical spike machine is the product of a successful community partnership between Rotary, the City of Bridgeton, and others in the community."

The Spike Machine was used by the Cumberland Nail & Iron Works, which operated on the site in Bridgeton from about 1815 until 1895. A previous enclosure had been constructed by Rotarians but fell into disrepair and was demolished years ago. Local historian, Bob Crowe, identified the need to construct a new enclosure to protect the machine from the elements. Members of Bridgeton Memory Lane ("BML"), a Facebook organization, got involved in the fundraising and volunteer effort. However, an established charitable organization was needed to receive donations and provide the legal and organizational capacity to see the project through to completion. Enter Rotary.

BML partnered with the Bridgeton Rotary Club Foundation on a successful "Beef & Beer" event held in October 2013. Thereafter, the fundraising effort continued. "Thank you to Rotary District 7640 for providing a necessary \$4,000 grant from the Rotary International Foundation for the project," said Rotary Club President Curtis Edwards. Local Architect James Livoti donated his valuable time to design the new enclosure, which closely resembles the former enclosure. Materials and construction expertise were obtained from Brent and Bruce Hankins of HH Hankins, and construction services from William Carr & Sons in Shiloh. The new enclosure is constructed of pressure-treated lumber and is covered with PVC siding to protect it for the years to come. Signage is on order that will help inform visitors about the history of the Spike Machine and the Cumberland Nail & Iron Works.

The Bridgeton Rotary Club Foundation, Inc. is a charitable organization affiliated with the Bridgeton Rotary Club. The next event for the Foundation is their annual International Night to be held on Friday, February 27, 2015. Funds raised at International Night are used to support a number of local charities and food banks. The Bridgeton Rotary Club is almost 50 members strong, and meets weekly at Gia's Catering in Bridgeton on most Thursdays at 12:10 p.m. If interested in learning more about Rotary and possible membership, contact Club President Curtis Edwards at 856-391-1124.



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Public Invited to Review Landis Avenue Construction Plans

The City of Vineland will hold a Public Information Session on Thursday, December 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers to review Phase One of the proposed Landis Avenue Resurfacing Project. Phase One construction, scheduled for the Spring of 2015, includes a five block stretch of Landis Avenue beginning at Myrtle Street and ending at North East Boulevard. The \$1.3 million dollar project is being paid for by New Jersey Department of Transportation federally funded grants through the Transportation Improvement Program administered by the South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization (SJTPO).

This section of Landis Avenue, from Myrtle to West Avenue, was last resurfaced in 1991. Other sections of Landis Avenue which the city is responsible for include Main Road to Myrtle, last resurfaced in 2000; West Avenue to Coney, last resurfaced in 1988; and Moyer to Route 55, last resurfaced in 1989.

"This Public Information Session will provide residents and business owners an opportunity to see the construction plans and have their questions answered," said Vineland City Engineer Brian Myers, PE, CME. "Individuals unable to attend this session may call the Engineering Department at 794-4090 and we will be glad to answer any of your questions."

"In addition to resurfacing the roadway, the plan includes design features which will enhance pedestrian safety and improve both pedestrian and automobile traffic flow along Landis Avenue," Myers continued. "It will also be easier and safer for New Jersey Transit buses to pick up or drop off passengers, and reduce the time needed for pedestrians to cross the street at Landis Avenue intersections. These changes were also reviewed and approved by New Jersey Transit officials."

Current Phase One construction plans include:

- · Upgrading handicapped accessible sidewalk ramps
- · Installation of sidewalk bump-outs at intersections
- \cdot Installation of mid-block crosswalks in the 600 and 700 blocks
 - · Installation of bus pull-off areas
- · Replacement of storm sewer infrastructure
 - · Milling and overlay of the roadway
- · Line striping and other associated work

The proposed Landis Avenue design changes were recommended in a 2011 Downtown Parking, Circulation, and Landscape Strategy Report prepared by Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. The report was commissioned by the Vineland Downtown Improvement District (VDID).

Phase Two of the Landis Avenue Resurfacing Project will include the four blocks from North West Boulevard to West Avenue. It is currently anticipated that the design changes would carry forward for Phase Two as well. Once construction is completed, the city has also obtained funding from the SJTPO to replace aging traffic signals along Landis Avenue between Myrtle Street and North West Boulevard. By doing so, city engineers will be able to optimize signal timing which facilitates the smooth movement of traffic, reduces stops and delays experienced by motorists, and minimizes gas consumption and pollutant emissions.

According to Vineland officials, when Phase One construction begins, Landis Avenue will be open to through traffic during regular business hours. However, minor traffic interruptions should be expected. Milling and paving work will be performed at night to reduce conflicts with businesses along Landis Avenue. Paving work will require a partial to full closure of the construction area.

Bethany Grace Announces Changes to Outreach Schedule

Bethany Grace Community Church has announced the following changes for the outreach schedule to those in need in our community:

The Agape Soup Cafe will now be held on Sundays from 1-2 p.m. (previously 5-6 p.m.). This outreach offers a free meal in the Church fellowship hall and all are welcome. The Clothing Closet and Food Pantry program will continue to be held on the third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. However, donation acceptance times have been expanded to include every Wednesday from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Alternative arrangements can be made by calling 1-855-818-3810, ext. 707. They welcome donations of new or gently worn clothing, new undergarments/socks, and non-perishable food items.

The Shower Ministry for the Homeless will continue to be held every Saturday morning from 7 to 9 a.m.

Bethany Grace Community Church is located at 31 N. Pearl St. Bridgeton, NJ. For more information, call 1-855-818-3810 or visit www.bethanyinbridgeton.com. ?*



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TRIO WITH HEART

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mothers all over the state. Patricia Holland, of Brotmanville, Brenda Crymes of Atlantic City, and Robin Hargrove of Millville work tirelessly together for a non-profit organization called A Heart Ministries (AHM).

A Heart Ministries is not funded by any type of grant, but it receives funding from local businesses, various other companies, and a boutique for women, churches, and sororities. The Golden Gate Child Care Academy preschool (2120 North Delsea Drive) after-school program donates space for AHM. There is a program called the Infant Mortality Awareness Campaign (IMAC) and they propose that all babies deserve a chance.

Holland was given a proclamation from Vineland Mayor Bermudez on September 29 for the Infant Mortality Awareness Campaign. She networks with people at the local WIC office as well.

A Heart Ministries was founded in April 2007 by Robin Hargrove, CEO of the organization, which is located on 27th and Gordon's Alley in Atlantic City. Patricia Holland and Brenda Crymes are supervisors who work alongside Hargrove. Sabrina Showell is the administrator and Valery Robinson also assists.

Hargrove, after being asked why she started the company and what was her main goal, said, "I wanted all children to have a chance to experience good health and have an opportunity to learn in a good environment." A Heart Ministries helps young women who have children under the age of two with all types of

emergency assistance.

There are so many programs connected to this helpful organization. The Burp Program, for example, helps young women who may have been in a car accident or lost personal things in a house fire. A Heart Ministries is also in partnership with a local diaper bank, through which diapers are distributed along with baby formula.

Holland and Crymes collect items for these struggling young women. They work side by side putting their love gifts together working with another program called the Baby Shower, also in Atlantic City. The Baby Shower prepares a beautiful gift bag for young women who are facing hard times. They give these gift bags to them two weeks before their babies are due.

Hargrove, who also is a Pastor of a church, is an experienced social worker who works with CASA, which is a courtappointed special advocate. She has assisted judges in supervising and listening to court cases for two years. These are cases, such as babies being moved from one house to another, trying to find them a place to live, and helping them financially as well.

A Heart stands for All, Hearts, Educating, Advocating, Restoring, & Transforming.

Yes, these three women are transforming lives one child at a time. 24

For more information about A Heart Ministries, call their office at 609-344-0083 or visit www.aheartministries.org e-mail specialheart09@aol.com.





CHRISTMAS

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the background. Everyone deserves to experience that, which is why we are making it possible for people who might otherwise go without."

This year's feast will include a full pasta dinner (with many different choices of pasta and sauces), salad, drinks, and dessert. But that's not all. Everyone will receive a gift. Johnson expects hundreds of people, including up to 10 families adopted by the group. There will be toys for the kids. Adults will receive a brand new jacket, hat, or blanket. A supply of gift bags filled with toiletries will be on hand. Guests may also go home with a pair of brand new socks collected by students from Rossi Middle School and Cumberland Christian School. There will be gently used clothing items to choose from and even a portable food pantry on site.

The businesses and organizations that helped make this event possible include Larry's II, Burger King, Pizza Queen, Ace Hardware, La Torre Hardware, Coralluzo Trucking, Custom Graphics, Love Oasis Church, Shiloh Baptist Church, Walmart Supercenter, ShopRite of Landis, Bottino's, ShopRite, the City of Vineland, and Vineland Police Wives/Girlfriend's Association.

"I am overwhelmed with the support we received this year," said Johnson. "This effort is much bigger than me or Pizza Queen. It's about neighbors doing something nice for neighbors during a special time of year. So often I hear how there are no more good people left in the world, but it's not true. There are plenty of good-hearted people out there who want nothing more than to help."

We're fortunate that so many of them live and work in Vineland. ?

How to Help:

There's still time to help! New coats, blankets, hats and gloves are needed for Saturday's celebration. Please drop off these new items (unwrapped) at Pizza Queen, located on the corner of Main Road and Magnolia Road in Vineland. A collection bin is located in the restaurant's dining room. Donations will be accepted through Friday, December 12.

MORE HOLIDAY GIVING

- The Dream Foundation's 17th Annual Toy Drive benefiting the children of Inspira Hospital of South Jersey, St. Christopher's hospital of Philadelphia, Children's hospital of Pennsylvania (CHOP) and charitable organizations in South Jersey. The Dream Foundation helps families who are financially overwhelmed with expenses in relation to the illness of their child as well as visiting hospitals during the holidays to deliver toys to brighten up their stay at the hospital. Toys are being collected until December 19 at various businesses, including The Grapevine at 907 N. Main Rd. in Vineland.
- The YMCA of Vineland is collecting new or gently used coats for the 19th Annual Jersey Cares Coat Drive. This is being held now through December 15. This year, Jersey Cares plans to collect and distribute more than 35.000 "gently used" winter coats to men, women, and children in need throughout New Jersey. Community members, YMCA members, and members of area organizations are encouraged to open their closets for this appeal. A box for the coats is in the YMCA's lobby, and donations are accepted during YMCA hours-5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday to Friday, 5:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Donations are tax deductible. Call 856-691-0030, ext. 113.
- Over 500 Cumberland County elementary and middle school students, selected by their school, vis-

ited the New Jersey Motorsports Park to choose a brand new winter coat, gloves/mittens, hat, scarf, book, and a hot, healthy lunch, along with a visit from Santa Claus. The annual event is hosted by the NJMP Green Flag Committee, supported by Atlantic City Electric, Bottino's ShopRite, South Jersey Gas, Susquehanna Bank and Wal-Mart. Distribution of the coats took place on December 5 at NJMP.



Wayne Weaver of the NJMP's Green Flag Committee helps a youngster try on a new winter coat on Friday at the New Jersey Motorsports Park in Millville. PHOTO COURTESY TERRY HALL PHOTOGRAPHY

· Gateway Community Action Partnership's Holly City Family Success Center, 21 E. Main St., Rear Suite, Millville, needs your help with coat donations for the upcoming cold weather in the late fall and winter months. Clean, gently-used and new coats of all sizes and styles will be accepted throughout the fall and winter at the center and donated coats will be distributed to Millville families. The Center is also collecting new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages. For additional information on the donation drive, or to coordinate a donation, call the

- center at 856-327-1510. Donations can be dropped off at the center Monday, Tuesday Thursday or Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Wednesday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Newfield National Bank is collecting non-perishable foods in all 12 of their branches Gloucester, Cumberland and Cape May counties. All donations will be given to the Southern Regional Food Distribution Center, a locally run food bank. To find the nearest Newfield Bank, go online to www.newfieldbank.com. This collection will continue until December 23. For questions or more information, call Newfield National Bank at 856-692-3440, ext. 1206.
- US Marines Collection: Ms. Moir, a gym teacher at VHS North, is organizing care packages for U.S. Marines fighting abroad. Some of the items needed are baby wipes (non-flushable), boot socks, disposable razors, electrolyte replacement drinks (e.g. Gatorade), Jerky (no pork) and prepackaged dried fruit, nuts. The drive started on Monday and will continue until December 23.

BELOW: Students with some of the items already collected are, from left, Katelynn Rivera, Graceline Galan, Nosaja Echevarria, and Justine Lopez







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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

HAPPENINGS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Senior Care Active Day. Millville Public Library, 210 Buck St., Millville. 1:30–3:30 p.m. A representative from Senior Care Active Day (of Vineland) will help vets and those with Alzheimers. 856-691-3756.

Millville Chamber General Membership Luncheon. New Jersey Motorsports Park, 8000 Dividing Creek Rd., Millville. 11:30 a.m. \$20 with reservation; \$22 at door. Performance by Millville Senior High Select Choir, offering music of the holidays. RSVP 856-825-2600.

"Make and Take" Holiday Tablescape Class. Rutgers Extension Center, 291 Morton Ave., Millville (between Rosenhayn and Carmel). 6 p.m. The workshop/class will be taught by Master Gardener, Artist and Floral Designer Mary Rosen. \$35. 856-451-2800, ext. 4.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

Garden State Christian Women's Connection "Country Christmas"

Luncheon. Ramada Inn, 2216 W. Landis Ave., Vineland. 12 noon–1:45 p.m. Heartsong performs a medley of Christmas music. Patty Dahl shares her message "Not So Silent Night." \$15. Free nursery. Reserve ASAP bdmoto@yahoo.com or 856-690-4181.

FRIDAY. DECEMBER 12

Affordable Care Act Enrollment. Gant Room, Millville Public Library, 210 Buck St., Millville. 1:30–3:30 p.m. A Center for Family Services navigator will help you enroll in a healthcare insurance plan that meets your needs. Walk-ins welcome. www.centerffs.org/home

DECEMBER 12 AND 13

Christmas Gift Shop/Open House.

Cumberland Christian School 1100 W. Sherman Ave., Vineland. Friday 5–9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.–12 noon. Gift vendors offering a wide array of items, Kids Corner, Christmas trees, and food court. Christmas Basket Auction at 6:30 p.m. on Friday. Pancake breakfast Saturday 9-11 a.m.; \$4 in advance, \$5 at

Santa Sightings

SATURDAY. DECEMBER 13

Cookies and Milk with Santa and Mrs. Claus. South Vineland United Methodist Church, Main Rd. and Sherman Ave., Vineland. 1:30–3:30 p.m. Crafts and storytelling, too. Donation of canned goods for community food bank or \$1 per child.



Breakfast with Santa. New Jersey Motorsports Park, 47 Warbird Dr., (GPS: 8000 Dividing Creek Rd.) Millville. 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Breakfast buffet, photo opportunity, gingerbread house craft. \$15. 856-327-7202.

Breakfast with Santa. Larry's II, 907 N. Main Rd., Vineland. Breakfast buffet starting at 8 a.m. Santa arrives at 9 a.m and must return to the North Pole at noon. Adults \$9.99 Children under 10 \$7.99, 856-692-9001

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

Breakfast with Santa. Landis Diner, 601 E. Landis Ave., Vineland. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Free photo, bring your camera.

door. 856-696-1600, www.cccrusader.org

DECEMBER 12, 13, AND 14

Living Christmas Tree Musical. Faith Bible Church, 3139 E. Chestnut Ave., Vineland. 7 p.m. The musical "Sing Gloria" will feature a 50-voice adult choir. The Living Christmas Tree is a visually stunning eightlevel structure from a 50-voice choir will sing. Free community event. Handicap accessible. 856-691-3460 or visit www.faithbible.org.

HANUKKAH EVENTS

Jewish Federation of Cumberland, Gloucester & Salem Counties is sponsoring events to celebrate Hanukkah—the "Festival of Lights." These events are:

- Friday Night Dinner—December 19, 4:15 p.m, Sons of Jacob Congregation, 321 Grape St., Vineland. NJ. Menorah lighting and Mincha services followed by dinner. \$18 for Federation members, \$22 nonmembers. RSVP by December 12.
- Havdalah and Hanukkah Menorah Lighting—Saturday, December 20, 6 p.m., Historic Garton Road Shul, 612 Garton

Rd., near Deerfield Township, NJ. No charge. RSVP by December 15.

- Wheaton Hanukkah Celebration— Sunday, December 21, 3 p.m., Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center, 1501 Glasstown Rd., Millville, NJ. No charge, RSVP by December 15.
- Latke Luncheon—Tuesday, December 23, 1 p.m., Beth Israel Congregation, 1015 E. Park Ave., Vineland, NJ. ACT (Adult Culture & Trips) Luncheon, with a Hanukkah film presentation. \$8 for Federation members, \$10 non-members. RSVP by December 17.

To RSVP and for more information, call local Federation at 856-696-4445.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Children's Puppet Show. Vineland Public Library, 1058 E. Landis Ave., Vineland. 11–11:45 a.m. Puppet version of Tchaikovsky's beloved Nutcracker ballet. Free. Seating on a first come, first served basis. Kids 8 and under must be accompanied by adult. 856-794-4244 ext. 4246.

Firemen's Christmas Parade. Bellevue Ave., Hammonton. 7 p.m.

Old Fashioned Christmas Sing-Along.

Union Hall, 904 Main St., Dividing Creek. Doors open for Chinese auction at 6 and the Sing-along at 7 p.m. Amber Sparks and the Entertainers lead sing-along. Refreshments served. Proceeds benefit Union Hall. 856-785-2013. Sponsored by: Dividing Creek Historical Society.

Christmas Shop at Garage Sale. Danna Farm Trailhead, 789 Parvin Mill Rd., Pittsgrove. 9 a.m. Parvin State Park Appreciation Committee has various items for sale that no longer fit a use within future plans and projects. For more, visit on facebook, twitter or parvinvolunteers.org

Pinewood Derby. Cumberland Christian School 1100 W. Sherman Ave., Vineland. Derby car show and speed race; three age divisions K3-2nd grade- 10 a.m., 3rd-6th grade 11 and 7th grade – adult 12 noon (arrive 30 minutes early for registration and weigh in); contact Pam for details 856-696-1600 or panderson@cccrusader.org. Car show entry is \$3 and race entry is \$3, may be same car for both competitions.

DECEMBER 13, 14, 27, AND JANUARY 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18

Patcong Valley Model Railroad Club Open House. 1308 Harding Hwy. (Rt. 40), Richland. 10 a.m-4 p.m. Bring the kids and a step stool for the little ones. Daily door prize for kids, grand prize drawing Jan. 18 will be a Lionel 0 gauge Polar Express train set. No admission fee, donations accepted. www.patcongvalley. com

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14

Holiday Plant Talk. Triple Oaks Nursery, 2359 Delsea Dr., Franklinville. 1:30 p.m. Learn about the season's most beloved



plants, including mistletoe, *pictured*. Refreshments and handouts. Free. RSVP 856-694-4272. www.tripleoaks.com.

MONDAY DECEMBER 15

NAMI Holiday Dinner. Chestnut Assembly of God, 2554 E. Chestnut Ave., Vineland. 6 p.m. (Note the change from the regular starting time.) This will take the place of the monthly support group meeting. Open to family members/caretakers and consumers, an opportunity to find out more about NAMI and to enjoy fellowship in a festive atmosphere. Please bring a hot entree, side dish, or a dessert item.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 16

Gentlemen's Shopping Spree. Triple Oaks Nursery, 2359 Delsea Dr., Franklinville. 4–8 p.m. Refreshments and free gift wrapping. 856-694-4272. www.tripleoaks.com.

O.W.L.S. Fellowship for Seniors. First Baptist Church, Rosemont and Catawba Avenues in Newfield. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Guest speaker from Inspira to share pointers on eating healthy. Beverages and soup provided; bring a sandwich. 856-697-2217.

Family Movie Night. Vineland Public Library, 1058 E. Landis Ave., Vineland. 5:30–7 p.m. Make the season merry with this classic animated film, rated G. Children will enjoy hot chocolate after the movie. Registration required for this free program. Participants may bring their own refreshments. Children ages 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. 856-794-4244, ext. 4246.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Assistance for Veterans. Gant Room, Millville Public Library, 210 Buck St., Millville. 1–3 p.m. Program is "Ready, Vet, Go!" hosted by Catholic Charities; to help low-income military veterans with financial assistance and/or housing. Veterans will be screened for eligibility. A counselor from Catholic Charities will be available to talk to veterans. No appt. needed.



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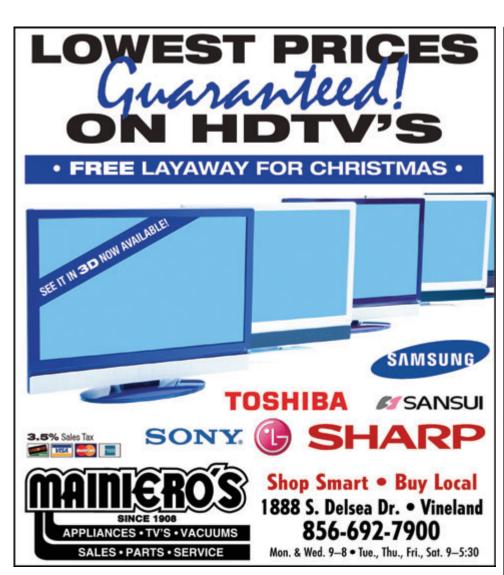




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Guest Column { by alice woods, exec. dir., united way of greater philadelphia and southern new jersey }



An Attitude of Gratitude

ith the holiday season upon us, it's the perfect time to reflect on the true power of giving back. At United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey (UWGPSNJ), it is a dedicated fleet of volunteers that make our work possible. Quite simply, it is their contributions—of their time, talent and treasure—that drive our success. Without volunteer leaders, we couldn't achieve measurable, lasting Impact in our local community.

United Ways across the nation have a proud history of being volunteer-driven organizations. Throughout our local footprint, UWGPSNJ convenes local business leaders and other community members to serve on our Local Operating Boards. These volunteers not only advocate for the needs of our community and advance our mission but also foster and support community investment strategies, drive fund development activities and engage a larger network of community members in our work. Here in Cumberland County, we accomplish this through our Impact Committee and Resource Development Committee, both of which are critical to the successful execution and development of UWGPSNJ's local Impact.

In recent years, our Impact Committee volunteers led a critical evaluation of our work that reshaped local Impact strategies and ensured that we are better addressing the unique Education, Income and Health needs in our community. But to effectively drive Impact in those areas and create opportunities that improve the lives of our neighbors, UWGPSNJ needs a strategic fund development strategy, which is developed and executed by Resource Development Committee volunteers.

And yet, our volunteers are also an essential element for successful special events and community engagement, particularly our signature event, the Halloween Bone Run & Walk. This year's event, held on October 25, at Parvin State Park, was a "spook-tacular" success, boasting a record number of participants and sponsors. This success was the result of the score of volunteers who helped plan and promote the event and braved the crisp fall morning and early start to assist with event set-up and logistics. Because of their support, this year's Bone Run raised nearly \$50,000 through sponsorships, participation and in-kind gifts—an increase of

more than 280 percent! Proceeds from the race will be invested in our Impact Fund to support targeted Health initiatives in Cumberland County.

Get Involved Today—The true power of giving back is that you don't have to be a business owner or community leader to make a difference. Anyone can join us in creating Impact. This time of year is perfect for giving the gift of your time and getting involved, and UWGPSNJ has plenty of opportunities to improve the community.

For many individuals and nonprofits, the holidays can be a stressful time when resources, including time and money, are stretched thin. But you can make a difference! Whether you want to build gingerbread houses with kids, sort toys or donate supplies to people in need, our Holiday Network will connect you to the perfect opportunity to make a local Impact. Visit https://unitedforimpact.org/holiday-network for more details on getting involved.

Also, each year UWGPSNJ deploys volunteers through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, an IRS-supported tax preparation service where trained volunteers prepare taxes at no cost for qualifying individuals and families.

When taxes are done right, the result can mean valuable tax credits and refunds that go a long way in a family's annual budget. Sadly, IRS statistics show that about 20 percent of those eligible do not claim one of the biggest boosters to family incomes—the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), a refundable credit that can be as much as \$6,143 per qualifying family-simply because they are unaware that they qualify or do not file their taxes. VITA volunteers bridge that gap by connecting community members to important tax credits while helping them save on tax preparation fees, resulting in more money back in the pockets of local community members to pay down debt, save for the future or make important purchases. For information on volunteering with VITA, email awoods@uwgpsnj.org.

Without volunteers, we wouldn't be able to drive measurable, lasting Impact that none of us can achieve alone. And for that, we are grateful. Thank you to everyone who gives, advocates and volunteers with United Way. You are critical partners in driving our work forward!



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1. Solve the puzzle just as you would in any crossword puzzle. Choose from each printed clue the word that best fits the

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ACROSS:

- 2. Certain countries may be difficult to enter by any $normal \ _of \ access.$
- 5. "Well, there goes our peaceful picnic plan," says girlfriend, as jets over their idyllic picnic site.
- 7. Girl's diary entry for the day mentions numerous times, in direct reference to herself.
- 8. Season ticket holder feels annoyed whenever she sees someone _ in the theater during blockbuster performances.
- 9. Mother feels anxious dropping off son at rambunctious family's house, giving him numerous warnings including not playing with any _.
- 10. Make possible.
- 13. Trainee is glad she's working with an experienced buyer, knowing how much it's increasing her knowledge about purchasing special _.
- 15. There are many reasons to admire community groups doing a good service by striving to find _ for anyone without it.
- 16. Some believe it's unwise that a parent _ their healthy youngster excessively. 17. Happy.

- - 1. Just before fight, athlete's manager predicts he'll win because he has more than opponent. which is usually an advan-

 - 4. "I can't think of anything more physically unappealing to do at this moment than to _," complains partner.
 - 6. In British historical novel, pub patron compliments trail-weary customer by saying it takes patience, traveling on heavy _
 - 8. Mother is attracted to sound of _ from street directly below her apartment and calls her son to
 - 9. To let a coffee pot _ accidentally can be dam-
 - to her patient a walk in the country, which will offer opportunity to selfreflect.
 - 12. Because he has finally found peace in scenic village, man feels, in future, he'll have little desire to 14. When she _ her audience's thoughts, politician
 - response she gets.

- 3. Renovate.

- have a look.
- 11. Therapist recommends
- can sense it by the positive
- 15. It might well be considered offensive to hear anyone referred to as a _.

spaces have been filled in. The number of entires that can be sub-

2. The number of entries that can be sub-mitted each week from any single housemilited each week from any single house-hold (mailing address) is limited to ten (10). No facsimiles, photocopies or repro-ductions will be accepted. Only original newspaper entry forms will be accepted. 3. Anyone is eligible to enter except employees/directors of South Jersey Federal Credit Union (SJFCU) and The Grapevine and their immediate families. Prizeweek Puzzle jackpot winners and members of their household (mailing address) are also ineligible to win future

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4. A basic prize of \$50.00 will be 4. A dusk pitze of 30.000 min de week-ly Prizeweek Puzzle. In the case of multi-ple winners, the prize money will be shared. If no correct puzzle entries are received, \$25.00 will be added the following week. Winners agree to permit use of their names and photos by SJFCU and/or The Grapevine.

and/or The Grapevine.

5. Entries can be mailed to South Jersey Federal (redit Union, Atm: Prizeweek Puzzle, PO Box 5429, Deptford, NJ 08096, or dropped off 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the vestibule of SIFCU, 106 W. Landis Avenue, Vineland. Mailed entries must be received by SIFCU no later than 10 am on the Monday following the Widesday publication of the ing the Wednesday publication of the Prizeweek Puzzle. Entries dropped off at the SJFCU Vineland branch must be received no later than 8:30 am on the Monday following the Wednesday publi-cation of the Prizeweek Puzzle. SIFCU assumes no responsibility for late or lost

6. South Jersey Federal Credit Union reserves the right to issue additional reserves her light to issue dualintal instructions in connection with the Prizeweek Puzzle. All such instructions are to become part of the official rules. Visit www.SouthJerseyFCU.com for list of additional rules.



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| DROP | HOME | ROVE | |

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PRIZEWEEK PUZZLE

The answers to last week's puzzle are below. For a detailed explanation of the answers to last week's puzzle and additional rules, visit www.SouthJerseyFCU.com



HOW TO ENTER:

Note contest rules at the top of this page.

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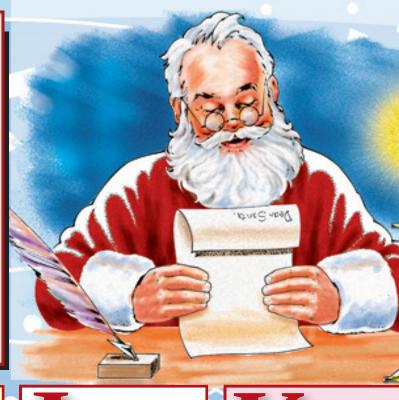
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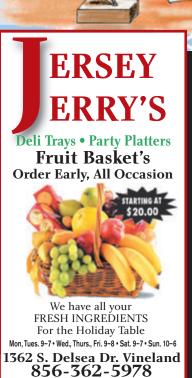


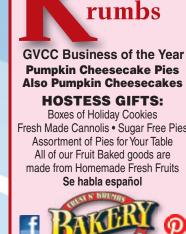
















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Elizabeth M. "Betty" Galizia (nee Collins), 83, of Vineland, NJ passed away peacefully on November 26, at home after a brief illness surrounded by her loving daughters. Betty was born and raised in Westfield, NJ, graduated from Westfield High in 1949 and had lived in Vineland for the past 50 years. After raising her children, Betty went to work at the Vineland Shop N Bag from 1974 until it closed in 1996. She enjoyed going to the casinos, playing bingo, watching the NY Mets and spending time with her family, especially her twin great-granddaughters.

Theresa (Ramirez) Devera, 81, of Cape May Court House, passed away on November 26 after an extended illness. Theresa was born and raised in Philly and was a longtime Vineland city resident prior to moving in 2007. She was the wife of the late Maximino Devera, Sr. who died in 2008. Before retiring with over 30 years of service, Theresa was employed by the Millville Hospital as an Operating Room Nurse. She was a longtime parishioner of the St. Padre Pio Parish-Church of Our Lady of Pompeii.

Barbara (Porter) Guessford, 82, of Vineland, passed away on November 26 at home surrounded by her family. Barbara was born in Felton, DE, and moved to Vineland in 1965. She was employed with Owen-Illinois as a packer before her retirement. Barbara enjoyed listening to country music. Her greatest joy was spending time with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Sandra "Sandy" G. Santiago, 42, of Vineland, went to be with the Lord on November 27, at Inspira Medical Center, Vineland. Sandy was born in Brooklyn and was a resident of Vineland for 20 years. Sandy was employed by Durand Glass Co. of Millville where she worked in quality control. She was a member of Grace Cathedral Church of Vineland and enjoyed caring for her home.

Albert Sciarretta, 92, of Landisville, passed away on November 27, in the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home in Vineland. One of nine children, Albert had plans to grow his father's thriving pasta business but with the onset of World War II, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942 and served in the South Pacific. He returned home and married Jennie DiDomenico. When he wasn't working as a sewing machine mechanic, he enjoyed growing vegetables, raising chickens, making wine, fishing, crabbing, and having family barbeques. He was an active

member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 158, in Landisville, and the American Legion, Post 270, in Minotola. He also helped with events sponsored by Our Lady of Victories Church.

Russell "Rusty" K. Sperling, of Port Norris, passed away on November 28, at age 63. He died of natural causes at home. Rusty was born in Vineland and spent most of his life in the Vineland area. He was the Vineland High class president of 1969. Rusty was an accomplished gymnast in high school, earning a full scholarship to Temple University. He enjoyed doting on his four nephews.

Dorothy "Dot" Stretch, 92, of Vineland passed away November 29, at Inspira Medical Center, Vineland. Dot was born in Pleasantville but and lived in Vineland most of her life. Prior to retirement, she was a Glass Worker for Colonial Applicator of Vineland. Dot was an avid Phillies fan and enjoyed trips to the casinos.

Mary Soto, 82, of Vineland, passed away on Sunday, November 30, at Lincoln Specialty Care, Vineland. Mary was born in Lares, Puerto Rico, and came to Vineland in 1967 from Brooklyn NY. She was a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall, Spanish Congregation. Prior to retirement, Mary was a seamstress for DeRossi & Son Clothing. She enjoyed crocheting, and being with her grandchildren and friends.

Ruth E. McGee (nee Fresne), 85, of the Forest Grove section of Franklin Twp. passed away on November 30, at home. Ruth was born and raised in Vineland and was a lifelong area resident. She was also predeceased by her husband James McGee in 2000. Before retiring, Ruth was employed as a secretary for PAFA (Parents and Friends Association). In her early years, she worked at the Minotola Apron Co which later became Hoover Brothers Clothing Co. Ruth was a graduate of Clayton High Class of 1948.

Rose A. (Falbo) DiOrio Garrison, of Vineland, passed away on November 30, at Inspira Medical Center after an extended illness. Rose was born in Norma, NJ, and was a lifelong resident of Vineland. She was a graduate of Vineland High and Shostag Beauty School. She worked as a waitress at Jim & Larry's Restaurant and also owned and operated Rosie's Beauty Salon from her home where she worked for many years. Rose worked at St. Francis of Assisi where she cooked for Bingo night and at Dane Barse Elementary School as an aide.

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CareerLaunch Workshop Held



Tim Andrews from the Cumberland County One-Stop Career Center held a CareerLaunch workshop with the Youth For Change (Y4C) teen members at the Boys and Girls Club of Vineland's Cunningham Site. Y4C is a Junior Staff Internship program that allows teens the opportunity to volunteer at the Club and receive job training in order to become a paid staff member. Participants must take the position seriously, take part in job readiness

sessions and maintain an A/B average in school in order to be eligible. Topics covered in the workshop included dependability on the job, taking initiative and working as a team. Careerlaunch is supported by a grant through Bank of America. Pictured from left: Carlos Arocho, Karissah DeLeon, Chris Bermudez, Jenny Maldonado, Jeromi Semidey, Alana Kostok and Tim Andrews.



THE VINELAND SERVICE CLUBS COUNCIL recently awarded its 2014 Outstanding Service Club of the Year Award to The Boys & Girls Club of Vineland. The award was presented to the Club at an awards dinner held at the Centerton Country Club. The special guest speaker at the event was Linda Cobb from Special Olympics. Honorable mention awards were presented

to Hug-A-Bear, Soroptimist International, The Women's Club of Vineland, Southwest Council, Family Success Center of Vineland, Countryside Garden Club, and The Vineland Rotary Club. Pictured from left: Club staff members Lavena Scafe, Ethel Wade, Claude Rozier, Jaclyn Barber, Tygh Powell, Club director Chris Volker, Club board president Shirley Santos, and former Service Clubs president emeritus Dr. Charles Valentine (who presented the award).

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On November 23, members of the 22nd Masonic District presented a check for \$2,025.00 to the N.J. Veterans Memorial Home in Vineland to be utilized by the Activities Department.

Shown during this presentation from left: Lisa Williams, Activities Director; R.W. Robert W. Karrer, Past Grand Chaplain; Boris

Reissek, LNHA, Chief Executive Officer; Forrest Andrews, Past Master; R.W. Kirk Karrer, 22nd Masonic District Ritual Instructor and R.W. Robert A. Tesoroni, Jr., Past Grand Chaplain. On October 25, 2014, a Dinner Dance/Fund Raiser was held at the Elks Lodge in Millville. This event was attended by fellow Masons, their families and friends with all proceeds benefiting our Veterans at the N.J. Veterans Memorial Home in Vineland.

Inspira Employees Deliver Meals to Patients in Need on Thanksgiving



On Thanksgiving morning, a group of Inspira Health Network employees and their families gathered at Inspira Medical Center Vineland to load up their cars with meals they delivered to the homes of patients in need. In total, the group delivered 86 meals to 43 families in the community.

The recipients of the meals were

identified through Inspira's COACH program, LIFE Center and Dialysis programs. All the meals were prepared by the Food and Nutrition Services Department at Inspira Medical Center Vineland and included healthy holiday items that were tailored to each patient's dietary needs. Food items were made possible by donations from employees.

From left: George and Beth Papamihalakis, Patricia Heslop, Suzanne Sees, Cody Blakely, Glenn Newkirk, Christian and Carly Roller, Lynette Newkirk, Gayle Bracaliello, Debra Dubois and Danielle Trout.



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There's one more sitting date for photos with Santa at the Cumberland County SPCA—**Sunday, December 14**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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A True Sense of Community

'hew! It's been quite a ride this past week! Now that the Pop-Up Store extravaganza is over and we can take a bit of a breather for the remainder of the year, I need to say a word of thanks and some words about our community as a whole.

The Pop-Up Store event was a tremendous success, surpassing our expectations and earning kudos from Main Street New Jersey. We planned it in a fraction of the time that it would normally take, but pulled it off without a hitch and with every event going smoothly. I'm not going to review each event because you've read about them in past columns. I do, however, want to compliment the people who made it all possible.

I want to thank Main Street New Jersey for their help and support, but it's the hard work and dedication on the local level of our volunteers that brought this to fruition. From the Main Street Vineland Board of Directors and Chairperson Louise Bertacchi, to my assistants, to the work of each of our four committees, and other volunteers who pitched in, I couldn't have asked for a better team to make this project a reality. Everyone came together and worked individually and collectively to turn plans and goals into reality. Bravo and my heartfelt thanks to all of you!

Even more than that, however, this project showed the tremendous sense of community in our city. It was the spirit of cooperation from state, county, and local governments, our Greater Vineland Chamber of Commerce, our area businesses, the branches of our armed services and our veterans, our broadcast and print media, cultural organizations, and a host of other organizations came

together and worked harmoniously to make this project work.

This latter factor is most important for our future events and projects. Partnerships among organizations are so important. They help to provide the interest, the leadership, the people power, and the funding resources to bring projects to fruition. Partnerships widen the pool of stakeholders—the ones interested in our project and willing to help. This is what made the Pop-Up Store event and the Holiday Parade before it—successes and this is what I want to see drive our events going forward.

Now, with these events behind us, I will be working with our Board and committees on plans for 2015. I want to increase our volunteer base and also our partnership base so that the kind of positive recognition that we achieved from the Pop-Up Store event will carry over into everything we do in the next year. Stay tuned!

During the holiday shopping season, make downtown Vineland your destination for buying that special gift, as well as for fun all year round. Save money on gasoline, avoid the long lines at the malls and shopping centers, and also enjoy the events we have in town. To save additional money, be sure to purchase your Main Street Vineland/Landis MarketPlace Loyalty Card. For more information on Main Street Vineland's events and activities, call our office at 856-794-8653 or visit our websitewww.mainstreetvineland.org, or check us out on Facebook. You can also e-mail me at rswanson@vinelandcity.org. 24

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Seniors — Class of 2015 Jeremy Banks Haley Batchelor Matthew Birmingham Jenna Cali Andrew DeJesus Taylor Dessin Andrea Farrell Megan Geisert Rachel Geissler Olivia Hennelly Chloe Holden Cody Jelinek **Austin Jones** Daniel Kline Matthew Mamounis Gabriella Mayo Jessica McGarvey Zachery Miller Karleigh Odore Tyler Pacheco

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Edgarton Families Support Student Council's "Share the Harvest"

The ECA families supported the school's student council as they collected 15 baskets full of everything needed for a holiday dinner. Working with The Inspira Family Success Center of Vineland, the students are sure their efforts made a difference to a family in need this Thanksgiving.

Pictured (back row) Student Council Advisor Pat Simone, Family Partner Ann Mulvihill, Bi-Lingual Family Partner Lillian Baker, Jake Caselli, Jacob Mallon, Kameron Solorzano, Craig Pellegrini, Nickolas Casalinuovo, Ian Graiff and Family Success Center Coordinator Donna Cooper.

Front row Leah Ferro, Genevieve Robins, Carina Cafiso and Nicole Wolkowicz.

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Cumberland Christian Students Thank Veterans





This year, Miss Hannan's fifth grade class at Cumberland Christian School invited United States veterans to their Thanksgiving Feast.

Students read the book, America's White Table, to the veterans, which tells the story of little white tables that are set in military dining halls across the country to remember veterans, especially POWs and MIAs. The table and everything on it is symbolic. The small round table is covered with a white tablecloth representing a soldier's pure heart when he answers the call to duty. On the plate, you find a lemon wedge representing the soldier's bitter fate and salt representing the tears of the soldier's family and friends. A black napkin stands for the sorrow of captivity. A glass is turned over signifying a meal that will never be eaten. A white candle shows that we hope for peace. A vase with a single red rose represents the desire for the loved one to return.

Students set a white table in the classroom in honor of the veterans who joined the class for lunch: Private E4 Frank Boyd (grandfather to Megan Ginchereau) served in the Army in Vietnam and Lieutenant Don Robbins (uncle to Addie Godfrey) served in the Navy during the Persian Gulf War.

Soldiers and students conversed over an untraditional Italian Thanksgiving Feast featuring lasagna, a salad bar, accompanied by traditional Thanksgiving desserts. Each veteran spoke to the class and students were able to learn history first-hand.

"My grandpa said that no one has ever thanked him before," commented Megan. This was in contrast to the wonderful welcome home that Addie's uncle received upon his return from the Persian Gulf.

The soldiers were presented with hand-made thank you cards decorated with patriotic illustrations and accompanied by words of appreciation such as, "Dear Veteran, Thank you for serving our country and risking your life for us. You are VERY brave and we can obviously tell that you love your country," and "Dear Veteran, Thank you for all you did for me to keep me safe! I'm so thankful for you! God bless you. Happy Thanksgiving."

TOP: Don Robbins and his niece Addie Godfrey

BOTTOM: Frank Boyd and granddaughter Megan Ginchereau

VHS Team Outscores Millville, 31-18, in Brain Brawl



The Vineland High School Academic Team defeated host Millville, 31-18, on Saturday, November 22, in the annual "Brain Brawl" between the two teams.

It was a 2-0 week for the Red and Gray, who won a close battle with Hammonton in the 2nd Annual Vineland Invitational Academic Bowl.

The battle for intellectual bragging rights between Vineland and Millville is the academic equivalent of the annual Thanksgiving

Day football game between the longtime rivals, one of the oldest high school football rivalries in the nation. The contest featured questions in math, history, literature, spelling, science, and current events.

The VHS team that outpointed Millville included co-captains Dhruv Patel, and William Lunsford, backed up by Anthony Carter, Angela Benson, Sarah Gibney, Robert Greene, Greg Hughes, Justin Malme, alternate Jeff Martine, and alternate Lindsay Olita. The coach is Vicki Yeager.

Millville's team included Ryan Pletcher, Sara Penka, Caroline Wood, Erica Coslop, Robert Page, Zack Eckert, Ethan Bryan, Breeann Stowe, Chelsea Smith and Matt Halloran. Coach is Donna Cedermark.

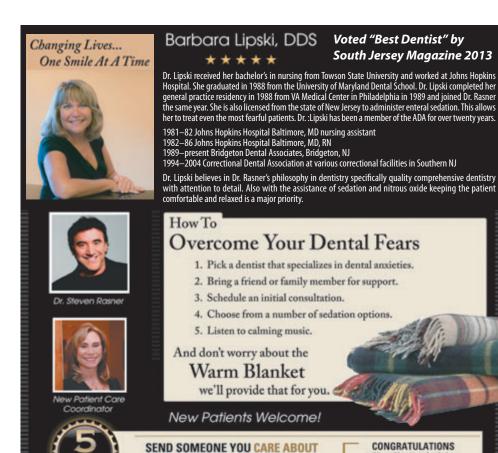
TOP: Co-captain William Lunsford holds up white board with answer to math question during Saturday's competition with Millville. At left is Angela Benson. In background is Justine Malme. BOTTOM: The winning VHS team.



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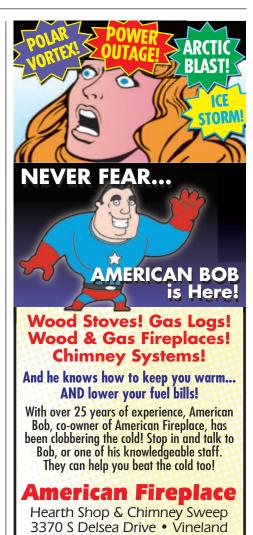
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Nightlife at MVP Sports. 408 Wheat Rd., Vineland. 856-697-9825. Food and drink specials all week. Wed.: Pool tournament, cash prizes. Thurs.: DJ Real Deal. Fri. Ladies Night 9 p.m.

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Nightlife at Ramada. Harry's Pub at Ramada, W. Landis Ave. and Rt. 55, Vineland, 696-3800. Wed.: Ladies Night, 1/2 price appetizers all night. Happy Hour Mon.-Sat, 4-6 p.m. \$1 off alcoholic drinks. Wed.-Sat., live entertainment.

Nightlife at Bojo's Ale House. 222 N. High St., Millville, 327-8011. Tues.: Bike Night with live entertainment. Wed.: Nick@Nite Open Mic 7 p.m. Fri.: Live music 9 p.m. Daily drink and food specials.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

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Sisters Christmas Catechism. Levoy Theatre, 126-130 N. High St., Millville. 8 p.m. It's "CSI: Bethlehem" in this holiday mystery extravaganza, from the author of Late Nite Catchism, as Sister takes on the mystery that has intrigued historians throughout the ages – whatever happened to the Magi's gold? Tickets \$29 & \$37, Day of Show (+\$5), www.levoy.net.

Soul of the Season: Book Signing / Adelente. Bogart's Bookstore. 210 N. High St., Millville. Book Signing with author Tino Rozza *Cucina Del Paradiso: The Sardinia Kitchen*, 6–8 p.m. Live music. Free. 6–9 p.m.

Benefit Christmas Concert. Bethany Grace Community Church, 31 N. Pearl St., Bridgeton. 6 p.m. The Bethany Choir, the Children's Choir, soloists, and sing-a-longs to Christmas favorites. A love offering will be taken to benefit Bethany Grace Community Church's Homeless Programs, including: Code Blue, Showers for the Homeless, Food Pantry, and Clothing Closet.

DECEMBER 13 AND 14

Jingle All The Way. Minotola United Methodist Church, 905 Central Ave., Minotola. Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 3 p.m. Join the singers, actors, dancers and elves in a celebration of Christmas. Presented by LeGrande Music Academy. Free, donations benefit the church's Heating and Energy Fund. Please bring a non-perishable food item. Food baskets will be distributed during December. 856-875-7548.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

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Christmas in Greenwich Holiday House Tour. Gibbon House, 960 Ye Greate St., Greenwich. Noon-5 p.m.

Auditions Announced

Auditions for A Streetcar Named Desire, the 2015 Cumberland Players Main Stage Drama, will be held at the Little Theatre in Vineland, on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. Doors will open 30 minutes before auditions. Show performances are March 6, 7, 13, and 14 at 8 p.m. and March 8 at 2 p.m. also at the Little Theatre. No understudies will be used for this show, so actors must be available for all performances. Although casting and a read-through will occur shortly after auditions, rehearsals will not begin in earnest until January.

Director Heidi Dugan is seeking men and women from age 18 and up. The director encourages anyone interested in this classic piece of American drama to audition. Approximately six men and six women are needed. All ethnicities are welcome. There is some flexibility in age ranges and small-role doubling, depending on who comes out for the show. The director is not seeking duplicates of the 1951 film actors. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. Come prepared to complete an audition form and conflict calendar for January through March.

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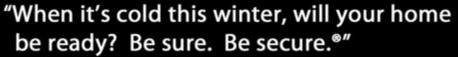
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BRIDGETON

10 & 20 Lake St., Cohansey Bridge LLC to Richard W Dawson on 7/29/14 for \$18,000 310 Colfax St., Investors Bank to Angelia L Edwards on 7/29/14 for \$35,000

COMMERCIAL TWP

332 Palm Rd., Fannie Mae (by Atty.) to Pledger James Real Estate Investments LLC on 7/30/14 for \$13,350

313 Robin Rd., New Jersey Housing & Mortgage Finance & C to CLS Properties LLC on 7/30/14 for \$21,000

DEERFIELD TWP

492 Richards Rd., Cohansey Bridge LLC to Sekela Hill on 7/30/14 for \$29,700

DOWNE TWP

192 Cove Rd., Francis J Blake to Robert C Motzer on 7/28/14 for \$255,000

FAIRFIELD TWP

298 Ramah Rd., Bernice M McQuaid (Adm. by Atty.) to Guffrey A Chambers on 7/28/14 for \$55,000

GREENWICH TWP

1455 Bridgeton Rd., David F Glaspey (Exec.) to Nicole Baxter on 7/24/14 for \$72,000

HOPEWELL TWP

317 W Park Dr., Christopher N Robbins to Michael Brooks, Sr. on 7/29/14 for \$155,000

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125 Main St., Louis F Romano, Jr. to Michelle L Naabe on 7/30/14 for \$155,000

910 Woodland Ave., Christopher Boss to Sharon Lynn Boss on 7/25/14 for \$55,000 363 Corsair Dr., NJMP Development Associates LLC to David Shields on 7/28/14 for \$62,500

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202 Howard St., Aaron Taylor Lane to William R Parker on 7/30/14 for \$65,000 200-202 Cedar St., Stellanna LLC to Maryann Coraluzzo on 7/30/14 for \$119,000

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Vintage Vineland (BY VINCE FARINACCIO)

Soldier Turns to Pastoring

Civil War hero William Pittenger settled in Vineland as a Methodist minister.

ast year, the Levoy Theater ran Buster Keaton's classic silent film The General as part of its schedule. At the time, its local relevance escaped attention because much of the historical data overlooked the specifics of one individual who survived the real-life attempt to steal a locomotive, the details of which serve as the film's plotline. But thanks to an account by Frank D. Andrews, the early 20th century editor of the Vineland Historical Magazine, that oversight can now be corrected.

Keaton's film, set in the American Civil War, depicts a somewhat altered version of what is historically known as Andrews Raid, which occurred in April 1862. Online historical sources convey the events that took place along with the aftermath. Soldiers involved in the raid are also listed and identified and one of those is William Pittenger, a corporal with the Union Army who volunteered for the mission.

Most of Pittenger's online biographies focus on his involvement in the Civil War, such as his participation in the First Battle of Bull Run on July 21, 1861, which occurred during his first enlistment as a private in the 2nd Ohio Infantry Regiment. The encounter has been called the first major battle of the war and a significant defeat for the North. But Pittenger would achieve a different sort of distinction when he reenlisted that same year and became part of Andrews Raid.

James J. Andrews was a civilian scout working for the Union, who was enlisted by Union General Ormsby Mitchel to assist in an attempt to seize Chattanooga, Tennessee. Andrews recommended that a small group of Union soldiers pose as civilians and sabotage the rail line of the Western and Atlantic Railroad connecting Chattanooga with Atlanta. According to online sources, he recruited civilian William Hunter Campbell and 22 army volunteers that included Pittenger.

Andrews commandeered the northbound General in Big Shanty, Georgia on April 12, 1862, as its passengers enjoyed breakfast at a nearby hotel. Traveling north, the Union raiders had planned to sabotage tracks, bridges, switches and telegraph lines, but General's conductor, William Allen Fuller, and two other men began an

immediate pursuit of the locomotive and its hijackers by traveling on foot and by handcar before commandeering several trains.

The Union raiders soon encountered hills and had to maintain an average speed of 15 miles per hour amidst stops to sabotage the railway, but Fuller was never too far behind. The best Andrews' men could do was cut telegraph lines since they were ill-equipped to dynamite tracks and bridges.

Mitchel, apparently impatient, began his siege of Chattanooga, forcing the Confederates to evacuate trains from that city by commanding priority use of the rail line. This halted the raiders until Andrews managed to trick the locomotive Texas into allowing General to take the main track. By then Fuller had closed in, and just north of Ringgold, Georgia, General ran out of fuel and the raiders took flight. When, after all 24 raiders were captured, eight, including Andrews, were executed.

Pittenger was not one of those eight. He remained in a Confederate prison until March 1863, when he was part of an exchange between the warring sides. He became the fifth recipient of the Medal of Honor that same month.

The Vineland Historical Magazine reports that because Pittenger's health was so impaired by then, he was forced to leave the army. The following year, he joined the Pittsburgh conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1871, he was appointed to Vineland's Methodist Church. Sources do not indicate how long he remained before his next appointment, but the Historical Magazine notes that his popularity returned him to Vineland as pastor from 1877 until 1880. It was during this time that Pittenger was visited by one of his companions in the Andrews Raid. A recital held at the Methodist Church featured both raiders' accounts of their part in stealing the locomotive and their subsequent capture and incarceration.

Pittenger also wrote about his war experience in his book Daring and Suffering, A History of the Great Railroad Adventure, which became successful enough to merit an enlarged edition. Unfortunately, he died in 1909, some 17 years before Buster Keaton used his book to form the basis of the film The General. 28



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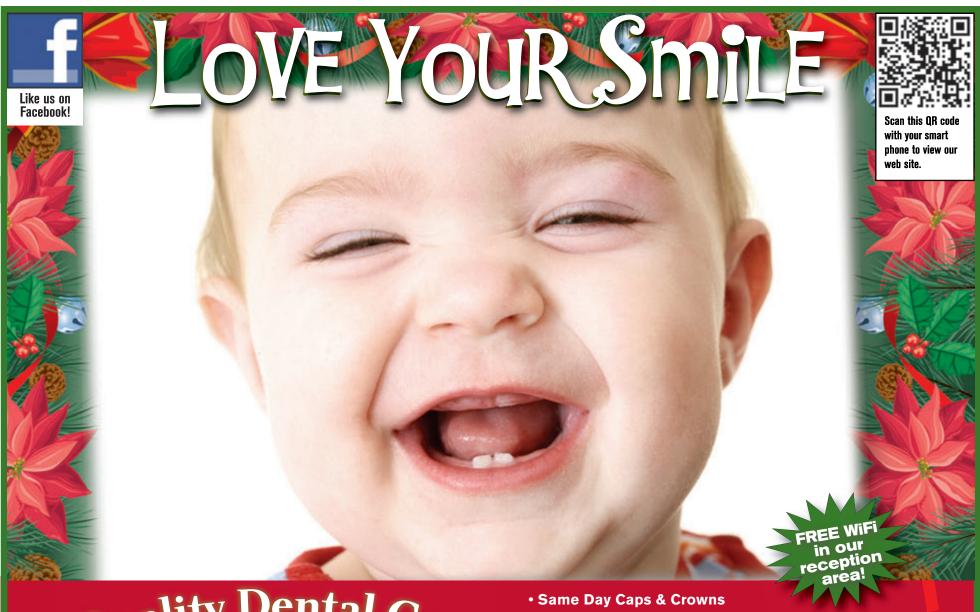
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