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ALDAN**A HEART FOR SERVICE**

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Charley Duffy stands next to the sign recognizing the fields named in his honor in Aldan Borough. The Aldan Boosters unveiled the sign this spring to honor Duffy for four decades of community service, including volunteer efforts with the Aldan Boys Club, Town Watch, Boy Scouts, the Fourth of July Association and the Boosters.

BETHEL**SPRUCING UP THE SCHOOL**

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Girl Scout's Daisy Troop 571 and Junior Troop 571 celebrate Earth Day by weeding and mulching the Bethel Springs Elementary School (BSES) Butterfly Garden. They also removed dead plants, making room for some new butterfly-friendly additions in May. Cadette Scout Lizzie Qian led this project to achieve her Silver Award. Pictured at work mulching the BSES Butterfly Garden are Lorelei Matthey, of Garnet Valley; Sadie Rymsa, of Glen Mills; Brin and Katelynn Slowik, of Garnet Valley; and Eleanor Robert, of Glen Mills.

ASTON**FIREHOUSE OVERHAUL**

KATHLEEN CAREY — DIGITAL FIRST MEDIA

Mike Evans gives a tour of the Aston firehouse to Rick Vilello, deputy secretary for community affairs and development for the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. This summer, the Aston Township Fire Department received a \$1 million Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant to quadruple the size of its Dutton Mill Road firehouse. When completed, the new firehouse will have six fire truck bays, two bays for emergency medical services, new office space, meeting rooms, bunk rooms, a recreation room and space for storage and equipment.

BROOKHAVEN**A LOVE FOR THE AGES**

Bride Vera Burlew, 90, stands with her groom, Peter Hosler, 91, following their wedding ceremony in Brookhaven. The nongenerian couple, who met through their local AARP chapter, ties the knot last November. "Vera and Peter may be in their 90s, but they have youth in their hearts," said the Rev. Julia Singleton, pastor of Christ United Methodist.

KATHLEEN CAREY — DIGITAL FIRST MEDIA

CHADDS FORD**BON APPÉTITE**

PEG DEGRASSA — DIGITAL FIRST MEDIA

Owner/chef Philip Ferro stands in the midst of the spacious dining room at the Chadds Ford Tavern. New ownership completed renovations at the 215-year-old building, and the restaurant reopened this spring.

CHESTER**FIRST-PLACE FINISH**

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The Boys & Girls Club of Chester accepts a first-place award for the second consecutive year in the Delaware County Cooperative Extension Garden Contest.

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CLIFTON HEIGHTS

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



PHOTOS BY PETE BANNAN — DIGITAL FIRST MEDIA

Clifton Heights firefighter Michael Morrison wears the historic fire company dress hat while pushing an antique hand pumper in the annual July Fourth parade on Baltimore Pike.



Gerome and Dylan Neal wave the flag during the annual Clifton Heights July Fourth parade.



Miss and Mr. Fourth of July in Clifton Heights are Mckayla Steele and Luke Clark. They rode together during the annual parade on Baltimore Pike.

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CHESTER HEIGHTS**HOP TO IT**

The Easter Bunny prepares to get a ride to the inaugural Chester Heights Easter egg hunt from the Chester Heights Fire Company this spring.

COLLINGDALE**SURE SIGN OF SPRING**

KEVIN TUSTIN — DIGITAL FIRST MEDIA

Synquetta Walker serves up free water ice at the Rita's store in Collingdale as local residents take advantage of free water ice to celebrate the first day of spring.

COLWYN**Legend lives on**

Digital First Media file story

COLWYN » In Colwyn, legend has it that there is a ghost who lives along the Cobbs Creek at Anne's Rock.

The story goes that a young Native American woman by the name of Anne fell in love with a white man. She and her lover would meet but her father was totally against it. He saw them together, so she jumped off the rock into the creek and drowned. To this day you can find Anne's Rock in Colwyn. Some say she is always there waiting for her lover.

Is the true? No one knows, but it has become a bit of a landmark in Colwyn. In 2009, the Tri County Paranormal Research Society investigated this tale at Anne's Rock. According to

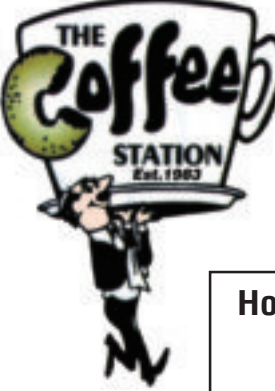
their website and findings the story passed down may have had a few twists that still are unclear.

The Tri County Paranormal Society is dedicated to promoting better understanding of the paranormal through careful investigation, research and documentation. They do not charge for their services.


The group set up a ghost box to have an ITC session and try and get some answers. They asked who was watching us from the trees. Their answer was noone. They asked if Anne was the traditional name of the suicidal girl and if she was a Native American. The answer again was no. Then they asked why the ghost didn't leave and he said he couldn't leave. The voice ac-

ording to the group was a male's voice.


The sound a ghost box produces is similar to using the tuner on a vintage car radio to quickly pass over the stations by hand. It can alter the voice. Thus you don't know for sure whether you recorded a male or female spirit. So for now the legend of Colwyn lives on. If you see the ghost of Anne lurking around Anne's Rock in Colwyn, let the Tri County Paranormal Research Society know. If you have a ghost you need to find out about you can contact the Tri County Paranormal Research Society at <http://www.delcoghosts.com/>. Be careful you never know what lurks in and outside the walls in Delaware County.



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CONCORD**CHURCH FINDS NEW HOME**

Following the final service inside Garnet Valley Middle School last November, members of ValleyPoint Church join the Garnet Valley High School Marching Band, the VFW Color Guard and others in a parade down Bethel Road to the brand the church's new home. About 800 people attended the event.

DARBY**HE'S MAKING A LIST ...**

KEVIN TUSTIN — DIGITAL FIRST MEDIA

Dalisse Stephens meets Santa Claus before she opens up a pile of presents at Darby Fire Company No. 1 last holiday season.

EAST LANSDOWNE**AUTISM AWARENESS**

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Delaware County Council awards Mayor John Dukes, center, with a resolution for his work to bring awareness to autism with his book "Dadders, Can I Pet the Whales?" With Dukes, from left, are Councilmen Brian Zidek and Kevin Madden, Vice Chairwoman Colleen Morrone, Councilman Michael Culp and Chairman John McBlain.

EDDYSTONE**A NEW LOOK**

BARBARA ORMSBY — FOR DIGITAL FIRST MEDIA

The Lighthouse Hall, which once served as borough hall, in the Eddystone Villages development is pictured. Eddystone has received a state Redevelopment Assistant Capital Program grant of \$1.3 million to revitalize this section of the community. The project proposes the re-development of homes within the four-block village area that are in a deteriorated condition.

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EDGMONT**DEN OF ANTIQUITY**

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Joanne Hartley and her brother, Elmer "Chip" Miller III, are co-owners of the Den of Antiquity located on Middletown Road in Edgmont. The business has been in the family for more than 90 years from its transformation as a truck stop and general store to the antique shop it is today.

FOLCROFT**HOLIDAY SPIRIT**

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Folcroft police Officers Pete Acquarola, left, and Dan White, Folcroft police Sgt. Christopher Eiserman and Sharon Hill police Chief Richard Herron make one of several turkey deliveries leading up to last year's Thanksgiving holiday.

GLENOLDEN**HONORING SERVICE MILESTONE YEAR**

PETE BANNAN — DIGITAL FIRST MEDIA

Marine Corps League Chaplain Chris Bush presents Vietnam veteran Joe Tier with his service medals after they were re-mounted at his home in Glenolden. The military support organizations A Hero's Welcome and Warriors' Watch Riders rallied to honor Tier 50 years after his service as a marine. Two dozen motorcycles, fire trucks and neighbors turned out to wish Tier well during the brief ceremony.

LANSDOWNE**MILESTONE YEAR**

KEVIN TUSTIN — DIGITAL FIRST MEDIA

The Lansdowne Theater marquee displays a celebratory wish to the borough as 2018 marks the borough's 125th anniversary.

HAVERFORD

LET THE MUSIC PLAY



PHOTOS BY PETE BANNAN — DIGITAL FIRST MEDIA

The Haverford Music Festival brings out the crowds for a day of music including popular tribute bands Earth Wonder & Fire, Live at the Fillmore and Elton Rohn.



Live at the Fillmore, an Allman Brothers tribute band, headlines the Haverford Music Festival.



Photographer Alex Lowery captures the excitement of the Haverford Music Festival.



Al Reid Jr. plays the saxophone at the Haverford Music Festival Darby Road stage.

MARPLE

GIVING BACK



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Marple Council of Republican Women donate a Thanksgiving food basket, including an 18-pound turkey and trimmings, to the food bank of St. Mark's Church of Broomall for needy families in the area. The Marple Council of Republican Women is a local women's council whose mission statement is to provide support and encouragement for women of all ages and their families. Pictured are members, from left, Gloria Keleshian, Charlotte Savage, Nancy Ricca, Vandana Lothe and Jan Gaudin.

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MEDIA**SUMMER TRADITION**

Dining Under the Stars returns to State Street in Media for another summer. With the street closed to traffic every Wednesday night and restaurants setting up their tables out in the streets, dining al fresco is a summer tradition in the borough.

MIDDLETOWN**GREEN THUMBS**

PEG DEGRASSA — DIGITAL FIRST MEDIA

Seniors in the horticulture program at Williamson College of The Trades are pictured with instructor Chuck Feld inside the greenhouse behind Alumni Hall on the campus in Middletown Township. The students showed their exhibit, "Would You Drink The Water?," in the annual Philadelphia Flower Show at the Pennsylvania Convention Center this spring.

MILLBOURNE**Smallest town, largest Indian population**

Digital First Media file story

MILLBOURNE » On the very

tip of Upper Darby's nose by Upper Darby and Philadelphia, Millbourne runs Millbourne. Surrounded about six blocks long and

two blocks deep, with a population of just over 1,000.

Millbourne is noted for having the largest concentration of Indian American in the U.S., accounting for about 40 percent of the borough's population, according to the 2014 American Community Survey. Another 24 percent are Bangladeshi. Overall, 71 percent of the population is born in an Asian country, predominantly in the continent's southern region. These statistics make Millbourne the only municipality in the state to have an Asian-American majority.

The reach of the Indian culture extends into neighboring communities, in part, by the Philadelphia Sikh Society, situated inside the borough. A Sikh temple, known as a gurdwara, is also located in Millbourne and it's where the Philadelphia Sikh Society holds services.

Sikhism is one of the largest organized religions in the world with over 28 million followers, of which 250,000 are in America.

Location of the Philadelphia Sikh Society is convenient for the local Sikh community.

Until recently, the borough council was mostly comprised of caucasian members with European ancestories. Now, the five-person council is made up entirely of (South) Asian members.

A surge in the Indian population starting the 1990s, with another wave following the 9/11 attacks when Sikh New Yorkers fled to escape racial profiling.

Millbourne may only be 0.07 square miles in area, but it has one of the biggest footprints in the American Indian population.

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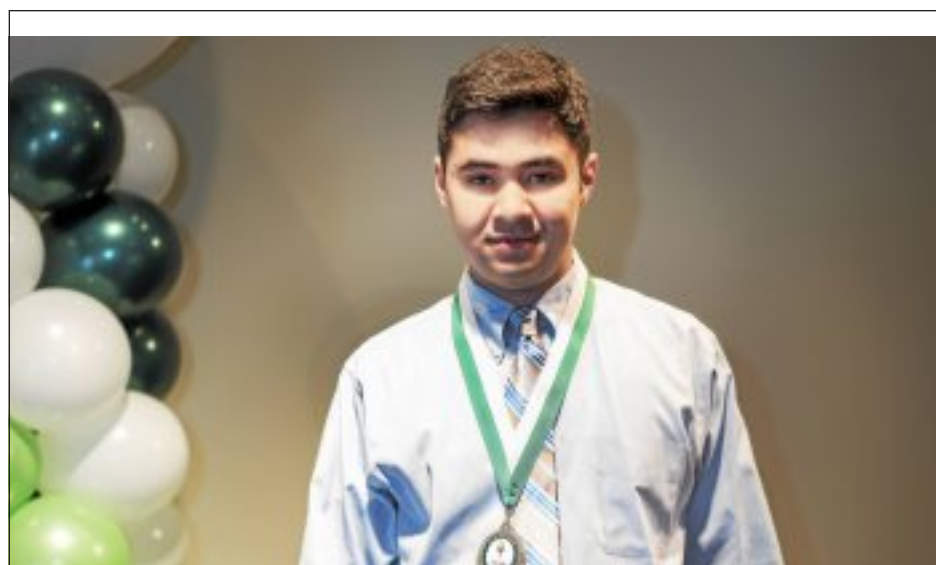
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MORTON**TRAIN STATION TREATS**

PEG DEGRASSA — DIGITAL FIRST MEDIA

Toni Maxey, owner of The Original Coffee Bar & Roaster in Morton, stands alongside the takeout window where commuters at the Morton train station can pick up their hot beverages or meals-on-the-go when embarking or disembarking the train.

NETHER PROVIDENCE**YOUNG HERO**

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Thomas Bak wears his medal from the TD Bank Young Heroes Award ceremony at the National Liberty Museum. Bak received this honor for his work in demonstrating that autism is not a limitation but just a different way of living.

NEWTOWN**TIGER SIGHTING**

PETE BANNAN — DIGITAL FIRST MEDIA

Tiger Woods birdies the 10th hole at Aronimink Golf Club during the first round of the BMW Championship earlier this year.

NORWOOD**A HELPING HAND**

KEVIN TUSTIN — DIGITAL FIRST MEDIA

A community pantry box has been set up near the entrance of the Norwood Library. This small, easily accessible pantry box full of canned goods and personal hygiene products was created as part of David Ross's service project so he could help those in his community who may be in need. The motto for this self-service pantry is, "Take what you need; donate what you can."

PARKSIDE**ON THE HUNT**

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The Easter Bunny poses with the golden egg winners during Parkside's annual Easter egg hunt.

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PROSPECT PARK**HALLOWEEN SPIRIT**

SUBMITTED PHOTO

"Spike the Dragon" keeps guard over the Sauer house on Prospect Avenue in Prospect Park for the Halloween season.

RIDLEY PARK**NEVER FORGET**

PEG DEGRASSA — DIGITAL FIRST MEDIA

Edward Caleo stands in front of the $\frac{9}{11}$ tribute memorial that he constructed in the Spirit of America Park on Sellers Avenue in Ridley Park as part of his Eagle Scout project.

RIDLEY**ORDER UP**

Cassidy Macomber sits the new Cracker Barrel Country Store in Ridley Township on opening day for the new restaurant last November. Macomber was the first one through the doors at 5:45 a.m.

RUTLEDGE**COMBINED COMPANY SERVES COMMUNITY**

RUTLEDGE » The Rutledge Fire Company was established in 1887 and the Morton Fire Company was established in 1891. Both companies served their individual boroughs with pride for over 100 years, but early on after the turn of the century, man power and staffing became a growing issue throughout the fire service that could not be ignored.

Due to limited availability of man power, the growing costs of operating and the increase in number of

alarms, talks began about the companies merging. In September 2009, Rutledge Fire Company moved into the same station with the Morton Fire Company. The companies consolidated manpower, equipment and operating costs, and on March 5, 2010, the Morton Fire Company (119 years), Company 11, and the Rutledge Fire Company (123 years), Company 13, both went out of service and the Morton-Rutledge Fire Company, Company 13 officially went in service.

The Morton-Rutledge Fire Company provides fire protection for the boroughs of Morton and Rutledge. Between the two boroughs, the company covers approximately ½ square mile and approximately 3,500 citizens. In addition, there are a number of business, restaurants and industrial sites in the area. The SEPTA Media/Elwyn Regional Rail line also runs through the local and has a stop in Morton.

ROSE VALLEY**READY TO SERVE**

Firefighter Ellen Yarborough, of Rose Valley, stands beside one of South Media Fire Company's trucks.

SHARON HILL**SWEET TREATS**

Owners Shaun Morrison, left, and Danielle Hinton, right, serve cups of water ice through windows to customers inside Sani's Sweet Treats on Chester Pike in Sharon Hill.

SPRINGFIELD**EVERYONE'S IRISH FOR THE DAY**

PHOTOS BY PETE BANNAN — DIGITAL FIRST MEDIA

Springfield's St. Patrick Day Parade Grand Marshal Bishop Donal McKeown leads the parade down Saxer Avenue.

THORNBURY**FORGING PARTNERSHIPS**

BILL RETTEW — DIGITAL FIRST MEDIA

Gov. Tom Wolf talks about Cheyney University's plans to partner with Thomas Jefferson University, Starbucks and others to create a new African American-focused institute that will promote the school's legacy as the nation's oldest historically black college.

SWARTHMORE**TAKING CENTER STAGE**

SUBMITTED PHOTO — PLAYERS CLUB OF SWARTHMORE

Michael Murphy, Jeffrey Martin and Mike Sokolowski star in the Players Club of Swarthmore's production of "Guys and Dolls," which hit the stage earlier this year.

TINICUM**ROCK ON**

PETE BANNAN — DIGITAL FIRST MEDIA

Bluegrass band Under the Oak entertains the crowd during the 2018 Yachtstock Riverjam.

UPLAND**HOMETOWN HEROES**

PETE BANNAN — DIGITAL FIRST MEDIA

Upland Borough honors hometown heroes, including Sgt. Jeffery C.S. Sherer who died in Afghanistan in 2011, with banners throughout the borough.

UPPER PROVIDENCE**SEEKING A FOREVER HOME**

PETE BANNAN — DIGITAL FIRST MEDIA

Dugan, one of the pets up for adoption at the Providence Animal Center in Upper Providence, enjoys a meal.

UPPER DARBY**HOW DOES YOUR**

KEVIN TUSTIN — DIGITAL FIRST MEDIA

Upper Darby Community Outreach Corporation members Kei'Asia Gibson, left, sees the bounty of the garden's riches with a cucumber picked by Shankia Devore.

YEADON**CELEBRATING MOM**

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Friendship Circle Senior Center holds a Mother's Day celebration. Pictured are Friendship Circle members Helen Grande and Rita Moore; Moore's daughter, Debbie Tacone; speaker Joy Hepkins; and Linda Grande.

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