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Northampton Girl Scout Troops help others



Brownie Troop 2789 filled 1000 eggs with candy for the Salvation Army Easter Egg Hunt that took place earlier this month. Read about this and other good deeds on page 6.

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Northampton Girl Scout Troops help others, locally and globally

by Danielle Cook

Girl Scouts has always focused on leadership and service, and Martin Luther King Junior Day is the perfect time for the girls to put their training to work.

While most students were enjoying their day off from school on January 16th, 165 Girl Scouts rolled up their sleeves to help out their communities.

Together, these girls provided valuable service to over 1,200 people all over eastern Pennsylvania.

Aid for Friends, an organization that delivers prepared, frozen meals to local housebound elders, received over 200 "Breakfast Bags" stuffed with mini cereal boxes, granola bars, and tea bags.

The girls also cooked their own soups and chili, ladling them into containers to be frozen until they could be delivered. Between those cups and other nonperishables that they collected, Girl Scouts donated more than 460 items to Aid for Friends' pantry.

Surrounded by tall buildings made of brick and concrete, life in the city can feel colorless.

Artists in Philadelphia have worked to brighten up their city with everything from graffiti under bridges to bright, detailed murals on large, blank walls.

In May of 2015, Gabriel "Leter" Pecina, an Arizonan artist, helped a group of eighth graders in Warren G. Harding Middle School decorate their outside wall, and this January,



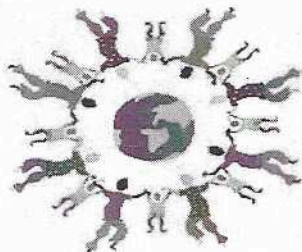
Girls from Senior Troop 263 joined over 1,000 volunteers at Warren G. Harding Jr. High in Philadelphia to paint murals with motivational messages throughout the school.

Senior Girl Scout Troop 263 drove there to work with many other volunteers to brighten up the school's hallways inside.

Children's stuffed animals, as much as they are loved, suffer through much wear and tear and often end up in the trash

and landfills. However, The Stuffed Animal Rescue (<https://thestuffedanimalrescue.wordpress.com/>) was started as a Girl Scout Silver Award project by Katie Trojak in Troop 21279. They work to save the cud-

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Girl Scout Spring forward with Northampton Parks & Rec

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dly creatures by collecting old animals, cleaning and fixing them, and donating them to less fortunate families that can't afford to buy them.

One of their donation centers is in Southampton, and Girl Scouts donated 48 used stuffed animals on MLK Day, bringing them ever closer to their goal of 500 animals.

The Salvation Army, in addition to providing struggling and families people with clothes, food, and financial services, also host events to entertain the community, such as holiday games.

Brownie Troop 2789 stuffed 1,000 eggs full of candy for the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Levittown this April, allowing the neighborhood children to enjoy a special treat.

Some of the girls are even planning to help set up the egg hunt.

In one day, approximately 200 Girl Scouts in Northampton Township helped over 1,200 people, but Girl Scout Service Units all over the country participate in Martin Luther King Service every year.

If one girl can make a difference, then Girl Scouts everywhere can band together and change the world.

If you are interested in learning more information about Girl Scouts in Northampton Township, visit www.Rockunitedgs.weebly.com.

If you are interested in information about Girl Scouts outside of Northampton Township, visit the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania website (www.gsep.org) or the Girl Scouts of the USA website (www.girlscouts.org).

Challenge yourself at the BuckFit 5K Run/1K Fun Run on Sunday, April 30th, held at the Municipal Park.

There will be trophies in all age categories along with an Elementary School student division to represent and run for your school.

Baseball and fireworks makes a great Mother's Day or early graduation gift! Come out and cheer on the Reading Phillies vs. Trenton Thunder, Saturday, May 24th, 7:00pm.

A super value ticket is only \$11.

Take a trip with Parks & Rec and book your seat to visit Lancaster's Kitchen Kettle Village and Rockvale Outlets on May 18th, \$59 per person.

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