

# Willis Towne Crier

*In Willistown, nearly everybody reads the Crier!*



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## Renewing Growing Greener

### A Movement to Renew Funding for Public Spaces

Pennsylvania's Growing Greener program has transformed the Commonwealth by empowering communities to protect working farms and special places, clean up rivers and streams, create and improve parks and trails, and revitalize cities and towns. **Willistown Township received \$500,000 from Growing Greener through the Department of conservation and Natural Resources to assist in acquiring Okehocking Preserve, and \$69,500 through the Department of Environmental Protection to remove the dam on the main stem of Ridley Creek at Okehocking.** After a decade of success, the funding sources that support Growing Greener are nearly gone. A group of organizations and individuals have come together to form the Renew Growing Greener Coalition—you can help too! The following information was taken from [renewgrowinggreener.org](http://renewgrowinggreener.org).

Growing Greener began in 1999 when Governor Tom Ridge and legislative leaders agreed to commit \$650 million over five years for investments in farmland preservation, conservation of open space, restoring and protecting Pennsylvania's streams and rivers, improving and expanding state and local parks, and developing new trails and greenways.

In 2002, Governor Mark Schweiker and the General Assembly created the Environmental Stewardship Fund to help fulfill the original Growing Greener commitment and to establish a permanent funding mechanism to carry the program's success into the future. They provided the

Environmental Stewardship Fund with a dedicated revenue source by increasing the fee charged for dumping trash in Pennsylvania landfills.

In 2005, Governor Ed Rendell and the General Assembly, recognizing the need to accelerate the work of Growing Greener, decided to put a \$625 million bond referendum question to the voters. In the primary election, 60% of voters approved the bond and Growing Greener II was established. However, it was subsequently decided that the Growing Greener II debt

*Growing Greener II ends in 2011. To help renew Growing Greener, go to [renewgrowinggreener.org](http://renewgrowinggreener.org) and sign a statement of support.*

service would be paid out of the Environmental Stewardship Fund, thus significantly reducing the impact of that program.

Polls show strong, consistent public support for programs that improve our quality of life, the economy, and the environment throughout Pennsylvania. For a decade, legislators, Governors, and voters from both parties have recognized the value of investing in Pennsylvania's land, water, and



Okehocking Preserve was acquired with the assistance of Growing Greener funds.

communities. The economic benefits of Growing Greener include generating jobs and strengthening local economies, providing clean water and reducing water treatment costs, reducing local taxes, enhancing and protecting property values, and supporting the forest product, agriculture and tourism industries and rural communities.

Growing Greener has invested in every county in the state. In the past four years alone, Growing Greener has helped people:

- Protect more than 33,700 acres of Pennsylvania's family farmland;
- Conserve more than 42,300 acres of threatened open space;
- Improve Public Recreation through 234 park projects;
- Restore more than 1,600 acres of abandoned mine land.

The success of the Growing Greener program enabling Pennsylvania communities to make

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**Comprehensive Plan**  
*Your Comments Please!*

The Township is looking for public comments on the comprehensive plan. Please go to [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us) to view the draft plan (located in the left hand menu). All comments should be submitted to Rita Reves ([rreves@willistown.pa.us](mailto:rreves@willistown.pa.us)) by December 3rd, 2010.



# Sugartown Garden Fall Fest

— Celebrating Community and the Season —

*Top left: Farmer Ron's lasagna garden bed preparation method—the mulch layer. Bellissimo! (See [www.willistownparks.org](http://www.willistownparks.org) for more info on "lasagna gardening.")*



*Top right: Dan Radzanowski, garden committee member in carpenter mode, demonstrating compost bin construction. (See [www.willistownparks.org](http://www.willistownparks.org) for compost bin info.)*



*Right: Harvesting seeds to plant at home next spring...garden bounty spread about town!*



Special thanks to all of our event volunteers including Willistown residents Julia Scott and Alexis Vastardis; Parks and Recreation Board members Judy Young, Dick McDonnell and Ken Lehr; Gabi Kecskes (herbalist); garden committee members Kelly DeCurtis (Queen Bee for this event), Dan Radzanowski, Lori Stefancic, Ron Ploeg, Susan Ploeg, Rika Schmitt, and Judy "Two Hats" Young. Thanks to all for a great season!

*Leaf Rubbings*



*Parachute Fun!*



## Calling all Willistown Gardeners and Wannabes!

If you are interested in a garden plot at the proposed Greentree Park\* community garden, then join us Thursday, November 18th at 7:00 PM in room 208 at the Greentree Office Plaza (40 Lloyd Avenue, Malvern). Get in on the "ground" floor of this project with your own garden spot or pair up with a friend or another family. Bring your gardening knowledge, or learn from our experienced garden committee and guests as we grow. If you can't attend the meeting or if you have questions, contact Mary at 610-647-5300 ext. 224 or [mhm@willistown.pa.us](mailto:mhm@willistown.pa.us).

*\*Greentree Park is located at 21 Grubb Road a few blocks north of General Wayne Elementary School.*

## Thrilling Third Thursdays at Greentree Park

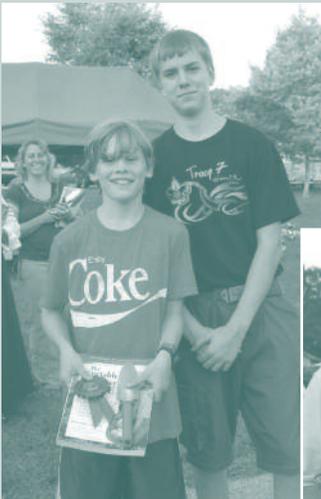
# T3@Greentree!

The T3@Greentree events were another big hit this year. The magic and puppet show, children's and bluegrass bands, and The Country Fair are pristine and inspiring experiences and images of down-home America that would surely qualify as worthy material for American painter and illustrator, Norman Rockwell. In Willistown, we paint our own Rockwells!

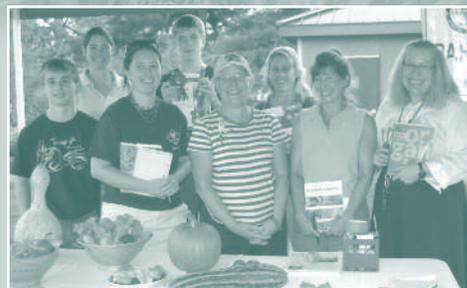


### 2010 Country Fair Produce Winners

George Rubin, the grand prize winner of the coveted Golden Trowel and recipient of the *Produce Grower's Bible*, won for his spectacular heirloom tiger-striped tomato.



For his artistic agriculture, "Veggie Still Life", the Silver Spade and *Grocery Gardening* went to John McGarvey pictured here with judge Lisa Kiziuk.



Many thanks to our 2010 Greentree Country Fair Prize Produce Competition Judges (representatives of local organizations participating in the fair). Left to right: Adam Pinos of Boy Scout Troop 7, Mary McLoughlin of Willistown Township Department of Parks and Recreation, Nicole Comoni of Cub Scout Pack 98, Matthew Ranetti of Boy Scout Troop 7, Maggie Smaltz of Paoli Library, Lisa Kiziuk of Willistown Conservation Trust, Sharon Bennett our neighborhood resident representative, and Cheryl Snyder of Historic Sugartown.



And in the Gargantuan Category for her zany zucchini, Ella DeCurtis won the Bronze Claw and *The Gardener's A-Z Guide to Growing Organic Food*.

**Thank you to all entries!**

## Renewing Growing Greener *continued from cover.*

major improvements in our quality of life, environment and economy is undeniable, but there is much more left to do.

- We are losing three times as much forest, wildlife habitat, farmland, and other open spaces to development as we are able to conserve;
- Our rivers and streams—and the communities that depend on them—are threatened by flooding and pollution. The Commonwealth currently has 16,000 miles of streams that are unfit for swimming or fishing;
- Abandoned mines mar 189,000 acres in 44 counties and are the cause of 5,300 miles of dead streams;

- Pennsylvania has made good progress in protecting productive farmland to safeguard our food supply, but more than 2,000 families remain on a waiting list to protect their farms;
- 58% of the state's population lives in older communities that have an urgent need for investment aimed at improving livability and prosperity: rehabilitating parks, establishing trails, planting trees, managing stormwater, renovating waterfronts, redeveloping brownfields, and preserving historic places.

Growing Greener II ends in 2011. Compounding the problem, the Environmental Stewardship Fund, which

also funds Growing Greener projects, is being used to pay debt service on the Growing Greener II bonds rather than supporting vital local projects. To ensure that Pennsylvania communities can continue their work, it is critical that the Commonwealth renew Growing Greener. To sign a statement of support for renewing Growing Greener go to [Renewgrowinggreener.org](http://Renewgrowinggreener.org) > Coalition > Sign Statement of Support. The site also suggests other actions individuals and organizations can take, gives access to summaries of Growing Greener funded projects, financial statistics on the economic benefits of the program, and much more.

**Open Space Review Board**  
*From the Chairman, Ted Leisenring*

In 1999, Willistown Township residents passed a referendum to raise money for acquiring open space. An Open Space Review Board (OSRB) was created to identify, review, and rate property that might be acquired by the township. After completing a detailed rating report, the OSRB recommends parcels to the Supervisors who make the final decision about acquisitions. The Open Space Review Board consists of township residents including myself, Mike Devine (township auditor), Bernard Cooker, Jill Red (Environmental Advisory Council), Bill Shoemaker (Board of Supervisors Chairman), Cole Walsh (Parks and Recreation Board), and Brook Gardner.

For the past ten years, the OSRB and Supervisors have worked with the Willistown Conservation Trust to get matching grants from both the state and county to supplement your tax contributions. So far 374 acres have been preserved using \$9.8 million of the Township Open Space Fund and \$11 million in matching funds and grants from the state and Chester County. Just over 205 of these acres are owned by Willistown Township. Go to the [www.willistownparks.org](http://www.willistownparks.org) park map to find out about lands acquired with these funds including Okehocking Preserve, Kirkwood Preserve, and the Line Road Field.

The benefits of this open space include: recreation for the public, protection of natural habitat for animals and plants, watershed preservation, and less development, and therefore need township services. Willistown Township, compared to neighboring townships, has led the way in the acquisition of open space—something we can all be very proud of.

The Open Space Fund has over \$2 million dollars available for property acquisition. Although there are not as many large parcels available in the northern part of our township, the Board of Supervisors and the Open Space Review Board are committed to a focus on the north to balance the acquisition of parks in southern Willistown. Our most recent acquisition of a property on Duffryn Avenue gives Willistown residents easy access to the 45-acre Randolph Woods in the Borough of Malvern, although a formal trail has not been constructed.

The OSRB is open to suggestions about property to evaluate for acquisition. If you know of a property that could be used as a park area, call the township office at 610-647-5300 and ask for Dottie McClintock.

Got Leaves?

Reminder about leaf collections by Allied Waste and A.J. Blosenski.

**Allied Waste will pick up leaves from curbsides on Saturday, December 4th.**  
**A.J. Blosenski will pick up on Saturday, December 11th.**

Collected leaves are trucked to and deposited in specialized compost sites. Therefore, leaves must be in biodegradable, paper bags, which may be purchased at Ace Hardware, Paoli, and Lowe's and Home Depot stores. Bags cost about \$1.00 and they are quite large with a square bottom for easy packing. These are the only type of paper bags the haulers will pick up on 12/4 and 12/11. Plastic bags full of leaves will not be collected on these dates.

**CHRISTMAS TREE CURBSIDE PICK-UP**

**Allied Waste: Mailer with date to be sent. A.J. Blosenski: January 12th.**

*Seventh Annual—Always Successful—*  
**Coat Collection by Cub Scout Packs 71 and 98**

**November 15 – December 17**

Keep the "Always Successful" coat collection program rolling for the seventh consecutive year by recycling those old outerwear coats that are in great shape but that you no longer wear. You know, the ones that just hang in your closet or are in a storage chest and never get used. Sound familiar? There are many people in need of outerwear coats this winter, and you can help them by donating as many as you can. They must be in GOOD CONDITION and CLEAN, used or new, and outerwear coats only. To repeat—COATS ONLY!

**Drop-Off Period:**  
**Monday, November 15th**  
**to Friday, December 17th, 2010**

**Drop-off Sites**  
*(only when facilities are open):*

- **Malvern Public Library**  
 First & Warren Avenues, Malvern
- **Paoli Public Library**  
 Rear entrance to Wachovia Bank,  
 Lancaster Avenue, Paoli
- **Paoli United Methodist Church**  
 81 Devon Road, Paoli
- **General Wayne Elementary School (lobby)**  
 Devon & Grubb Roads, Malvern
- **Sugartown Elementary School**  
 Sugartown and School Roads, Malvern



- **Willistown Township Admin. Office, Room 206**  
 8 AM–12 Noon and 1–4 PM,  
 Monday through Friday  
 40 Lloyd Avenue, Malvern

**NEW LOCATION!**  
 Old location will not have a drop box.

Remember—the cutoff date for this program is December 17, after which bins will no longer be available for drop-offs.

All coats will be given to a mission outreach program for distribution at no cost to anyone in need. Anyone. Free! In our first six years, we've collected and donated more than 2,000 coats. Thank you all, but don't stop now! Our goal is another 500 coats this year. This "recycling" program makes sense, and it works. Please make an extra effort to gather the coats you are no longer using and drop them at one of the aforementioned locations.

Willistown Cub Scout Packs 71 and 98 have volunteered to coordinate this program, as they have done so successfully in previous years. Thank you, Cub Scouts! And thank you Ali Dowd, who has assumed the mantle of coordinator from her mother, Alice Heiman-Dowd, who did a miraculous job as coordinator of this community service program for the past six years! Questions about this program? Call Jim Tate, Chairman of Willistown Recycling Committee, 610-647-7361.

## Up in Lights

*This Willistown resident's creation led to a holiday tradition.*

No doubt, Baby Boomers who grew up in this area will fondly remember the spectacular Philadelphia Wanamaker's holiday light show—dancing water fountains, music and songs accompanied by narration, and a dazzling array of lighted and animated characters surrounding the centerpiece: the 60-foot “Wanamaker Magic Christmas Tree of a Million Lights.” You might be surprised to know that the person behind the original Wanamaker's Magic Christmas Tree is our own Willistown resident, Bert Medland. His is a tale of ingenuity, initiative, and serendipitous fortune...

In December 1958, Bert's wife Irene asked Bert to decorate the outside of their house for Christmas.

“She was thinking three wreaths and a candle,” Bert said of his wife, who has since passed away. “And I said, ‘Wait a minute. This is going to be fun.’ I could just visualize what I wanted to do.”

A self-taught electrical engineer, Bert bought some used pinball machines for parts, and set to work. He and his wife hand-painted incandescent bulbs to create vivid and unusual colors. The end result was a six-foot tall Christmas tree with automated lights

that took two hours to run through a sequence of 10 custom colors. The tree was perched on their home's porch roof (then, in Drexel Hill) and spectators were captivated. Bert recognized the potential of his handiwork.

The following spring, Bert was sent to Philadelphia on a sales call for his employer. He made a detour into Wanamaker's department store and asked to see the person in charge of displays, and was directed to Fred Yost, the vice president of advertising, sales and display. Amazingly, Bert was granted a meeting on the spot, where he proposed a new Christmas display for the Wanamaker Grand Court: a 60-foot tall tree with performing lights and music to accompany the existing water fountains. Yost jumped at the idea and had Bert return with the light assembly made for his home the previous Christmas.

Yost and Wanamaker's were sold on the concept—and its 30-year-old inventor. Advertising and catalogs by Wanamaker's boasted the upcoming show, dubbed “The Wanamaker Magic Christmas Tree of a Million Lights.” Looking back, Bert admits he's amazed that they had so much faith in him, an unknown talent with no credentials. It was a case of “right place, right time, right people.”

The project was constructed in secrecy behind a plywood structure set up at the store, not allowing competitors Gimbel Bros. and Strawbridge and Clothier a chance to see the innovative display. Bert would design and build electrical components for the display at home (originally in Drexel Hill and later in Willistown) and bring them to Wanamaker's, where they were assembled.

The show opened the day after Thanksgiving (Black Friday), 1959, and was a huge success, drawing crowds of people to the store. The



following year, Yost began to embellish the program, surrounding the tree with hanging plywood holiday characters that Bert brought to life with lights. “It was a painstaking process,” Bert said, as Yost and his team mulled over things like which way the ballerinas should kick or the clocks tick—visual effects accomplished with electrical changes.

Bert continued to collaborate with Yost, further enhancing and maintaining the show until 1970 when he decided to start his own business, HRM Controls Inc., where he built equipment for the automation of industry.

In 2009, Bert received a letter from Macy's, who now operates the Christmas show. Macy's wanted to learn more about the display's origin for their archives. They invited Bert downtown to relate the history of the famous “Magic Christmas Tree” and archived his drawings of the display.

Bert is very modest about his holiday contribution. If you Google “Wanamaker's Magic Christmas Tree” you'll see that it's attributed to Fred Yost. Bert's fine with that, explaining that Yost took a chance on him—someone with no credentials or professional display experience—let alone an appointment! Bert's joy comes from the creating, not from the accolades.

Bert stresses that his engineering abilities are a gift—without being told how, he's just always known how to put these things together. Thank you, Bert, for sharing your gift and brightening up the holiday season!

*Excerpts of this story were taken from the December 18, 1994 edition of The Daily Local News.*

◀ **The Light Show in 1966.** Search online for “Wanamaker's Christmas Show” for color photos and videos, past and present.

The Christmas Light Show is continued annually by Macy's from the day after Thanksgiving until New Year's Eve. The 15-minute show runs every other hour on the hour Monday–Friday 10 AM–8 PM and every hour on the hour Saturday–Sunday 10 AM–8 PM (best viewing times are after 4 PM). Current information is available by calling 215-241-9000.





## Check it Out! (At the Library)

### Malvern Public Library

1 East First Avenue, Malvern  
Phone: 610-644-7259

**Mon–Wed: 9 AM–9 PM**  
**Thurs: 9 AM–8 PM; Fri: 9 AM–5 PM**  
**Sat: 9 AM–4 PM; Sun: Closed**

The first weekend in December (December 3rd and 4th) is the Malvern Victorian Christmas Celebration. Be sure to stop by the Library on Saturday, December 4th. There will be a holiday craft for children to make and take between 11 AM and 1 PM. No reservation required.

Check out our new Time-Out Tuesdays at 7 PM. Each Tuesday evening will feature an activity for school age kids—either crafts, board games, or book club. The second Tuesday of the month will feature a family storytime for all ages. Pick up a schedule at the Library or check the online calendar.

Looking for a great gift idea? It's green, it's charitable, and it helps the library! Give a donation to the Malvern Library and it will be used for a book purchase or magazine subscription. Bookplates acknowledging the gift recipient will be placed in the items. We even have gift cards to send announcing your gift.

To find a current listing of events at Malvern Library, go to the Chester County Library System home page ([www.ccls.org](http://www.ccls.org)), click on "Find an Event", and then limit your search to Malvern and the month you are interested in.

### Paoli Library

18 Darby Road, Paoli  
(behind the Wachovia Bank)  
Phone: 610-296-7996

#### NEW HOURS!

**Mon, Wed, Thur: 9:30 AM–8 PM**  
**Fri: 9:30 AM–6 PM; Sat: 9:30 AM–5 PM**  
**Sun: 1–5 PM; Closed Tuesdays**

Please join us for the following:

#### Winter Wonderland Crafts

**Sunday, December 12, 1:30–3 PM**

Your children (ages 5 and up) will listen to seasonal stories and create art projects including handprint snowflakes and holiday ornaments. Call the Library (610-296-7996) to register.

#### Regularly Scheduled Programs

##### **Children's Morning Storytimes**

No pre-registration necessary.

- **Preschool, ages 3 and up**  
Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 AM
- **Toddlers, under 3**  
Wednesdays and Saturdays, 11 AM

##### **Adult Programs: Mystery Book Club**

First Monday of each month, 10:30 AM.  
New readers always welcome.

- **Monday, December 6**  
Mysteries with a Western Theme
- **Monday, January 3**  
Nonfiction Mysteries

#### Website

Visit [www.tredyffrinlibraries.org](http://www.tredyffrinlibraries.org) for up-to-the-minute announcements, changes, and details of programs and services.

## Malvern's 2010 Victorian Christmas

December 3 and 4

On Friday evening, December 3rd, and throughout the day on Saturday, December 4th, the Malvern Business & Professional Association will present Malvern's Victorian Christmas. The lighting of the town Christmas tree will begin the tradition of free performances, concerts, magic shows, Santa Claus, horse and carriage rides, pony rides, and much more. There will be special activities in stores and businesses, adding to the spirit of the holidays. This event has become a treasured, old-fashioned family tradition for the people of Malvern and surrounding areas. Please check out [www.malvernvictorianchristmas.org](http://www.malvernvictorianchristmas.org) for complete details. If you cannot attend Friday evening, tune in to NBC10 during the 6 PM evening news to see Malvern's tree lighting as it airs throughout the Delaware Valley.

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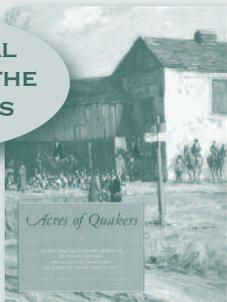
### HAVE YOU SEEN: The New Carriage Museum at Historic Sugartown?

Tours by appointment throughout the year. For more information:  
610-240-2667

[info@historicsugartown.org](mailto:info@historicsugartown.org)  
[www.historicsugartown.org](http://www.historicsugartown.org)

**Become involved with your local history.** Historic Sugartown is looking for additional guides and volunteers for tours, fairs, and school programs. The time commitment is up to you. For more information, contact us at 610-640-2667 or [info@historicsugartown.org](mailto:info@historicsugartown.org).

### A SPECIAL GIFT FOR THE HOLIDAYS



*Acres of Quakers*, the 300th anniversary history of Willistown Township written and compiled by John Nagy and Penny Goulding and underwritten by the Township, contains over 700 pages of information devoted to the history, architecture, culture, transportation, and genealogy of Willistown and more than 500 historic and contemporary photographs. This handsome, hardcover book is available at the following locations:

- Chester County Book & Music Co.
- The Artful Framer
- Chester County Historical Society
- Willistown Township Building

Mail order slips are also available on the Willistown website: [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us). The price of the book is \$195.00. PA sales tax is \$11.70 per book and shipping & handling is \$6.00 per book. ■



## POLICE UPDATE

I would like to thank those who supported our Troop Relief Program. We received a tremendous response and your donations will extend our program and get necessary supplies to our troops in Afghanistan. Visit our website [www.willistownpolice.org](http://www.willistownpolice.org) for the full story. Thanks again!

Once more, we are experiencing thefts from unlocked vehicles. Remember to lock your vehicle and take anything of value with you. Unfortunately, a lot of residents think that it won't happen to them. This problem is not isolated to Willistown, as many police departments are receiving similar complaints.

You may have noticed that your police department has made front page news several times recently for making arrests. As the Chief, I want to thank our officers for keeping our community safe. I have received numerous letters and phone calls from our residents recognizing their efforts. I know the officers value the great relationship they have with our residents and the support means a lot! A thank you also goes to our Board of Supervisors who

has been outstanding in supporting our mission to keep Willistown as safe as possible. With the community and our police working together, I know we can continue to make Willistown a great place to live.

On December 12th, from 9:30 AM until around 11:30 AM, the annual Jingle Bell Run will take place. The Jingle Bell Run is a fundraiser for the Arthritis Foundation and has taken place in our Township for many years. Expect some traffic delays in the area of Grubb Road near General Wayne School and South Valley Road. Thanks for your cooperation on this issue.

Below is an article on "Home Improvement Scams" written by Detective Robert Will. Detective Will did an outstanding job this summer investigating a "driveway sealcoating" scam that spanned neighborhood townships and led to several arrests. This investigation was lengthy in nature and Detective Will's dedication and diligence is to be commended.

Stay Safe,

John Narcise

### Home Improvement Scams

Over the past several years, there has been an increase in crimes that have been classified as "home improvement scams" and the actors who commit these crimes focus primarily on the elderly. Many of these crimes are committed by groups known as "Gypsies" or "Travelers." These groups travel across the state, staying in an area for one or two months. Because they are usually from out-of-state, they live in hotels close to where they are committing their crimes.

One of the most common crimes committed by these "Travelers" are driveway paving and sealcoating scams. The group will drive down a road and look for unsuspecting people, usually elderly. One member of the group will approach the homeowner and offer to sealcoat their driveway but only charge for the material. This person will usually be a fast talker and seldom takes "no" for an answer. The driveway is sealcoated with material that is sub-standard, and it is sometimes done without the consent of the homeowner. At the conclusion of the work, the homeowner is then charged an extremely high amount for the work. A recent example found a group of men charging a local elderly couple over \$4,500 to sealcoat a driveway. The actual cost of this service should not have exceeded \$200. Other crimes may include concrete work, roof repair, and chimney cleaning and relining. The work is never done properly and will always cost more than it would have, if done by a legitimate company.

Another crime these groups commit is known as a "distraction burglary." This is where someone comes to the door and identifies themselves as an employee of the water or electric company. The actor will tell the homeowner that there is some type of emergency and they need to check the service. While the homeowner is in one part of the house with this person, another actor enters the house and takes money, jewelry, or other valuables. It may be days before the homeowner even knows their property was taken, and by then, the actors are long gone. Always remember that utility providers will almost always call before they send a worker to your home, and all employees are required to have identification with them.

Points to remember: If someone comes to your door offering a deal too good to be true, it probably is. Most legitimate businesses will not come to your door offering a service that they want to do "right now" such as, "we have some extra black top left over from another job." If you have work that needs to be done, find a legitimate contractor by looking in the yellow pages, or by doing research on the computer. Never let anyone into your residence if you didn't call and ask them to be there, no matter how much they insist on getting in. And above all, if there is ever a question or concern about someone coming to your door, contact your local police immediately. Watch out for yourself—and your neighbors.

### Mooove Over, East Goshen!

On the evening of August 2nd, Supervisors Norm MacQueen and "Farmer" Bob Lange, and Willistown resident Lisa Leigh Bennett, accepted East Goshen Board of Supervisors' challenge in the Annual Goshen Fair Cow Milking Contest.

East Goshen won the competition last year when they easily defeated the Supervisors from Westtown Township. Bolstered with confidence, they thought they could easily beat the new competition!

Three short-horned cows were led out...one for each milker. The Willistown contestants went first and milked furiously for two minutes. The milk was collected and measured.

East Goshen Supervisors went next. It should be noted that they brought in State Senator Andy Dinniman, who milked cows as a youngster. When they finished and the milk was measured, a tie was announced, which resulted in a "Milk-off!"

The Willistown Three managed much more milk in the second round. East Goshen, carried by anchor Andy Dinniman, tried to match the output. (Even with Farmer Bob's attempts to distract Andy with political commentary, Andy was not deterred!) Despite East Goshen's best efforts, Willistown was declared the winner.



*Pictured above are two of the Willistown winners: Farmer Bob Lange and Norm MacQueen.*



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**Serving with Honor**



SGT. Evan H. Pope, a 22 year-old Willistown resident, is a member of A 1-7 IBCT 1st Cavalry Division. He has served two tours in Iraq: Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08 and Operation Iraqi Freedom 09-10. SGT. Pope is currently stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, where he is waiting for his next deployment.

Please keep SGT. Pope and all brave soldiers in your thoughts and prayers and consider supporting the Willistown Police Troop Relief project if you have not already done so. For details on how to participate, visit [www.willistownpolice.org](http://www.willistownpolice.org).



**Evan having fun with Iraqi civilians**

**Coming soon!**  
Willistown residents can sign-up to receive community alerts via email. Keep an eye on the Township website for details.

**Mark your  
Calendars**

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Cub Scout Annual Coat Collection  
See page 4 for drop-off locations.

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**December 4**  
Allied Waste Leaf Collection

**December 4, 6:15-8:30 PM**  
**December 5, 10 AM-2 PM**  
Malvern's Victorian Christmas  
King Street, Malvern Borough

**December 11**  
A.J. Blosenski Leaf Collection

**December 12**  
Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis  
Starts at General Wayne Elementary School  
Registration at 8 AM, race at 10 AM  
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