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Big Rusty, a statue made from remnants of a former pottery factory, oversees the site of the planned Creek Turn Park in Hainesport on Feb. 17. The township has received \$850,000 in federal funds to advance the project between Route 38 and Rancocas Creek. PHOTOS BY JIM WALSH/COURIER-POST

Glastron Inc. plans major upgrade in Vineland

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VINELAND — Precision laboratory glass manufacturer Glastron Inc. is set to modernize and nearly double the size of its facility at 510 N. West Blvd. under a concept that city officials just accepted.

The project calls for an 8,700-square-foot addition, without enlarging the roughly 1.9-acre campus. Demolishing several structures, such as a house used as an office, is to clear room for improvements in parking, traffic flow and stormwater control.

Zoning board officials voted 5-0 to approve a use variance after a hearing at their meeting Feb. 18. The company next must submit a fully designed site plan for board approval.

Glastron, founded in Vineland about 1969, is at the corner of North West Boulevard and Erin Street. It remained locally owned until sold to Restek Corp. in January 2010.

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'Big Rusty' park to get big facelift

Hainesport site receives \$850K in federal funds

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"Big Rusty" is about to see big changes.

The colossal statue of a troll was created in June 2023 from the ruins of a small factory as the centerpiece of a planned park along the Rancocas Creek in Hainesport — though, so far, the most notable change at the isolated site has been an explosion of colorful graffiti on the remaining walls, floors and ceilings of the former Creek Turn Ceramic Supply Co.

Now, an infusion of \$850,000 in federal funds will advance the 20-acre Creek Turn Park project on many fronts, Hainesport Mayor Andy Dick said.

"With this grant funding, we will be able to allow access to the waterfront at the 'creek's turn' to allow for kayak and canoe access. It will also allow for access to a very scenic overlook area," the mayor said.

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A hole in a graffiti-covered wall offers a look at rubble from the former Creek Turn Ceramic Supply Co. in Hainesport.

SJ Girl Scouts on the fun, life skills of cookie sales

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With Girl Scout cookie season in full swing, troops in and around South Jersey have been working hard to sell cookies and raise money, despite the challenges that this winter has brought.

At the beginning of every year, Girl Scouts sell their famed cookies, which include Thin Mints, Caramel deLites/Samoas and Peanut Butter Patties/Tagalongs.

This year, consistent snowstorms and freezing temperatures made things a little more difficult, according to J'Nya Pennington, a Girl Scout in South Jersey.

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