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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

## ‘Big Rusty’ park to get big facelift

Hainesport site receives \$850K in federal funds

**Jim Walsh**

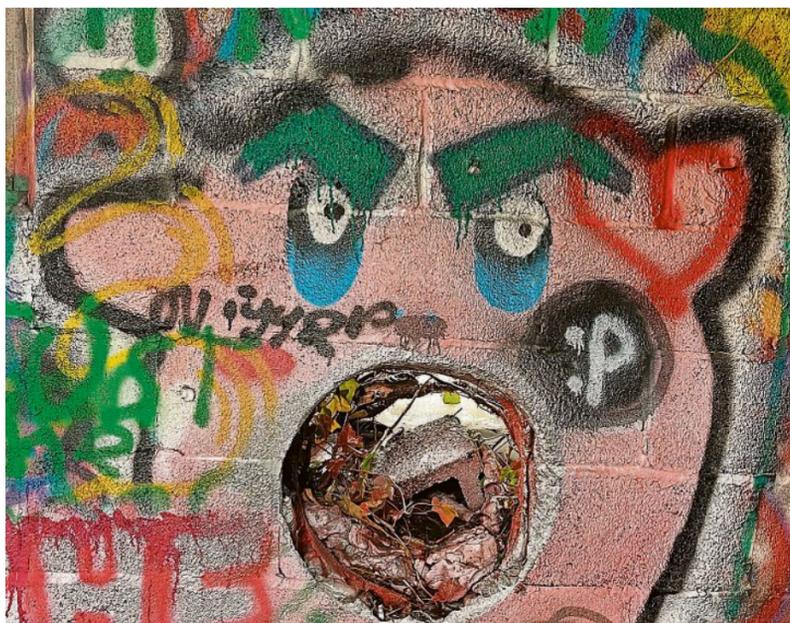
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“Big Rusty” is about to see big changes.

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.

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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.

## South Jersey Girl Scouts talk joy 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/Tag-alongs.

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

Pennington, an 11th grader part of Troop 30077 in Camden, said fewer troops have held cookie booths because



J’Nya Pennington (white hat) bundles up with other Girl Scouts to run a cookie booth. PROVIDED BY J’NYA PENNINGTON.

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## 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.

Restek, which is based in Pennsylvania, filed the use variance application.

Project attorney Michael Guccio and planner Stephen Hawk testified that neither manufacturing capacity nor the workforce will increase under the plan. But the 42 employees will end up with much nicer working conditions, they said.

“They’re on top of each other, somewhat,” Hawk said.

“And their break room and their lunchroom is right up against the production area. They have a very small training room. They’d like to modernize their bathroom and have more efficient storage of their finished product and the product that comes in.”

Hawk said the campus overhaul also will take related traffic off Erin Street.

Parking spots along the boulevard are coming out in favor of on-site parking. Pavement also is being taken out along the boulevard and also along Erin Street.

“Effectively, the only thing that will continue to occur along Erin Street will be the two to three times a day, FedEx pick-ups of finished products,” Hawk said. “And they’ll be no more employees and traffic coming in and going out throughout the day during the one shift.”

The closest neighbors to the facility are a few single-family residences and the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home, according to testimony.

This property actually comprises two lots. The smaller lot is zoned for residential use, and the larger is zoned for residential and business use.

Zoning board officials have oversight because manufacturing technically isn’t permitted in either zone.

Guccio noted, however, that the same area was once zoned for industrial use. Train tracks run the length of the boulevard, and historically much business and commercial development in Vineland occurred near the boulevard.

Hawk said Restek regards a South

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