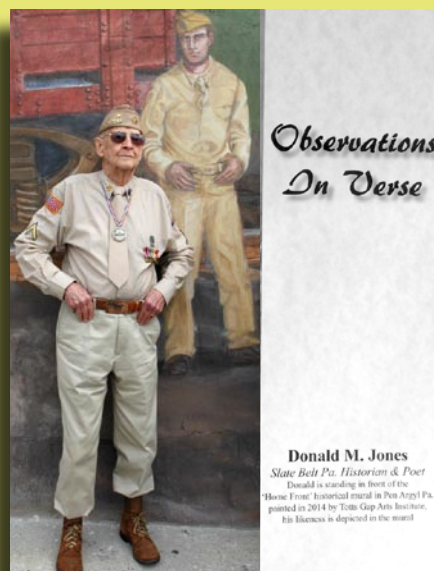


# A Poem from the Archives of Donald Jones Exclusively in the Blue Valley Times

## WINTER

I wished away the winter  
I wished an early spring.  
I forgot the white beauty  
That snowflakes can bring.  
Next year I'll stop by wishing  
And enjoy a season of cold,  
For winter has a certain charm  
That never will grow old.  
There's something about snowdrifts  
And in the mounds of snow,  
But by the time you tire of it  
The sun will cause it to go.



## Indoor Carnival at BMCL

By Valerie Viglione

**PEN ARGYL-** On Monday, January 21, 2019, the Blue Mountain Community Library will be celebrating Martin Luther King, JR Day with an INDOOR CARNIVAL for children ages 3-8 years old. The fun begins at 12:30 pm and lasts until 2:00 pm at the Library and includes Story Time – Crafts – Activities – Prizes and therapy dog “QUINCY” will be here. All children, accompanied by an adult, are welcome to come and Join the Fun!! In keeping with MLK’s message of Service and Giving, our volunteers will be giving their time to Serve our community. If you are able, please bring a non-perishable item which will be given to the Food Pantry at Bender’s Church. BMCL is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl. Call 610-863-3029 for information or visit [www.bmcl.org](http://www.bmcl.org). Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl](http://www.facebook.com/bmclpenargyl).

## Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Championship

By Scott Moyer

**PEN ARGYL-** All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition sponsored by the Father DeNisco Council 3862 Knights of Columbus will be held on Friday, January 25 at Immaculate Conception School, Pen Argyl, gymnasium at 7:00PM. In the event of inclement weather, a snow date is set for Friday, February 1.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and jurisdictional competitions. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and

written parental consent at time of competition.

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### Toughlove

Everyone has some aspect of their life that could use some work. It is hard to be organized and juggle work and home duties today, especially because of the cost of living. That being said, it seems that some people just like to keep things complicated and live on the precipice of total collapse. My focus is usually on what I like to call infrastructure. The behind the scenes mechanicals of a home that are invisible when working properly. Water, electric, heat, and air conditioning are the big ones.

I admire the people who keep those systems maintained and their fuel tank full because they almost never have an emergency situation. There will always be the "I saw a drop of water on the floor and need a service tech here NOW" kind of customer but most of the organized ones are a pleasure to deal with.

The disorganized ones are always in some state of emergency. Out of fuel, dilapidated equipment, rattles, hums, and buzzes. Leaks and smells, and of course the occasional total system failure. I should write a book on how to go from the panic mode type to the organized type in less than a year and without breaking the bank. Because it can be done and every once in a while a customer gets on the plan and we solve every single troublemaking problem in the house. The sad part is that after we are finished, we don't get to visit them nearly as often.

There are a few simple rules to get started. The first is that nothing is free. Value is the key, not how much will it cost. If a smart approach is taken, no money will be wasted, it will be invested. The second rule is that things are less expensive between Monday and Friday when the sun is out. Emergencies always add to the complication and the cost. Third (for oil heated homes) if you want to buy only a half a tank of oil at a time, buy the top half not the bottom half because if you go a few extra days, you won't run out. Ignore the lower half and consider it a reserve. And save the "I can't afford it speech" because oil is cheaper this year than it has been in a very long time. Just adjust priorities and life will get easier. I know someone has to win the lottery but waiting for that to fill the fuel tank is not a good bet.

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# Gall Farm Park Conceptual Drawings

By Michael Ortoski

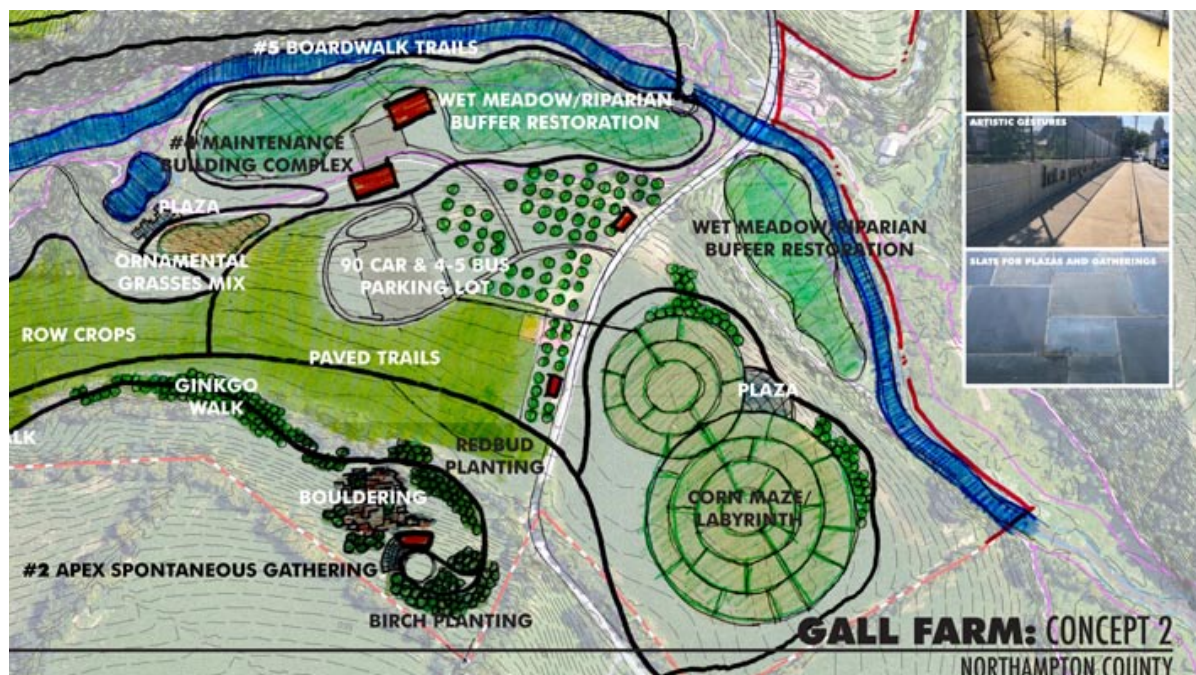
**PLAINFIELD TWSP**- After many group, meetings, public meetings and a survey the Gall Farm project for Northampton County has come up with conceptual drawings for their master site development plan of what the public would like to see developed on the property according to Northampton County parks superintendent Brian Cope.

The 150 acres owned by Northampton County was purchased in 2003 to be developed into a regional park. The property is made up of four parcels, two north and two south of Gall Road has farmland (leased), woodlands and the Little Bushkill Creek, with steep slopes on the eastern side of the stream.

Scenic views are available in almost all directions from the highest elevation on the largest parcel. The Plainfield Township Recreation Trail runs through the western part of the property. An agricultural easement is on the northeast side and an agricultural security area is located on the eastern

side of the property.

Located on Gall Rd. (not currently open to the public) the plans show the park having many trails including a boardwalk trail, plazas/gathering areas with slate, corn maze/ labyrinth, creative ornamental/native plantings, 90 car & 4-5 bus parking lot, event/educational space just to name a few.



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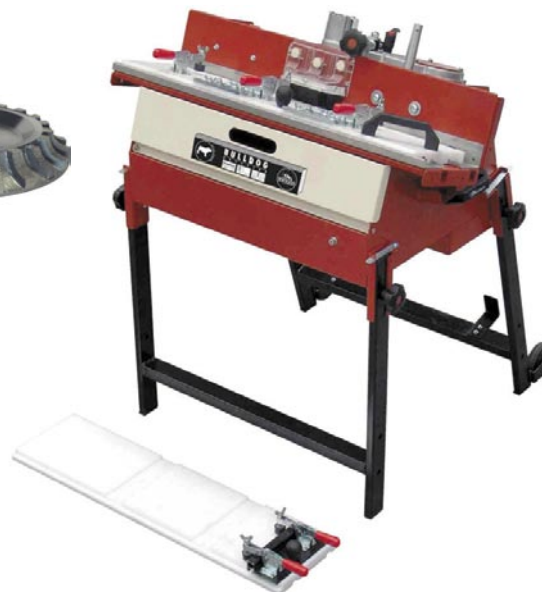
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## Giant Food Stores Begins Deploying Robots at Stores

By Ashley Flower

**WIND GAP**- Following successful pilots that improved in-store efficiencies and freed employees up to better serve customers, GIANT Food Stores today announced the introduction of a new robotic assistant to all of its 172 stores. "Marty," a tall gray robot with googly eyes, will soon be working alongside associates, thanks to a partnership between Ahold Delhaize USA services company Retail Business Services, GIANT, and Jabil subsidiary Badger TechnologiesTM.

Over the past year, GIANT has been piloting Marty and the in-store robotic program in its stores located at 4211 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg and 255 Spring Garden Street, Carlisle.

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