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Representatives of Children's Hospital, South Fayette Township, Allegheny County and state government cut the ribbon in September for the new pediatric facility on Millers Run Road.

World-class pediatric care in South Fayette

Children's Hospital opens outpatient center in township

South Fayette Township is the new home of Children's South. Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC opened an outpatient pediatric center on Sept. 29 at 205 Millers Run Road, just off the South Fayette/Bridgeville interchange of Interstate 79.

Speakers from Children's Hospital, South Fayette Township and county and state government celebrated the new facility during a ribbon cutting on Sept. 9. The \$21 million, 60,000-square-foot pediatric center offers outpatient, primary care and after-hours care in a bright, colorful setting.

The new Children's South replaces the former Bethel Park facility and expands services, with the capacity to see at least 100,000 patients a year.

Services include:

- Children's Express Care South Fayette, an after-hours and weekend center for minor pediatric illnesses and injuries.
- Children's Community Pediatrics, a primary care practice.
- Pediatric Radiology, Behavioral, and Rehabilitation services, plus expanded subspecialty care.

"It's a perfect match, and we are looking forward to being a great partner with the township for many, many years to come."

—Christopher Gessner, President, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC



Below left: Lisa Malosh, vice president of the South Fayette Board of Commissioners, speaks during the ribbon-cutting celebration. Listening are Children's Hospital president Christopher Gessner and vice president of outpatient services Kathy Guatteri.

Below right: South Fayette Township staff visit the Children's South pediatric center for the ribbon cutting. From left to right: Andrea Iglar, Community Development Director; Nick Nickolas, Public Works Superintendent; John Phoenik, Police Chief; La Verne Diggs, Special Projects Director; Gary Hartz, Building Inspector; Ryan Eggleston, Township Manager; Nancy Degenhardt, Finance Director; Mike Benton, Township Engineer; Peggy Patterson, Administrative Assistant; and Butch Truitt, Public Works Director.

"We have built a world-class pediatric facility right here in South Fayette."

—Kathy Guatteri, Vice President, Outpatient Services, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC



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Children's South

Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

412.854.5005

Children's Express Care – South Fayette

Monday – Friday, 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. & Weekends, Noon – 8 p.m.

412.692.3145

"We view this Children's Hospital outpatient facility as a keystone for future projects as we look to develop the area."

—Lisa Malosh, Vice President, South Fayette Township Board of Commissioners

Development updates

NEWBURY MARKET

Grand opening is anticipated in 2016 for Newbury Market, a planned 88-acre, 1.2 million-square-foot shopping center bordered by Route 50, Presto-Sygan Road and Interstate 79 in South Fayette Township.

Newbury Development Associates LP in October was set to finish grading the land and installing infrastructure for water lines, storm water and sanitary sewer for the 40-acre first phase of Newbury Market, including a Giant Eagle grocery store, a Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, two office buildings, five midsize retail stores and a pedestrian-friendly town center with shops, restaurants and outdoor gathering spots.

Also, Newbury has completed the \$1.1 million construction of a new intersection with traffic signals and turn lanes on Route 50/Millers Run Road, near the Interstate 79

interchange. Newbury paid for the project, with the help of a \$500,000 grant from the Allegheny County Gaming Economic Development Fund.

The intersection provides access to the Newbury Market site and, on the opposite side of Route 50, to the site of the former Star City Cinemas, a planned Washington Financial Bank and the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC pediatric center, which opened Sept. 29.

STAR CITY SITE

The \$335,000 driveway that extends from the new intersection onto the Star City/bank/UPMC site resulted from a separate construction project jointly funded by the site owners. UPMC is paying about \$170,000; South Fayette Township is contributing about \$140,000; and Washington Financial Bank is giving \$25,000.

For future development, South Fayette Township has made a request for proposals for qualified real estate professionals to lease and develop the remaining 8.52 acres, including the former Star City Cinemas and its associated property. Deadline for proposals is 11 a.m. on Nov. 26.

Acceptance of a proposal is anticipated by Jan. 21, 2015. The selected developer must demolish the existing movie theater by April 1, 2015, and must agree to make tax payments to both South Fayette Township and South Fayette Township School District. Proposals must include an option to provide 45,000 square feet for certain township facilities. The proposed ground lease must have a minimum 25-year term, with two optional 10-year renewals.

To view and download the complete RFP, visit the township website: www.south-fayette.pa.us.

Sweet Treats

DeLallo family continues cookie tradition in South Fayette Township



Three Saints Baking Co. uses cookie-cutting rotary dies to create holiday shapes such as snowmen, pumpkins and Santa Claus



By Andrea Iglar

When you enter the small showroom at Three Saints Baking Co. in South Fayette Township, the air smells sweet.

If you step into the back—donning a hairnet, coat and rubber gloves for food safety—you begin to understand the source of the sugary scent: a 45,000-square-foot bakery that produces more than 30 million colorful cookies a year.

South Fayette has a 50-year tradition of cookie-baking on Mayview Road.

In 1964, the Graham family started Pati Petite Cookies Inc., named after founder William Graham's small-statured wife, Pati.

In 2013, the bakery was purchased by a different family business: George DeLallo Co. Inc., well known in Westmoreland County for its Italian grocery store on Route 30 near Jeannette. The company is the largest importer of olives in North America.

Renamed Three Saints Baking Co., a division of DeLallo, the South Fayette bakery continues to produce Pati Petite Cookies among its more than 200 varieties and packages.

"It's a natural progression for the DeLallos to have gone into bakery," said James Reik, vice president of the DeLallo bakery division. "It's another hometown, family-operated company."

Fran DeLallo—whose parents, George and Madeleine, founded the DeLallo company—said Three Saints Baking is building on and expanding the Pati Petite business, along with many longtime bakery employees.

"They really care," Mr. DeLallo said. "They put their heart into it. That makes the difference."

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During a facility tour in October, South Fayette Township staff learned about the bakery's history, saw how cookies are made and sampled warm treats from the assembly line.

The bakery includes equipment to color sugar; mixers that can handle 1,200 to 1,800 pounds of dough; and two tunnel ovens with conveyor belts. During an eight-hour shift, workers can produce more than 200,000 cookies in the longer oven.

On the day of the tour, the bakery was making Green Sugar Swirl cookies. After the cookies were cut, baked, sugared and bottom-coated with chocolate, workers checked them for quality, boxed them, placed them on racks and assembled them into holiday variety packages. For safety, all cookies passed through a metal detector.

An attached warehouse contained hefty boxes and bags of supplies, including 40,000 pounds of sugar that would be used within about three weeks.

Mr. Reik said most finished cookies are delivered to a 300,000-square-foot warehouse in New Stanton,



Grace Howard, 9, of South Fayette Township poses with her silver medal for high jump at the Junior Olympics in July.

Jumping for Joy

South Fayette girl wins silver in national high jump competition

By Andrea Iglar

Some advice from a track coach helped South Fayette Township nine-year-old **Grace Howard** win a silver medal in the high jump at the 48th National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships in Houston, Texas, in July.

"The trick is you can't touch the bar," Grace said. "So my coach always tells me to pretend there's a cupcake tree and you have to jump and reach for it, and once you grab it, you have to tilt your back and fall on this kind of, like, cloud."

Envisioning the cupcake tree helped the South Fayette Intermediate School fourth-grader jump 1.3 meters. The figure, representing her personal best, is the equivalent of 4 feet, 3 ¼ inches—about 8 inches shy of Grace's own height.

The achievement won her a second-place finish in a contest with about 80 girls in the nine- and 10-year-old division.

"When I walked off the mat, I kept smiling because I could see my [family] and they kept cheering, and it was funny to hear them," Grace said. "I was like, 'yes!' in my mind because I was so excited."

In 2013, Grace, along with her parents, Yvette and Steve, and her 11-year-old brother, Mitchell, moved from Texas to the Sterling Ridge neighborhood in South Fayette.

Her father had taken a Pittsburgh-area job with Williams Co. and the family chose to live in South Fayette largely for the school district.

Mr. Howard said his daughter began practicing the high jump only a couple of months before the national competition, where she had three chances to jump. After two missed jumps, her third earned silver.

"I'm just as proud of her perseverance and work ethic as I am the silver medal," Mr. Howard said.

When Grace was five years old, she would race other children in her neighborhood, and her parents learned that she ran faster than older boys.

"My husband and I realized, 'She has a strength here. Maybe this is worth exploring,'" Mrs. Howard said.

Grace joined a track club in Texas and found success running relays. She first tried the high jump in May, while living in South Fayette and running with the Wings of Moon Track Club in Moon Township.

Grace advanced through local and regional meets in Pennsylvania and New Jersey to qualify for three individual events in the Junior Olympics: 200 meters, long jump and high jump.

Her brother, **Mitchell**, also qualified for the Junior Olympics, in a relay event.

The siblings enjoy friendly competition. Grace recalled a time with the track club when she ran her relay leg faster than her brother, who is more than a year older.

"I actually thought it was kind of funny, and he thought it was just weird," she said with a laugh.

from where they are shipped to grocery stores all over North America, from coast to coast.

The public is welcome to purchase cookies from the Three Saints Baking retail showroom, 1785 Mayview Road. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition, the store is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the four Saturdays before Christmas.

Opposite page, right: South Fayette Township staff in October toured Three Saints Baking Co., owned by George DeLallo Co. Inc. Pictured from left to right: Andrea Iglar, township Community Development Director; James Reik, vice president of the DeLallo bakery division; Lisa Malosh, vice president of the South Fayette Board of Commissioners; Fran DeLallo, son of the DeLallo company founders; Ryan Eggleston, Township Manager; Mike Benton, Township Engineer; John Phoenik, Police Chief; Nick Nickolas, Public Works Superintendent; and Phil Polsinelli, executive vice president of DeLallo.

This page, top to bottom:

- James Reik, vice president of the DeLallo bakery division, explains the cookie-making process during a tour of Three Saints Baking in South Fayette.
- Vanessa Metcalf of Carnegie helps assemble holiday cookie platters.
- Trish Tatano of Canonsburg racks fresh Green Sugar Swirl cookies in the South Fayette bakery where she has worked for 21 years.

John Phoennik appointed South Fayette police chief

The South Fayette Township Board of Commissioners on Aug. 20 appointed **John Phoennik** as Chief of Police to head the 14-officer township police force. A 25-year veteran of the South Fayette Township Police Department, Chief Phoennik had been Acting Police Chief since April, following the retirement of Louis Volle.



"We're extremely excited to have John in this leadership position," township manager **Ryan Eggleston** said. "He has great vision, and we look forward to the continued growth of the department."

Chief Phoennik said he will facilitate teamwork and communication among the officers and with the public.

"I'm truly humbled and excited to move the department forward," Chief Phoennik



South Fayette Township Police Chief John Phoennik is sworn into office Aug. 20 by District Judge Maureen McGraw-Desmet during a meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

said. "I'm looking forward to providing good service to the residents of the township."

A police officer for 28 years, Chief Phoennik began his career in the neighboring communities of Heidelberg, Oakdale, North Fayette and Bridgeville

before joining the South Fayette force in 1990. He was promoted to sergeant in 2000 and became captain—the highest rank below chief—in 2002.

Chief Phoennik, 50, lives in South Fayette with his wife, Shelley, and three children.

Safety in the Schools

South Fayette police Sgt. Jeff Sgro promotes student safety while helping the township and school grow together

By Andrea Iglar

About 21 years into his career as a police officer, South Fayette Township **Sgt. Jeff Sgro** has a new beat: the South Fayette School District.

Since the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year, Sgt. Sgro has served as a full-time certified School Resource Officer (SRO), spending every day at the school's Old Oakdale Road campus to help ensure a safe environment.



"We do have a safe school and we do have a safe community, but today bad things happen in good places, and it's better to be safe than sorry," Sgt. Sgro said.

South Fayette Township and the South Fayette School District teamed up to start the SRO program, funded in part by a \$40,938 state grant from the 2014 Safe Schools program.

Sgt. Sgro works with students in all grades and school buildings. His job includes advising school administrators on safety issues, planning for emergencies,



Sgt. Jeff Sgro

responding to incidents, conducting searches, holding interactive educational programs and building positive relationships with students, staff, parents and the community.

He has begun teaching or developing programs on topics such as safe driving, cyber safety, and drug and alcohol abuse.

"It's about education; it's about being a role model," Sgt. Sgro said. "It's about bringing together the township, the police department, the school district, and the community and working as a team."

Another South Fayette police officer, James Hubbard, teaches Project D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) in the school district.

A graduate of South Fayette High School, Sgt. Sgro lives in South Fayette with wife, Kristi, and sons, Matthew and Nathan.

Sgt. Sgro has been with the South Fayette Township police since 1999, having previously served in Bridgeville and Heidelberg.

"I come to work every day with a smile on my face," Sgt. Sgro said. "I love what I do. This is an entirely new career for me. It's very rewarding."

Lend-a-Hand SF

Marie Spalla learns about her community while volunteering for South Fayette Township

By Andrea Iglar

If you stop by the township office on a Tuesday, you might notice volunteer Marie Spalla organizing files, taking supply inventory or answering phone calls.

A retired administrative assistant, Marie was looking for an enjoyable and rewarding pastime after she moved to South Fayette three years ago. The township's volunteer program, Lend-a-Hand SF, proved to be a great option for her.

"It's a chance for me to find out what the community is like," Marie said.

Following her double hip surgery, Marie and her husband of 50 years, Marco, decided to downsize from the three-story home in Scott Township where they had lived for 40 years and raised their family.

The couple found their new abode in South Fayette, in a single-story patio home in the Villas of Woodcreek, along Hickory Grade Road.

One day, Marie saw a sign posted at her neighborhood's swimming pool that the township was seeking volunteers. Her office experience, people skills and desire to learn more about her new town prompted her to call and offer to lend a



Marie Spalla, a three-year resident of the Villas of Woodcreek, helps out in the South Fayette municipal office. She is a volunteer with the township's Lend-a-Hand SF program.

Name: Marie Spalla
Age: 70
Volunteer Area: Office/Clerical
Occupation: Retired administrative assistant
Neighborhood: Villas of Woodcreek
Family: Husband; two children; four grandchildren

Philadelphia, with her husband, Donald, and children, Jackson, 15, and Wesley, 9. Son, Marco—along with his wife, Theresa, and children, Abigail, 5, and MJ, 3—are moving from Mt. Lebanon to the Berkley Ridge neighborhood in South Fayette.

Marie said helping out is better than a holding a part-time job.

"This is just a volunteer post to be enjoyed," she said.

Volunteer opportunities are available to suit individual interests and skills. For more information on the Lend-a-Hand SF program, please visit the township office, 515 Millers Run Rd., or call 412.221.8700.

hand in the township office on Millers Run Road.

Volunteering one day a week leaves Maria with plenty of time to spend with her family.

Her daughter, Louann Spalla Pointer, lives in the historic borough of Yardley, near



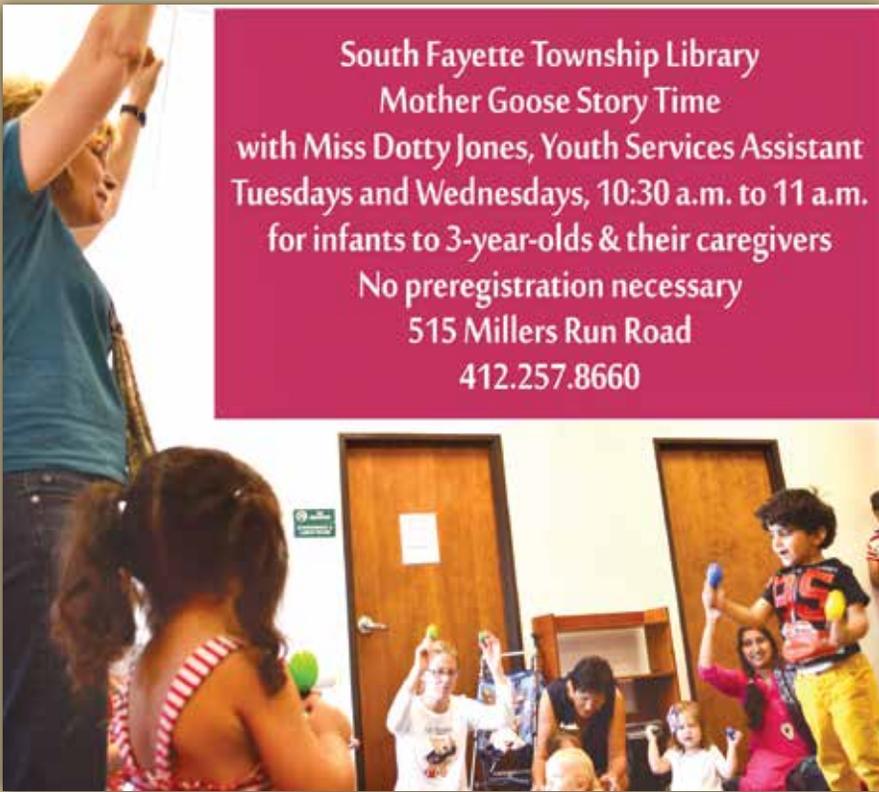
SNOW SHOVELING TIPS

How you can help the township's snow plowing process this winter

Let's work together to ensure a safe, successful snow removal season! When snow is on the roads, please:

- Shovel your driveway **after** the snow plow comes by to clear your road.
- Do not park along roads or cul-de-sacs.
- Ensure your mailbox does not extend over the edge of the road.

South Fayette Township Library
Mother Goose Story Time
with Miss Dotty Jones, Youth Services Assistant
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
for infants to 3-year-olds & their caregivers
No preregistration necessary
515 Millers Run Road
412.257.8660



Kairi Olson and Mom, Lisa



Addison Watts, 1



Joshua Budavich, 1



Charlotte Lowery, 1

Photos by Andrea Iglar

Breakfast with Santa Claus



Saturday, Dec. 6
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

South Fayette High School Commons
\$5 per person

Have a story idea?

Contact **Andrea Iglar**,
the South Fayette
Township Community
Development Director:
aiglar@sftwp.com or
412.221.8700, ext. 31.

Library gives a hoot about science

South Fayette Township Library designs programs to enhance science and math skills

By Andrea Iglar

Who gives a hoot that owls spit hairballs?

Hoo, hoo indeed?

South Fayette Township Library, that's who!

Learning about owls is a great way to get kids interested in science, and that's why the library offered the interactive workshop *Awesome Owls* as part of the **It's All Natural** program, which runs Saturday afternoons throughout the school year.

Children in October were invited to dissect owl pellets—similar to cat hairballs—and figure out what the bird had eaten for dinner by examining the parts of prey that owls cannot digest, such as bones, claws and fur.

Upcoming topics include trees, minerals, decomposition, archaeology and habitat loss. Each class is designed to provide fun, hands-on ways to learn about animal adaptations, earth science, anthropology or conservation.

It's All Natural is taught by South Fayette resident and science educator **Cindy Cox**. Separate sessions are held for K-2 and grades 3-6.

The workshop series is part of the library's commitment to enhance youth and adult learning in the fields of STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

The Allegheny County Library Association is partnering with ASSET, Inc. to provide STEM education training to local librarians including **Jody Wilson**, the Youth Services Manager at the South Fayette library. Thanks to a Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian grant, Ms. Wilson is learning how to incorporate STEM concepts into library programming to supplement in-school lessons and enhance achievement in math and science.

"We approach learning by giving people what they want, and people are looking to libraries for science enrichment programming," Ms. Wilson said. "Inquiry-based learning, or self-directed learning, is what people do at the library."

STEM for Kids

In addition to It's All Natural, the library offers many other STEM-related programs for youth and adults.

Little children are introduced to scientific concepts through messy, hands-on experiences in **Preschool Science**, a popular class for more than four years. Preschool Science is held from noon to 1 p.m. on Monday afternoons through Dec. 8. Cost is only \$8 per class, thanks to a generous grant from the Friends of the Library. Class themes include dinosaurs, color science, ice cream, the moon, holiday science and bugs. All classes have fun, gooey science experiments. The instructor shares a book relevant to the class themes.

Math Mites is for preschoolers ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers. A six-week session will be held from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Monday afternoons starting Jan. 26. Children will explore important math concepts using Stuart Murphy's Mathstart series, picture books, songs, flannel boards and hands-on projects. Lessons cover

patterns, more-or-less, pairs and matching, sequencing, sets, and time. Classes become more difficult as the course progresses. Registration is required. Space is limited.

In 2013, the library received a grant from PNC to conduct this math program at Little Lions Preschool, Kindercare Learning Center and Kingdom Care Learning Center.

Elementary students have flocked to Scratch programming and electronics programs conducted by the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh Makeshop staff, and more Makeshop-style programs are on the way.

Last summer, the library offered an array of science programming including *Rolling & Strolling*, where preschoolers explored nature at nearby Morgan, Fairview and Cecil parks. Weeklong science programs for elementary kids included *Silly Summer Science*, *Rock Solid Science* and *Ecosystem Science*. Also, Northwest Savings Bank sponsored all-day *Lab Ratz* biology and physics programs. All programs were conducted by experienced science instructors.



Jody Wilson, the Youth Services Manager at South Fayette Township Library, prepares for the *Awesome Owls* session of the *It's All Natural* hands-on science workshop program for children.

STEM for Adults and Teens

The library believes that STEM programming is not just for kids. A variety of math and technology classes for students of all ages are included in a newer e-resource offering: **Universal Class**.

More than 500 online, noncredit continuing education courses are available for free to all Allegheny County library cardholders, 24 hours, seven days a week.

Adults and older children may take STEM and other courses in fields such as computer software, office skills, math, accounting, career training, photography, writing in English as a Second Language (ESL), test preparation, parenting and much more.

Access Universal Class under "Virtual Library Services" on the library's website.

For a full list of winter programs at South Fayette Township Library—along with information on registration, cost and dates—please check the Calendar of Events at www.southfayettelibrary.org, or call 412.257.8660.