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...by a group of area residents ...banded together to rescue it ...development. Among the ...s treasures are a fossil bed and ...stored farmhouse and barn ...h date back to the early 1700s. ...original owner, Joseph Murray, ...killed by the British while plow... ...us fields.

...e park sponsors educational ...ram for school children and ...s and is supported prima... ...by member contributions. ...an members donate their ...and a percentage of their ...ts from the Holiday Shop to ...ark.

...e holiday Shop will be open ...y including Sunday from 11 ...to 4 p.m. so go early, pack a ...h, shop, explore the farm ...e and barn and discover a ...tiful corner of Monmouth ...nty.

...formation and direc... ...cy Park call 842-5966.

...Their needs are specific to ...locale. She added that many ...ness owners belong to a town ...nber as well as a larger area ...ber to address different re... ...ements.

...ter had been involved with ...ratontown Chamber of Com... ...e during her shop proprietor... ...Under former executive ...ton Carol Flynn, Baxter did ...bership sales for what was ...the Middletown Chamber on ...rt-time basis. When Flynn ...ved an excellent job offer else... ...re she suggested that Baxter ...y for her position either on ...nterim or permanent basis. ...er gave the idea some consid... ...on, then decided, "I can do ...This is something I want to ...

...at hasn't changed. Baxter's ...l eagerness virtually ...s. When she stated of ...hamber's flurry of activity ...ngs come to life," it almost ...ed to grow thout saying. One

Old firing ranges undergo environmental cleanup

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At Weapons Station Earle, two of the former out door pistol ranges which were closed in 1988 have been remediated to meet Environmental Protection Agency and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection standards.

This was the first time that a naval base performed such an operation, which utilized a combination of mechanical separation to recover spent shot, and a soil washing process to remove any lead residue from the soil.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region II Remedial Program Manager Jeff Gratz visited the Earle site to witness the cleanup operation.

What made this such a unique task was its not only being the first such operation of its kind, there was also the combination of remediation equipment provided by an environmental engineering firm (Metcalf & Eddy) and the utilization of Earle's own work force to compete the project from beginning to end.

The "Team Earle" effort was a response to getting the job done in the wake of reduced government spending and a reduced work force at Weapons Station Earle. This was taken into consideration by the Region II Environmental Protection Agency when letters of commendations were sent to each member of the environmental remediation team.

The results of this cleanup yielded more than 1,200 cubic yards of lead-laden soil, which were excavated, washed, analyzed and returned to the original site.

During this process, 16,000 pounds of lead bullets were recovered. How many is that? It is estimated to be more than 950,000 bullets, which will be sold to a metal recycling firm. The funds received from the sale of these recyclables will be spent on pollution prevention or quality of life projects for military personnel and dependents stationed at Earle.

As for planned future users of the former ranges, one will be seeded and allowed to blend with the rest of the forest environment while the larger range will be made into a recreational Archery Range (environment-friendly of course).

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Sonny Runyon displays barrels holding some of the 16,000 pounds of lead bullets recovered during the cleanup of old firing ranges at Naval weapons Station Earle.