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Saucon Rotary Talks Child Safety

By Judd Wilson

DESALES UNIVERSITY -- The Rotary Club of Saucon Valley hosted a presentation here on May 3 by Michael Pittaro, owner of Guard-A-Kid Lehigh Valley. Pittaro discussed the reasons why child identification is so important and how Guard-A-Kid helps parents further ensure their children's safety.

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, more than 2,000 children will go missing today. Law enforcement officials anticipate that human trafficking will soon outpace drug or gun trafficking, said Pittaro. Most of that trafficking is in the form of child prostitution, according to the NCMEC.

Pittaro, who has several decades of experience in criminal justice as a professor, executive director, and author, began Guard-A-Kid of the Lehigh Valley because he saw the need to protect children. Pittaro said the odds of one's child going missing are 1 in 42. Panicked parents are usually unable to accurately describe their child's height, weight, and other identifying features, said Pittaro. Research has shown that if police have access to that information in

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Lower Milford Residents' Association President Don Weinberger tells members May 3 about the ongoing fight to protect Lower Milford's quality of life from a proposed 628-acre quarry. Photo by Judd Wilson.

Crushing the Quarry

By Judd Wilson

LOWER MILFORD -- Members of the Lower Milford Residents' Association met at the township building here May 3 for their annual meeting. Realtor Don Orcutt spoke about the effect quarries have on property values. Using research from Auburn University agricultural economist Diane Hite, Orcutt told LMRA members that the closer a home is to a quarry, the more precipitously its value falls. According to Hite's 2001 research, homes within one-half mile of a 250-acre quarry in Delaware County, Ohio were worth 36 percent less than homes between one-half to five miles

away from the quarry. Homes within 1.5 miles of the quarry were 25 percent less valuable than homes farther away from the quarry. Hite used a hedonic pricing model for her research, which was published in the *Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics* in 2001.

According to Hite, it is impossible for people looking to buy a home in the country to put a price tag on what they're looking for -- peace of mind, scenic views, nature, solitude, and so on. However, when homes lose value after a quarry opens up nearby,

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Foster Parents Needed in Lehigh Valley

By Judd Wilson

ALLENTEWON -- May is National Foster Care Month. "There is a great need for foster parenting" in the Lehigh Valley, said Rachel Paashaus, foster care case worker with Salvation Army Children's Services in Allentown. Thirty families provide foster care or respite care through the Salvation Army here, said Paashaus. Those foster children enter homes that have been rigorously screened and evaluated for 2-18 months, said Paashaus. The Salvation Army continuously provides the families with prayer support, reimbursement, and 24/7 available assistance, she said. The Salvation Army celebrated foster families with a foster parent appreciation banquet May 5.

Yet with 475 foster kids in Lehigh County alone, and 27,000 across Pennsylvania, the Salvation Army and a dozen other foster care agencies in the Lehigh Valley are looking for families "willing to sacrifice, care for, and love a child," Paashaus said. Foster families need not be wealthy and have large homes, she said. In fact, they don't even need to be married. People from all across the income spectrum with a room for a child can become foster parents. The most important thing the Salvation

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First Annual SLHS Baseball

Alumni Game(s) will be held July 11. All former Southern Lehigh baseball players welcome for a daylong event including alumni games. Families welcome and encouraged. For more information email slbaseballalumnigame@gmail.com or call Alex at 610-967-6232.

Friends of the Southern Lehigh Public Library present Captain Radio at 7 p.m. on May 9. What secrets lurk in the hearts of men and women? Captain Radio knows... Join us for an evening of fun as we travel back in time to a bygone era. Register online at www.solehipl.org; click on "Adult Programs".

Friends of SLPL also present the Not-So-Secret Gardens Tour from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 18, a self-guided tour of six private local gardens. Includes a sale of "gently used" books, live plants, and garden items at the library. Tickets on sale May 2 at the library. For more information, visit www.solehipl.org or call 610-282-8825

Howard E. Deppe 26th Annual All-Star Baseball Classic to ben-

efit the American Cancer Society will be held at Fegely Stadium in Limeport on June 4. Watch Lehigh Valley high school all-stars compete at 2, 4, and 6:30 p.m.

Kiwanis Club of Southern Lehigh will meet on May 12 at 7:30 a.m. at the Coopersburg Diner. Kiwanis will also hold the 3rd Annual 5K Run/Walk on May 14 at the Upper Saucon Township Community Park. Register online at www.active.com or in person on the day of the event.

Lower Milford Fire Company will hold a fireworks display on May 7 at 5 p.m. at the fire company at 1610 Limeport Pike. \$5 per vehicle for parking. Come early and enjoy dinner.

Lower Milford Residents' Association is holding its annual Flea Market and Bake sale on May 21 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pennsburg Auto Body and Tire, 408 Railroad Street, Pennsburg. Vendor spaces are available for \$10 ea. Call Paul Shellaway at 215-679-7316 to reserve vendor space. Call Janet Butterweck at 215-679-2118 to arrange for drop off of your donated items. Call Linda Weinberger at 610-657-5760 for bake sale donations. See our website at www.

crushthequarry.org for more information.

Rotary Club of Saucon will meet on May 10 at 7:30 a.m. in the University Center Building at DeSales University.

Southern Lehigh Chamber of Commerce will present the 2011 Shining Star and Scholarship Awards Program at DeSales University on May 11 at 7 a.m. To register or learn more, contact Ellie Passman at 610-841-5804 or eliep@lehighvalleychamber.org.

Southern Lehigh Education Foundation is holding its 5th Annual Golf Outing on May 23 at 1 p.m. at the Center Valley Golf Course. For more information, contact Tiffany Cain at tlcain14@gmail.com.

Southern Lehigh Youth Football Association is now accepting registrations for the 2011 season. For more information, call Jose Datis at 484-357-9098 or visit www.slyfa.org.

State Rep. Justin Simmons will host a forum on Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling at the Southern Lehigh Public Library on June 2 at 7 p.m.

Upper Saucon Lions Club will hold its 35th Annual Flea Market on June 4 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Living Memorial Park in Coopersburg. Rain or shine. New vendors welcome. 10' x 20' space \$10 in advance or \$12 the day of the flea market. Please contact Paulette at 610-282-1776 or Jasper at 1-800-405-2773 or www.uslionclub.com for more information.

Upper Saucon Storm Youth Football Club is now accepting registrations for the 2011 season. For more information, call 610-282-8600 or email uppersauconstorm@gmail.com.

Upper Saucon Township Water Department will be flushing fire hydrants on May 8-12 and May 15-16. Hydrants will be flushed from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. each day. You may experience a period of cloudy and/or discolored water and/or a momentary pressure fluctuation during the late evening or early morning hours. Please understand that these conditions are temporary and any questions should be directed to the Upper Saucon Township Water Department at 610-694-8680. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding during this maintenance activity.

Word Search # 16 -- Happy Mother's Day

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Mother's Day is a chance for all of us to say thank you to our moms, who do so much for their husbands, little ones, grandkids, and more. Thanks Mom! Photo by Judd Wilson.

Cryptoquote

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Last week's cryptoquote: April Showers Bring May Flowers

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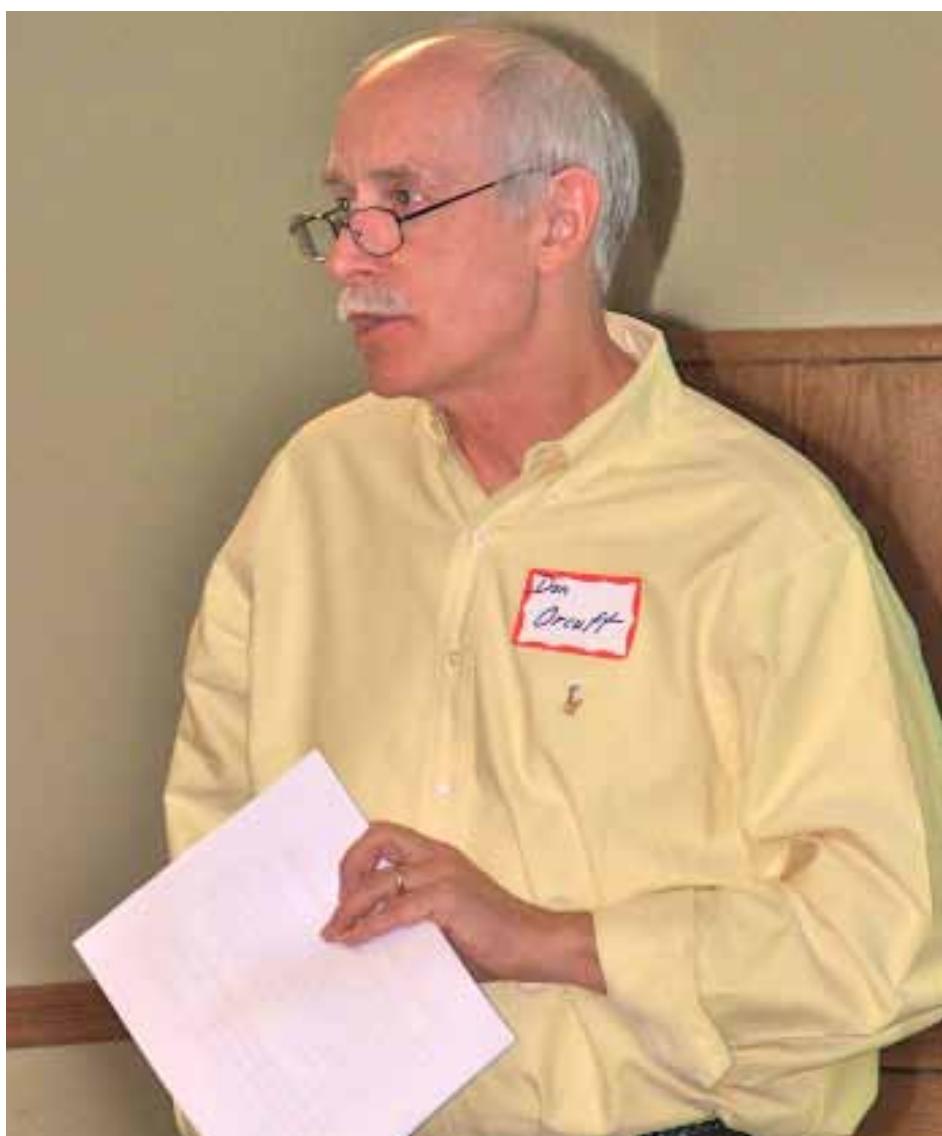
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researchers and homeowners can compare the old and new property values in order to judge the effect a quarry has on one's standard of living.

Orcutt said the research showed a \$9 million loss of property values in Delaware County once its quarry opened -- and that was just from the 128 homes within a one-half mile radius of the quarry. Hite's data showed home values rose to over \$300,000 five miles from the quarry, and steadily declined as homes got closer to the quarry. Homes within one-half mile of the quarry were worth less than \$180,000. With lower property values come lower tax revenues, said Orcutt.

LMRA President Don Weinberger briefed members on the progress the organization has made in its fight against Geryville Materials, Inc., and its proposed 628-acre quarry in Lower Milford. Since 2004, the township and LMRA have spent countless hours and hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees fending off Geryville Materials' assaults on Lower



Realtor Don Orcutt made a presentation May 3 on the effect quarries have on nearby property values. His presentation was based on research by agricultural economist Diane Hite at Auburn University.

Photo by Judd Wilson.

Milford's ordinances. The attacks have come via the zoning hearing board, planning commission, curative amendment process, county court, commonwealth court, and even the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, said Weinberger. But in every case, he said, the quarry has lost. Vice president Lori Sickenberger emphasized that Geryville Materials still hasn't put a shovel in the ground. Weinberger said he expects the fight to go on for two to three more years.

Lower Milford homeowner Ron Thornton, who moved here from New Jersey in December after retiring from the insurance industry, said "this is horrible, absolutely horrible." "Something's very wrong here," he said. Thornton was "stunned" that more people weren't "up in arms" about the quarry. He hadn't known about the proposed quarry when he bought his home, which is one mile from the site, but recently found out about it "by accident," he said. Now he might have found his *raison d'être* during retirement, he said. To learn more or to join the LMRA, go to www.crushthequarry.org.

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Citizens Bring Lots of Questions for Dent at Town Hall

By Judd Wilson

COOPERSBURG -- Congressman Charlie Dent held a town hall meeting at the Coopersburg VFW Post 3405 on April 28. Several dozen residents, mostly senior citizens, dialogued with the congressman about the federal budget, the deficit, Social Security, Medicare, gas prices, health care, the Veterans Administration and federal spending.

Dent plunged in by addressing the budget. "Washington right now needs to go on a diet." For every dollar spent in Washington, Dent said, 42 cents of it are borrowed. That level of debt "is not sustainable," said the congressman. Federal spending is one-quarter of the national gross domestic product, higher than the 20 percent maintained during most of the post-WWII era, said Dent. The deficit and high federal spending are affecting jobs and private sector investing, he said. "We are at a time in our nation's history when we have reached a tipping point." Dent said rather than wait for the inevitable debt crisis, we should address it now.

The congressman said he supports House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan's proposed federal budget because it will lead



Congressman Charlie Dent met with Southern Lehigh area residents at VFW Post 3405 in Coopersburg on April 28. Photo by Judd Wilson.

to \$6.2 trillion less in national debt over 10 years than the budget proposed by the White House. However, Dent explained, Ryan's budget will not get America out of debt in 10 years. Dr. Douglas Schoenberger of Coopersburg asked Dent how much Ryan's budget planned to cut in the first year. The family doctor said if the government was planning to get out of debt it would need to cut hundreds of billions in the first year. Dent did not recall the exact amount, but said that it would be an improvement over the budget proposed by the administration.

In response to questions about gas prices, Dent supported more domestic oil exploration as well as further utilization of nuclear energy. While visiting with workers along the Gulf Coast and in New Orleans last fall, people there told Dent they could recover from the BP oil spill, but not from a moratorium on offshore drilling. Once jobs leave for other coasts, Dent said, they don't come back. He urged oil drilling in Alaska and offshore in order to lower gasoline prices, which have risen over 30 cents in Coopersburg in the last month, and over \$1.00 in the past six months.

While Dent said he respects how Europeans and Canadians have created health care systems in tune with their cultures and values, he said "it's hard to impose a one-size-fits-all approach on a country this big" and diverse. According to Dent, a health insurance worker from Emmaus told him that 25 percent of the claims she reviews are fraudulent. Government-run health care will control costs through "delays, denials, and rationing," Dent said. Wealthier individuals will be able to supplement national health care with private insurance, while everyone else would be stuck, said Dent.

Raising taxes on individuals earning \$250,000 annually would actually hurt small business owners, many of whose business revenues flow through to their personal tax returns, Dent said. Making the Bush-era tax cuts permanent would help the economy, while letting them expire would raise everyone's taxes, penalize married couples, and cut the child tax credit in half, he said.

Dent is scheduled to speak during a Memorial Day ceremony here which begins at 10 a.m.



The best way to tell if a car show will have a good turnout is simple -- if you awaken in the morning and the skies are clear, it's going to be good. When the Allentown Area Corvette Club held their annual car show at DeSales University on May 1, the sun was shining at 7 a.m. and the show was more than just good. Over 150 Corvettes from as far away as New York State enjoyed perfect conditions. The AACCC was formed in 1969 and supports local charities throughout the Lehigh Valley. Save the date -- next year's show is on May 6, 2012. Photo by Larry Meixner.

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Scientists Say Quarry Will Hurt Habitat

By Judd Wilson

LOWER MILFORD -- Hydrogeologist Val Britton concluded his testimony and hydrologist Mark Gallagher began his at the April 27 Lower Milford Township Zoning Hearing Board meeting. Britton told attorney Pat Armstrong, who represents the Lower Milford Residents' Association, that engineers for Geryville Materials had used the wrong method to assess how much water the proposed Geryville Materials quarry could reintroduce into the ground. In Britton's expert opinion, Geryville Materials' methods led to "misleading" conclusions. In reality, he said, if the quarry pumps out all the water they're estimating they'll need to remove to mine at their desired depth, 25 gallons of water each minute will seep out of the ground at the location slated to receive all that water. "I've seen it before," Britton said. The ground there simply won't absorb so much new water, Britton said. A garden hose puts out four to five gallons of water per minute, he said. This would be five times that



This 2009 photo shows the Hosensack Creek, which has several tributaries on the proposed Geryville Materials quarry site. Photo by Lori Sickenberger.

amount, said Britton. Storm events would add even more water to the already-soaked ground, he added, as storm water was not included in the calculations.

Gallagher, a vice president for Princeton Hydro based in Ringoes, N.J., opined that the proposed quarry "will lead to adverse impacts to wetlands, watercourses, and wetland margins." He had reviewed Geryville Materials' special exception application, compared it to the township zoning

ordinance, and toured the proposed quarry site twice in the last five months, Gallagher said. The quarry's proposal would definitely alter wetlands and deposit sediment into the Hosensack's tributaries, Gallagher said, in violation of the ordinance.

Three tributaries of the Hosensack Creek run through the proposed quarry site, Gallagher said. "Headwater tributaries are very sensitive to changes in groundwater hydrology," testified

the witness. Gallagher said forested portions of the wetlands would cease to be classified as wetlands because of the severe drawdown in water caused by the quarry. Even a six-inch drawdown in water has a big impact on plant life, said Gallagher. He estimated between 5 and 40 feet of drawdown at various locations across the proposed quarry site. The reason governments care about wetland flora and fauna, testified Gallagher, is because wetlands perform certain necessary functions in our society. They serve as a wildlife habitat, help mitigate floods, and perform nutrient transformation in the anaerobic, saturated ground around plant roots. The wetlands on the proposed quarry site are very good for amphibians, he noted. Geryville Materials' proposed wetlands protection measures might actually hurt the quarry site more than they would help, said Gallagher.

The next Lower Milford Township Zoning Hearing Board meeting will be here May 25 at 6:30 p.m.



2011 Shining Star and Scholarship Awards Program

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DeSales Performers Take Audience to “Camelot”

By Judd Wilson

DESALES UNIVERSITY -- DeSales University's production of the 1960 Lerner and Loewe musical "Camelot" has gone beautifully. The production, which is showing here through May 8, featured a talented cast led by Jacob R. Dresch as Arthur and Katie Wexler as Guenevere.

Part absent-minded professor and part schoolboy, Dresch's Arthur tumbled out of a tree while spying on his bride-to-be in prayer and chatted with his old classmate Pellinore about affairs of state over chess. Wexler's voice soared as she sang fan favorites including "The Simple Joys of Maidenhood" and "I Loved You Once in Silence." James Stapp's portrayal of Lancelot as strong, dutiful, and loyal was spot-on. Anthony Connell's Mordred was an intriguing villain that left viewers begging for more. DeSales' artists and performers should be proud of their production. The music, set, cast, and crew pulled off an impressive performance.

Unfortunately, Lerner and Loewe's story was filled with shortcomings



King Arthur (played by Jacob R. Dresch) entrances his new queen Guenevere (played by Katie Wexler) with his dream of an idyllic kingdom in the Act 1 production of Lerner and Loewe's musical masterpiece, "Camelot." Photo courtesy of DeSales University.

that dampened the production. The writers evidently did not think it *malapropos* to make an adulterous affair the centerpiece of a romantic comedy -- but it is a stumbling block to faithful hearts everywhere. Their King Arthur is common, naive, and immature, a far cry from the image typically associated with the legend of Camelot. Along the same lines, Guenevere's praise for infidelity during "The Lusty Month of May," and her vain display in "Then You May Take

Me to the Fair" destroyed all hopes of bonding with the character. Lancelot was supposed to be perfect in body and noble in spirit, and yet the blatant egotism of his song "C'est Moi" repelled any attempts by the audience to admire the alleged role model. In contrast to Shakespeare, whose plays perfectly balanced nobility and baseness by contrasting dramatic, admirable royalty with their crass, brawling servants, Lerner and Loewe attempted to roll both

nobility and crudeness into one. The result was an unsatisfactory, mixed mess.

Lerner and Loewe also made Arthur the mouthpiece of the idea that a world without borders would be a world at peace. That went over like a lead balloon in the week that saw jubilation over Osama bin Laden's demise. Combine that with the massive invasion Americans face from our southern border and the hundreds of thousands of troops fighting overseas to protect us, and one suspects that even JFK would skip those lines.

The university's performers have done a great job with what they had to work with. Sadly, Lerner and Loewe did not supply them with the stuff of nobility -- ironic given the name of the production. "Camelot" is showing at the Labuda Center for the Performing Arts through May 8. Performances are at 8 p.m., plus a 2 p.m. Sunday show. Tickets are \$26 for adults and \$24 for students and seniors on Friday and Sunday, and \$27 for all patrons on Saturday. To get tickets, call the Labuda Center Box Office at 610-282-3192, or go to www.desales.edu/act1.

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Thank you,

Patrick M. Leonard

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Army looks for, she said, is that the family will love the child.

The screening process can be grueling. Applicant families go through numerous checks by the F.B.I., local police, and other agencies. The Salvation Army verifies the family's income and does an extensive home study, including visits and interviews, in order to make sure the home and family in it are a good match for a foster child. "We go above and beyond" state regulations, Paashaus said, to protect children. The Salvation Army follows up by

providing training before and after the foster child has been placed in a home, she said. The idea is to prepare and protect foster families in order to increase their chances of success.

Successful foster care results in a child having a "forever family," she said. Whether a child returns to his biological family or ends up with an adoptive family, state law requires foster agencies to work towards finding a permanent, stable environment for children. Paashaus said more kids are reuniting with their biological families than a decade ago, partly

as a result of the 1997 Adoption and Safe Families Act, and partly out of a vigorous effort by foster care agencies to find permanent homes for kids with their kin, family friends, neighbors, and so on. Moving kids around from school to school and city to city is bad for them, she said. In addition, shocking city kids by moving them into a rural setting, or putting them into families of a different culture than their own, is not helpful. Continuity and permanency is the goal for foster care agencies, foster parents, and foster children alike, Paashaus said. That much was evident, she said, when she

recently came across a 21-year old foster child who was looking for a family to adopt her. Even as young adults, foster kids need a place to go home to for the holidays, and a community to belong to, she said. According to Paashaus, 4,000 foster children in Pennsylvania are eligible for adoption.

Foster care "takes an ordinary person with an extraordinary desire to love and care for a child in need," said Paashaus. To learn more about becoming a foster parent, please call 610-821-7706 or visit www.care4kids.net.

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the first 30 minutes after a child goes missing, the chances of a safe and quick reunification rise sharply, said Pittaro. The first 24 hours are the most critical, he said, because sexual predators often panic after committing sexual crimes against children and then murder the abducted children.

Guard-A-Kid offers parents a complete, digital set of their child's fingerprints, two hard laminated identification cards with their child's information, and a CD

or flash drive with all the child's information formatted for police to download instantly, Pittaro said. The information can also be sent to cell phones and family members via email. The cost is around \$20, he said, and delivers a higher-quality product than ink thumbprints alone. Corporate policy requires Guard-A-Kid to delete all the child's information after one week and requires that it be stored on a dedicated, double-password protected laptop, said Pittaro.

The same service is available for senior citizens and people with special needs, he said. Teens can also be supervised while away from home courtesy of an identification card complete with GPS microchip. Parents can follow online as their teenagers drive around town, see how long they stop at different locations, and even sign up to be alerted by text message if their teens enter a predesignated no-go zone.

Guard-A-Kid is available to the general public and can be a

great addition to fundraisers or community events, Pittaro said, at little to no cost to event organizers. Schools put no money down and get 20 percent of the profit when they host a Guard-A-Kid safety event, he said.

To learn more, please call 484-903-9002, email mpittaro@guardakid.com, or visit www.guardakid.com/mpittaro. Saucon Rotary Club meets each Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. at the DeSales University Center.

Lower Milford SUPERVISOR

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Jeffrey Tapler ★ 2 Year Term

Jeff has the experience to bring our township up to our standards. Working in public safety since age 14, Jeff has what it takes to make Lower Milford the haven it should be.

Having served as Chief of Police, Jeff knows what is required to keep residents of Lower Milford safe.

Jeff wants Lower Milford to be open and accessible by embracing new technology so that everyone can have a say.

Jeff has the experience to fix the budget problems and get Lower Milford back to being the safe and beautiful township it needs to be.

Jeffrey has lived in the Lehigh Valley his entire life, and has resided in Lower Milford with his wife Sharon since 1994.



Ted Zapach ★ 6 Year Term

Ted Zapach has lived in the Lower Milford area his entire life and looks to represent the oft-forgotten farm community. Ted wants to fix what's broken in Lower Milford and get our township on financial track!

Having served on the Planning Commission in the past, he knows the ins and outs of Lower Milford.

Ted is a workingman and knows it's wrong for the Township to be misspending your money!

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Letter to the Editor: Re-Elect Supervisors

To the Citizens of Lower Milford Township:

If you are concerned about the land development trends and their impacts on the rural character of our township and your health, safety, & welfare, I urge you to make an informed vote on Tuesday, May 17th at the Lower Milford Township Building.

Are you concerned that your property values will drop further due to unregulated commercial/industrial development? Do you

prefer the tranquility of the rural & open space character that's been preserved in our township? Are you concerned about having safe drinking water, quality air to breathe and safe roads to travel without the threat of heavy truck traffic? Do you desire the continued high quality fire protection and emergency services that we've been privileged with?

If you value these great advantages of life in Lower Milford Township, I strongly encourage you to re-elect

Donna Wright & Mike Snovitch for Township Supervisor.

Donna's expertise, awareness, vigilance, and experience rate her as THE choice as an outstanding Lower Milford Township Supervisor. She has dedicated her time and energy to protecting the township from unchecked development, while defending homeowners' rights. Mike joined the Board of Supervisors last year. During that time, he has demonstrated a depth of understanding and compassion for

our wonderful township way of life. His professional background has also been a valuable asset to all.

These two township supervisors deserve your support. I intend to help re-elect these excellent local leaders. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join you in voting for Donna Wright and Mike Snovitch on Election Day, May 17th. Thank you very much,

Elizabeth Hare
East Greenville, Pa.

Letter to the Editor: End the Dictatorship

Dear Neighbor,

A few weeks ago, my wife and I received a letter in the mail from the group Restore Lower Milford. The letter described how the Township budget priorities are not meeting the needs of the residents in Lower Milford.

Normally, we would just put a letter like this to the side, but the message these residents described struck a chord with us. For the past few years, we have felt as if we were alone as we tried to work to provide for our extended family. However, as soon as we read the letter, we realized we were not alone in our concerns about how the township is being managed. We felt it was important to tell our story, because we believe there are others who may have similar experiences. You can read my full story or can share your own story by visiting www.RestoreLowerMilford.com. The following is our abbreviated story:

In 2005, my wife and I decided to look for homes that could

accommodate our extended family. My mother wanted to move closer to her grandchildren so we decided to build a new home with an in-law suite. We soon found land we liked in Lower Milford and our house was completed in May of 2006 with a fully functional in-law suite.

A few years later, my wife's mother was afflicted with health problems. This unforeseeable situation urged us to investigate whether we could add another living area to accommodate her mother as well. Before we drafted a plan, we decided to ascertain from the township whether this would be allowed. We were shocked to learn that this addition to our house would not be allowed if we included another stove/oven.

Finally, in 2010, our addition seemed well under way. However, our hope was short-lived. The construction was stopped in May 2010. After going through all this, we were told we had an illegal apartment. They were referring to the in-law suite that we had built with the home that the township

approved and issued a Certificate of Occupancy for back in 2006.

Be that as it may, to date, my addition still sits unfinished, we have NO PERMIT to proceed and my family's life remains upside down. Instead, five years later, the township officials, like dictators, decided to make our lives miserable solely because of their incompetence to perform their jobs. If that weren't enough, NOW they want us to sign a settlement agreement, coercing us into not suing the township for damages.

I think that this waste of resources could have all been avoided had the township officials taken the time to solve this problem. No doubt, they probably figure that it's not their dollars that they are spending, but it's all of our TAX dollars. Simultaneously, they tell us that we do not need our own police presence in the township because, according to them, we can't afford it. Yet, we can afford to pay unnecessary Solicitor fees for issues like mine? In closing, I would like to add that whether

one is the President of the United States or a small township official, those individuals are suppose to serve the people...THE PEOPLE! Accordingly, that person's duty is not to make those they are to serve jump through hoops and do cart wheels or practically beg for justice or to be heard.

I trust most agree that we need people who are willing to work with us, rather than against us by holding us hostage or making our lives difficult when we try to help a family member or improve our own life's situation. It seems as if the powers in our small township take pride in treating us, township folks, more like pawns than people. On such a note, I trust that you, fellow citizens, realize that changes in our township will be up to us. Let us then unite and help Restore Lower Milford back to a place that I hear so many of my neighbors describe.

Sincerely,

John and Kim Stagg
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Coopersburg, PA 18036

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Friedens Lutheran Church

9 a.m. worship
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Center Valley, PA 18034

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www.gmc-c.org
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10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. worship
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www.locustvalleychapel.org
9:30 a.m. worship
11 a.m. discipleship
5936 Locust Valley Road
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10 a.m. worship
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9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. worship
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538 East Thomas Street
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*From the Office of State Sen.
Bob Mensch*

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Rally for the Second Amendment on May 10

*From the Office of State Rep.
Justin Simmons*

Supporters of the Second Amendment from across the state will gather in Harrisburg next week to rally for the protection of our rights. Rep. Simmons will participate in the rally and invites you to join him.

The Annual Right to Keep and Bear Arms Rally will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, on the front steps of the Capitol building.

Scheduled speakers include Kim Stolfer, chairman of Firearms Owners Against Crime; David Keene, president of the National Rifle Association; and Steven M. Toprani, district attorney for Washington County.

Organizations taking part in the event include the PA Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, PA Association

of Firearms Retailers, PA Rifle and Pistol Association, Eastern Pennsylvania Firearms Coalition, PA Gun Collectors Association, Gun Week, Gun Owners of America, Allegheny County Sportsmen's League, National Shooting Sports Foundation, NRA, Second Amendment Sisters, Unified Sportsmen of Pennsylvania and the PA Sportsmen's Association.

To learn more about Firearms Owners Against Crime, go to www.foac-pac.org.

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Bulldogs Earn Top Seed in Conference Playoffs

By BJ Spigelmyer
Courtesy of DeSales University

DESALES UNIVERSITY – It was the final home game for the DeSales University softball team's four seniors and junior Brianna Chilcoat did her part to make sure they left with two wins, ripping three doubles on the day including a two-run double in game one leading the Bulldogs past York College (PA), 2-0 and 3-2, in a non-conference doubleheader on May 1.

Seniors Jen Lococo, Kate Steiner, Kristin Schultz, and Sharon Yudt all appeared in their last regular season home doubleheader looking to give DSU (21-11 overall) its fourth straight and sixth overall 20-win season and did just that with two wins over the visiting Spartans (19-19 overall).

In the opener, Lococo took a perfect game into the fifth and finished with a two-hit shutout, her second in as many days, to earn her ninth win of the season and the 44th victory of her career in the circle. Lococo struck out one



Junior Brianna Chilcoat hit three doubles to lead the Bulldogs past York College on Senior Day at DeSales University. Photo by Pat Jacoby.

and did not issue a walk as just two Spartans reached base in the game one win. Chilcoat provided all the run support Lococo needed by ripping a two-out, two-run

double to left-center in the second inning, plating freshman Cassie Wagman and sophomore Courtney McKenna. McKenna and Chilcoat each had two hits in the win.

In the second game, DSU took an early 2-0 lead on RBI singles from junior Christine Petrilla and Steiner before York battled back to tie the game at two in the third inning. Still tied at two in the bottom of the fifth, sophomore Julie Brugger came thru knocking in Lococo with a two-out single up the middle after Lococo reached base after being hit by a pitch three batters earlier.

Petrilla earned the win in the circle pitching three shutout innings of relief, striking out two after junior Katie Morrissey had tossed the first four innings allowing just three hits and two unearned runs, striking out one. Steiner had two more hits and stole two bases, while Chilcoat had her third double of the afternoon in the game two win.

DSU returns to action on May 6 at 11 a.m. as they take on Manhattanville in the opening round of the Freedom Conference playoffs at King's College in Wilkes-Barre. The double-elimination tournament will determine whether the Bulldogs advance to the NCAA championships.

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DeSales in Playoffs May 6-8 at Quakertown Memorial Park

By BJ Spigelmyer
Courtesy of DeSales University

SWOYERSVILLE, PA. – The DeSales University baseball team saw its five-game winning streak come to an end as Misericordia University won both ends of a Freedom Conference doubleheader by scores of 7-1 and 7-3 on May 1 to steal away the top seed in the upcoming Freedom Conference playoffs.

The Freedom Conference playoffs will be played May 6-8 at Quakertown's Memorial Park. The Bulldogs (19-16, 14-7 Freedom) finish as the #2 seed and will take on the #3 seed, FDU-Florham, in the opening round of the double elimination tournament on May 6 at 7 p.m. Misericordia (23-11, 14-6 Freedom) takes on the #4 seed, King's College, in the other opening round game on May 6 at 4 p.m.

In game one, the Cougars broke open a scoreless game in the bottom of the third inning by scoring four runs, including two unearned runs, to take a 4-0 lead.



Junior Jack Kavetski had two hits against Misericordia on May 1. The Bulldogs begin Freedom Conference playoffs May 6. Photo by Pat Jacoby.

DSU did get one back in the top of the fifth inning on a solo home run from junior Ethan Moser, but the

Cougars added three more in the sixth and never looked back from there.

Junior Travis Hughes took the loss despite pitching well, allowing only four hits over five innings and four runs, including two unearned. Moser had two of DSU's seven hits.

In the second game, the Cougars took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first before the Bulldogs answered with a solo tally in the top of the second inning on an RBI ground out from senior Ronnie Wentz after junior Jason Hadinger tripled to lead-off the inning.

Misericordia however just kept pressuring the Bulldogs, scoring once more in the bottom of the second and twice in the fourth and sixth innings. DSU did get one run in the fourth and sixth as well on an RBI single from sophomore Chris Zucchi and a solo home run from sophomore Brian Mauro.

Sophomore Dan Gayeski took the loss, allowing seven hits and four earned runs over five innings, striking out four. Mauro finished 2-for-4 with two runs scored and junior Jack Kavetski had two more hits out of the lead-off spot.

Golf Posts Best-Ever Finish at Freedom Championships

By BJ Spigelmyer
Courtesy of DeSales University

HERSHEY, PA. – Senior Michael Felker earned All-Freedom Conference Second-Team honors leading the DeSales University golf team to its best-ever finish at the Freedom Conference Championships with a third place showing and

two-day score of 674 on April 30 and May 1 at the Hershey Country Club East Course.

The Bulldogs joined the MAC and Freedom Conference in 1997-98. Prior to this year, they had never finished higher than sixth at the Conference Championship event. However, on May 1 they fired a 335 team score to stay one shot

ahead of Wilkes University in third place for championship.

Leading the way was Felker, who earned Second-Team honors with a ninth place individual finish. He carded an 83 on day one and an 81 on day two. Senior Kenny Engel also fared well with a 12th place finish including an 84 on April 30 and an 83 on May 1.

Freshman Matt Radziwill finished T-15th for the Bulldogs with an 84 and 86 for a two-day total of 170. Sophomore Tyler McLean finished with an 88 and an 85 to total 173, good enough for 22nd place. Junior Thomas Gumbert rounded out the Bulldogs' lineup with a two-day total of 183, 33rd place individually.

LOCAL STANDINGS

Baseball

Solehi	9	4
Salisb.	8	5
Palisad.	6	5
ND-GP	5	7
Saucon	3	8

Softball

Saucon	11	0
Solehi	11	1
ND-GP	7	5
Palisad.	4	8
Wilson	4	8

Boys' Tennis

Solehi	13	1
Morav.	13	1
Salisb.	7	7
Palisad.	4	9
Saucon	2	11

Baseball

Miseri.	23	13
FDU	20	12
Wilkes	21	16
DeSales	19	16
King's	16	17

Softball

DeSales	21	11
Miseri.	22	15
King's	15	11
Eastern	17	17
FDU	14	16

Mens' Lacrosse

Widen.	13	2
Messiah	11	4
FDU	11	6
Eastern	10	6
DeSales	3	12

