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## Borough Recognizes Police Heroes

By Judd Wilson

COOPERSBURG – Mayor Tim Paashaus and council members recognized policemen Charles Wyckoff, III and Alfred Guzman on May 10 for saving Mary Litz's life during a residential fire December 1, 2010. Litz thanked the pair with a warm hug after Paashaus commended their bravery. Wyckoff said he is glad that Litz can be around for her family. Paashaus also recognized officer Joseph Hetten for his outstanding performance in motor vehicle law enforcement.

Councilman Dennis Balascak reported that the health and sanitation committee discussed several projects at its April 27 meeting. Work will be performed this year on Ninth Street and John Alley at a cost of \$41,800, Balascak said. He also said that the borough should expedite Fred Derby's attempt to connect Second Street with a new subdivision because the borough asked him to make the connection. "I'd like to see this move forward without a problem," said Balascak. Council President Gary Hovis said that engineer William Erdman had advised the council to meet with Derby. Solicitor Chris Gittinger counseled the members to meet with him for a pre-construction

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Candidates and activists doggedly pursued victory in the May 17 primary elections until polls closed at 8 p.m. Photo by Judd Wilson.

## Voters Decide

By Judd Wilson

SOUTHERN LEHIGH -- On May 17, Southern Lehigh voters ended a dramatic and hard-fought primary election campaign season.

Republicans chose Jeff Dimmig (1,043 votes), John Quigley (990 votes), Corinne Gunkle (829 votes), William Lycett (749 votes) and James Lindsay, Jr. (744 votes) as their nominees for November's general elections. Democrats chose Corinne Gunkle (566 votes), Jim Grabusky (438 votes), William Lycett (437 votes), James Lindsay, Jr. (437 votes), and Jeff Dimmig (405 votes) as their nominees for November's general elections.

Grabusky, Gunkle, Lindsay, and Lycett ran on a "G" and "L" ticket together. Of the four, only Gunkle had experience on the school board. However, all four won either or both of the Republican

and Democrat nominations. Incumbent school board members Jeff Dimmig and John Quigley also ran on a ticket, and both were re-nominated by Republicans.

Surprisingly, 16-year school board veteran Bill Miracle did not earn either the Republican or Democrat nominations. His low-key campaign ended with 593 votes in the Republican primary and 404 votes in the Democrat primary, good enough for seventh and sixth places, respectively.

In Upper Saucon, Republicans had to choose two of three supervisor candidates. Patrick Leonard (537 votes) and Dennis Benner (480 votes) earned their party's nominations, while Bruce Carstensen (302 votes) finished third. Leonard said he "looks forward to serving the residents

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## You've Come a Long Way, Baby

By Judd Wilson

COOPERSBURG -- When he started out doing plumbing jobs for people in the neighborhood, Fred Derby couldn't have known his one-man band would grow into one of Coopersburg's biggest corporations.

Funny how life works.

After spending a year in Penn State's forestry program way back in the 1970s, the man who describes himself as having always been mechanically inclined decided school wasn't for him. Back at home one day, Derby got a call asking if he could fix a busted water line in the ground. He had been doing construction work and finishing cement during the daytime, so that left him free at nights. Though he didn't have tons of experience, Derby said sure he could fix it. He did a bang-up job and started receiving more calls. While doing roofing, siding, and finishing during the day, Derby spent his nights and weekends doing plumbing. Often he was out until midnight or 1 a.m., he said. But by being available when most plumbers were off, Derby became a valuable commodity. He gained a lot of plumbing clients. Meanwhile, his daytime work evolved from small repairs

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# BRIEFS

**Fifth Annual Coopersburg 5K, Kids' Fun Run, and Health and Wellness Expo** will take place May 28. See Page 5 for the 5K registration form. To register or learn more, visit [www.coopersburg.org](http://www.coopersburg.org) or contact Jennifer Wescoe-Schaninger Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 484-553-6340 or [jwschaninger@hotmail.com](mailto:jwschaninger@hotmail.com). Vendor spaces are available for the Health and Wellness Expo. To reserve spaces, contact Dr. Trish Colasurdo at 484-225-3048.

**Friends of the Southern Lehigh Public Library** 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](http://www.solehipl.org) or call 610-282-8825

**Howard E. Deppe 26th Annual All-Star Baseball Classic** to benefit 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 26 at 7:30 a.m. at the Coopersburg Diner.

**Lower Milford Fire Company** will hold a spaghetti dinner on May 26 at 4:30 p.m. at the fire company at 1610 Limeport Pike. \$7 per adult, \$4 per child ages 6-12, \$7.50 for take-out. Salad bar and dessert included.

**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](http://www.crushthequarry.org) for more information.

**Morning Star Moravian Church** is having its annual yard sale on June 11 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 234 S. Main St., Coopersburg. Household items, toys, books, jewelry, electronics, holiday items tools. Light refreshments and baked goods, including Moravian

Sugar Cakes, will also be available. Please direct any questions to Kathie Harman at 610-282-4501 or to the church office at 610-282-1908.

**Rotary Club of Saucon** will be holding an Improving Your Odds Educational Casino Night on June 3 at the Se-Wy-Co Fire Company from 7-9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. Food stations and cash bar will be available. Learn how to play blackjack, roulette, craps and other games of chance! The more chips you win, the better your chances to win prizes! All proceeds will go the Rotary Student Exchange Program. To reserve your tickets, please contact Jack Pfunder at [jepfunder@yahoo.com](mailto:jepfunder@yahoo.com). For more information, check us out on Facebook! Search: Saucon Valley Rotary.

**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](mailto:tlcain14@gmail.com).

**Southern Lehigh Youth Football Association** is now accepting registrations for the 2011 season. For more information, call 484-357-9098 or visit [www.slyfa.org](http://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.

**Swim-In Zone** will hold a triathlon on May 29 for kids ages 3-10. \$20 entry fee benefits Red Cross WHALE Tales safety program.

**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, Jasper at 1-800-405-2773, or go to [www.uslion-sclub.com](http://www.uslion-sclub.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, email [uppersauconstorm@gmail.com](mailto:uppersauconstorm@gmail.com), or go to [www.uppersauconstorm.com](http://www.uppersauconstorm.com).

**Upper Saucon Township** has announced its Concerts in the Park lineup for this summer, featuring Zydeco-A-Go-Go on June 23, Joyous on July 7, and Scott McKenna on August 11.

## Word Search # 18 -- Picnics

V B S O T B C R A C K E R S  
 A G R R Y A F P Q U V K P T  
 S S E T A L P R E P A P L O  
 N E O M E L I A W S S B T R  
 I R S B E M C E S D U L R R  
 K T H S N K N B Y N N A E A  
 P S A N D W I C H E S N C C  
 A H D G A R C A F I H K I B  
 N F E T B E B O R R I E U S  
 W E E T D G A W O F N T J P  
 Q R R K A Y S S X K E B D S  
 A R R U L U K F A M I L Y E  
 G A R B A G E B A G F E D U  
 P S O I S I T N K N L P S O



Local parks can be a nice place to have a picnic this spring and summer. Photo courtesy of Upper Saucon Township.

- Apples
- Ball
- Blanket
- Carrots
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Cups
- Family
- Friends
- Garbage Bag
- Juice
- Napkins
- Paper Plates
- Park
- Picnic Basket
- Salad
- Sandwiches
- Shade
- Sunshine
- Water

### Word Search #17 Key -- Local Elections

A E C E T A D I D N A C G R  
 S L C O O E O R P S U O B V  
 I E O P P O S E Y U P M O O  
 T C O W R E F P T S P M S T  
 E T P C E G D U J T E I T E  
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 A O R U T H M L R P S S A B  
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## Cryptoquote

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Last week's cryptoquote: No taxation without representation

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and helping to improve our quality of life.”

By far the hardest-fought campaign, however, was in the not-so-sleepy township of Lower Milford, where recent police budget cuts, seven years of litigation over a proposed quarry, and allegations of wrongdoing on both sides caused Republican voters to come out in huge numbers.

Lower Milford Republicans had to nominate two candidates for supervisor, an unusual circumstance brought about by former board of supervisors chairman Richard Harris' untimely death one year ago. Mike Snovitch, former chairman of the planning commission, had been appointed to serve in lieu of Harris until voters could decide who would serve the remainder of Harris' term which expires in 2013. Snovitch was running for election to that two-year term against Jeffrey Tapler, Lower Milford's former police chief and



**Supervisor candidate Jeffrey Tapler greeted former Lower Milford police chief Lloyd Ohl as he arrived to vote on May 17 while supervisor Donna Wright talked with a supporter. By all accounts, Lower Milford had the highest voter turnout in its history for a local primary election.**

*Photo courtesy of Lowell Linde.*

current constable. Chairwoman Donna Wright ran against Ted Zapach for re-election to another six year term. Wright (403 votes) and Snovitch (382 votes) easily beat Zapach (230 votes) and Tapler (254 votes), who had combined on a "Team Lower Milford" ticket to challenge the incumbents. Because only three supervisors sit on Lower Milford's board of supervisors, the duo's challenge would have meant

a sea change in Lower Milford politics if it had been successful.

Compared to neighboring Upper Saucon Township, Lower Milford is small -- 3,775 residents compared to Upper Saucon's 14,808. Yet 636 people, or 17 percent of Lower Milford's total population, chose between Jeffrey Tapler and Mike Snovitch. Compare that to Upper Saucon,

where only 1,316 total votes came in for the supervisor candidates, despite people getting to vote twice. That means fewer than 700 Upper Saucon residents, or 5 percent of the total population, chose between their supervisor candidates. Lower Milford Republicans were more than three times as likely to vote than their counterparts in Upper Saucon, a testament to the tireless efforts and organizational abilities of political activists in Lower Milford. Wright called the election "a community win" that showed where the feelings of Lower Milford residents lay. Tapler predicted "higher township tax rates and less local emergency services...hard times ahead" following the loss.

Coopersburg residents had no borough council candidates to choose from on their ballots. Three vacancies will open up when current members Gary Hovis, Jack Felch, and Larry Pummer step down from the seven-member council next year.

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***Character is doing what's right when nobody is looking.***

# DeSales University Students Bridge the Generation Gap

By Lois Weber  
*Courtesy of DeSales University*

DESALES UNIVERSITY -- On Sunday, April 17, DeSales University students hosted a senior prom at the University for nursing home residents in the Lehigh Valley. Residents from Phoebe-Richland and Belle Haven spent the afternoon listening to and dancing to music from the 1940s, 50s, and 60s.

The Commonwealth Room at the DeSales University Center was filled with the sounds of the Glenn Miller Band, Count Basie Orchestra, Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra, Benny Goodman, and many others whose music bolstered this generation of Americans through the best and worst times.

All residents, regardless of mobility, were encouraged by students to come to the dance floor and share the nostalgia of the music and the memories it conjured. Several residents accepted dance invitations from students, who helped support them while they swayed on the dance floor. Other residents enjoyed watching, clapping along, or dancing to the music in their chairs.



**Eliza Martin dancing with Anna Kalnins from Belle Haven Nursing Home.** *Photo courtesy of DeSales University.*

The highlight of the day was a visit from the DeSales University Bulldog mascot, who graciously danced with the ladies and posed for pictures with residents. Photos were printed onsite and given to the residents as keepsakes. Guests also received geranium centerpieces to adorn their rooms.

Feedback from the residents and nursing home staff was overwhelmingly positive. Enid Chacker from Pheobe-Richland, who had not danced in nearly 25 years, had the chance to do so at the prom, radiating happiness as she danced to some of her favorite tunes.

DeSales senior Eliza Martin '11 said, "Not only did we bring delight to some elders in our community, we gained a new perspective and saw that we really can make a difference. A simple dance with a woman who hasn't danced since she was a young girl brought immeasurable happiness. Little acts of love make all the difference!"

The prom was the brainstorm of several freshmen students and their peer mentors who are part of the University's first-year experience program—Character U. Character U begins every fall with two critical goals in mind:

help new students transition into college life and promote character development among the student body. Character U programming includes competitions, fundraising events, keynote speakers, and an end-of-the-year service project. The senior prom was the service project for Pod 6, one of the eight groups to which students are assigned when they arrive on the DeSales campus.

"Having local nursing homes residents come and spend a couple of hours with us was amazing," said Emily Mulicka '12 "For some of them, it was their first prom, which made it even more special for them. When I saw the look on their faces and talked to them, I realized how much of an impact we made on their lives. ... This was an unforgettable experience."

The students involved in the senior prom saw the event as a way to express their gratitude to this great generation of Americans. They also hope it inspires future campus events geared toward engaging more of the Lehigh Valley's senior citizens in ways that allow them to enjoy some of life's simplest pleasures.

## Cruisin' News: "The Coop" to Hold Cruise Nights

By Larry Meixner

COOPERSBURG -- The Coopersburg Diner has announced summer cruise nights for 2011. Tom Gourzes, owner of "The Coop," said that he has set aside three Monday nights for anyone wanting to show their ride: June 20, July 18 and August 15.

Everyone is welcome and there is NO entry fee. DJ Hodge Podge will be providing pre-recorded music for your entertainment.

The Coop will also be offering cruise night specials for participants and regular patrons alike. Dash plaques to the first 30 cars and a special "patrons choice" award will be given. For more

information, call 610-972-9468 or email [coopersburgdiner@yahoo.com](mailto:coopersburgdiner@yahoo.com).

Would you like to have your ride in the Cruisin' News spotlight? All you need to do is drop off a picture at my shop, or send an email with your picture attached and your contact information to [sltcruisinnews@gmail.com](mailto:sltcruisinnews@gmail.com).

### Cruisin' Calendar

May 21-- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show & Shine at Trinity UCC. Rt. 212 in Pleasant Valley. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Rain date May 28. Call 610-346-6985.

June 10—Cruise at Country Kitchen Rt. 212 in Pleasant Valley. 5-8 p.m. Call 610-346-7416.

June 19—9<sup>th</sup> Annual Silver Creek Father's Day Car Show. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Rt. 212 in Springtown. General admission \$3. Benefits Youth Baseball.

Anyone with information regarding car shows or cruises in our area are encouraged to contact Larry at Meixner's Awards & More at 551 E. Station Ave. Coopersburg, call 610-662-5525, or email [sltcruisinnews@gmail.com](mailto:sltcruisinnews@gmail.com).

Until next week—Happy Motoring!



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**Paint:** Phantom Blue

**Extras:** Complete Factory Stock  
**Owners:** Dennis & Marge, Coopersburg Pa.

**Restored:** 2005

# Southern Lehigh Kiwanis Enjoy a Great 5K



The 3rd Annual Southern Lehigh Kiwanis 5K brought out more than 20 runners on a cool, damp May 14. Participants enjoyed a pleasant, competitive run around Upper Saucon Township Community Park. Adon Rosario was the overall winner with a time of 21:49 and Jessica Twardzik was the womens' winner with a time of 25:00.

Kiwanis Club Secretary Rosemary McFee said funds raised from the annual event go to fund a number of programs benefitting the local community. Southern Lehigh Kiwanis provide scholarships for Southern Lehigh High School seniors, fund the Community Outreach Benefit and the Officer David Petzold Memorial Fund, hold an annual Easter Egg Hunt, Haunted Hayride, Christmas Party and Dance for disabled adults, and much more. To learn more and to join, contact Erin Ofner at [eofner15@hotmail.com](mailto:eofner15@hotmail.com) or Rose McFee at [rmcfeepsu@aol.com](mailto:rmcfeepsu@aol.com) Photos by Judd

## 5th Annual Coopersburg 5K, Kids' Fun Run, and Health & Wellness Expo

Saturday, May 28



Register at  
[www.coopersburg.org](http://www.coopersburg.org)  
or [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)

Benefiting the  
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Revitalization Program and the  
Make-A-Wish Foundation

For more information, contact  
Jennifer Wescoe-Schaninger, Race Director  
[jwschaninger@hotmail.com](mailto:jwschaninger@hotmail.com)  
484-553-6340

5th Annual Coopersburg 5K Run  
RACE REGISTRATION FORM  
Saturday, May 28, 2011  
Line up time: 8:00 AM  
Official start time: 8:10 AM



**Race Date/Time:** Saturday, May 28, 2011. Rain or Shine. Line-Up at 8:00 am; Official Race Time: 8:10 am.  
**Location:** On South Main Street at corner of Locust Street in Coopersburg, PA. The profits will benefit Coopersburg Business Revitalization Program (CBRP) and Make-A-Wish Foundation, Pottsville Regional Office, which serves the Lehigh Valley area. Visit [www.coopersburg.org](http://www.coopersburg.org) for information packet, race route, and volunteer registration, or you may call Race Director: Jennifer Wescoe-Schaninger at 484-553-6340 for any further questions.  
**Awards:** Prizes for top Male and Female runners in each age group will be awarded. Refreshments during and after the race will be provided.

**Directions:** Main Street, Coopersburg runs parallel to Rt. 309. Rt. 309 N: Pass Coopersburg Diner, at next traffic light turn left onto Fairmount Street (Fairmount Shopping Village). Continue to traffic light and turn left onto Main St. Race begins two blocks beyond the next traffic light. Rt. 309 S: Turn right at traffic light onto Fairmount Street (Fairmount Shopping Village) in Coopersburg. Continue to traffic light and turn left onto Main Street. Race begins two blocks beyond the next traffic light. Parking areas are designated on race map.

**Fee:** Cost is \$28 per person; families who register more than 3 participants will receive a \$10 discount for each family member registered thereafter. All school running clubs will receive \$10 discount per runner. You will need verification of membership (e.g. school/coach roster). Registration form must be postmarked by Friday, May 13th, 2011. **After Friday, May 13, the fee is \$35.** Race day registration will be accepted until 7:15 a.m. **Sorry, no guarantee of packet materials, Goodie Bag, or Tee shirt for those registering on race day.** (If registration is postmarked before Friday, May 13, 2011, you will receive a complimentary Coopersburg 2011 5K TEK Tee-shirt). **Make checks payable to: 2011 Coopersburg 5K Run. Online registration is available at: [www.coopersburg.org](http://www.coopersburg.org); [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) (Closes on 5.25.11).**

Return your completed registration form, fee, and waiver form to:

2011 Coopersburg 5K Run  
c/o Frame Your Image  
Attn: Jennifer Wescoe-Schaninger  
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How many years have you ran the Coopersburg 5K Run? \_\_\_\_\_

**Consent and Waiver**

I hereby declare myself in good physical condition and able to run or walk in the 2011 Coopersburg 5K Run. I do hereby waive and release the individuals associated with this event, its agencies, representatives, successors, and assigns, from any claims for damages of any nature, including personal injury that I may incur as a result of my participation.

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of legal guardian if participant is under 18 years of age: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size: circle one:  
S M L XL XXL  
Please use separate entry form for each family member or group member

MEN		WOMEN	
15 & under	45-49	15 & under	45-49
16-19	50-54	16-19	50-54
20-24	55-59	20-24	55-59
25-29	60+	25-29	60+
30-34		30-34	
35-39		35-39	
40-44 (40 +: Masters Level)		40-44 (40 +: Masters Level)	

# In Memory of J. Howard Shelly

By Dr. Lois Gadek

LOWER MILFORD -- In a tragic farming accident, Howard Shelly died unexpectedly on May 7. Howard was very involved in the community and is remembered here with sadness because of his years of dedication to serving the residents of Lower Milford Township. Like so many of the "old-timers" in our Township, Howard's roots went way back to a family heritage of farming in Lower Milford. Those of us who knew and worked with Howard found him to be a real force to reckon with: he had the courage of his convictions and commanded attention from everyone.

He served for over 35 years on our Zoning Hearing Board, many of them as Chair of the Board. While many of the issues he dealt with were difficult and sometimes unpopular, he held firm to the belief that he had to do what was right for the Township, even when many people disagreed. Our Township is a jewel in this part of Pennsylvania because of his work, with many others, to create a zoning and land use program that allowed Lower Milford to preserve its unique character and its active farming community while respecting individual property rights.

Howard was an active and vocal advocate of farmland preservation, and permanently preserved his hundreds of acres so that future generations would know the land as he knew and loved it. As a member of several farmland and agricultural preservation commissions and boards, he was the voice for farming as an important and essential part of life in Lower Milford, in Lehigh County, and in Pennsylvania. He was among the Township farmers who permanently preserved their land so that farming and open space would be possible in our Township.

Howard was also involved in his party's efforts and put in long



**Lower Milford's native son J. Howard Shelly died unexpectedly in a farming accident May 7.** Photo courtesy of Lowell Linde.



**State Rep. Karen Beyer recognized J. Howard Shelly's decades of service to the community at the April 15, 2010 board of supervisors meeting.** Photo courtesy of Lowell Linde.

hours advocating for the issues and people he felt would best serve the residents of Lower Milford. For decades, he worked with people from the Republican and Democrat parties, as well as with a sprinkling of Independents, to find the best people to serve the Township. He spoke out on many topics and

could be quite direct at times -- making sure that everyone knew exactly where he stood.

Ironically, he died just a little over a year after State Representative Karen Beyer praised him at the April 15, 2010 Supervisors meeting for his decades of service

to the Township. She commended him for his outstanding service and acknowledged his many contributions to the community. Howard is one of many dedicated volunteers who have served Lower Milford over the past decades and who are responsible for much that we consider priceless in Lower Milford. He died doing what he loved -- farming his precious land -- and will be missed by all who knew him. Our deepest condolences go out to his family. Thank you for sharing your husband and father with us for so many years; he has left a legacy we will treasure forever.

The following is a poem Shelly's family included in his memory card.

*To Me, My Farm Is....*  
(Poet Unknown)

My farm, to me is not just land,  
Where bare, unpainted buildings  
stand.

To me, my farm is nothing less,  
Than all created loveliness.

My farm is not where I must soil,  
My hands in endless, dreary toil.  
But where, through seed and  
swelling pod,  
I've learned to walk and talk with  
God.

My farm, to me, is not a place  
Outmoded by a modern race.  
For here, I think I just see less  
Of evil, greed and selfishness.

My farm's not lonely, for, all day  
I hear my children shout at play.  
And here, when age comes, free  
from fears,  
I'll live again, long joyous years.

My farm's a haven - here dwells  
rest,  
Security and happiness.  
Whate'er befalls the world outside  
Here faith, and hope, and love  
abide.

And so my farm is not just land  
Where bare, unpainted buildings  
stand.  
To me, my farm is nothing less  
Than all God's hoarded loveliness.

## Event Set to Create Buzz About Beekeeping

By Allison Goodin  
*Courtesy of Penn State  
Lehigh Valley*

PENN STATE LEHIGH VALLEY -- Penn State Lehigh Valley and the Lehigh Valley Beekeepers Association (LVBA) will present "Some Buzz about Beekeeping"

from 8:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., June 11 at the campus in Center Valley. The event will feature presentations by Diana Cox-Foster, entomologist at Penn State University, Larry Connor, author and respected authority on beekeeping, and Suzanne Allen, master gardener.

Topics of interest include honey bees and beekeeping for new and experienced beekeepers, the latest honey bee and queen bee research, breeding productive and hardy queen bees, and native pollinators.

The presentation is suitable for all levels of beekeepers as well as

anyone interested in learning about nature and the environment. The cost of the presentation is \$20. For more information, or to register for the event, log on to the LVBA website at [www.lehighvalleybeekeepers.org](http://www.lehighvalleybeekeepers.org).

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meeting, but not to meet with Derby for the purposes of approval or disapproval of the project. The project is necessarily approved, Gittinger said, because the borough requested it.

Borough Manager Dawn Kresge discussed one resident's refusal to pay a \$250 permit prior to hiring a contractor to perform curbing work. According to Kresge, the resident claims to have already paid the borough \$100 for the same purpose several years ago. However, she added, the borough has no record of that permit, which was issued under the previous borough manager and expired after one year. Councilman Larry Pummer said the borough ought to stick with its fee schedule in order to be fair to all its residents. Hovis said since the resident had not performed the curbing work during the one year covered by the permit, it was his loss. Pummer suggested crediting the resident \$100 if he could produce a canceled check. "That would sound fair," the councilman said. Councilman Harvey Greenland was surprised that residents had to pay for a permit to do curbing work required by the borough. Councilman Richard Nalichowski said contractors typically include

the price of permits in their overall cost.

At Police Chief Daniel Trexler's request, the council unanimously approved a \$3,000 request to purchase two AED defibrillators for the police force and one for borough hall. The police currently have no defibrillators in operation, said Trexler.

Council members will vote May 24 on a resolution closing down several borough streets nightly during the fire company's carnival June 1-4. Fire Chief Kevin Farnish said the council did so last year in order to put carnival equipment into position and protect pedestrians at the carnival.

Balascak inquired about repayment of a \$300,000 loan the borough took out over the winter. He said he was concerned with the borough's ability to pay Upper Saucon Township for sewage in July. Councilman Jack Felch said the borough's accounting system is up to the auditor's standards. "As long as we stick with our plans," said Felch, the borough would be alright. However, as Felch later stated, "the loan was improperly recorded as an income item, thereby causing confusion as to the total YTD sewer fees collected.

The loan should have been entirely handled on the balance sheet – increasing the cash asset in our bank account and recording a liability of the debt." Kresge said she would set it up as a separate line item and produce a revised copy by the next council meeting.

According to Felch, there is "no reasonable way" council can approve a monthly profit and loss statement that includes every detail. Only the borough office knows all those details, he said. Instead, council "receives" the statement as opposed to "approving" it. Felch withdrew his motion to receive the April statement. Balascak voted against receiving the solicitor and engineer fee report for the month, and asked to get detailed information on all the borough's checks and expenses.

Felch reported that an independent audit of the borough's financial records came up clean. According to Felch, "having a second person somehow engaged" in financial transactions "is helpful," he said. Balascak said he'd like to ask the auditor questions directly. Felch, who chairs the budget and finance committee, asked to be carbon copied on any questions Balascak may have for the auditor. Scowling, Balascak hesitated

for a long minute as if to say no. Councilwoman Linda Minarik asked Balascak if he was saying no to Felch. When Balascak still remained silent, she asked the two to "work together." Felch asked Balascak if he'd like to chair the budget and finance committee again. The issue went unresolved.

Kresge reported that state police spoke with Fred Derby regarding Amber Alerts on his billboard on Route 309. According to Kresge, state police send Amber Alerts directly to a South Dakota electronic billboard company called Daktronics. Daktronics then sends the Amber Alert to billboards in pertinent locations. Council indicated their desire to see a test alert on the billboard in Coopersburg. If it doesn't run Amber Alerts, they said they will shut it down.

Any Coopersburg residents interested in becoming Coopersburg's representative on the board of directors for the Southern Lehigh Public Library are invited to call the library at 610-282-8825.

The next Coopersburg Borough Council meeting will be held at Borough Hall on May 24 at 7 p.m.

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to renovations and full-scale construction. In the mid-1980s, he bought land that he subdivided.

Now in 2011, Derby has 21 employees working for Coopersburg Construction Corporation and its two divisions, Coopersburg Plumbing Company and Coopersburg Painting and Paper Hanging Company. Derby said that from day one, "looking out for the client or individual was the most important thing to do." He trusted that the company would survive that way -- and it has exceeded his expectations. Thirty-five consecutive years of increasing sales since 1976, despite four recessions, have proven his intuition correct. "Our philosophy is to go the extra mile, to do the job correctly," he said. "People know when they call that we can do most anything," he said. Whether it's new construction, remodeling, additions, maintenance, repairs, or restoring a home or office after storm or fire damage, Derby said "we didn't figure the job was complete until we were happily paid."

Happy customers don't come cheap. Derby is willing to pay the price to serve them, though. He said his staff are specialists in their fields with decades of experience.

Clean trucks, neat work sites, and conscientious, polite employees reflect his philosophy of doing work he and his crew can proudly stand behind, he said. He tries to keep his employees for the long haul, he said. That's reflected in the average age of his workers -- 50 years old. Seven of them are over 50, he said, and he's had one pass away and three retire under his watch.

Because Derby's companies can do everything from "repair a door lock to build a new home or new office," Derby gets a couple thousand jobs each year. Most of them take place within a 15-mile radius, he said. That means clients are neighbors and fellow community members. Derby said he constantly tries to support the community. With \$40,000 donated towards the cost of the Little League baseball field here, support of youth sports programs, and donations to local charities and fundraisers, that's easy to see. In memory of his deceased service manager Joe Piekarski, Derby installed a new boiler for the ambulance corps here at no charge.

Derby is always looking for a new adventure, he said. In 2006 he bought and installed the first digital billboard display in the Lehigh Valley. Now he is interested in

developing upscale apartments or an assisted living facility. Only time will tell what happens next.

Despite all his success, Derby doesn't think of himself as successful. He thinks he wasted a lot of years not being daring enough. There are things he wished he would have done by now. But if he had done things differently, he said, he might not have his proudest accomplishments -- his wife Nancy and their three sons Tyler, Nathan and Brandon. Because of them, he said, he is a happy man with no regrets.

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## Letter to the Editor: Support Jeff Dimmig

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in support of Jeff Dimmig for re-election to the Southern Lehigh School Board. Jeff Dimmig has a history of fiscal responsibility, exemplary public service, and extremely high moral standards.

As the son of a small business owner who was determined to pay for a college education for his three daughters and one son, Jeff learned at an early age the value of a dollar. He continued his interest in business as a finance major at the United States Naval Academy. This strong background in financial

matters has served him well in making important decisions for our district during his current role as school board member.

As a mother of five, it is extremely important to me to have someone representing us that not only is responsible in controlling our purse strings, but who will ultimately have the best interest of our children in mind.

Jeff Dimmig is an outstanding citizen and an excellent attorney who upholds the utmost moral standards. He has received honors for his work with juveniles in the Lehigh County District Attorney's

Office. He has been a dedicated school board member for four straight years.

Jeff also volunteers in his church and, not surprisingly, can often be overheard leading the youth in heated discussions about global issues and philosophical questions.

It is not often that you know someone who can always put a smile on your face. Jeff Dimmig is that person. His optimism, his belief in the youth of our community, and his ability to make fiscally responsible decisions make Jeff Dimmig undoubtedly the best choice for school board member.

I consider myself very fortunate to have Jeff as my brother and I hope you feel fortunate to have him as your school board member. Please re-elect Jeff Dimmig for school board on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The future of our youth depends on it.

With Sincere Thanks,

Stephanie Yazdanyar  
Upper Saucon Township, Pa.

*Editor's Note: This letter was received after the May 14 newspaper went to press, and so unfortunately could not be printed before the May 17 elections.*

## Letter to the Editor: Wake Up, Lower Milford

To the Editor:

As a Lower Milford resident and a local physician, I am extremely concerned about the upcoming primary elections on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

For the past 7 years I have been fighting, along with my neighbors, a proposed quarry, asphalt plant and concrete batch plant here at the southern end of our township. The incumbent Supervisors, Donna Wright & Mike Snovitch, both have proven records of upholding

our township's rural heritage and protecting the health, safety and welfare of our people.

I believe that voting in the team of Ted Zapach & Jeff Tapler would mean giving a green light and open up a fast track toward quarry approval in Lower Milford.

This would be devastating to the pristine, rural atmosphere that we all now enjoy. According to a local 2011 Voter's Guide, Ted Zapach stated that he will "cut the

funding for defense of the quarry challenge which I believe is a loss in challenge".

Quarry approval will destroy our precious environment, jeopardize our safety with increased dangerous truck traffic on our narrow windy roads, and increase our health risks with blasting activity generating dust and hazardous fumes. Is this the future we envisioned for ourselves and our children? What a travesty!

Please wake up Lower Milford before it is too late. Come out and vote for Donna Wright and Mike Snovitch on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Carol L. Myers, D.O.  
East Greenville, Pa.

*Editor's Note: This letter could not be printed in the May 14 newspaper due to a lack of space. However, other letters to the editor in last week's issue echoed the sentiment of this letter.*

## Letter to the Editor: Quarry Would Change LMT Forever

To the Citizens of Lower Milford Township:

As residents of Lower Milford Twp. for 25 years we have enjoyed country living at its best. If a quarry, asphalt, and concrete plant is allowed to operate in our township our environment will be replaced with stone trucks on our

roads every 90 sec., dust, pollution, and the smell of pitch.

Wise up folks, once here it will change the quality of life in our township FOREVER. If our zoning ordinances are not upheld now we leave ourselves open to all kinds of challenges in the future.

Vote to keep Donna Wright and Mike Snovitch in office. They have the experience, and they care about our townships well-being. They deserve our support. Thank you.

Mr. and Mrs. Melcher  
East Greenville, Pa.

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8 a.m. worship  
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[www.assumptionbethlehem.com](http://www.assumptionbethlehem.com)  
Sat. 5 p.m. Mass  
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2451 Saucon Valley Road  
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11 a.m. discipleship  
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10:30 a.m. worship  
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# House Republicans Propose \$27.3 Billion Budget

From the Office of State Rep.  
Justin Simmons

The House Republicans' amended budget proposal restores a half-billion dollars in funding cuts to local school districts and state universities that were slashed by Gov. Corbett. It maintains total spending at \$27.3 billion, as proposed by the governor, and contains no tax or fee hikes.

Funding for basic education would increase by \$210 million, compared to the Corbett budget. Higher education would also benefit by receiving \$387 million in additional funding.

The House Republican proposal also trims the governor's proposed allocation for the Department of Public Welfare by \$471 million through the elimination of waste, fraud and abuse.

The Appropriations Committee sent the amended budget bill on to the House of Representatives where it is scheduled to be considered the week of May 23.

House Bill 574 is designed to prevent the horrific conditions investigators discovered inside a Philadelphia abortion clinic that led to murder charges against the operator.

Under the legislation, abortion clinics would be regulated by the same fire, safety, staffing and equipment standards as other outpatient facilities that perform surgeries. The measure ensures the health and safety of women seeking abortions in Pennsylvania is protected. The bill now moves on to the Senate where similar legislation is being considered.

House Bill 1330 would benefit low- and middle-income families through the expansion of the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program.

If approved, the bill would increase the total amount of tax credits available to organizations that provide scholarships to parochial and private schools. It would also increase the maximum level of donations to such groups.

Established in 2001, the EITC has been a great success, resulting in more than 300,000 scholarships awarded to students statewide.

House Bill 1330 now moves on to the Senate for consideration.

House Bill 9 would increase behind-the-wheel training for teen drivers from 50 to 65 hours, with 10 of those hours required to come

at night and another five hours during bad weather.

The bill would also restrict the number of passengers in a vehicle driven by a teen to one person under age 18, with the exception of family members.

The House also sent on to the Senate a bill that would increase penalties for distracted drivers.

House Bill 896 would impose an additional \$50 fine for any careless driver also found to be distracted by an electronic, mechanical or personal grooming device; or by food or drink.

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# Penn State Cycling Team Finishes Successful Season

By Allison Goodin  
*Courtesy of Penn State  
 Lehigh Valley*

**PENN STATE LEHIGH VALLEY**  
 -- The Penn State cycling team, based at the Lehigh Valley campus, recently completed a successful racing season that included winning their division at the Eastern Championship in State College in April. That race qualified four Penn State Lehigh Valley students to attend the national championship, which was held in Madison, Wisconsin, May 6-8.

Under the leadership of local cycling legend, Jim Young, a number of team members had individual success throughout the season including wins and top finishes for Rodney Santiago, Jeremy Shirock, Kevin McGuire, and Mandy Marquardt, who qualified for nationals with their performance.

Mandy Marquardt, a first-year student majoring in business



**Penn State's cycling team based at the Lehigh Valley campus won their division at the Eastern Championships in April.** *Photo courtesy of Mandy Marquardt.*

management/marketing, hopes the team can build on its success and attract new members, noting that previous experience is not necessary to join the team and start racing.

"There are races for every level of experience, from beginner

on. As you race, you begin to move through the different levels based on finishes. And there's no better place, in my mind, to gain experience than right here in the Lehigh Valley."

The team is fortunate to have the Valley Preferred Cycling Center

in Trexlertown as a training and competing facility, making Penn State Lehigh Valley a destination for student cyclers like Marquardt.

"I started cycling at age ten in Florida where I lived, and during the summers I'd come to New York to train and to Trexlertown to race," says Marquardt. "I applied to Penn State Lehigh Valley because I love the area, the school is definitely one of the best, and the riding is great. Track racing in the summer is incredible with all the international riders coming in from New Zealand, Poland, Canada, and others!"

With opportunities to get involved throughout the year, Marquardt and her teammates are eager to spread the word about cycling at Penn State Lehigh Valley, and they, along with Coach Young, look forward to the next collegiate competitive season. To learn more, contact coach Jim Young at [jsy1@psu.edu](mailto:jsy1@psu.edu)

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# Bulldogs Capture Second Straight ECAC Championship

By BJ Spigelmyer  
*Courtesy of DeSales University*

READING, PA. – Senior Jen Lococo went 3-for-4 with a home run and four RBIs to earn Most Outstanding Player honors leading the DeSales University softball team past Misericordia University, 7-6, to capture the Bulldogs' second straight ECAC South Region Championship on May 15 at Alvernia University.



**The DeSales softball team won its second consecutive ECAC South Region Championship on May 15.** *Photo by Pat Jacoby.*

The Bulldogs finish the season with a 26-13 overall record, sweeping all four games in this year's ECAC South Region Tournament. The win also marks the end of a career for the four DSU seniors including Lococo, Kate Steiner, Kristin Schultz, and Sharon Yudt. The four combined to post a four-year record of 108-63 including one Freedom Conference Championship and two ECAC South Region Championships.

Misericordia opened up a 1-0 lead in the top of the first on Sunday afternoon on a sacrifice fly from Hollie Sarnak scoring junior Maria Kidron who doubled to lead-off the

game, but the Bulldogs wasted no time coming back as Steiner led off the bottom half of the first with a solo homer, her second of the year, and the 19th of her career, tying Lococo for second place all-time. Schultz and Lococo then ripped back-to-back doubles to make it a 2-1 game and Lococo later scored to make it 3-1 on a single off the bat of junior Christine Petrilla.

The Cougars took a 6-3 lead in the top of the second inning scoring five times on a three-run

homer from Emily Barnable and a two-run dinger from Sarnak. Once again DSU had the answer as Lococo tied the school-record for home runs with the 20th of her career and the seventh of the season, a three-run shot in the bottom of the second inning plating junior Brianna Chilcoat and Schultz.

The pitchers then settled into a groove from that point as MU's Caitlin Cromley and freshman Brittany Wilson combined to toss

up scoreless innings in the third, fourth, and fifth innings. In the top of the sixth, Wilson again retired Misericordia to keep the game tied and DSU finally broke thru with the game-winner in the bottom of the sixth inning. Chilcoat lead off the inning with a bunt single and moved to second on an error on the right-fielder backing up the throw to first. Steiner sacrificed Chilcoat to third and Schultz delivered the game-winning RBI with a sacrifice fly to center field. Wilson then worked around a lead-off single by the Cougars in the seventh to preserve the one-run lead and give DSU its second straight ECAC title.

Wilson, who entered the game with just 18.2 innings pitched on the season, pitched a solid 5.1 innings of four-hit shutout relief to improve to 3-0 on the year. DSU's top three hitters of Steiner-Schultz-Lococo led the offensive attack combining to go 6-for-10 with five runs scored and six RBIs in the win. Sophomore Julie Brugger also had two hits and Chilcoat scored twice in the win.

## SLHS Boys' Lacrosse Collects Food for Betty Lou's Pantry

By Ned Kearns

SOUTHERN LEHIGH HIGH SCHOOL -- On May 2, the boys' lacrosse team hosted Parkland at Southern Lehigh's stadium. The team was pleased to note that there were two additional events held in conjunction with the game – their 5th Annual Food Drive, and Youth Lacrosse Night. The team asked that players and spectators bring food and household goods to

donate to Betty Lou's Food Pantry, based in Coopersburg. Over 200 pounds of these items were collected. Thanks to everyone who pitched in.

All of Southern Lehigh's elementary-, intermediate- and middle-school lacrosse players were encouraged to attend the game. There was a great turnout. The fans were treated to a halftime scrimmage between the fifth and

sixth grade teams. It was quite a thrill for the players, and the spectators enjoyed watching the match.

And as for the game itself – it was quite an exciting contest. The Spartans trailed by just one goal at the half, but eventually fell by the score of 12-7. The game definitely felt closer than the score indicated. Parkland brought their usual strong, talented team, but Southern

Lehigh appeared to be ready for the challenge. It was a hard-fought game, but in the end Parkland's depth proved to be too much for the Spartans to contend with – our boys simply ran out of gas. It was certainly a great game to watch, as the Spartans gave one of their best efforts of the season.

It was a great night for all involved.

### LOCAL STANDINGS



#### Baseball

Solehi	11	5
Salisb.	11	5
Palisad.	8	8
ND-GP	7	9
Saucon	5	11

#### Softball

Saucon	15	1
Solehi	14	2
ND-GP	11	5
Wilson	5	11
Palisad.	4	12

#### Girls' Lacrosse

Emma.	14	3
Solehi	14	5
Nazar.	12	7
Parkld.	10	7
Easton	6	7

#### Baseball

Miseri.	28	13
FDU	22	14
Wilkes	21	16
DeSales	20	18
King's	16	19

#### Softball

DeSales	26	13
Miseri.	25	16
King's	19	13
Manhat.	16	18
FDU	14	19

#### Mens' Lacrosse

Widen.	15	3
Messiah	12	5
FDU	11	7
Eastern	10	6
DeSales	3	12