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Aston Township Hires Two Part-Time Police Officers

Shane Coyle and Michael Wiley were sworn in at the April Commissioner's meeting as part-time officers for Aston Township. Judge Diane Holfelder was on hand to swear the new officers in.

Coyle and Wiley are both Aston residents and Sun Valley grads and also graduated from the Delaware County Police Academy.

Both officers will serve one year probationary periods and have passed tests and completed certifications. They will begin their duties on May 1. All the commissioners wished Coyle and Wiley congratulations and best wishes as they begin to protect and serve the citizens of Aston.



New Aston Police Officer Michael Wiley is sworn in by Judge Diane Holfelder

Fran Miles Honored for PA Babe Ruth League Hall of Fame Induction; Library Week, Autism Awareness Month Recognized



Fran Miles was recently inducted into the PA Babe Ruth League Hall of Fame and was honored at the April Commissioners meeting. Miles has been involved with Aston Valley Little League for more than 23 years. He has coached T-Ball to Senior League and has been serving on the Executive Board for more than 20 years. He has spent eight years as a Player Agent, four as President and has served as treasurer since 2004.

Miles is responsible for leading the search for land to form the Teener and Senior League fields, which was dedicated as Jim Buggy Field in 2001. The Aston Township Board congratulated and honored Miles for his induction into the PA Babe Ruth League Hall of Fame.

"Thanks to Fran as a commissioner and personally. My sons all went through the program and he is an asset to the community," said Commissioner Osborn.



Library Week was held April 14-20 in Aston and libraries were recognized as the heart of the community, campus and schools. Librarians are appreciated for their work to meet the changing needs of the communities they serve including providing resources for everyone and bringing service outside of library walls. The library also offers programs to meet community needs and provide technology training and access to downloadable content like e-books.



April was recognized as Autism Awareness Month in Delaware County. Autism affects all persons regardless of race, religion, socioeconomic status or geography. The incidence of autism in the US is 1 in 150 girls and 1 in 94 boys with rates appearing to have increased similarly around the globe. Early diagnosis and intervention is very important as well as celebrating the unique talents and qualities of those affected by autism.

Township offices will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 27. No trash or recycling will be picked up.

May's Tip for Community Stormwater Management

REPLACE SOME TURF WITH MULCHED BEDS, A RAIN GARDEN, OR POCKET MEADOW

Create new areas in the yard that will absorb roof water from downspouts, runoff from paved areas, and puddles in compacted soil areas. Start a flower or vegetable patch, build a bog or rain garden, or establish a pocket meadow to absorb rainwater. Mulch all bare soil in planted beds and under trees and shrubs with composted leaf mulch from your municipal leaf composting operation.

Learn more from downloading CRC's rain garden brochure: www.crcwatersheds.org/resources/view/96

Check out Swarthmore College's Sustainability web site: www.scottarboretum.org/Sustainability/ourpractices.html

Aston Chichester AARP Celebrates 30th Anniversary May 20

The Aston Chichester Chapter 3614 of AARP, Inc., is celebrating its 30th anniversary at the next general meeting on Monday, May 20, at 10:45 a.m.

The Chapter meets at the St James Episcopal Church on Concord Road, in Aston. Please attend and help us celebrate.

For more info, call President Ruth Brusstar at 610-566-2632.

Aston Historical Society to Honor 25th Anniversary of Aston-Middletown Little League Championship

The Aston Historical Society will celebrate the Aston-Middletown Little League's 25th anniversary of winning the Pennsylvania State Championship at the Thursday, May 9, meeting of the Aston Township Historical Society.

Team member Ben Davis, the former catcher for the San Diego Padres and current Phillies' announcer, will share all the excitement and drama of this winning team along with special guest Bill Wright Jr., son of the head coach, Bill Wright Sr. Come meet the



Recycling Growing by Leaps and Bounds

The monthly recycling total for March was 91.67 tons. There were 7.22 tons of newspaper collected and 144 lbs of aluminum cans collected by the Aston Lions Club.

Please flatten all cardboard boxes and empty and rinse any containers. There is no need to remove paper clips, stamps, address labels, staples, cellophane windows, rubber bands or spiral binding. Remember recycling helps reduce trash fees!

former players, coaches and fans to help celebrate and share memories of this important historic Aston-Middletown event. Autograph opportunities available, too! There will also be lots of memorabilia to look over.

This momentous occasion is free, open to the public and starts at 7 p.m. at the Aston Township Municipal Building at South Pennell Road (Rte.452), just south of 5 Points, next to the rear entrance of TD Bank. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. There will also be refreshments to add to the festivities. Little Leaguers and kids are especially welcomed! Please join Aston Historical for a fun family evening!

Aston Township to Hold Shredding Event May 11

Aston Township will host a shredding event on Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Aston Township Community Center Parking Lot.

Participants are limited to five boxes or paper bags per person. Maximum box size is 12" x 18." Participants must also have ID for proof of Aston Township residency. For more information, contact the Aston Township Office at 610-494-1636.

Rabies Clinic May 9

There will be a Rabies Clinic for pets on Thursday, May 9 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Aston Township Public Works Garage. Cost is \$10 per shot. This clinic is open to Aston residents only.

To submit an item to the newsletter, email newsletter@astontownship.net

Appointments

Nancy Bowden was appointed to a three year term on the Southwest Delaware County Municipal Authority Board.

Second Ward Resident Launches Anti-Bullying Website

Second Ward resident Dr. Claudio V. Cerullo is the founder of Teach Anti-Bullying, Inc. a non-profit organization.

Volunteers work hard every day to help spread the word to schools, administrators, teachers and parents about the bullying crisis in our communities, our region and our nation.

For more information call 484-431-9711 or visit www.teachantibullying.com or www.facebook.com/teachantibullying.

Notes from Commissioners Meeting

The Aston Township Board of Commissioners approved an ordinance to amend Chapter 1292.12, restrictions on animals, that will now allow laying hens in the Institutional District only.

A proposal from Mastercraft Sports Flooring was approved for the installation of a new gym floor at the Community Center.

An application by Adam Kashner was approved to open Kashner Auto on Crozerville Road in Aston.

The Civil Service Commission was approved to administer the full-time civil service examination.

To stay informed during emergencies, residents should check cable TV's public access channels for updated postings on Comcast channel 10 and Verizon channel 45, as well as the township website.



Sun Valley Senior Selected as Student of the Month

Marissa Spennato was named as the March student of the month at Sun Valley High School. Marissa is a member of the National Art Honor Society and participated in the school's production of Beauty and the Beast the musical. She plans to attend Temple University and major in Asian Studies. After graduation she'd like to teach English as a second language in Asian countries.

Third Annual St. Tim's Fun Run Raises Money for Local Charities



The third annual St. Tim's Fun Run was held on Saturday, April 20 at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church. More than 60 runners of all ages came out for the 5k run/1 mile walk.

Mick Donnelly and Allison Ricco were the overall winners for the day. All proceeds went to Andrea's Attic and Andrea's Trust. Andrea's Attic is a non-profit thrift shop which supports the Andrea O'Donnell Children's Trust, which gives scholarships and awards to children all over the Delaware County area. Andrea's Attic also helps families in crisis and in difficult circumstances.

"I would like to give a huge thank you to all who participated and sponsored our event. I would also like to especially thank the Aston Township Police, Fire and EMS. Without everyone's continued and combined support, this event would not be possible year after year! I think the day was incredible," said Catherine Vicente, race coordinator.

Aston Public Library News, Science in the Summer Returns in July

The Science in the Summer program for kids entering grades 2-6 will be returning this year from July 8-11. Parents can apply for a spot at the library from May 1 to May 31, this year's theme is Discover the Wonders of Bioscience.

Your child can expand his or her confidence reading by practicing with a trained therapy dog! Pals for Life will be visiting the Aston Library again this June on Wednesday evenings. Reading to animals helps shy children and those having trouble learning to read build confidence in their literacy skills. Register now at <http://www.tinyurl.com/AstonPals2013>.

The library is holding a coloring contest for kids of all ages. The coloring sheet can be picked up at the library or at astonlibrary.org. Just bring your child's entry (with the child's information on the back) to the library's service desk by July 1 to be considered. Winners of the contest will have their entries displayed at the Library.

The Library will be having a "planting" story time program on Thursday, May 2 at 10:30 a.m. The children will be planting flowers in a special garden that the Library keeps just for them! Storyteller Ms. Joanne will be reading the book *Up, Down and Around* by Katherine Ayres. This story time is for children ages 2 to 6 accompanied by an adult. Sign up through the calendar at www.astonlibrary.org.

We have a Book Cover Design/Re-Design contest running through June 1 and all ages may enter. Answer the question, "When you read a book, what do you see?" by drawing, collaging, photographing or creating a new cover of your favorite book, or of a book you will one day write! Pick up your entry form (with complete rules) at the library service desk. The deadline for the contest is June 1.

The Friends of the Library's May raffle will be for a collection of barbecue tools and related items! Pick up a ticket at the library service desk for \$2 each, 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10. Take a chance and support the library! The Aston Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at the Library at 7 p.m. on May 21.

May Public Meetings and Special Events

Recreation Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, May 2

Police Committee Meeting

3 p.m. Monday, May 6

Public Works Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, May 6

New Construction Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m. Monday, May 6

Executive Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 7

Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m. Wednesday, May 15

Library Board Meeting

7 p.m. Tuesday, May 21
Aston Township Community Center

Ordinance Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 28

Fire Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, May 30

A Friendly Reminder from:

SWDCMA

(Southwest Delaware County
Municipal Authority)

Quarterly sewer service invoices
are in the mail as of April 30
and are **due by May 31.**

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2466, Aston, PA 19014

Office Address: 1 Gamble Lane, Aston, PA 19014

Office Hours: M-F 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Office Phone: 610-494-1335

Aston Valley Little League Honors Four on Opening Day

On a chilly April morning, little leaguers and their parents came out to celebrate opening day for the Aston Valley Little League. The Aston Beechwood and Green Ridge Fire companies were on hand as players celebrated with a parade before heading into the field for the opening ceremony. Aston Valley recognized Walt Shanko and Tom Nusspickle with bricks for the Walk of Fame that will go outside the new pavilion named in honor of the late Jerry Donovan.

Shanko coached minor, major and teener league teams from 1973-88 and won several championships. He also served on the board in various capacities and managed many all-star teams throughout the years. Shanko was known as a real gentleman in the league who never seemed to raise his voice but always taught the kids well and got the most out of every player. Known for his quiet character, pregame prayers and his pipe, Shanko always taught fundamentals and teamwork.

Nusspickle coached from 1985-2000 winning championships in minors, majors and teeners. He managed numerous tournament teams during his career and won many district titles and a few states. Nusspickle served on the Aston Valley executive board as Rules Chairperson from 1991-2000. His knowledge and love for the game was carried out with teaching the children in our league to respect and play baseball. He was instrumental in setting up the base rules for the Rookie League that started in 1995.

Many family and friends were on hand to honor the late Jerry Donovan. Donovan had been a part of the Aston Valley league for close to 20 years and the new pavilion was named in his honor. The pavilion will hopefully be completed by the end of spring. Fran Miles was recognized for his induction in the Pennsylvania Babe Ruth Hall of Fame.

More than 450 kids and 385 families participate in the Aston Valley Little League. This year they can look forward to upgraded drainage systems in the major and minor fields and regraded and sodded major field. The concession stand also boasts a new grill to serve up hamburgers and cheesesteaks.



Kids line up to celebrate Aston Valley opening day



Jerry and Nick Donovan throw out the first pitch in honor of their father at Opening Day Ceremonies

Aston Middletown League Recognizes 1988 PA State Champs 25th Anniversary at Opening Day

Members of the 1988 Pennsylvania State Championship team reunited at the Aston Middletown Little League opening day in April. Most of the team was on hand to help open the season and remember the special season where the team's season ended one game from the Little League World Series in Williamsport.

Assistant coach and longtime AMLL Coach Jim McConnell was on hand as well as outfielder Rob Withelder, the frogger Todd Wilkins, infielder/catcher Sean Clair, shortstop Joe Gormley, third basemen Chris Moyer, left fielder/pitcher Craig Messick, centerfielder Brett Vankoski, first basemen and AMLL 1988 leading hitter at .457 Glen Davis, and second-baseman and current Phillies pre and post-game analyst Ben Davis. Bernadette Wright accepted for the team manager, Bill Wright Sr.

"It was a great ride for all of us and it was nice seeing some of these guys. I'm glad that Bill Wright Jr. got us back together. It was great of him. Aston Middletown is a great league, it really is," said Ben Davis.

"We really had a great support system when we were playing, all the parents came to the our games. They even dressed the dogs up, it was a great run," said Ben Davis.



Ben Davis addresses the crowd at Aston Middletown Little League opening day.



Madison McCullough, 6, shows off her catches. Madison's longest fish was 15 inches.

Lenni Athletic Club Hosts 4th Annual Fishing Derby

Lenni Athletic Club hosted the fourth annual trout tournament for kids ages 4-12. Prizes were given out for biggest fish caught in three different age groups.

About 150 children and parents turned out to catch the trout in the newly stocked stream. "This is a really great community event," said Frank Wingerder, tournament coordinator.

"We get these kids fishing. Once they get their first fish, they're hooked for life," added Wingerder.



Aden Rex, 4, and Adriana Dannaker, 6, fish for trout.