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## Officer Giancristoforo Named Officer of the Year

Aston Township Officer Thomas Giancristoforo was recognized as Officer of the Year by his fellow officers. He was honored by the Aston Township Lions Club at the Liberty Baptist Church on May 7.

Officer Giancristoforo received this nomination not for any specific events, but the many contributions and sacrifices he makes on a daily basis to better aid the Aston Police Department in service to the community. His high ethical and moral values were just one of the many reasons he was chosen for this honor. Officer Giancristoforo was recognized as a shining example of what a police officer should be in today's society and why he is truly an asset to the Aston Police Department.



Chief Ruggieri and Commissioner McGinn present Officer Thomas Giancristoforo with a proclamation recognizing him for being named Officer of the Year by his fellow officers.

## Joseph Hart Receives Commendation of Merit

Officer Joseph Hart received a Commendation of Merit on Friday, April 10 for his role in catching a local robber. The actor robbed Pet Kraze and Concord Pet Supply. After these robberies, Officer Hart noticed a suspicious person matching the description of the actor in the parking lot of Pet Kraze.

Hart watched the subject who began to pace. After a few minutes, Hart pulled his police cruiser near the person. He noticed that the individual matched the description of the perpetrator of the robberies.

Hart apprehended the man and placed him in custody. During the search, the officer located the demand note used in both robberies. The actor was also wanted in connection with three other robberies.

"I am convinced it was Crosby's intention to rob Pet Kraze for a second time and he was stopped by Officer Hart," said Aston Police Chief Dan Ruggieri. "Due to Officer Hart's keen observation and attention to detail and along with good old fashioned police work, a serial robber was apprehended and removed from our community. Officer Hart, you are a great credit to the Aston Township Police Department and to our community. You are to be commended for a job well done."

Ron Temple, owner of Pet Kraze came to the meeting to express appreciation to Officer Hart. "I am impressed with Officer Hart and with all the officers of the Aston Township Police Department... Officer Hart was proactive and in doing so he took a criminal off the street. Thank you very much Officer Hart," Temple said.



Officer Joseph Hart accepts his Commendation of Merit from Chief Ruggieri and Commissioner McGinn.

## Independence Day Celebration

Aston Township Board of Commissioners is happy to announce that they will be hosting the 2015 Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks display on Friday, July 4th behind Sun Valley High School.

The party will start at 7 p.m. with a DJ, so if you would like to get there early and get a good seat, there will be entertainment. The fireworks show will begin at dusk, around 9:15 p.m. and refreshments will be served in the Green Ridge Fire Company's parking lot.

Please bring lawn chairs due to the wet conditions of the Sun Valley fields. Come out and join the Aston community in celebrating the 4th of July and the beautiful firework display that comes with it!

**Aston Township Offices and Public Works Department will be closed on Friday, July 3. All trash and recycling pick up will be picked up Thursday, July 2.**

## DCIU Hearing June 29

The Conditional Use Hearing will be held on Monday, June 29 at the Aston Township Community Center, 3270 Concord Road, Aston PA. beginning at 7 p.m.

### **Sister of St. Francis Open Doors to Public**

The Sisters of St. Francis invite you to tour the OLAC facility and chapel on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m.

Join us for a short historical presentation and a tour of the first floor buildings and chapel, followed by light refreshments and time for questions and answers. Your hosts will be Sr. Kathleen Parisi, OSF, and several other sisters who live at the motherhouse.

In order to prepare for our guests, we ask that you call the receptionist at (610) 459-4125 to provide your name and phone number in case we have to cancel, and the number of family or friends who will attend. If this is not a good day for you, you can call Sr. Kathleen Parisi at (610) 558-7714 to select a date and time for a group tour for at least six people. Tours may be scheduled Monday through Friday.

### **Smoke Detectors Available**

The Aston Township Fire Department has smoke detectors available, just call the station. Fire Department members will come out and ensure proper installation of the smoke detector.

### **Public Works, Working for You**

The Public Works department is working to ensure avoiding potholes comes to an end this Spring. In April, it filled 192 potholes with 2.5 tons of asphalt.

In addition to this, it has also picked up 518 tons of refuse and 190 tons of recycled material. They've also started cleaning parks and planing bushes getting ready for summer!

### **Together Again... Danny Murtaugh & Mickey Vernon**

A museum exhibit will be held in the Delaware County Historical Society Museum and Research Library, 408 Avenue of The States, Chester, PA. Open Wednesday through Saturday, call for times, 610-872-0502. The exhibit runs from April 11 through October 31. Ad-

ditional information can be found on the Mickey Vernon Museum's website [www.mickeyvernonmuseum.com](http://www.mickeyvernonmuseum.com). Exhibit curator Jim Vankoski, [vankoski21@comcast.net](mailto:vankoski21@comcast.net) or 610-909-4919.

### **Afternoon Tea with Miles Young**

Miles Young will present *Tall Ship L'Hermione Lafayette's 1780 Voyage to America* on June 7, from 3-5 p.m. at the Kalmar Nickel's Copeland Maritime Center 1124 E. 7th St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cost is \$35 per person. For More Information Please e-mail [GeoWashingtonSoc@aol.com](mailto:GeoWashingtonSoc@aol.com).

### **Center Stage Summer Theater Workshops**

Summer Theatre Workshops are registering now. Dates are: Primary school workshops: June 22 – July 10; Middle School Workshops: June 22 – July 18; High School Workshops: July 7 – August 1.

Visit [www.neumann.edu](http://www.neumann.edu) or call 610-558-5626 for more information.

### **Holy Family Teacher Honored at Phillies Game**



Mrs. Joy Magann, 8th grade teacher at Holy Family Regional Catholic School in Aston, was nominated by

8th grade student Lexie Weinkopff for the Phillies All-Star teacher awards. Magann was selected as one of 20 Phillies Honorable Mention Teachers. She along with the other winners was honored at the Phillies Teacher Appreciation Night on Friday May 8. The school also celebrated by having a Phillies Spirit Day.

### **Summer Concerts are Back June 8**

The Aston Township Parks & Recreation Committee is happy to an-

nounce that we are bringing back the Hometown Concert Series for 2015! Last years program was a great success and we have even bigger plans this year. All Hometown Summer Concert Series events will be held at the Aston Township Community Center Starting @ 7 p.m. (No Raindates). Most concerts will be outdoor concert events, so lawn chairs are welcome. The Northley Steel Drum Ensemble will kick off the concert series on June 8.

### **Camp Rainbow Registration Closes June 19**

This Summertime Camp is brought to you by the Aston Township Board of Commissioners.

Camp Rainbow is a wonderful summer opportunity for boys & girls. It is open to ALL Aston Township Residents who will enter 1st thru 5th grade in the fall. Camp Rainbow will be held every Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until noon beginning the week of June 22 and run through July 31 for a total of 6 weeks. There will be no camp on Friday, July 3

Registration is limited to 150 Children per week. Pre-registration dates: June 8 & 9, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Registrations will be accepted until Friday, June 19. After pre-registration, all registrations must be presented at the Township Office 5021 Pennell Road.

### **Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Extend Invitation for Service to Honor Sr. Dorothy Stang, SND; the "Martyr of the Amazon."**

The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur invite you to a celebration of Sr. Dorothy Stang, a courageous SND who on Feb. 12, 2005 was murdered by men who wanted to stop her work on behalf of the poor farming families in Apapu, Brazil.

The event will take place 1-3 p.m.,

To submit an item to the newsletter, e-mail [newsletter@astontownship.net](mailto:newsletter@astontownship.net).

June 6 at the Franciscan Spiritual Center, 609 S. Convent Road, Aston.

A presentation on Sr. Dorothy will be followed by a brief discussion and reception. If you would like to attend, please send your name, address, telephone number and email address by June 1 to: Marcee Stiger, *marcee.stiger@sndden.org* or call 410-486-5599, ext. 407.

Sr. Dorothy was working closely with the Church's Pastoral Land Commission that struggles for the rights of rural workers and peasants, and defends land reform in Brazil.

She spent 40 years working hand-in-hand with many other SND's, including Sr. Jane Dwyer, a graduate of Notre Dame High School, Moylan,

### Senior Luncheon June 9

Senior Luncheon will be held on June 9 at the Boothwyn Fire Company from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Contact: Gladys Moore - 610-485-4621.



### Citizens Bank Holds Grand Opening

On Saturday, May 15th, Citizen Bank held a grand opening at their new branch office at the Aston Giant.

At this time they generously donated \$2,000 to "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." Maggie Berry, Director of Neighbors Helping Neighbors, accepted the check.

Commissioners Graham and Firlein attended the event along with many bank executives. There was a buffet, face painting, balloons, and more for a very festive grand opening!

Pictured above: Barbara Mealmaker, Market Administration Manager - Maggie Berry, Director of Neighbors

Helping Neighbors - Jake Iampietro, Regional Manager - Chavez Breakley, Branch Manager.

### Rockdale Art Center Now Open In Aston

Rockdale Arts Center in Aston is now open for classes. They will offer a variety of youth, adult and BYOB classes. For more information visit: *www.rockdaleartcenter.com/*.

Aston residents get a 10% discount on classes with the code ASTON10 when they register online.



Sun Valley Football and residents at Lewis H. Fisher Memorial Park

### First Annual Aston Township Cleanup Day a Success

More than 100 people gathered on a beautiful Saturday morning to clean up the parks around Aston.

Many Sun Valley High School groups came out to assist including the football, baseball, and lacrosse teams and the cheerleaders. The efforts touched many parks that are not typically on the clean up list such as Savage Park, Collins Park, and Concord Square Park.

This event was organized by the Parks and Recreation Committee. Members of the Committee were out assisting volunteers with at least one adult at every park.

### St. Francis DeSales Students Shine at Computer Fair

St. Francis de Sales students are headed to the state competition after placing first in two categories at the Pennsylvania Middle School Computer Fair regional competition, April 27th at Delaware County Intermediate

## June Public Meetings and Special Events

### Parks and Rec Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, June 4

### New Construction Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Monday, June 8

### Work Session Meeting

2 p.m. Wednesday, June 10

### Library Board of Trustees Meeting

7 p.m., Tuesday, June 16

### Board of Commissioners Meeting

7 p.m., Wednesday, June 17

### Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

7 p.m., Tuesday, June 23

### Planning Commission Meeting

7 p.m., Wednesday, June 24

### DCIU Conditional Use Meeting

7 p.m. Monday, June 29

Unit in Morton. St. Francis de Sales School entered projects to the competition, participating in four of the six project categories. The St. Francis de Sales students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades competed against multiple schools at this year's fair. The first place winners will travel to Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on May 20th to compete in State Finals against other winning projects from across the state of Pennsylvania.

St. Francis de Sales School placed first in three categories. The following are the results:

### Computer Fair Logo Design:

First Place: Ryan Yeager, Vincent DeAngelo, Robert Salvatore

3rd Place: Ryan Williamson, Christopher Britten, Daniel Hopkins

### Digital Movie:

2nd Place: Olivia Hall and Hanna Buerklin

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## Summer Reading Program Kicks off in June

The library is offering its Summer Reading Program and rewards again for the kids this summer. This year's theme is "EVERY HERO HAS A STORY!" The big performances will be on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the gym.

The first performance will be Megan Hicks, Origami Swami on June 17. She will be telling stories and teaching origami. For the second performance on the 24, Batman will be teaching the kids to kick, punch and duck to help good triumph over evil as part of the Superhero Training Academy! For the third performance on July 1, Mr. Malcolm will involve the kids in exciting, dramatic stories. For the fourth performance on July 8, Sciencetellers will launch things through the air, send them plummeting toward the ground, and even make things transform and disappear right before your eyes!

If your child logs his or her reading at [www.tinyurl.com/AstonSLP15](http://www.tinyurl.com/AstonSLP15) and brings the list to the library, we will provide a prize for each week the child reads a book!

Thursday June 25 at 10:30 a.m., the Marshall Steam Museum will be visiting to present their program "Railroad Heroes" to the kids. During this program participants will hear a story about the legendary John Henry. After the story, they will learn about building railroad tracks through an interactive activity and discover how tracks keep trains operating safely. Suitable for ages 3-8 years. Register your child at <http://tinyurl.com/astonkidsevents>.

Come check out the Friends of the Library's Crayola Raffle! The prize is a variety of coloring items for your child! Chances are only \$2 each or 3 for \$5. All proceeds benefit the library! The winner will be drawn August 27.

Do you have a child who is too young for school? Come to one of Ms. Nancy's storytimes at the library for toddlers and preschoolers on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The storytime for babies up to 24 months is on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. Register through the calendar at [www.astonlibrary.org](http://www.astonlibrary.org). You can now purchase Friends of the Library T-shirts and bags to show your support of the library. These are available at the service desk at the library.

Join the Friends of the Library! Go to [www.astonlibrary.org](http://www.astonlibrary.org) and click on "Join Our Friends" to send in your info!

The library is still looking for volunteers to help with work like calling patrons, putting books in order, and delivering flyers and posters. Pick up an application at the library or go to: <http://tinyurl.com/APLVolApp> to submit one online.

The Aston Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at the library at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16.

You can access books for your Kindle, Nook, or other e-book reader with your library card! Go to <http://digitallibrary.delcolibraries.org/> to see what is available! Are you on Facebook? Follow the Aston Library there! Go to <http://www.facebook.com/astonlibrary> to become a fan.

### St. Francis DeSales Students... *continued*

Web Page Design: 1st Place: Olivia Hall

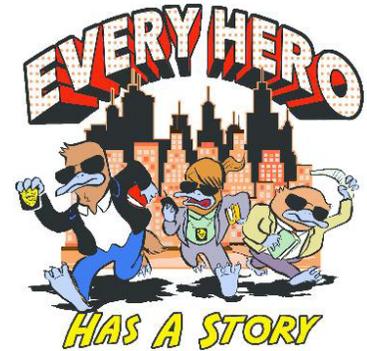
Graphic Design: 2nd Place: Madeline Tonn and Lauren Sprows

Also participating in the competition this year were the following students:

- Logo Design: John Smith and Lekan Itabiyi
- Digital Movie: Kirsten Zoellner and Julia Kasper
- Web Page Design: Abby Seasock and Sarah Smith
- Graphic Design: Michael DelVacchio and Nicola Marusco
- Graphic Design: Jack Williamson, Gabriel Tempert, and Aidan Conmy



The Friends of the Library are selling t-shirts! Stop by the Library so you can show your love of reading to everyone!



The logo for this year's Summer Reading Theme; Every Hero Has a Story!



The kids planting this year's Library Garden



Megan Hicks, Origami Swami

Engraved Memorial Garden bricks make great birthday or remembrance gifts. Call Maryann Bullen at 610-494-2337.