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**Tunkhannock graduate's job gets him up close and personal with nature and all it has to offer.**



Kenny Young displays a great horned owl to a class at Roslund Elementary School.



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Students at Roslund Elementary School are fascinated by an owl exhibit presented by Kenny Young, an environmental educator from the Shaver's Creek Environmental Center.

## Getting close to nature

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The second-graders in Suzanne Young's class listened carefully as Kenny Young explained that the Red-tailed Hawk perched on his arm has a yellow nose and feet because it eats chicks.

"Can a hawk turn its head around like an owl?" Devin Canfield wanted to know.

Young said the hawk can indeed turn its head almost all the way around. Young, Suzanne Young's son, presented a raptor program during the afternoon of Monday, Nov. 17, to his mother's class at Roslund Elementary School in Tunkhannock. He also offered the program to the other second-graders and kindergarteners of the school earlier in the day. The students recently studied owls.

A 2004 graduate of Tunkhannock High School, Young, 22, of Centermoreland, is a senior at Penn State University Park and is majoring in recreation, parks and tourism management. Two years ago, he started vol-



Second-grade teacher Suzanne Young explores the wings of an owl at an exhibition of owls at the Roslund Elementary School in Tunkhannock. Young's son, Kenny, brought the owls to the school from the Shaver's Creek Environmental Center where he works as an environmental educator.

unteering at Shaver's Creek Environmental Center in Petersburg, Pa.

In the beginning of the fall 2008 semester, Young became the raptor intern at the center. In that position, he is responsible for caring

for and feeding the raptors, performing raptor research and conducting educational presentations on the birds at schools and for the public. He is living at Shaver's Creek and will remain the raptor intern until May of next year. He hopes to obtain an environmental education job after college.

Other members of the Young family came out to see the raptor program at Roslund Elementary, including Kenny's father, Damon; his grandmother, Myrl Young, of Dallas; his sister, Sara Lupinski, of Tunkhannock, and her sons, William, 3 1/2, and Andrew, not yet a year old.

In addition to the Red-tailed Hawk, Young and Edie Dooley, the environmental education intern at Shaver's Creek, brought a Barn Owl, Great Horned Owl, Eastern Screech Owl and a Barred Owl to the school. All of the birds were injured and unable to survive in the wild. Most had been run over by cars.

Alex Keiser already knew the Great Horned Owl says, "Who's awake? Me, too."

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Arthur George Redmond, 24, of Shavertown, died Monday, Nov. 17. The 2002 Dallas High School graduate will be remembered for his athletic abilities, acceptance of others and his desire to travel and give back to the world.

## Art Redmond always wanted to give back

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Friends of Arthur George Redmond gently placed photos of themselves among the young man last Sunday night so they can be with him forever.

The 24-year-old of Shaver Avenue, Shavertown, died Monday, Nov. 17 when his car veered off Route 302 and crashed into a brook in Hart's Location, N.H. He encountered a slippery road on his way home from a trip where he had climbed Mount Washington.

Redmond was born March 4, 1984 to Brian and Lois Redmond. He was the couple's youngest child and had three siblings: Maggie, Abbey and Peter. Brian Redmond, a Ph.D., is a professor of environmental engineering and earth science at Wilkes University and Lois Redmond is a Spanish teacher at Dallas High School.

Because he was a lifelong resident of the Back Mountain, Redmond had many friends who attended Dallas schools with him from kindergarten at Westmoreland Elementary School through 12th-grade at Dallas High School. Redmond was a 2002 graduate of Dallas High School and a member of the boys' volleyball team, the band (one year on saxophone and one on trombone) and the drama club in which he played Uncle Jeff in the musical "Mame."

Redmond attended Penn State University Park after high school, later transferring to Wilkes University. He graduated magna cum laude from Wilkes in 2007 with a double major in political science and international studies.

Jim Merryman, Ph.D., a professor of sociology and anthropology at Wilkes University, fondly remembers Redmond.

"Arthur, his parents and siblings, went with me to east Africa in 2002," Merryman said. "He did some amazing things in his short life. (He was a) wonderful, compassionate, activist human being. He was my International Studies student and probably the best student I've ever had in terms of genuine love of learning both inside and outside the classroom."

In the summer of 2006, Redmond took his first trip to South America on a summer education experience through St. Ambrose University where he attended school for six months in Lima, Peru. He went to Ecuador in the spring semester of 2007 to study Spanish and do service learning at an orphanage in Cuenca, Ecuador where he taught Spanish and

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## PennDOT's intersection proposals are met with mixed reactions from people

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PennDOT officials presented traffic reconfiguration options for the downtown Dallas five-leg and Upper Remunds Road and Hildebrandt Road intersections at a public meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the Dallas Middle School.

Bob Besecker, of Besecker Realty on Main Street in Dallas, doesn't like any of the proposed plans.

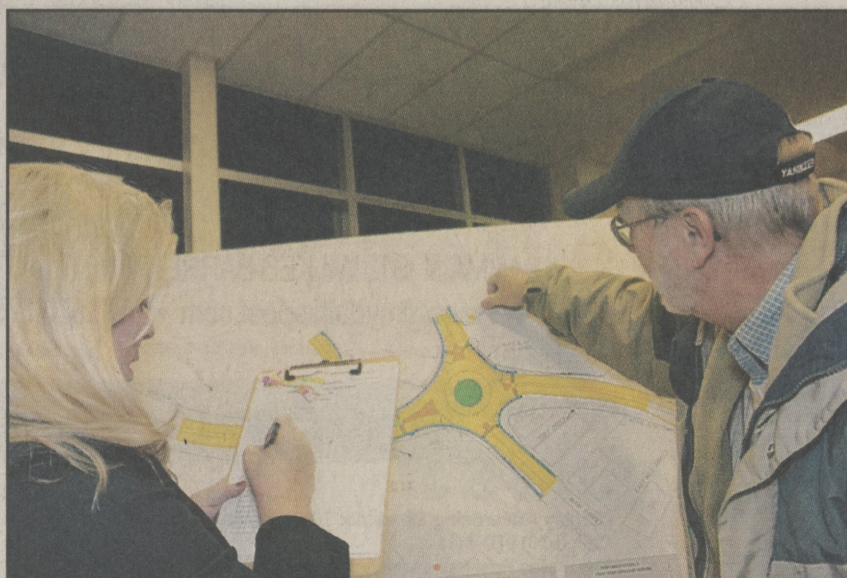
"I'm listening to the engineers telling me it will work very well and it won't be a problem, but I don't necessarily agree with them," Besecker said. "I have a problem seeing tractor trailers going around the circle. I also

"With the continued growth, I believe something has to be done."

Bob Besecker  
Dallas businessman

have a problem with the fact there will be just one lane coming into the roundabout, especially coming up 415 from Wilkes-Barre because late in the afternoon, a minimal stop there will create a large backflow because the road is very busy at that time."

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Jim McCarthy, of Dallas, places a suggestion sticker near the Foster Street area on a map. Residents were able to make comments on various plans presented by Penn DOT for two intersections in Dallas. Registering McCarthy's comment was Jennifer Walsh, a planner with McMahon Associates.



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