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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**MERCER COUNTY VISITORS CAN CELEBRATE EASTER IN MARCH  
WITH FREE SWEET TREATS AND CANDY FACTORY TOURS**

*-- Welcome Spring with Family-Fun Activities in Hermitage and Farrell, Pennsylvania---*

**Pittsburgh, Pa.--March 4, 2009--** As Spring approaches, visitors to Mercer County can indulge in free sweet treats and Easter activities for the whole family to enjoy during March at Philadelphia Candies in Hermitage, Pa. and Daffin's Candies Chocolate Factory in Farrell, Pa.

Philadelphia Candies will host an Easter Factory tour on March 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. As chocolate is being made and decorated, guests can walk through the factory and experience the sweet delights of the candy-making process. Available to visitors will be samples, advertised specials, raffle drawings and costumed characters. The event is *free* for all who wish to attend and is located on 1546 East State Street in Hermitage.

Swizzle Stick Day on March 29 at Daffin's Candies Chocolate Factory in Farrell, Pa. will feature an amazing 700 pound chocolate bunny and the history of chocolate in the making. Visitors will receive free bunny ears and chocolate samples as they walk through the factory and experience the production of chocolate. Swizzle Stick Day takes place from Noon through 4 p.m. and is located on 7 Spearman Avenue in Farrell.

For more information about events in Mercer County, log onto [www.VisitMercerCountyPA.com](http://www.VisitMercerCountyPA.com) or call 724-662-4185.

*About Mercer County:*

*Located in Northwestern Pennsylvania, along the Ohio border, Mercer County is home to name-brand outlets, boutiques and unique specialty stores for shoppers. The area is also known for its more than 25 challenging golf courses of inspired design. Golf Digest ranked Mercer County as one of its top golf destinations. Visitors can dine on mouthwatering cuisine in Mercer County's array of fine restaurants and then stay overnight in a well-appointed hotel, a luxurious bed and breakfast or a cozy country inn. Close to Pittsburgh, Erie, Cleveland and other major markets, Mercer County is easily accessible via I-80 and I-79. The County offers the perfect escape. For more information, visit [www.VisitMercerCountyPa.com](http://www.VisitMercerCountyPa.com)*

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