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Locked doors during church?

Religious leaders struggle with safety measure, message it sends

By Laura Hayes

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Local churches have started locking either some or all of their doors during worship services in response to safety concerns from recent mass shootings.

The Press & Journal talked to religious leaders at eight churches and asked about their security protocol. Four said they locked either some or all of the doors during worship, three said their doors remained unlocked during services and one said the congregation has discussed security measures. but not yet made a decision.

Parishes such as Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary and New Beginnings Church were among those who lock their doors.

"A lot of people in the parish are worried about it. They're wondering who's walking in the vestibule or when Mass is going on, they're looking back to see who's hanging out back there. People have expressed that concern to me personally," said Father Ted Keating, pastor at Seven Sorrows.

Others such as Geyer's United Methodist Church do not lock their doors. Pastor Stevan Atanasoff said he understood locking school doors, but did not think the answer was to lock church doors.

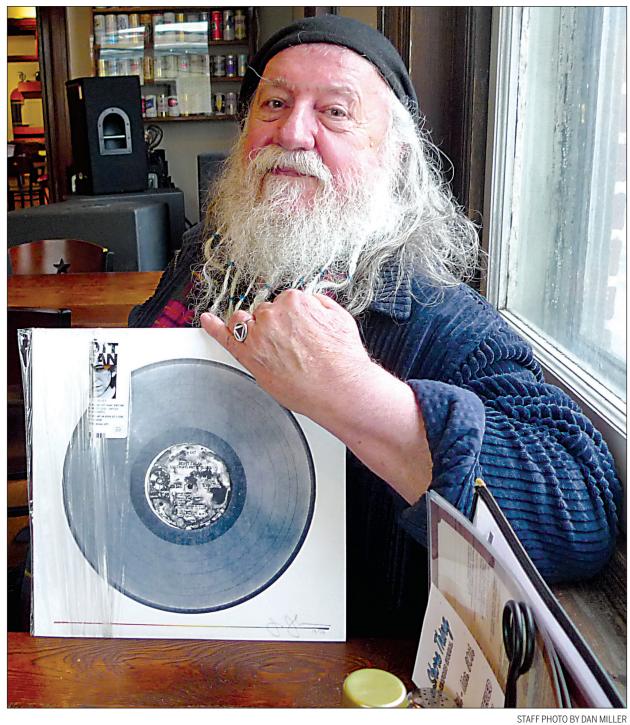
'What kind of society is that to inherit and pass onto our children and grandchildren?" Atanasoff said.

Keating said people also expressed concerns to the diocese. Diocese of Harrisburg director of communications Joseph Aponick said while their schools are required to have emergency management plans — including response to active shooter scenarios their churches aren't required to have a specific active shooter plan in place.

"But they are encouraged to develop emergency management plans and to focus on church security awareness, especially after the shooting at the church in Texas last fall and the recent school shooting in Florida," Aponick said.

According to the Gun Violence Archive, there have been

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Scott Fagan holds a signed copy of a lithograph created by famed artist Jasper Johns inspired by his album "South Atlantic Blues," seen below. Fagan is sitting on the second floor of the Tattered Flag Brewery and Still Works, where he will perform March 16.

'An unjustly lost figure in rock history'

At age 72, Middletown's Fagan finds fame, peace

By Dan Miller danmiller@pressandiournal.com

Fifty years ago, a 22-yearold New York City kid who grew up impoverished in the Virgin Islands recorded an album for Atco Records called "South Atlantic Blues."

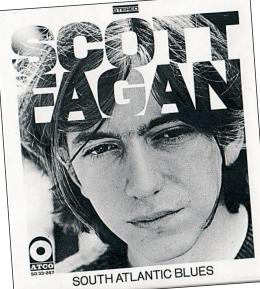
The album was to be Scott Fagan's ticket to stardom.

Apple Records, which was founded by the Beatles, was deciding between Fagan and James Taylor to record the first non-Beatle album for the label.

A manager in the Big Apple had told Fagan that in six months he would be bigger than Elvis Presley.

Things didn't work out that

Instead, despite today being hailed a "folk-rock masterpiece," the album landed in the cut-out bin, that record store graveyard where vinyl LPs go to be returned because they didn't sell.



Scott Fagan will perform at the Tattered Flag. **SEE PAGE A5.**

Meanwhile, that guy named James Taylor was chosen to record for Apple. Everyone knows where he ended up.

Scott Fagan ended up in Middletown, of all places. He became part of the local arts and music scene, devoting himself to the Middletown Area Arts Collective.

Despite its obscurity, "South Atlantic Blues" was never completely forgotten.

Jasper Johns, who The New York Times recently called the United States' "foremost living artist," stumbled onto "South Atlantic Blues" and was so inspired by the music that he created a series of lithographs devoted to the album in 1970.

Titled simply "Scott Fagan Record," the lithographs can be found today in the collections of the Museum of Modern Art and the

Metropolitan Museum of Art. But otherwise, for years and years the breaks just didn't go Scott Fagan's way.

A guy named Jerry Schoen-

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as facade improvements, new roofs; new windows; and upgrades to electrical and heating, ventila-

Police: Threat made to 'shoot everyone' at FedEx facility

Press & Journal Staff

An employee of the FedEx facility on Fulling Mill Road in Lower Swatara Township threatened to "shoot the security guards and then come in the building and shoot everyone else" after being suspended from his job Feb. 22.

Township police report Gary

Drake, 59, of $the\,4000\,block$ of Heathrow Court, Harrisburg, was arraigned on charges of terroristic threats to cause serious



public inconvenience and risking catastrophe. Cash bail was set at \$750,000.

Police report that Drake had been suspended from his job at a FedEx facility in the 100 block of Fulling Mill Road because of aggravated assault charges filed in August 2017 over an incident unrelated to his FedEx job. FedEx Ground is located at 111 Fulling Mill Road.

According to the criminal complaint, Drake approached a co-worker in a Harrisburg-area bar on Feb. 22 and told her not to go to work at her job at FedEx that night. He said he had been

suspended and escorted to the gate, and his work identification

"I will wait in the parking lot for [the shift supervisor and the head business manager], then shoot the security guards and then come in the building and shoot everyone else!" the coworker told police that Drake

He was upset, she said, that because he was suspended, he could not pay his attorney in the aggravated assault charge case.

Police asked the co-worker if she thought Drake was laughing or joking. She said "he was dead serious," according to the criminal complaint. She said that she asked him if he was kidding and to "stop playing." She again told police that he stated several times he was going to come to work and kill his shift supervisor and the head business manager.

Police secured an arrest warrant and took Drake into custody at his residence without incident. The arrest report did not note whether weapons were found at

Prior to the arrest, police con $tacted\,FedEx\,security\,personnel.$ They heightened security, and changed the rotations of when their security officers went off

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Lower Swatara police to hire three officers

By Laura Hayes

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Lower Swatara is searching for new three police officers to join the police department.

The township was initially searchingfortwoofficers. During

ameeting Feb. 7, the board unanimously accepted the resignation of Officer Scott Flowers, whose resignation was ef-



fective Jan. 19, raising the search number from two to three.

Lower Swatara Police Department Acting Police Chief Scott Young said that Flowers had served with the department since 2008 as a patrol officer.

Hiring three officers will put the number of officers in the department up to 15, and Young said he hoped to hire additional officers next year.

"When we were at the heaviest, there were 17 officers including the chief of police," Young said.

There are challenges to not being at full force, Young said, particularly if there are numerous calls or if someone is sick or on vacation. Officers work extra shifts to cover the lack of manpower, Young said.

Having a full staff, he said, would reduce the number of overtime shifts which will ultimately save Lower Swatara money.

"We're always going to have overtime, but we don't want to have it where it's a financial strain on the township," Board President Jon Wilt said.

How does the township select its police force? In December, Young told the Board of Commissioners that 44 letters were

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Foundation might run fund for residents to improve property

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A community foundation is stepping forward to administer a new residential loan program that is being considered by Middletown Borough Council.

The offer comes from The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, an organization with about \$100 million in assets that is active in Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Perry and Lebanon counties.

The loan program was proposed in January 2017 by Councilor Diana McGlone.

Under the concept McGlone laid out, loans from \$2,000 to \$10,000 would be made available through the borough to residential property owners in Middletown, both for owner-occupied and rental properties. Loans could also even-

tually be made available to small business owners.

Loans would be for things such

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Public notices in this week's Press & Journal

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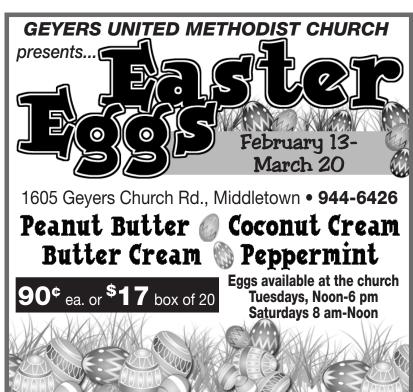
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NEWS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD LAVONNE ACKERMAN

Ready for spring? Make sure to change clocks

Welcome, March. Please come with your promise of spring and your warm breezes. We don't want any more wintry mixes, ice storms or frigid temperatures. Thank you in advance!

Spring is here in less than two weeks! Do not forget to spring ahead early Sunday when we turn the clocks ahead one hour!

So we miss an hour of sleep .. this is OK because warmer breezes will be blowing our way in just a short while. Spring, glorious, spring. We can't wait for your arrival.

Call, text or email me your news to share. Have a fantastic week!

Birthdays

Happy 17th cake-and-ice cream day to Noah Yeich of Lower Swatara on Friday, March 9. May the sun keep shining on you all day long, Noah!

Bill Mattes of Lower Swatara has 51 reasons to smile on Friday. I hope your March 9 birthday is the best yet. Happy birthday!

Many great wishes for a fantastic birthday are sent to **Ann** Turns of Middletown on Friday, March 9. If you see her, be sure to wish her a beautiful day.

Happy 91st birthday to Rose Michalek of Lower Swatara on Saturday, March 10. May it be a sweet day for you and your family. Congrats Rose!

More cake at the Yeich household! Happy birthday to **Brian Yeich** of Lower Swatara as he marks his big-deal birthday on Saturday, March 10. Enjoy it!

Randy Breon of Lower Swatara gets to celebrate another frosty-filled day on Sunday, March 11. Have a wonderful good time, Randy!

Happy me-holiday to Michelle

Wagner of Lower Swatara on March 11. Her super-duper cake day is on Sunday, have fun!

Craig Duke of Royalton celebrates his special day on March 11, too. Enjoy a birthday fun of sunshine on Sunday, Craig!

My good bud, Denise Giulivo, marks her rootin' tootin' happy birthday celebration on Monday, March 12. I hope all the grands surround you with lots of love!

Happy Sweet 16 beep-beephonk day to **Drew Rhodes** of Hummelstown on Monday, March 12. It is a good week to celebrate such a special birthday. Be safe!

Kyerah Moore of Lower Swatara will hear the birthday song on March 13. May it be a sweet song. Happy 17th, Kyerah!

Dean's Lists

Congratulations to the following students named to the fall 2017 DeSales University (Center Valley, Pennsylvania) dean's list: Rebekah E. Good of Elizabethtown and **Jennifer L. Abraham** of Hummelstown.

Congratulations to the following Hummelstown students at Wilkes University (Wilkes-Barre) on being listed to the fall 2017 dean's list: Holly Bettinger, Thomas Bowen and Todd Espen-

Congratulations to the following students named to the fall 2017 Clarion University (Clarion) dean's list: Sarah Fox of Hershey and Kacey Stewart of Middletown.

Congratulations to the following students named to the fall 2017 Geneva College (Beaver Falls) dean's list: Megan Barr of Elizabethtown; Kenton Belmont of Elizabethtown; and Sean Acker of Hummelstown.

The University of Wisconsin-

Madison has listed **Sophie Beckfield** of Hummelstown on their fall 2017 dean's list. Congratulations.

Glad grads

Congratulations to **Robert** Wierman of Middletown. He received a master of science degree in computer information systems from Boston University in January.

Congratulations to Hummelstown graduates from DeSales University in January: **Robert M. Dotts**, master of the arts in criminal justice in digital forensics, and Liam A. Hulse, bachelor of the arts in biology.

Dinner is served

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 121 N. Spring St., Middletown will hold a community dinner of baked ham loaf, potatoes and green beans from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (or until gone) March 12.

Dessert and drinks are included. Everyone is welcome. There is a cost. Enter through the parking lot doors.

Anniversaries

Happy 50th golden anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Shaffer Jr. of Middletown. This special couple was married on March 9, 1968. Congratulations to you and have a wonderful celebrating time on Friday!

Happy 24th anniversary to Roy and Pam Shonk of Londonderry. They observe their romantic holiday on Monday, March 12. Enjoy!

Recipe for Beef Stew

From the Wedding Book Collection

1 lb. hamburger 1 lb. cube beef

1 stalk celery

2 small carrots

2 small potatoes 1 package of frozen green

1 package of frozen corn 1 can tomatoes

Cook cube beef in a little water until tender. Add potatoes, carrots, when tender, add the remaining veggies. Brown hamburger in a little water, then add to beef stew. Simmer for one hour. Very tasty.

Quote of the Week

"There is no real failure except refusing to try." — Anonymous

Question of the Week

What would be the best day for

"Sept. 28. It is my birthday!" — Victoria Kelly, 10, Swatara.

"My birthday, Dec. 4. I would play with my new toys and be with my family and friends." - Miranda Burdsal, 8, Lower Paxton.

"Tuesday, because of tacos!" - Anna Benkovic, 8, Lower Paxton.

"The day of Jesus's birth." — Jon Benkovic, 7, Lower Paxton. "When I can just be happy to

jump on a trampoline, play an Xbox, and play GTA!" — Malik **Drake**, 7, Middletown. "The day I try to win the lot-

tery and then win!" — **Logan** Benner, 11, Middletown.

Proverb for the Week

One man pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth (13:7).

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Route 283 reconstruction underway near Middletown

The Route 283 reconstruction tern changes for the six-mile portion of Route 283 between the Toll House Road interchange and the interchange with the Pennsylvania Turnpike and Interstate 283.

This highway carries nearly 56,000 vehicles daily, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

On Sunday night, March 4, the contractor began the process to shift eastbound traffic on Route 283 to the right, on the existing road and onto the temporary shoulder widening that was built last year.

It will take about a week to complete the traffic shift, which also includes installing a concrete barrier.

Two lanes of eastbound Route 283 traffic will be maintained during the daytime hours for the duration of the project. However, from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., traffic might be restricted to a single lane.

During the week of March eastboundroad. Motorists headed County resumed this week with process to split westbound traffic Eisenhower Boulevard should use cated retaining wall. the first of two major traffic pat- by maintaining one lane on the "Express Lane." $we st bound {\it road} \, and \, the \, other \, lane \,$ on the eastbound roadway:

> The single lane of westbound traffic on the westbound road will serve local traffic with access to and from the Vine Street, Union Street and Airport Connector interchanges. It will be designated for "Local Traffic," but motorists using it will still be able to continue to I-283 and Harrisburg area destinations. Motorists headed to I-283 are encouraged to use this lane for "Local Traffic."

> The other westbound lane that will be established on the eastbound road will be designated as the "Express Lane" because this westbound traffic will have no access to the ramps for the Vine Street, Union Street and Airport Connector interchanges. Concrete barriers will separate westbound motorists in the Express Lane from eastbound traffic on the

for Frey Village's Strawberry

Saturday, June 2.

diakon.org.

Festival from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

activities director Tracy Klein

at 888-995-8361 or email kleint@

Annual fish fry at Seven

For more information, contact

PennDOT urges drivers to use caution when traveling through the work zone and pay attention to the signing and message boards identifying the new traffic patterns. The speed limit on Route 283 will

be reduced from 65 mph to 55 mph while the new traffic configuration is in effect — probably until midto-late November.

This work is part of the \$89.4 million project that began last spring to rebuild six miles of Route 283 as well as the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Union Street, and Vine Street interchanges.

Westbound Route 283 will be rebuilt this year; eastbound Route 283 will be reconstructed next year. The structure work on the project includes the superstructure replacement of three mainline bridges, deck replacements of five mainline bridges, bridge preser-

vation work on three overhead project in southeastern Dauphin 11, the contractor will start the to the Pennsylvania Turnpike or bridges, and one new prefabri-

Rehabilitation work on three bridges over Route 283 was completed last year — the Newberry Road, Union Street and Vine Street bridges. The project also includes updated drainage and guiderail, signing and pavement markings, new highway lighting, and 12 new rain gardens to manage storm

Toward the end of the project, the construction work in the interchange with the Pennsylvania Turnpike also will establish a new traffic pattern for motorists from westbound Route 283 headed to the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The existing loop ramp from

westbound Route 283 to the Pennsylvania Turnpike will be removed, and this traffic movement will be made instead by making a left turn at a newly signalized intersection

The overall project is scheduled for completion in 2020.

TOWN TOPICS

Reminder about daylight saving time on Sunday

Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 11. Turn your clocks ahead one hour.

Fish fry at Londonderry **Fire Company slated**

Londonderry Fire Company, 2655 Foxianna Road, Middletown, is sponsoring its Fish Fry from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Call 717-944-2175 for takeout.

Bingo mania at fire company is March 11

Londonderry Fire Company, 2655 Foxianna Road, Middletown, will hold its Bingo Mania on Sunday, March 11. Doors and the kitchen open at

noon, and bingo is at 2 p.m. **Craft vendors wanted for**

Frey Strawberry Festival Craft vendors are wanted

Sorrows continues Seven Sorrows Catholic Church, Race and Conewago

streets, Middletown, is sponsoring its 21st annual Fish Fry on Friday, March 9, 16 and 23 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Call 717-944-5488 after 4 p.m. for takeout. Visit ssvbm.org for a menu and specials.

AARP tax services at **Middletown Home**

The Middletown Home, 999 W. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, again will play host to AARP tax services, free to the community.

Thursday morning through April 12 by appointment only. Call 717-944-3351 to schedule

Sessions will be held every

the appointment.

Ebenezer UM Church selling chocolate eggs

Ebenezer UM Church and Childcare, 890 Ebenezer Road, Middletown, is selling its homemade chocolate Easter eggs. To order, call 717-944-6080 or

717-583-0502.

Perohi and kielbasa sale at St. Ann Byzantine

Perohi and kielbasa will be on sale during Lent at the St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church Parish Hall, 5408 Locust Lane, Harrisburg through March 16.

Wednesday hours are 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays are 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information, call 717-652-0545 or visit stannbyz.org.

Easter bunny, breakfast, egg hunt in Highspire

Come enjoy breakfast with the Easter Bunny from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 17 at Highspire

Fire Hall, 272 Second St. There is a cost.

An Easter egg hunt will also be held that day for age groups 0 to 4, 5 to 8, and 9 to 12.

Middletown Thrift Shop has two-day Reno Sale

The Middletown Thrift Shop, 17 S. Union St. is sponsoring a two-day Reno Sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 10 and Saturday, March 17.

Proceeds benefit the repair and renovation of the Middletown Thrift Shop building.

Homemade Easter eggs for sale at Geyers UMC

Gevers United Methodist Church, 1605 Geyers Church Road, Middletown, will sell homemade Easter eggs through March 20.

Eggs are available at the church from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

For more information, call 717-944-6426.

CHURCH: Some lock up doors

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39 mass shootings across the United States so far this year.

Aponick referred to the recent shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, in February after Nikolas Cruz allegedly opened fire, killing 17 people and injuring 14 more, and at First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Texas, where Devin Kelley killed 26 people on a Sunday morning last November.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church Pastor Richard Eckert is the president of the Middletown Area Interfaith Council—an organization comprised of about 20 local churches and Historic B'nai Jacob Syna-

Church security has come up during the monthly meetings in January and February, according to Eckert. He said many of the churches were gathering information, including reaching out to law enforcement officers about possible seminars.

During meetings, some religious leaders have brought up locking doors or how to protect children in nurseries. Some leaders suggested having parishioners be aware during services, while others proposed installing cameras in the churches.

"No one has them, that I'm aware of," Eckert said.

A decision hasn't been made as a whole council, Eckert said, adding that a decision may be made this spring.

However, some churches have individually taken action. At St. Peter's, the church council decided in December to have two or three people patrol the halls and entrances during worship after a man who did not regularly attend the church came in during a service with a backpack. Parishioners were friendly, but alert, Eckert said.

"A sense of alertness has been here and with us, not just since Florida, but that brought it to the center again," Eckert said.

Eckert said the gospel called the church to be open and welcome to all. "The faith as we understand it and tried to live it is that all are welcome. So that means everybody. If they mean malice or if they're here to do bad things, well, they're welcomed. And we have to find a way to protect those entrusted to our care," he said.

However, he said that talking to the Press & Journal about church security during worship and other church activities, made him consider taking other security precautions, particularly if children are playing in the parking lot.

"When I sit and talk to you about it, it's almost like we're creating a dangerous reality," Eckert said.

Response to recent shootings varied church to church. Some parishioners have expressed concerns to the religious leaders while others haven't. Some pastors saw locking doors as a realistic response. Some leaders struggled with locking the doors to potential parishioners.

'Think about the message it's sending," Atanasoff said.

Atanasoff said the congregation hasn't discussed locking the doors, and the doors remain unlocked during services. Gever's, St. Peters Evangelical Lutheran Church and Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church were among those reached out to by the Press & Journal that said they did not lock their doors.

"I have had more people say they wish we didn't have to lock the doors at all," Atanasoff said.

The diocese's insurer, Catholic Mutual, recently sent Catholic churches, including Seven Sorrows, information on what to do in active shooter scenarios and what churches could do to increase security.

Suggestions included locking doors, easily identifying ushers and equipping them with loud horns and cellphones in case of emergencies, having people patrol outside the church or have a surveillance vehicle near the church entrance, making sure ushers and staff had cellphones and clearly marking exits.

Seven Sorrows decided to lock all of its doors during services. At the start of worship at Seven Sorrows, the doors will be locked and ushers will stand by the door to let in anyone who is late.

"Ithink we need to be cautious, but I don't think we need to go to extremes," Keating said.

Keating said while he wasn't sure how effective locking doors

was during an active shooting, he said it would delay the shooter.

"Any time you can cause a delay or inconvenience. I think that's to the benefit to everyone in the congregation," Keating said.

What about visitors to the

"That's what worries me about doing stuff like this. That's a concern of mine. It can turn people off if the doors are locked. I personally would like to keep the doors open all the time ... I think a church needs to be a place of welcome, and a locked church — I think a lot of people aren't going to church today as it is—and a locked church doesn't help. That's a concern of mine — of new people coming in and not hearing my announcement that the church is locked," Keating said.

New Beginnings Church has locked some of its doors for several years, according to Pastor Britt Strohecker who is an Army veteran.

It recently made the decision to lock all of the doors.

He said the congregation felt vulnerable leaving one door unlocked because visibility out of the sanctuary to the unlocked door wasn't good.

"People really need to take this problem seriously," Strohecker said.

The threat is there and it exists, he said, adding that there was not a "one-size-fits-all" solution to the issue.

"You can run, you can hide or you can fight," Strohecker said.

In the case of an active shooter scenario, he said churches needed to consider all possibilities and how to respond to them, including consideration of the church's layout and making sure all of the parishioners are aware of the plan — everything it takes to make the "run" or "hide" options viable and to avoid a gunfight.

"If only three to four people know what the plan is, then you don't have an effective plan. If the worst happens, then you're going to face disaster," Strohecker said.

At New Beginnings, Strohecker said they have constant surveillance of the doors. Additionally, several people — including law enforcement officers in the congregation — have concealed carry permits.

"I do know that if worst comes to worst we have a number of people who are armed in our congregation," he said.

New Beginnings and Seven Sorrows are not the only area church that locks its doors during worship.

At the Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown, interim pastor Bruce Humphrey said the side and back doors are locked during services, leaving the only entrance through the main doors.

Evangelical United Methodist Church also locks all but its main doors during worship.

"It's a sad thing to have to talk about something like this, but it's important to be prudent and prepared," Pastor Lee Ellenberger said.

Pastor Brad Gilbert of the Ebenezer United Methodist Church said the congregation has discussed church security, but hasn't made a decision.

Other churches do not have plans to lock its doors. The Rev. David Smiley of the Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church said its session of ruling elders have discussed security and decided to keep its doors unlocked during worship.

"Martyrdom has been part of the history of the church," Smiley said.

Ushers are near the entrance of the church to greet people, and Smiley is able to see where the ushers sit.

It's not uncommon for people to come into the church after the service has started, he said. Some people have come in over halfway through.

The consensus of the elders was to err on the side of having people be able to hear the worship service.

Keating said he didn't know whether Seven Sorrows would continue to lock its doors.

"I'm not anticipating that for the duration of our time here, we're going to be locking the doors," Keating said.

Churches, Strohecker said, need to come up with emergency response plans immediately.

"This is not something to delay on," he said. "You need to get away from thinking that it can't come here.'

OBITUARIES



June Mann

MIDDLETOWN

June Mann, 92, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Thursday, March 1, 2017 at the Middletown Home.

She was born on July 25, 1925 in Royalton and was the daughter of the late Harry E. and Mary E. (Geesey) Hammaker.

She was a member of the Royalton Emmanuel United Methodist Church and was a former factory worker for the former Roughware Clothing, Middletown. She also was the head cook at the Royalton Senior Center for many years. June was a member of the Women of the Moose, Middletown and The Middletown VFW Ladies Auxiliary. She enjoyed fishing, yard sales, ceramics, bingo and spending time on the river, where she was known as Sergeant Major Mann. Above everything else, she enjoyed spending time with her family.

In addition to her parents, June was preceded in death by her loving husband, Russell W. Mann, two brothers, Charles D. Hammaker and Earl Hammaker Sr., step-daughter Linda "Brooke" Breslow, grandson, Stephen A. Gates, a great-granddaughter, Brianna Rose Moore, and a sonin-law, A. Dennis Mollura.

June is survived by her loving children, Donald L. Hammaker and his wife Carolyn of Middletown and Rosemary C. Mollura of Avon, OH; two sisters, Geraldine Sides of Middletown and Sarah Lighty of Middletown; five grandchildren, Michele K. Moore (Terry), Lisa M. Leggore (Paul Sr.), Donnette L. Zimmerman (Donald), Tracy C. (Keith), Andrew R. Mollura; five great-grandchildren, Matthew S. Hughes, Roger L. Moore, Olivia J. Folmar, Timmy A. Erickson, and Tyler L. Erickson; a greatgreat-granddaughter, Kadence L. Hughes; and several nieces, nephews, and extended family.

A tribute to June's life was held on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 11 a.m. at the Matinchek Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., Middletown, with the Rev. Dan Gilbert officiating. Viewing was from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Monday at the funeral home.

Burial was in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, Harrisburg.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Royalton Senior Center, 101 Northumberland St., Middletown, PA, 17057 or to the Middletown Home Activities Department, 999 W. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057.

The family would like to send a warm "Thank You" to all of June's friends and the staff at the Middletown Home for the wonderful care that was given to June Bug over the years.

Condolences may be sent online at www.matinchekfuneralhome.



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Dorothy Rodriguez

HUMMELSTOWN

Dorothy B. Rodriguez, 93, of Hummelstown, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, February 24, 2018.

She was born on April 20, 1924 in Harrisburg and was the daughter of the late John and Margaret (Eckert) Baker.

Dorothy attended Penbrook United Church of Christ and was their 2004 Volunteer of the Year. She also loved watching and playing golf, which led her to start the Charles C. Rodriguezannual charity golf tournament, with proceeds supporting cancer research.

In addition to her parents, Dorothy was preceded in death by her loving husband Charles C. Rodriguez.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Dennis Rodriguez of $Hummel stown \, and \, Sonia \, Lott \, and \,$ her husband James of Laurel, Md., and three grandchildren Jamie Lott, Samantha Hawkins and Carla Jackson.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 4 p.m. at the Penbrook United Church of Christ, 56 Banks St., Harrisburg, PA 17103.

Internment was at Ft. Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville at 2:30 p.m. Those attending the graveside service met at Ft. Indiantown Gap National Cemetery office at 2:15 p.m.

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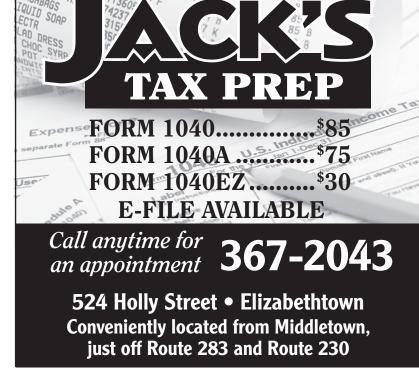
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Police: Man wanted to shoot neighbor

A Middletown man who allegedly told his dental hygienist that he was planning to shoot his neighbor has been arrested by Lower Swatara Township police.

David J. Klingeman, 55, of the 200 block of Keystone Drive, was arraigned before District Judge Kenneth A. Lenker on March 2 and charged with terroristic threats and disorderly conduct.

His bail was set at \$200,000. However, Klingeman was not listed as being in Dauphin County Prison as of

Klingeman

Tuesday. His preliminary hearing before District Judge $Michael\,Smith\,is\,scheduled\,for$

March 22.

According to arrest papers police filed with Smith, Klingeman told the dental hygienist of his plans to shoot his neighbor while Klingeman was being treated by the hygienist.

The treatment took place on Feb. 23 at a dentist's office in the 700 block of Spring Garden Drive in the township, according to police.

Klingeman during the treat-

ment allegedly told the hygienist that he had not worked for three months and had been caringfor his ailing father, who

had recently passed away. According to police Klingeman told the hygienist that as part of his inheritance he would be receiving 12 guns and that he "will shoot his neighbor ... and spend the rest of his life

- Dan Miller

POLICE AND COURTS ROUNDUP

Man threatened to kill all Middletown police

A Middletown man is in Dauphin County Prison on \$250,000 bail after he allegedly made a 911 call to county dispatch on Feb. 26 saying he "wanted to shoot all the police in Middletown," according to arrest papers police filed with District Judge David Judy.

The caller, 44-year-old Matthew Chandler of the 200 block of East Main Street, also reportedly said during the call that police should "put him in jail," according to arrest papers.

After tracking the call to Chandler's cellphone police surrounded his residence in a tactical manner with rifles deployed. However, Chandler turned himself in without incident.

He was arraigned before Night Court Judge Steven M. Semic and charged with making a false alarm and false reports, and terroristic threats. His preliminary hearing before Judy is set for March 19.

Man threatened to return with a gun

An Elizabethtown man was arrested after he allegedly threatened occupants of a residence in the first block of Crestview Village in Londonderry Township during a disturbance on Jan. 29.

Douglas Andrew Greenly, 27, of the first block Letti Drive, was reportedly revving his engine and causing a disturbance, and threatened to return with a gun, according to arrest papers State Police filed with District Judge David

Police on Feb. 22 filed charges against Greenly of simple assault, terroristic threats, disorderly conduct and harassment. His preliminary hearing is set for April 9.

Selling electric motors leads to charges

A Bainbridge man was accused of stealing two electric motors from a Middletown business after the suspect was determined to have sold the motors to Royalton Recycling.

Christopher Perhach, 25, of the first block of South Second Street, sold the two motors for a total of \$78 to the scrap yard on Feb. 13, according to arrest papers Royalton police filed with District Judge David Judy.

Perhach and another individual were seen on security cameras stealing the motors at about 8 a.m. Feb. 13 from a bin on the property of Builders Specialties in the first block of South Wilson Avenue in Elizabethtown, according to arrest papers.

Perhach on Feb. 27 was charged with receiving stolen property. A preliminary hearing before Judy is set for April 2.

OD avoided; man asks woman to call 911

A possible drug overdose was avoided when a man walked up to a woman in the 200 block of Ann Street just before 1 p.m. Feb. 24 and told her he had just taken 30 pills in a suicide attempt.

The man asked the woman to call Middletown police, which she did, police said. The man said he had taken 10 pills each of three different kinds of pills that had all been legally prescribed to him.

The 33-year-old man, who was not identified, said that he had been battling depression, police said.

The man was taken to a local hospital by emergency medical personnel.

Pineford resident accidentally shoots self A resident of the Beechwood Building in Pineford in Middletown was taken to the hospital after he accidentally shot himself in his apartment while cleaning his Glock 43 9 mm handgun on Feb. 22.

The man had removed the magazine from the weapon but did not realize a round was in the chamber, police said. The round went into his left hand and exited at the base of his left palm through the wrist, police said.

The incident was reported to borough police at about 3:15 p.m. Feb. 22 by emergency room personnel at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, where

the man had been taken for treatment. There are no plans to file any charges, borough police said.

Man jailed for fight at tavern

A Middletown man is in Dauphin County Prison on \$25,000 bail after police say he assaulted a man during a fight in the Black Horse Tavern at 101 E. Main St. on Friday, March 2 between 2:23 and 3:25 a.m.

Shawn Michael Beaver, 27, of the first block of Juanita Street, was seen hitting the victim in the head with an unknown object, according to arrest papers police filed with District Judge David Judy.

Police said the attack caused serious injury to the victim's eye and face and that the man was taken to the hospital Beaver was arraigned before Judy on

March 2 and charged with aggravated assault and disorderly conduct. His preliminary hearing is March 19.

Man faces DUI and drug charges

State Police have filed drug charges against an Elizabethtown man after his car overturned in a single vehicle accident at mile marker 6.4 eastbound on Route 283 in Londonderry Township on Feb. 18.

Kenneth Neil Peiffer, 48, of the 600 block of West Ridge Road, had fled the scene and was found by police sitting in a nearby unlocked van.

Police confiscated from Peiffer's person baggies that field-tested positive for crack cocaine, along with \$1,662 in cash, according to arrest papers police filed with District Judge David Judy. Police put in a lab request to confirm the confiscated materials as crack cocaine and methamphetamine.

Police on Feb. 18 filed charges against Peiffer of manufacture, delivery or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver; possession of a controlled substance; use/possession of drug paraphernalia; DUI controlled substance combined with alcohol; disregarding a traffic lane; speeding; careless driving; and failure to notify police of an accident resulting in damage to a vehicle.

A preliminary hearing is not yet set.

Middletown man charged with DUI

Borough police charged a Middletown man with DUI after he was seen driving in the wrong lane to make a left turn at Vine and East Main streets on Feb. 25.

Travis Matthew Imboden, 22, of the

100 block of North Wood Street, refused to consent to a blood-alcohol test, police said in arrest papers filed with District Judge David Judy.

in jail."

Imboden was charged with making an improper left turn, DUI, and having tinted rear windows. A preliminary hearing is set for April 2.

Man jailed after threatening father

A Lower Swatara Township man is in Dauphin County Prison on \$100,000 bail after he allegedly pointed a gun at his father and threatened to kill him during an argument over a cellphone.

The incident occurred on Feb. 25 at the victim's residence in the 6300 block of Schoolhouse Road in Conewago Township, according to arrest papers State Police filed with District Judge David Judy.

According to arrest papers, James Allen Carbaugh, 30, of the 1500 block of Woodridge Drive, was pointing the gun at the victim with one hand and hitting him with the other. The victim escaped into the woods and called 911.

Carbaugh was arraigned before Judy on Feb. 26 and charged with criminal attempt-aggravated assault, terroristic threats, simple assault, recklessly endangering another person, and harassment. He is to be arraigned in Dauphin County Court on June 1, after being bound over on all charges during a March 5 preliminary hearing before

Woman charged with DUI following crash

A Middletown woman was charged with DUI after she crashed her vehicle at the intersection of Waltonville and Roundtop roads in Londonderry Township on Feb. 6.

Rebecca Rose Ernst, 29, of the 2000 block of Market Street Extended, drove straight through the intersection onto the grass and into multiple objects, State Police said in arrest papers filed with District Judge David Judy.

Ernst was located about a quartermile away from the crash. She told police she did not have any identification

Police said that Ernst refused their requests to be field-tested regarding suspected intoxication. She also would not submit to a blood draw, police said. Ernst's driver's license later was dis-

covered in her bra by a female employee at the Dauphin County Booking Center, police said. Ernst on Feb. 22 was charged with

DUI, public drunkenness, running a stop sign, careless driving, and causing an accident resulting damage to an unattended vehicle or property.

Her preliminary hearing is set for April 9.

Suspected hit-and-run damages vehicle

The passenger side door and quarter panel of a 2017 white Ford Mustang was damaged as a result of a suspected hitand-run reported to Middletown police on Feb. 26 by someone living in the 600 block of Spring Street.

The owner was not sure where the vehicle was parked when the damage occurred, police said.

POLICE: Lower Swatara public safety director post still open

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sent out to people who met the requirements of Act 120, which requires that any person employed as a municipal police offer to have completed a police work course. Young said that they received 11

applications back. According to Lower Swatara Interim Manager Frank Lynch, the Civil Service Commission reviews resumes and issues disqualification letters if the candidate is not a fit. During this search process, one of the commission members, Edward

Mentzer, passed away in January 2017. An alternate was brought in to make up a quorum of the commission, and in January 2018, the board unanimously appointed a new member to fill Mentzer's position and an additional alternate.

Interviews for the six candidates were scheduled over two weeks. Then, Young said, the detectives will conduct background checks, rank the candidates and send the contenders to be interviewed by the Board of Commissioners.

On Feb. 21, Young told the board that

one interview was complete and other he said in February. interviews were set up.

The process was expected to take three to four weeks in total. The township is also still searching for

a public safety director. The position has been vacant since former manager Frank Williamson resigned in July 2017 after serving as manager for

three months. Public safety director is in charge of the administrative and operational duties for the police department, coordinates Lower Swatara's emergency preparedness and acts as a liaison to the volunteer fire department and EMS.

Williamson was Lower Swatara's assistant township manager and public safety $director since August 2016. \, After becoming$ manager, Williamson continued to act as public safety director until a new administrator was hired.

searching and doing its due diligence, adding that there were several things in flux at the moment. "No one wants to make a rash decision,"

Wilt said that the board was still actively

Board approves protective equipment The board unanimously approved nine

protective vests for police officers. The vests will be outfitted with a radio holder, a pouch to hold two rifle magazines and a tourniquet pouch. The vests, accessories and reimbursement for two

already-purchased vests would cost approximately \$4,400. According to Young, everyday police gear weighs approximately 27 pounds and

has a five-year warranty. "There aren't too many of us who don't

have lower back problems," he said. The new vests contain ceramic plates, which Young said would be able to stop a riffle round—something the current vests are unable to do. Young recently saw a demonstration of the vests' durability. The plates were able to withstand five armorpiercing rounds and up to 22 rounds from an assault rifle.

The vests would be placed in 10 squad cars and one at Middletown Area High School for the school resource officer.

Fagan to perform at Tattered Flag on March 16

By Dan Miller danmiller@pressandjournal.com

Scott Fagan and his band will perform the entire "South Atlantic Blues" album during a show at Tat-

Friday, March 16. The performance is to start at 8 p.m. in the brew pub on the second floor of Tattered Flag. There is no cover charge.

tered Flag Brewery & Still Works

at 1 S. Union St. in Middletown on

and the band will play a number of other songs that Fagan has recorded over his 53-year career as a songwriter and performer.

Fagan performed this show duringaconcerttour of Europein 2016 that followed the November 2015 re-issue of "South Atlantic Blues."

Described by the website Dangerous Minds as "an eccentric, genre jumping pop/psych/folk masterpiece," "South Atlantic

After playing the album, Fagan Blues" was recorded by Fagan on drums, Kim Naddeo on bass, on Atco Records, a division of Atlantic Records, in 1968.

> The 10 songs on the album, all by Fagan, tell the story of his upbringing and life in the Virgin Islands, where Fagan and his family moved after he was born in New York City.

Fagan will play rhythm guitar during the concert at Tattered Flag. He will be accompanied by area musicians Tim Greismer Rafael Martinez on conga drums, and Duane McKenney on guitar.

This will be Fagan's first performance in the Elks Building since the now 107-year-old structure has been converted by Tattered Flag into the brewery and still works.

Fagan, a Middletown resident since 2004, used to perform in the former Elks Building on a regular basis as part of the Middletown Area Arts Collective, a group of

Middletown-area artists and musicians that for a number of years was based in the Elks Building.

He remembers the building being "in real disrepair. When it rained it was a flood every time. There was artwork on the walls, sculpture, electronic machines, a sound system," Fagan told the Press & Journal in a March 1 interview upstairs in what is now Tattered Flag.

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he is pleased at how the building has been restored into a new use. Theupstairsisstillsimilarenough that Fagan recalls where the band used to set up for the gigs in the

former Elks Building. They will set up in the same spot March 16, in front of the new windows with the view of South

Union Street down below.

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"I've been all over the place and the people here are as good as anywhere. I'm certainly not naive, but good people are a wonder in the world, and when you find them, you better hold onto them. I go back and forth to the Virgin Islands, which is my home, but I'm a Middletowner by choice."

Scott Fagan

FAGAN: Musician says he has no plans to leave Middletown behind

From page A1

baum was in Fagan's corner, and wanted to record Fagan at Atco. But Schoenbaum had a falling-out with Atco, leaving Fagan high and dry as far as Atco was concerned.

Some of the bad breaks were likely self-inflicted. When you're trying to break into the music business, you don't go out of your way to call attention to everything that is bad about the music business.

But that's what Fagan did. In 1971, a rock opera he co-wrote with Joseph Kookolis called "Soon" — which vilified the ills of the music industry — debuted on the Broadway. It closed after three performances.

Among the cast members were Barry Bostwick (who in 1972 would originate the stage role of Danny Zuko in "Grease" and then go on to star in the movie "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" in 1975), Nell Carter (later the star of TV's "Gimme a Break!" and a Tony winner in 1978 for "Ain't Misbehavin'"), and a then-unknown actor named Richard Gere.

"I was naive in those days," Fagan, now 72, told the Press & Journal during a March 1 interview at Tattered Flag Brewery & Still Works in Middletown. "We thought if we brought it out in the open, things would change.'

Instead, after "Soon," Fagan never got another recording or publishing deal. Back then artists didn't have YouTube or the Inter-Fagan was kryptonite.

That's basically how things went for Fagan for the next 44 years.

Fagan ended up in Middletown following his older sister, Gale Blake, who sometime around 1965 had played a gig at a club called the Beachcomber on Walnut Street just outside Harrisburg.

Blake was part of a traveling hula dancer troupe, with the stage name "Leilani."

"She met some folks and looked around and found Middletown. It was so different from the kind of high drama we had lived in all our lives, that she said, 'I want to settle here," Fagan said. "She stayed here. I would come from New York or from wherever, to visit her. Through the years I developed an affection for the quiet, the relative peacefulness.'

For more than 20 years, Blake was president of the Middletown Friends of the Library. As her health declined, Fagan began spending more time in Middletown to be with her.

By 2004 he was living in Middletown, although dividing his time between here and the Virgin Islands as he still does today.

When Blake died in April 2008 at age 64, her house was packed with books. Her estate donated them to the Middletown Public Library, and the library raised \$7,000 from

selling the collection, Fagan said. By then, Fagan had immersed himself in the Middletown musical scene and formed a band, the MAAC Island Band. He became part of a tight-knit community of "rock-solid supporters of the arts in Middletown," as Fagan puts it today.

Meanwhile in 2005, unbeknownst to Fagan at the time, there was another of those improbable discoveries of "South Atlantic Blues.'

Years later Fagan learned that the album had become the subject of lively discussion on an Internet forum out of Jakarta, Indonesia, led by "Jakartajive."

'These comments would pop up—'That's a work of genius' and 'Man, that's a masterpiece.' It was always wonderful to see, but I can't send me children to school based



Scott Fagan plays guitar in this photo taken in Dauphin County in 1969.

on that," Fagan said, affecting the Virgin Islands lingo that occasionally crops up in his speech.

"Jakartajive" was Hugh Delworld. You needed a publicist, but in a cut-out bin had written a five-page article about "South Atlantic Blues" in a magazine called Shindig.

> Not long after, Fagan was contacted by Chris Campion, who wanted to re-issue "South Atlantic Blues" on Campion's own label, Saint Cecelia Knows Records.

> In November 2015, "South Atlantic Blues" was re-issued by Saint Cecelia Knows and by Fagan's own Middletown-based label, Lil' Fish Records.

> Campion praised the album as "a genuine lost classic" ... a mystical, mythical, deeply soulful folk-rock masterpiece.'

> Campion also hired a big-time New York City publicist, Shorefire. com, to promote the re-issue.

> All of a sudden, Scott Fagan who was barely known in Middletown — became the subject of articles in The New York Times (Nov. 25, 2015), London's The Guardian (Nov. 19, 2015), and more.

"All these things were receptive because the information was coming from a reputable publicist, rather than from a disgruntled artist in Middletown, Pennsylvania, wherever that is," Fagan told the Press & Journal. "And that is what made the difference. A good publicist. I'm 53 years in the music business and doing all I can to write all the best stuff I can write and committed to singing me heartout and blah, blah blah. None of that has changed in 53 years. What's changed is the publicist. That's what made the difference. I'm telling you the truth.'

The accolades kept coming. In anticipation of the re-issue, WX-PN-FM in Philadelphia made "In My Head" from "South Atlantic Blues" the radio station's "Gotta Hear Song of the Week.'

Quoting an account posted by the website Dangerous Minds, the station hailed Fagan as "one of those amazing, unjustly lost figures in rock history — a man who made brilliant work that unaccountably disappeared, though it had every chance at widespread attention."

Dangerous Minds praised "South Atlantic Blues" as "an eccentric,genrejumpingpop/psych/ folk masterpiece that, much like Skip Spence's now-revered Oar, sank like a cinderblock."

Fagan's distinctive vocals on the record inspired comparisons net to promote themselves to the lar, who after finding the album to Scott Walker, Donovan and David Bowie.

Fagan over his long career crossed paths and even performed with some of the biggest names in rock 'n' roll — even if at the time they weren't yet big.

In 1966 he was part of a house bandat the Cafeau Go Go in Greenwich Village that also included Richie Havens, David Clayton Thomas — later to become lead singer of Blood, Sweat and Tears -and a guy named Jimmy James who was fronting his own band, the Blue Flames. James would go on to achieve global superstardom as Jimi Hendrix.

Fagan said he never met James Taylor, but he doesn't hold a grudge against Taylor for him getting the Apple deal and not Fagan.

"In their defense, James was spending time in England working hard to be the artist chosen," Fagan said.

Noting that many American musical artists first became famous in England, Fagan even today wonders how things might have been for him had he left the Virgin Islands for Europe in the 1960s, instead of returning to his native New York City.

Now almost three years on, it looks like the rediscovery of Fagan and "South Atlantic Blues" is here to stav.

Fagan did a concert tour of Europe in 2016, doing most of the dates in the United Kingdom, where he performed the entire "South Atlantic Blues" album and other songs.

"Really that is where I have been rediscovered and that's where the largest fan base is," Fagan said of the European gigs. "Everyone of these places treat melike the prodigal son. It's a beautiful thing."

One show from Cafe OTO in London is becoming a new album for Fagan to be released as "Live in London." Fagan recently finished mixing the album at Melody Place, a recording studio on Jonestown Road in Harrisburg.

A second new album will include the first recordings ever made of songs from the rock opera "Soon." Fagan will promote that album with another tour of the UK and

Europe kicking off this fall. Another new album is to be recorded here or in Austin, Texas. Fagan said he hopes to record the album here with the musicians he has been working with at Melody Place. Fagan is also to be the subject of a biographical film.

After 50 years, Fagan today is grateful that the breaks are finally going his way.

"My success is better late than never," he said, although "I wish I was younger and had more energy.

He admitted to being bitter in the early years, especially after what happened with "Soon." His partner in writing the opera never wrote another song and "died young," Fagan said.

But experience taught Fagan that bitterness gets you nowhere.

"When one is bitter and is angry, it just poisons everything in one's life," he said. "I've not been bitter and resentful for the past 39 years. Before that I had some struggle with it. Thirty-nine years I've been living in gratitude with a fairly good attitude, and raring to go. So when these wonderful developments occurred I wasn't astounded because I think if you put out good vibes, you sort of live

The money hasn't come yet, "but the possibility is getting closer all the time. I can tell you that I am not in it for the money, thank God."

Fagan said people needn't worry that with all this sudden fame and fortune, he will pack up and leave Middletown behind.

"I've been all over the place and the people here are as good as anywhere," he said. "I'm certainly not naive, but good people are a wonder in the world, and when you find them, you better hold onto them. I go back and forth to the Virgin Islands, which is my home, but I'm a Middletowner by choice."

Nevertheless, when you have a life story like Fagan's, you learn to never completely shut the door on anything. As Fagan puts it, "I no longer think I thoroughly understand how things work."

"If I fell in with some wonderful wench and she swept me off to live in Switzerland or something, I'd send you a bunch of post cards from Switzerland," he said of what the future holds. "The likelihood of memoving to Switzerland is zip, zero. So I don't think anyone needs to worry about Scott abandoning" Middletown.



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FUND: Revolving loans possible

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tion and air conditioning systems. A major objective would be tying improvement projects to getting a property in compliance with building and property

The borough has \$436,000 available to start the program. The money is from a state grant the borough provided to a developer to build Woodlayne Court apartments on Wilson Street. The developer repaid the grant to the borough in 2013.

The borough has "preliminary approval" for using the \$436,000 for the loan program from the state Department of Community and Economic Development, borough Solicitor Adam Santucci told council on Feb. 20.

As the loans are repaid, the dollars coming back in would replenish the \$436,000 in seed money, so that more loans can be made on a revolving basis.

One reason why the loan program is not up and running are concerns that have been expressed by some council members and borough staff regarding the ability of staff to take on and administer the new program.

The proposal the foundation has put on the table would go a long way toward addressing those concerns.

For \$9,000 a year, the foundation would administer the program according to whatever "parameters" council and the borough sets, said foundation Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Kirk C. Demyan, who was accompanied during the foundation's Feb. 20 presentation to council by foundation President and Chief Executive Officer Janice R. Black.

The foundation would not be involved in deciding who gets the loans for what — that would be determined through the parameters set by council, Demyan said.

Once council approves a loan, the foundation would make the payments for the work to the contractor identified to do the job, Demyan said.

The foundation would also be responsible for collecting loan repayments from the property owner. The borough could choose to involve a collection agency if the payments become delinquent, Demyan noted.

The \$436,000 in seed money would be turned over to the foundation, which would place the money in a special account set

The foundation already has 900 such funds and accounts, each separate from one another for auditing purposes.

Council and the borough could allow the foundation to invest the

seed money in "passive" investment models the foundation uses that are meant to ensure that the money lasts "in perpetuity,"

Demyan said. A big advantage of partnering with the foundation is that the borough loan program would qualify for tax-exempt status as a nonprofit organization.

For example, the borough could solicit contributions to the loan program from individuals and businesses, and these contributions would be tax-deductible, Demyan said.

Council did not act on the foundation presentation during the Feb. 20 meeting.

Going forward, the ball is in council's court. As Council President Damon Suglia noted, it is up to council to set the parameters the rules and regulations – that would govern how the loan program is to operate.

This includes such things as who is eligible to receive a loan, what kind of improvements would qualify for a loan, and what contractors would be used. Council for example could restrict the contractors to those who live in the borough.

"As far as applicants — who says they can get the money or not — that's not you, that's us," Suglia said, to which Demyan agreed. "We have to come up as a council with all these guidelines first before we can even implement something with you.'

The normal term for repaying a \$10,000 loan under a program such as this runs from five to eight years, Demyan said.

Council and the borough may want to limit how many loans are made in the first year of the program, and cap the total amount of money going out, so that the borough doesn't spend down the seed money too fast before repayments start coming in from the first loans, said Borough Manager Ken Klinepeter.

McGlone reminded council that other program goals are to create economic activity in the borough, and to improve property values.

Middletown is the oldest town in Dauphin County. Of all the housing now in Middletown, 28.5 percent was constructed before 1939, according to data that was reported in 2012, McGlone said.

She envisions council creating a special committee to review loan applications and decide which applications are approved.

One's credit score could deaside just for the loan program. amount for which an applicant can qualify, McGlone said, adding that the borough already uses credit scores to determine the amount of deposit someone must pay when they sign up as a new electricity customer.



New business group meets, wants your direction on moving forward

By Dan Miller

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Middletown's new business association got off to a good start Monday night, with about 30 people attending the association's inaugural meeting at Alfred's Victorian restaurant.

The Middletown Business Association is now accepting members, with dues for the first year set at \$75 for a company and \$50 for individuals and nonprofit organizations.

The first five members signing up are the new association's interim board of directors: Press & Journal Publisher Joe Sukle, Carol Kupp of Kuppy's Diner, former borough councilor and current planning commission member Scott Sites, Alfred's Victorian owner Robin Pellegrini, and Scott Miller, deputy director of business development and strategic marketing for Harrisburg International Airport.

Several board members attending the meeting stressed that what the new association is — and is to become—is up to people like those who showed up for the inaugural session.

"It's your organization," Pellegrini said. "We need you to come to us and say what you want the group to do. It's up to you. Help us move (the association) forward. Let us know what you want to do."

The next step is for the association to start brainstorming to decide what projects the organization should undertake.

That process is to begin with the association's next meeting, a networking session set for 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 2, at the Black Horse Tavern, 101 E. Main St.

"Come with an idea," Miller urged the group.

Miller and the other board members also emphasized that they see their own role as board members as being temporary, just to get the new association up and running. The objective is for a permanent board of directors to be chosen by the membership of the new association.

Going forward, the association plans to meet each month, with the meetings to be held at a different business in Middletown as a way to "give back to the community." Sites said.

The association has a Facebook page (search for Middletown (17057) Business Association). A website is likely, but the new group wants to be up and running first, Sites said.

Sites in his remarks spoke of the need to capitalize on the economic development taking place just outside of Middletown along the Route 230 corridor, including the



Scott Miller, standing, second from left, talks to those gathered at the inaugural meeting of the Middletown Business Association on Monday, March 5, at Alfred's Victorian. Next to Miller are other members of the association's interim board of directors, including Scott Sites, left of Miller, and right of Miller, Robin Pellegrini and Carol Kupp.

Become a member

You can now become a member of the new Middletown Business Association. Memberships for 2018 are \$75 for a business/organization, or \$50 for an individual or nonprofit organization. Make checks payable to the Middletown Business Association at 20 S. Union St., Middletown Pa., 17057.

The association's next event is a networking session from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 2, at Black Horse Tavern, 101 E. Main St.

You can also learn more by going to the Middletown Business Association's Facebook page (search for Middletown (17057) Business Association).

new hotels being built on HIA and next to the Linden Centre shopping center.

In Middletown itself, the longplanned development of Woodland Hills with its proposed 440 new housing units is finally coming to fruition. Sites added

Kupp talked of the momentum Kuppy's and other businesses in Middletown have been experiencing, with the growth of events in the town like Mayoral Madness, the Labor Day fireworks, the craft show in Hoffer Park in June, the Kuppy's Cruise-In, and the downtown Christmas tree lighting. There's talk of bringing back a New Year's Eve event.

"It's a good time to be involved

in the town and in the business association," Kupp said.

Among those coming to the event were people with a longestablished business presence in Middletown, and newcomers who want to be part of what is happening.

Dr. Gregory Anoia, an optometrist, has had his practice at 120 W. Water St. since 2001. He's seen what he views as a lot of changes for the better in Middletown just since then, especially regarding economic development in the western end of town.

A warehouse has been torn down to make room for the new Amtrak train station to be located along West Main Street. Across the road an entire new development for Penn State Harrisburg students has sprung up.

A new business association forming is a good sign for what's to come, Anoia added.

"There's a lot of ideas and a lot of energy. I think that bodes well for the economic future of Middletown," he said. One of the newcomer

Kathleen Frascona-Gonzalez, who moved to this area from Florida because her son wanted to go to Hershey High School. An agent with New York Life, she

likes what she has seen of the area so far and she sees the potential for a lot more.

"I would love to see this association breathe some more life into businesses and the community." Frascona-Gonzalez said.

Rachel Marcus, the new branch manager of M&T Bank on South Union Street, came to the inaugural meeting to get to know and "connect" with business owners in Middletown.

The hope is to "build Middle $town \, and \, liven \, it \, up "for \, the \, benefit$ of all, Marcus said.

With about 5,000 students already here and the campus continuing to grow, Penn State Harrisburg is viewed as key to the Middletown area's future economic development.

Representing Penn State Harrisburg at the inaugural meeting was Katy Rush, director of career services at the campus; and Michael Melnyk, director of the student engagement office. Each year during the first week

of school, Penn State holds a "Welcome Week" to familiarize new students with what their new environment has to offer, both on campus and off-campus. Penn State Harrisburg wants

to "collaborate" with the new association to make the Middletown area business community more a part of the annual Welcome Week, Rush said.

For starters, that could mean bringing the students to businesses in the borough's downtown, or bringing representatives of the businesses on campus. "I hope over time we find (more)

that we can build upon," Rush said. "There's definitely room for growth. That's where this new relationship could be exciting."

THREAT: Witness said suspect wasn't kidding about shooting spree

and on duty. The employees who Drake allegedly threatened were advised not to come to work. FedEx brought in an armed guard to sit by the guard shack, and they changed the entrance and exit for vehicles at the facility. They kept the main gate closed, only opening it for when a vehicle left, which significantly slowed down operations, according to statements in the criminal complaint.

Court records state that police requested a high cash bail during a preliminary arraignment as a result of the severity of the charges. Drake was arraigned at the Dauphin County Judicial Center and sent to Dauphin County Prison after being unable to post the bail. He is listed in being in the prison as of March 1.

Drake is scheduled to appear before District Judge Michael Smith on March 7 for a hearing on the charges.

The alleged threats occurred while Drake was free on bail awaiting the outcome of the aggravated assault charge, which is pending.

According to online court records, a person with Drake's name and date of birth was charged with aggravated assault by Susquehanna Township police on Aug. 23. Drake was released after posting \$10,000 bail on Aug. 24.

On Nov. 2, Drake waived his preliminary hearing on the assault charge before District Judge James A. Lenker, resulting in the charge being sent to Dauphin County Court.

Drake was to have been arraigned on the charge before county Judge Scott A. Evans



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Montoursville awaits Raiders in state tourney

Middletown gets win in third-place game, will play Friday

Press & Journal Staff

Rebounding from their semifinal loss to Berks Catholic on Feb. 26, the Blue Raiders (17-7) grabbed the third spot in the District III-4A seedings entering state tournament play with a well-earned 66-56 victory over Kennard-Dale on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at West York High School.

The Blue Raiders will start their state tournament play at 8 p.m. Friday against Montoursville (19-6) at Shikellamy High School in Sunbury.

Win that game, and they will take on the winner of Lower Moreland (17-7) and Overbrook (16-8) in the second round of the 32-team championship on March 13.

Montoursville is coached by former Major League Baseball pitcher Mike Mussina, who had a 270-153 record for the New York Yankees and Baltimore Orioles from 1991-2008. He graduated in 1987 from Mountoursville and excelled in baseball, football and basketball before going to Stanford on a baseball scholarship.

On Feb. 28, starting off the game's second period with a slim 16-13 edge over the Rams, the Raiders took control after Kennard-Dale had pulled to within two points, 20-18, with 5:52 left in the first half. Using its amped-up defensive game plan to full advantage from that point, the Middletown team ran off 15 straight points to



Tyler Petroski goes up for a shot Wednesday, Feb. 28, vs. Kennard-

push their shocked opponents into a 35-18 hole by the time the first half clock had expired.

That turned out to be the main key to the win, simply because the Rams got back on track in the second half, forcing the Blue Raiders to play through some tense minutes in the late going. But the Raiders did survive.

The Rams, who had lost to Bishop McDevitt in the other semifinal game at Penn Manor on Monday, had jumped on top 7-2 after Ryan Hughes had scored the game's first points off an assist by Brady Fox a minute and a half into the opening period.

Adam Freese, Joey Thomas and Carter Day scored the Rams' points in the run off a pair of misses by the Raiders and a blocked shot. Chris Plummer broke the string and kicked off an 8-0 run by the Middletown side that pushed the Blue Raiders out in front 10-7.

After the Rams tied the score at 10 on a trey by Thomas, the Raiders scored the game's next 4 points to regain the lead. They would not trail again in the contest. Hughes' putback with one second left made it a 16-13 score at the end of one.

Tre'Leach opened up the second stanza with a pair of foul shots for a 5-point lead, but Freese hit his second trey 40 seconds later. After Leach and Kennard-Dale's Donnell Williams traded baskets. the flood gates really opened for the Raiders.

Kyle Truesdale's drive and goal off a Chris Plummer assist at 4:35 kicked off a crushing 15-0 run that did not end until the late seconds of the first half. Leach, Hughes and David Alcock cashed in on a streak of Kennard-Dale turnovers and missed shots as the Middletown defense threw a suffocating blanket over the Rams. And the Middletown fans loved every minute of it. A streak like that was exactly what was missing from their previous game.

Hughes' triple capped the streak and gave the Blue Raiders a commanding 35-18 lead at the break.

But Kennard-Dale did not get as far as they did without being a good, competitive team and it showed in the second half. Scoring the first 4 points of the second half, and with Freese, Thomas and Day teaming for 18 points, the Rams came out strong in the third quarter. Although they made just 5 of 17 shots from the floor, second chances off misses by the Rams kept them in the game.

At the same time the Blue Raiders shot just 36 percent but picked up 7 points from the foul line to stay ahead. A jumper by Tyler Petroski at the buzzer gave the Raiders a 50-36 lead heading into the final frame.

The game's final 8 minutes turned into a long session of trips to the foul line as Kennard-Dale coach Jake Roupe tried to take advantage of Middletown's reputation of having difficulties with free throws. As luck would have it, his tactics nearly paid off.

With 1:02 left in the game, Thomas followed up a pair of missed free throws by the Raiders with a three-pointer that pulled the Rams to within 59-53. But they would get no closer. Hughes made one of two from the line with 1:00 left and then added two more following a Ram miss with :43.9 seconds on the clock to earn the Middletown squad some breathing room at 62-53.

In the final 30 seconds Hughes and Petroskieach made one of two, Carter made one for the Rams and Plummer's layup off a Truesdale rebound and outlet pass locked up the victory for the Blue Raiders.

In that final period, the Raiders made just 14 of 27 free throws, although they were enough to secure the 66-56 win. Hughes finished with a game-high 25 points for the Blue Raiders.

Kennard-Dale also made the state tournament. They will play Imhotep Charter (26-2) at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Abraham Lincoln High School in Philadelphia.



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Tre' Leach drives toward the basket Wednesday, Feb. 28, in the Blue Raiders' win vs. Kennard-Dale. Middletown begins state tournament play on Friday vs.

2 MAHS wrestlers advance to states

Middletown's Ryan Berstler and Luke Fegley will move on tournament after another solid performance at the PIAA Southeast Regional Championship over the weekend.

Berstler and Fegley will compete with the top 20 wrestlers in their weight class for a shot at the AA title.

"I want both Ryan and Luke to have some fun while they are out there competing," said coach Dan Riggs. "This is their time to leave it on the mat and I want them to leave the arena with no regrets. No matter the outcome, I hope they use this as a learning experience for next year."

The state tournament will be held at the Giant Center in Hershey on March 8-10.

The Blue Raiders have shown improvement in the postseason over the last few years.

"I feel the progress we are making as a team and individually is a testament to their hard work in the wrestling room and their commitment during the offseason. It definitely has been fun watching them grow and compete" Riggs said. "We want to continue in the direction the team is headed. I do not like to look too far ahead, but we are definitely excited that we are returning the majority of the lineup that went 12-4.'

The returning lineup will have two state qualifiers, four regional qualifiers and six district quali-

"With the successes we experienced this year and narrowly



Ryan Berstler and Luke Fegley wear their regional medals after competition this weekend at Wilson High School.

missing team districts, I hope this gives the team the motivation to work hard during the offseason and that we are able to build off of the success of this current season," Riggs said.

Regional tournament action at Wilson High School in Reading began at 106 pounds. Sophomore Luke Fegley got things rolling for the Blue Raiders with a firstperiod pin over Saadiq Williams of Belmont Charter. Fegley followed that up with a 9-1 major decision over Annville-Cleona's Matthew Inman. That win earned him a semifinal matchup with Trinity standout Patrick DeMark, who would secure the win over Fegley before going on to win the regional championship.

Fegley dropped a gut-wrenching 1-0 decision to Williams Valley's Mikey Myers before earning a fifth-place finish by defeating Matthew Inman in an 8-2 rematch.

Fegley will carry a 33-10 record into the state championship tournament.

Junior Ryan Berstler also got off to a fast start at 120 pounds with a pin over Gianni Scancella of Conwell-Egan in 2:50. After dropping a 6-3 decision to Richard Markulics of Notre Dame-Green Pond, Berstler responded with two quality wins.

Berstler soundly defeated Catasauqua senior Tyler Melendez by major decision 11-0 and earned another hard-fought 3-1 win over local Susquehanna Township

up just short in a 5-3 decision with but responded with a scrappy 3-2 win over Joshua Tuckey of Biglerville to earn a fifth-place finish and a trip to Hershey.

rival, Kody Evans. Berstler came

Berstler will bring a 35-9 season record into the state tournament. Middletown junior Nate Brady

saw his terrific season come to a close. Brady added two more quality wins to his resume in tough regional competition. He pinned Jenon Upchurch in 3:04 and battled to a 4-2 decision over Harrison Bernhard of Northwestern Lehigh, bringing his season record to 26-11. Brady came within a heartbreaking one match of qualifying for the state tournament.

Senior Devin Martin also saw his season, and his Middletown wrestling career, come to a close this weekend as he faced a stacked 145-pound bracket. Martin earned his final win as a Blue Raider over Thomas Spirk of Saucon Valley, 8-7. Martin had a superb career on the mats, earning 84 wins over four years of high school wrestling.

At 113 pounds, sophomore Zach Malay is just starting what promises to be a very good wrestling career with the Blue Raiders.

Malay, who competed up a weight from his natural weight class of 106, still managed to battle his way to a deep postseason run.

Malay earned a 5-2 decision over Andrew Park of Faith Christian Academy, before being knocked out of the regional competition. Malay captured 22 wins in his sophomore season.



WOODS & WATERS TOM SHANK

Big or small, everyone recalls their 'first'

Getting your "first" causes emotions to erupt into uncontrollable behaviors.

Jumping, dancing in circles, and yelling are somewhat common. Internally, your heart rate increases and a feeling of elation and accomplishment makes you feel fantastic. You celebrate with the closest human, if one is nearby. Many times, the first

might come when you are alone, so it's a solo act. This behavior lies in the crazy to insane level, and folks might think you are a little off the rocker when experiencing the first.

What I'm talking about is the very first time you take a big-game animal. It could be a whitetail deer, turkey, bear or any large critter. Size doesn't

matter either, when it is your first. Small game, like pheasants, ducks, rabbits and squirrels, all can produce first-time celebrations. You remember your first like no other. It's always special.

I have been hunting for more than 50 years. All my firsts, I can remember like it was yesterday. They never leave you and remain in your outdoor memory

book forever.

My first whitetail deer came from my 45-pound Bear recurve bow with a wooden arrow. The broad head was a pointy "Hibre" head that, compared to present day, would be primitive and

I was a freshman in college at

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SHANK: Farm holds many firsts

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Mansfield State. I was hunting on the weekend at my parent's cabin in Lycoming County. The shot was taken and the deer bolted from eyesight. As I walked toward my shot, not more than 50 yards away was a brown carcass of a deer. My arrow hit the deer's heart and it ran a short distance before expiring.

In my eyes, I had just accomplished the unbelievable. I took a deer with my bow all by myself. I hugged that deer and patted it. I screamed with excitement. To me, it was the biggest deer in the woods. It was a doe and it didn't matter.

My first turkey came from a Potter County mountaintop near Kettle Creek. I was walking an edge of mountain, periodically looking down the side for feeding turkeys. Suddenly, I caught dark objects walking and feeding. It was a flock of wild turkeys heading along the side of the mountain.

I took a strategic move and hustled along the mountaintop in a sprint. When I thought I was in front of them, I dropped down to the bench where they appeared to be heading. I slid and fell, but managed to get set up without causing too much of a commotion. I waited and waited for the intercept as my first fall turkey headed toward me. It wasn't just one, but an entire flock was walking directly to me.

I didn't wait and as the first turkey showed herself to me. I shot. Turkeys flew everywhere. They landed in the trees and ran past me.

One, however, remained motionless on the ground. My shot was clean and my first wild turkey was mine. I carried that turkey for miles on my shoulder as I walked along Route 44 to my truck.

I smiled at every vehicle that passed me. I was one happy and proud hunter on my first

Well, those two stories were of the big-game type. Not to be forgotten is my first pheasant. Pheasants back in the 1960s

were a premium small-game trophy. I took my first off of the Park Huffman Farm near Route 441. My father and Mr. Huffman worked together at Bethlehem Steel and I was able to hunt his farm quite readily.

That farm holds many firsts for me. The pheasant was hiding in a cut-corn field. As I walked along the mowed corn stalks, it flushed cackling as it took flight. It was the first pheasant I saw that was a male and I was able to shoot. My Remington 870 pump did its job that morning. My first pheasant fell to the ground. I hurried over to it, picking it up, admiring its beautiful feathers. I accomplished a wing shot and actually hit a flying target.

I put it into my coat making sure the long tail feathers stuck out the side pocket. Everyone was going to see my prize. My dad was so proud of me that day. It was my first winged trophy.

Mr. Huffman's farm holds so many firsts with me that I will never forget any one of them. My first squirrel was shot with a 20 gauge shotgun from one of his woodlots, as well as many muskrats that were trapped from his pond.

Adventures in the woods and waters contain "firsts" for many of you. With that first comes many more in sequence, and the numbers can and will

Each outdoor hunting accomplishment possess its own special qualities, but none rank higher than your very first one. Keep them contained and cherished in your outdoor memory and never forget them.

Tom Shank has been writing Woods and Waters for the Press & Journal for about 10 years. His expertise has been gained through more than 50 years hunting, fishing, trapping and exploring the full gamut of nature. The Susquehanna River and his cabin in Lycoming County are his true loves. Woods and Waters is his playground in life, and to write about it for the Press & Journal is a dream come true.

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LOWER SWATARA POLICE ROUNDUP

Antique necklace stolen; hotel disturbance

Police report an array of items including an antique gold necklace valued at \$1,100 was stolen during a burglary of a home in the 2000 block of Brentwood Drive sometime between Feb. 18 and Feb. 20.

In addition to the necklace, \$50 in coins and cash as well as a Techno Pavé watch and a second necklace were stolen. Investigators said all of the items were in a small safe that was taken from one of the bedrooms in the home. Total loss was estimated at \$1,250.

Investigators believe one of the sons of the homeowners might have been in the home at the time of the burglary. Reportedly he told police he heard a loud noise in the home and went into a bedroom to hide. Police were called about the incident Feb. 20.

Police were unable to find any signs of forced entry.

Charged after disturbance

Johanna Markham, 45, of the 1000 block of Lumber St., Middletown, has been charged with simple assault, strangulation and harassment, police report.

Police said Markham and another female argued at their home at 8:25 p.m. Feb. 19. The disagreement involved use of a car and escalated to where Markham allegedly strangled the victim.

Police said both suffered minor injuries but declined medical treatment.

Markham was scheduled for a preliminary hearing May 30 before District Judge Michael Smith.

2 cited for public drunkenness

Citations for public drunkenness were issued to Brandon Banks, 29, of Lusby, Maryland, and Patrick Shannon II, 29, of Coatseville, police report.

According to police, the two created a disturbance at the Holiday Inn in the 800 block of South Eisenhower Boulevard at 3:23 a.m. Feb. 18. The case report noted that they refused to leave the lobby of the inn after being told a room would not be rented to them. Police said they were

inebriated and made allegations of racism to the business's employees.

Banks and Shannon were taken to the Dauphin County Judicial Center, where they were cited and held in custody for several hours before being released, police noted.

DUI charge after crash

Thomas J. Otzel Jr., 35, of the 1000 block of Chambers Street, Steelton, has been charged with DUI-controlled substance schedule 1, court records note. The case stems from a one-vehicle crash involving Otzel at 10:52 p.m. Nov. 15 in the area of North Union Street and Longview Drive.

According the arrest report, Otzel was driving a 1983 Buick Park Avenue and struck and damaged a utility pole. Otzel was treated at the scene by emergency medical services and transported by Life Lion to an area hospital for treatment. Police did not specify the severity of injuries. The car sustained significant damage to its front

end and was towed.

Details about what led to the charges being filed against Otzel were not reported. A preliminary hearing has been set for March 29 before District Judge Michael Smith.

Drug allegations against teenager

Police report juvenile allegations of possession of a small amount of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia have been filed against a 15-yearold Middletown resident.

The case stemmed from an incident at the Middletown Area High School at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 22.

According to police, the teen's book bag was given to school personnel because a person who had the book bag said it smelled like burnt marijuana.

Reportedly a broken glass pipe, several burnt marijuana cigarettes and marijuana residue on another pipe were found in the book bag.

Police said the student's mother was contacted and she took her child home.

Solid victory for the Blue Raiders



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE PRESS & JOURNAL BY EARL HAMMAKER

Above left: Ryan Hughes, Middletown's leading scorer on the season at more than 21 points a game, goes up for a shot Wednesday, Feb. 28, in the Blue Raiders' victory vs. Kennard-Dale. Above right and at right, Chris Plummer and Brady Fox also go strong to the hoop in the game vs. the Rams. Middletown will begin its state tournament play vs. Montoursville at 8 p.m. Friday at Shikellamy High School in Sunbury. See more on the Blue Raiders on





ANSWERS | PUZZLES ON B3

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News from the March 7, 1963 edition of the Press & Journal

More than \$1,100 missing in series of burglaries

Two paychecks and cash amounting to \$883.26 were stolen from the Schieffer Grocery Store, Ann and Lawrence streets, in a bold daylight theft Monday.

Borough police said Karl Schieiffer, proprietor, who reported the theft, said the money was stolen sometime between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. According to the report, Schieffer is an agent for the American Express Agency, and the cash represented money orders which were written recently.

He told police the money was kept in a small gym bag on a ledge at the rear of the counter, and believed it was stolen while he was busy waiting on customers at the meat counter or while outside the store getting kerosene from a pump.

Burglars also entered Bretz Grocery, 104 Ann St., on Monday and carried away \$75 taken from a cash register and an undetermined amount from vending machines.

7, 1936 a date the Japanese were

to perpetuate forever in the

minds of Americans just five

years later, The new gym has a

rated seating capacity of 800, but

many more have often crowded

inside the doors. The auditorium

will seat 1,250, more than the

planned auditorium in the new

high school. Middletown High's

new gymnasium, however, will

accommodate 1,400 - 800 on

the home side and 600 on the

Middletown High almost made

it a championship year in their

new gymnasium. The Raiders

of 1936-37 lost a close game to

Swatara Township which cost

But there was no doubt about

the 1962-63 team which retired

the gym. Russ Trimmer's Raid-

ers turned in their second

straight season without a league

no longer be played on the old

floor, the school officials have

decided to retain the facility for

a combination auditorium and

While varsity games will

them the league title.

visitors side.

Entrance was gained through a cellar window and a trap door into the store.

Three other burglaries were reported last week. A window sash was broken in the office at the Reidinger Coal Yard, Witherspoon Avenue, on Friday. Bernard Reidinger, who reported the burglary, said nothing was found missing.

An undetermined amount of cash was taken from a vending machine at the Penbrook Candy

Co., West Emaus Street, sometime between last Thursday night and Friday morning. Entrance into the building was made through a door to the furnace room.

Approximately \$130 in cash was reported missing from two pinball machines at Etter's Service Station, South Union Street and Keystone Avenue, on Friday. Police said the machines were opened with a screwdriver. The loss including property damage amounted to \$250.

Outstanding teams recalled with passing of school gym

The Press & Journal salutes played their first game on Dec. the passing of Middletown High's gymnasium as the focal point of varsity basketball competition.

Born in adversity, the 27-yearold structure has been retired with dignity. Its boards will long reflect the memories of outstanding teams and players who cavorted over them.

And no team since the gym was constructed will boast a better record than the 1962-63 combination.

Girders for the new gymnasium-auditorium annex were set in place on July 10, 1936, There were 12 of these measuring 22 feet in length and were supported by four larger girders 3 feet in width and 72 feet long.

It was a typical July for the area. Temperatures mounted to over a hundred degrees. On July 14, a hurricane-like thunderstorm, born of the heat, thrashed its fury. The newly set girders bent like wire. It was a disheartening sight. The H. L. Alexander construction company immediately set about to replace the damaged girders.

Russ Mathias's Blue Raiders

Ready to be capped



Middletown girls will be "capped" in the services of the Harrisburg Hospital Nursing School Friday at the Scottish Rites Temple. The four pictured after completing duties at Brady Hall are members of the 1962 class of Middletown High School. Seated, Sally Ann Gallagher. Standing from left, Sondra Kay Mertz, Mary Belle Bixler and Carol Marie George.

Other headlines

- Eleven auto accidents keep borough police busy
- · Ex-Middletown man heads E-town Jaycees
- Mearl Balmer named Science Fair grand champion
- Londonderry Cubs observe Scout Sunday

Schools approve record budget

Set minimum salary at \$4,200 for teachers

year of 1963-64 was approved by the Middletown Area School System at its monthly meeting this week.

The total budget of \$1,772,295 will find the Middletown district contributing 61.85 percent, Royalton 8.6 percent and Lower Swatara Township 29.55 percent. The budget will be presented for adoption at the April session.

The directors acted on the following matter: Set the minimum salary for teachers at \$4,200 to meet salaries of other third class

Superintendent George W. Feaser stated the new scale will cost an additional \$8,900 in the 1963-64 budget.

The board elected these teachers to fill two vacancies in the fourth grade at Grandview Elementary School: Miss Virginia K. Snyder, a graduate of Elizabethtown College, and Mrs. Pauline L. McAuliffe, a graduate of the University of Tennessee.

The board acknowledged receipt of a teaching contract from Miss Patricia Ann Clark, who will serve as a primary teacher. A contract also was received

A record budget for the school from Ronald J. Poorman recently elected woodwind instrumental instructor.

Results of a vocational agriculture survey among students of the eighth, ninth, 10th and 11th grades were presented to the board members. Conducted by High School Principal Edward Brunner, 11 of 452 contacted indicated a desire to take the course.

In addition to this number, there are now seven students in Lower Swatara Township who are taking the course at Lower Dauphin High School.

The directors later elected William L. Woods, of Confluence, to teach vocational agriculture and general science. He is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University.

The resignations of two teachers were received and accepted. They are: Dorothy Sharp, fourth-grade teacher at Grandview, and Mrs. Helen K. Weingartner, physical education instructor at Feaser.

Mrs. Mary A Rodgers was approved as an addition to the list of substitute teachers in the Middletown Area School System. Mrs. Rodgers had done substitute work in borough schools between 1957 and 1959.

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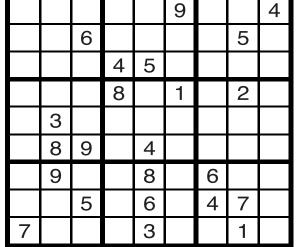
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Guess Who? answer: Eva Mendes

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Level: Intermediate

Puzzles are a 9-by-9 grid, broken down into nine 3-by-3 boxes. Nos. 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. Figure out the order by using the numeric clues provided. The more you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle.

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GUESS WHO? (answer below Word Search)

I am an actress born in Florida on March 5, 1974. Before earning my big break, I starred in many B movies and sold food at the mall. I gained mainstream recognition for movies like "Training Day" and "Girl in

HOROSCOPE | WEEK OF MARCH 7

ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20 You are inspired and ready to take on the world. Make the time to thank the people who spurred your motivation, then get moving toward your goals. **TAURUS** APRIL 21-MAY 21 Your positive outlook can help not only you, but also others. Where some people only see

problems, you see all the pos-

sibilities lying ahead of you. **GEMINI** MAY 22-JUNE 21 Everyday things seem magical to you this week. This may be because you're looking at the world through the haze of happiness spurred on by new love. **CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22**

Cancer, you have been biding

your time, but the moment to take a calculated risk has finally arrived. Since you have done some thorough research, it should be smooth sailing.

LEO JULY 23-AUG. 23 Transparency is your middle name this week, Leo. Others know just what is going on in your life and in your head. This may encourage others to be more open.

VIRGO AUG. 24-SEPT. 22 Virgo, since you don't want to be misunderstood in any way, you need to be very careful in how you express your thoughts this week. Clarify details, if necessary.

LIBRA SEPT. 23-OCT. 23

Chances for success in all areas of your life are magnified by your innovative spirit, Libra. Keep the good ideas flowing and bring others into your future plans.

SCORPIO Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Confidence is on the rise, Scorpio, and that may lead you to take a few risks. There may be great gains to be had, or not much change. However, it can be worthwhile to try.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Intentions aimed at distant goals may keep you busy in the long run, Sagittarius, but this week direct your focus to items that will provide the

most immediate results. CAPRICORN DEC. 22-JAN. 20

You have enough sense to balance your imagination with reality. Take your clever ideas and figure out a practical way to make them work.

AQUARIUS JAN. 21-FEB. 18 Aquarius, although the destination is in view, you have not yet developed a plan to get there. Be sure you include integrity in your decisions and skip shortcuts.

PISCES FEB. 19-MARCH 20 Pisces, conformity is certainly not your thing. But at some point this week, you'll need to go with the flow. Find a way to make it your own.

CROSSWORD | ANSWERS ON B2

- **ACROSS** 1. Chop or cut
- 4. Green veggie
- 7. Bar bill 10. Doctors' group
- 11. One who buys and sells securities (slang)
- 12. Be in debt 13. Lively ballroom
- dance
- 15. Singer Charles 16. Polish city
- 19. Former
- 21. Dismissing from employment
- 23. Minerals
- 24. Plotted
- 25. Consult
- 26. After a prayer
- 27. Agents of one's downfall
- 30. Leaseholders
- 34. Supervises flying
- 35. Voodoo god
- 36. Alfalfa
- **DOWN**

1. Czech monetary

- coat to 45. Witnesses 46. Jai __, sport 3. Elk
- 47. Ones who proof 50. Recant

41. Apply another

- 54. Small group with shared interests
- 55. Part of warming headgear
- 56. Woolen cloth 57. Snag 59. Central American
- fruit tree 60. Woman (French)
- 61. The 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet
- 62. Type of bed 63. Soviet Socialist
- Republic 64. Consume 65. Japanese freight

company (abbr.)

2. Able to arouse intense feeling 4. Muscular weak-

unit

- nesses 5. Geological time
- 6. Depths of the ocean 7. Burns to the
- ground 8. Becomes cognizant of
- 9. Cause to shade 13. US political party 14. Refers to some of
- a thing 17. Single
- 18. Type of beer 20. Ancient Iranian
- people 22. Grocery chain
- 27. Gridiron league 28. English river 29. __ and cheese 31. Peyton's younger
- vehicle 47. Shock treatment 48. __ Jones 49. Things 51. Having wings 52. Panthers' QB Newton

brother

test

City

Ireland

32. Long time

37. Respects

33. High schoolers'

38. Organize anew

something

41. Cheese dish

42. Ancient Greek

43. Patron saint of

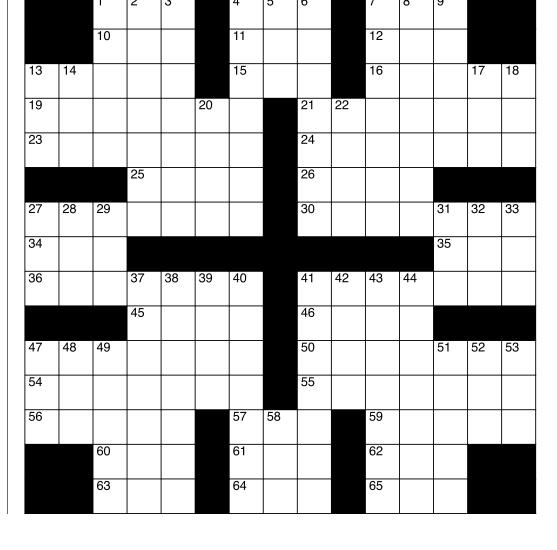
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39. Filippo __, Saint

40. Intrinsic nature of

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EDITORIALVIEW

Minus a few questions, new rec board is promising

Area residents who want to take advantage of community recreational programs will have a new acronym to remember — MARA.

Barring an unforeseen rejection of the plan Tuesday night by the Middletown Borough Council (after the deadline for this edition), the Middletown Area Recreation Alliance will replace the longstanding Olmsted Regional Recreation Board.

On the whole, we see this as a positive. Advocates of the change say it will bring more options to people who want to take advantage of programs, and eliminate the need for the duplication of services.

Running the alliance will be representatives of the Middletown Area School District, Lower Swatara Township, and the boroughs of Middletown and Royalton.

MASD school board President

Linda Mehaffie said programming such as ballroom dancing, voga. zumba, pickleball, soccer, volleyball, sewing and tennis — activities not currently offered — could be implemented with MARA, along with bus trips to places such as New York City — something Mehaffie said the Olmsted board used to offer, but has not in recent years.

There might even be a focus on walking trails, open spaces, river walks, dog parks, sand volleyball, Wi-Fi at parks, athletic fields and synthetic turf fields, and afterschool care or computer courses at the school district or youth sports summer camps.

The alliance is modeled on the regional recreational structure in the Mechanicsburg Area School

Our concerns are few, but not inconsequential.

1. What will the costs of the programming be for residents? It's hard to say at this point. Will the price point be too high for residents if officials want the program ultimately to be self-sustaining?

2. The alliance likely will have a policy that programs will need to be self-sustaining or they will be eliminated. How severe will that be? Will it cause ill-will if a program is popular but not financially solvent and it gets removed? Making money is a good business model, but does it fit a community rec program?

3. At the end of five years, the school board and the three municipalities can decide whether to extend the agreement if it is working. So what if it's not? Where does that leave programming?

4. Maybe the biggest concern involves the swimming pool in Middletown. The study on which

MARA is based recommends the borough take sole responsibility for the pool, a source of enjoyment for many during the warm summer months. Borough Manager Ken Klinepeter told council during a meeting in 2017 that the school district, Lower Swatara and Royalton did not want to be involved in running the swimming pool under the new alliance due to concerns over liability. The pool ran a deficit of from \$4,000 to \$5,000 in 2017, Klinepeter told council. We would hate to see it cease to operate.

5. We were happy to hear that Lower Swatara Commissioner Todd Truntz raised the issue of concerns he had received — mostly from the Lower Swatara Township Athletic Association — that MARA would step on its toes, but he was "assured that that's not the case ... LSTAA would have preference to use town-

ship fields and the township would continue to maintain the fields as they have," Truntz said. It is key to have strong relationships with youth organizations in our communities.

All these concerns can be addressed, and we are supportive of the change. But we all realize that change can be difficult and, even in the best-case scenario, uncomfortable for those involved.

We agree with Frank Lynch, interim township manager at Lower Swatara: "In an age of diminishing resources, you really need to cooperate to get the best bang for your buck."

This is a great opportunity for the school district, Lower Swatara, Middletown and Royalton to come together and create something great for all the residents. We look forward to seeing where it leads.

Common sense: Allow certain school employees to be armed



I am writing in response to the recent event in Parkland, Florida, where 17 people, including children, were murdered in a high school.

I have advocated privately on the matter of school shootings since the one at Columbine High School many years ago. My position on this matter has not changed since that time and my conviction on this matter has only grown after 34 years in law enforcement.

My advice on this matter will be focused on school shootings, but obviously it could be modified and used in any institution that may be vulnerable to this type of attack. When there is an attack on a school and our children are needlessly murdered in their school, there is always an immediate need to search for an answer to stop these horrific attacks. You can see that process evolving right now in the Parkland shootings.

The standard knee-jerk reaction is that we need to pass new laws to stop these atrocities. The main thrust right now seems to be that we need to pass laws banning certain guns and make changes in our mental health laws to keep guns that are not banned out of the hands of the mentally ill.

Well, I hate to burst the bubble of everyone advocating these new laws, but it will not work and I will tell you why. Let me first state that I made my living enforcing our laws for over three decades. I and every other law enforcement officer in this country realizes we need laws. Our country would fall into chaos and anarchy without laws.

Our country was founded as a republic and therefore is based on the rule of law through our Constitution. But laws are not the answer to everything.

The reason new laws will not work to stop people who are intent on killing our children is very simple — criminals, by their very nature, do not obey laws. Period. You cannot pass any law that will stop a criminal, a mentally deranged person, a terrorist or a just plain evil person from doing what they intend to do. Once again, I am not saying laws are not necessary, but they will not stop people who are intent on doing something.

We have protection-fromabuse laws which are supposed to protect people from abusive spouses. Once again, a good law, but that piece of paper has not protected many people from being further abused or even killed by their spouses. We have laws against selling or even possessing heroin. You can see how those laws are working in the current heroin epidemic.

So, if new laws will not work, what will? The answer to that question to me has always been simple and clear: Allow certain school employees to be armed. Those school employees could be anyone who works for the school district — teachers, administrators, maintenance workers or other staff. The only way to stop an armed individual from killing school children is an armed response. In order to minimize any damage being done by an armed attacker, the armed response needs to be very timely. Only people who are armed and inside a building that is under attack will be able to mount a timely intervention and save lives.

By the accounts I have seen so far, the Parkland shooter was only actively shooting for six minutes. The average police



response time in our area is at least that long or longer at times, and we have excellent response times compared to other areas. There is always a lag time in police response. When someone becomes aware of a criminal incident, they dial 911. The 911 operator needs to get the basic information from the caller like what is happening and where it is taking place.

Naturally people are very excited when someone is shooting in the background and sometimes just getting that information can take many seconds or even minutes. The 911 operator then forwards that information to the police dispatcher who will send it digitally to the officer's in car computer and in shooting situations they will also call them on the radio to relay the information. Once the officer receives the information they will head to the location as fast as possible; but, if they are physically miles away from the incident it will take them several minutes to arrive. Then they will enter the building and find the shooter and neutralize them.

As you can see, all this takes time, and it is what I call lag time. It is present anytime you call 911 for a police officer for anything. In most calls, it does not matter, but when someone is killing people it matters a lot. That is why I say that only someone at the location of the shooting when the shooting starts can stop the shooter in a timely manner and keeps the bloodshed to a minimum.

We do have a school resource officer, and that is

an excellent program and a step in the right direction in protecting our children. But the SRO is based in the high school and also is responsible for the middle school and two elementary schools in his jurisdiction. Obviously, he is only one person and cannot be everywhere at once. Having armed persons in every school is the only viable way to protect our children all the time.

I know many people are opposed to this idea, but most of them base their opinions on this matter on their fear of firearms and not common sense. On that note, I am not suggesting we just hand out firearms to school employees and say good luck. A program can certainly be developed that can deploy armed school employees safely and effectively.

First this would need to be an entirely volunteer effort on the part of school employees. They might be risking their lives by doing this and should recognize that fact up front and be able to deal with that fact and the fact that they may have to take another human being's life to save our children.

I am confident that there will be no shortage of volunteers. Some of our teachers are veterans, and some have combat experience. I would be surprised if some of them do not volunteer.

After you have some volunteers, they need to be properly vetted and then trained. This process could be combined by making them take Act 235, the lethal weapons act, which would allow them to carry weapons in performance of their jobs. They could also obtain concealed carry permits through the county where they live. Both will subject them to criminal background checks to make sure they can possess a firearm.

You also could require that they take the same psychological test that police officers must take before they can become a police officer. Further background investigation could be done on each individual if deemed necessary, but these would be the basics as far as the vetting process goes.

Act 235 will teach them the basic laws governing the use of lethal force by a civilian and they will also have to prove their proficiency with a firearm through a qualification course. This will give them the basic training they need to carry a weapon. The concealed carry permit will allow them to carry a firearm concealed on their person, which in my opinion is how the weapons should be carried in a school.

Further tactical training could be done by our local police departments and the county tactical team. I do not want to speak out of turn because I am now retired, but I believe our local police and the tactical team would provide this service, probably free of charge. Our police and tactical team need to train in the schools they protect anyway, and this could easily be done over the summer school break. The school volunteers could also qualify with their

firearms over the summer each year. Once again, I am sure our local police would be happy to help with this.

I know there will be opposition to this. I have already seen that the teacher's unions and others have come out in opposition to this idea. They already have talking points against this like there will be accidental shootings or the police may shoot a teacher when they arrive at the scene of a shooting.

On the accidental shooting: In 34 years as a police officer, there was only one accidental discharge of a firearm by an officer I worked with. He shot a locker in the locker room while unloading a backup weapon — after his shift was over. He at least obeyed the most important gun safety rule and did not have the weapon pointed at anyone when it went off.

In my book, one accident in 34 years of handling guns untold numbers of times by many officers is an acceptable risk. On the point that a teacher

might be shot by a responding officer, all they must do is obey an officer's commands when they arrive and there will be no problems. If an officer tells you to drop the weapon, do it. Otherwise you probably will be shot. Once again it is all common sense, which seems to be rare these days.

The solution to this problem is common sense. You can only stop an active shooter with an armed response. Nothing else being talked about will stop another child from being killed. The people doing these despicable acts do not care about our laws or anyone's good intentions. Only meeting fire with fire will stop them.

Dick Brandt is the former chief of the Lower Swatara Township Police Department.

When it comes to new congressional districts, respect the constitution



My love and respect for the constitution is why I ran for office and it's also why I recently joined in legal action to block the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's newly mandated congressional

I carry — and read — both the U.S. and Pennsylvania constitutions. We are in a constitutional crisis thanks to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's actions to make the other two branches of government irrelevant. Most alarming, they're apparently doing this simply because they think they can.

Judges are essential elements of a constitutional republic. Their role offers numerous protections of core government principles written into both

our federal and Pennsylvania constitutions. These principles have worked for decades but are now in jeopardy due to a lack of respect for the constitution.

Both our constitutions first establish the Legislature, empowering it to make law — and, to ensure due deliberation, splitting it in two: the Senate and the House of Representatives. The executive branch was established to enforce laws; the judiciary to interpret laws.

Article I, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution gives state legislatures responsibility for: "The times, places and manner of holding elections for Senators and Representatives shall be prescribed in each state by the Legislature thereof."

Pennsylvania's constitution gives the Legislature responsibility to establish congressional districts using the same process as all other legislation: introduce a bill, consider it on three separate days in each chamber, vote on it, and send to the governor to be signed.

I opposed the 2011 bill that adopted congressional maps. However, it became law using the required constitutional mandates of bill introduction, consideration by both chambers, and enactment into law.

Six years and three elections later, the state Supreme Court is usurping legislative and executive authority by establishing districts on its own without legislative or executive involvement. They declared the 2011 maps unconstitutional — using standards found nowhere in the state constitution. Then they dictated a timeline to draw new maps outside the constitutional requirements for how a bill becomes law.

Unfortunately, the outcry for changing how congressional districts are determined has been entangled with court actions. Those proceedings have nothing to do with permanently changing the way redistricting is done. Citizens who have visited my office in the hopes of permanent change have been

deceived by those seeking to change the political makeup of Congress.

As chairman of the Senate State Government Committee, I remain committed to carefully examining the process by which congressional districts are drawn. It's why I've scheduled a public hearing on bills to change the process.

For now, we have four state Supreme Court justices relying on a California law professor to draw new maps — one person. No public explanation has been offered for how the maps were redrawn. No public hearings were held. No recourse was provided to the public to challenge the new maps. The maps were presented via court order as if written on stone tablets from on high.

Judges are not deities. Their actions must be grounded in the constitution they, too, are elected in Pennsylvania. When they don their robes, they are to leave political affiliation behind. Otherwise, the judiciary becomes a political weapon.

When courts exceed their authority as the state court has done, our system of government no longer works. Our constitutional republic has issues but nonetheless allows all parties — including minority opinions — to be heard and to work out differences. It's what's given our nation both stability and liberty. People of good faith can disagree.

Judges have to respect the constitution. If they don't, we have a right — an obligation — to say something. And so I have. I have too much respect for the constitution to do otherwise.

Like judges, I swore an oath to support, obey and defend the constitution of the United States and the constitution of this commonwealth. To act differently fails to respect the constitution we're all sworn to uphold.

Mike Folmer is a Republican member of the Pennsylvania Senate whose 48th District includes Middletown. His Capitol office telephone number is 717-787-5708.

CHURCHNE

in need of drivers. If you are 75

to volunteer a half day a month

or more call 717-743-0788 for

years old or under and would like

Our prayer garden in the rear

of the yard has an 8-foot cross

made out of nails and is illumi-

nated at night. From spring to

winter benches are provided to

use to meditate or just enjoy the

beauty and quietness along the

Pastor Britt writes a daily

devotional on the Facebook page

"Pastor Britt Strohecker." In ad-

dition, he posts a pod cast of Bi-

ble study many days on Facebook

via YouTube. We invite everyone

to tune him in for inspiration for

Our Sunday worship service

is broadcast on the MAHS radio

station, WMSS 91.1 FM at 3 p.m.

every Sunday afternoon. Listen

www.pennlive.com/wmss/audio.

Pastor Britt's parting words

each Sunday: "Nothing in this

love of Jesus Christ!" We invite

you to come and experience this

on the radio or the Internet at

Check us out on our website at www.newbeginningschurchmid-

New Beginnings Church of Middletown



We are an independent body of believers offering God's invitation for a new beginning to all who seek it. We exist to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of all people through faith in Jesus Christ. We are a Safe Sanctuary congregation. We invite you to worship with us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children's church is provided. Our congregation meets at Riverside Chapel, 630 S. Union St., next to the Rescue Fire

information.

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dletownpa.com.

love

Calvary Church has been a part of the Middle-

town Borough community since 1936. It has been

our privilege to proclaim the good news of Jesus

good news has never changed in over 2000 years.

Westminster Confession of Faith and its Larger

and Shorter Catechisms as clearly teaching what

Ebenezer United Methodist Church and Childcare,

to join us for worship on Sunday mornings lead by

Pastor Brad Gilbert. Our services are relaxed and

casual. We offer a traditional service at 8:45 a.m.

and a contemporary service with a band (electric

guitars) at 10:45 a.m. At 10 a.m., between services,

there is a variety of Christian Education classes

890 Ebenezer Road, Middletown invites everyone

also have Sunday school of

for all ages at 9 a.m. and a Bible

Study each Wednesday at 7 p.m.

We are now studying the power

and Game Night will be the third

Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Our home-

made chocolate Easter eggs are

available. We also have chocolate

pretzels. For purchasing informa-

tion please contact Mel Bollinger

at 717-583-0502, eve2mel@verizon.

net or Bill Hoch at 717-944-6080.

We also offer a variety of other

groups including Bible studies.

Any questions please call us

Christ all these years and to do so knowing the

We firmly hold to the Apostles' Creed and the

Scripture teaches. If we believe the Gospel of

Christ, then by trusting in his death and resurrection for sinners we

can and will be forgiven and saved from God's wrath. Please join us

Our services are at 10:15 a.m. month, free to all who come. We

Company. Sunday School for all ages is at 9 a.m.

We are handicap accessible via that transports senior citizens to ramp at back door. For additional appointments and shopping, is church information call 717-944-9595. For security purposes our back and side doors will be locked every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the start of worship. The only door for entry after that will be the front door.

Sundays: Youth Fellowship meets every Sunday evening from 5 to 7 p.m.

Mondays: Men meet every Monday morning for prayer at 6 a.m. Community men are welcome; Sociable Seniors group meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m. All are welcome.

Wednesdays: Craft Group meets at 1 p.m.; Choir practice at

Thursdays: Blanket makers meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 9 a.m.; Intercessory Prayer meets at 6 p.m., followed by Bible Study at 7 p.m.

Saturdays: We clean the Middletown Food Bank the 3rd Saturday every other month. The community is invited to participate in these important areas of our church life.

Ushers for March: Cindy and Dick Myers, Binny Dupes and world is more important than the Dave Judy. Greeter: Dick Wagner. Children's Church Leaders for March 11: Bonnie Harper and Nancy Leister.

Middletown's Care-A-Van,

each Sunday to hear the Gospel.

nd 6 p.m. We are located at the

corner of Spruce and Emaus

streets here in Middletown. We

the 10:15 a.m. morning service

We have several things hap-

welcome. There is a prayer time,

"Partners in Prayer" that meets

the first Monday of each month

and meditation we experience

the joy of God's presence. Have

a favorite board game? "Game

Night" is every third Monday at

6:30 p.m. In February and March,

at 7 p.m. Through scripture, song,

pening at Ebenezer and all are

on the first Sunday of every

have a fellowship meal following

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown



The Presbyterian Congregation is located at the corner of Union and Water streets in downtown Middletown. We are a body of Christian people who reach out to others by sharing God's Word, love, and fellowship. Warm greetings to one and all as we seek to grow closer to our Lord Jesus Christ.

March 8: 7:15 p.m., choir.

Please join us at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 11 as our Pastor Bruce Humphrey leads us in worship. Our sanctuary is air-conditioned and handicapped accessible, and there are also hearing devices for anyone wanting to use one. Nursery is available during the service, as well as mation, see our website www. Bible Listening bags for children to utilize during the service. Do join us!

Thurs., March 15: 7:15 p.m., choir. the office.

Thurs.,

Sun., March 18: Youth at United Methodist (Easter eggs).

Our electronic newsletter can be accessed anytime at www.pcmdt.org...click on "resources"... click on "newsletter." (These are PDF files should open with Adobe Acrobat).

The Parish Nurse is available by calling the church office at 717-944-4322. For further inforpcmdt.org, visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PresbyterianCongregation), or call

Evangelical United Methodist Church



Evangelical Church meets on the corner of Spruce and Water Streets at 157 E. Water St., Middletown, south of Main St., behind the Turkey Hill convenience store. We invite you to attend our Sunday morning activities: Sunday school is at 9 a.m. and worship is at 10:15 a.m. When you walk in the door, you will see people of all ages and walks of life, some dressed formally and others casually in jeans and sneakers. Come as you are.

Our greeters wear nametags, so they are easy to find and they will be happy to help you if you need any assistance or have a question. We celebrate communion the first Sunday of each month. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, and as a congregation in the United Methodist Church, we welcome all (baptized or unbaptized) to partake of the holy sacrament. We invite you to experience life at Evangelical UMC. Whether you are looking for a community, are lonely, searching for the meaning of life, or want to know more about Jesus, our doors are open for you. Check our website to learn more about

us: www.eumch.org. are as follows: Pastor - Lee Ellen- 11:30 a.m., Cookies and fellowberger; Liturgist – Deb Weaver; Organist - Don Cowsert; Sr. Choir Director - Erich Schlicher; Children's Time – Lee Ellenberger: Audio Visual - Steve Moyer, Jamal Warren and Justin Hahn; Head Usher – Wendy Kauffman;

Greeters - Marcia, Mike and Ethan Baker; Nursery Caregivers – Gloria Clouser, Vickie Hubbard, and our Sr. Choir members.

The altar flowers today are given in memory of husband and father Richard Williams and daughter and sister Karen Markel by Carol and Ken Williams.

This week's schedule of activities is as follows:

Wed., March 7: 6 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous Book Study Group; 6:30 p.m., Sr. Choir rehearsal in church sanctuary.

Thurs., March 8: 6:30 p.m., Lenten Bible Study.

Sun., March 11: UMCOR Sunday; 9 a.m., Sunday school; 10:15 This week's worship assistants a.m., Sunday Worship Service; ship; 3 p.m., Lenten Service at St. Peter's Lutheran.

> Tues., March 13: 2 p.m., Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6 p.m., God's Kitchen at Wesley, meal provided by Gevers; 6 p.m., Finance Committee; 7 p.m., Church Council.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church



St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spring & Union Streets (121 N. Spring St), Middletown is a Reconciling In Christ Church. Please join us for worship. Our worship times are: Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages begins at 9 a.m.; Wednesday morning at 10 a.m.; Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Lenten Evening Prayer; Saturday evening at 5 p.m. Please enter the church through the parking lot door. Our Sunday worship

service is broadcast at 11 a.m. on WMSS 91.1FM. Church and Community

Sat., March 10: 5 p.m., Holy

Communion - Sanctuary.

Sun., March 11: 9 a.m., Luther Hall Sunday class; 10 a.m., Holy Communion - Sanctuary; 3 p.m., Interfaith Lenten Service, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 121 N. Spring St., Middletown. Refreshments after the service.

Food Pantry News: Especially needed are personal care/toiletry items: toilet tissue, deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoos, conditioners, cotton swabs, tissues, soap, paper towels, etc. Items collected are taken to the Middletown Area Interfaith Food Pantry located at 201 Wyoming Street, Royalton. Individuals may Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21.

also take items directly to the food pantry, which is open Tuesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 pm. The Community Action Commission office is open Tuesdays and Fridays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the same location. Food Pantry Sunday is April 1 (the first Sunday of each month).

Visit our website at www.stpe-

tersmiddletown.org. Check us out on Facebook - St. Peter's Lutheran Church Middletown, PA. Go ahead "like" our Facebook page. Remember, if you "Like" and "Follow" us on Facebook when there are new "posts" you will be notified. Thanks.

Scripture for March 11: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22;

Science author, theorist Johnson to speak at Penn State Harrisburg

Steven Johnson, science author and media theorist, will present "Innovation: Where Good Ideas Come From," at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 13, in the Student Enrichment Center theater at Penn State Harrisburg.

Johnson is considered the leading light of today's inter-

disciplinary, collaborative, open-minded approach to innovation, accordingtoa press release from PSU. His writings have influenced ev-



erything from cutting-edge ideas in urban planning to the battle against 21st century terrorism.

Johnson's work inspired the Emmy-nominated PBS series, "How We Got to Now with Steven Johnson," that aired in 2014. The book version of "How We Got to Now" debuted at No.4 on the New York Times bestseller list and was a finalist for the PEN/E.O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award.

Johnson is also the author of the bestselling "Where Good Ideas Come From: The Natural History of Innovation.'

He was chosen by Prospect magazine as one of the Top Ten Brains of the Digital Future, and The Wall Street Journal called him "one of the most persuasive advocates for the role of collabo-

ration in innovation.' His new book, "Wonderland: How Play Made the Modern World," revolves around the creative power of play and the ideas and innovations that set into motion the many momentous changes in science, technology, politics and society. Inspired by the book, Johnson launched a new podcast series about the past and future of play and innovation.

The presentation is free and open to the public; however a ticket is required.

For tickets, visit https:// www.eventbrite.com/e/pncthought-leaders-lecture-seriesat-penn-state-harrisburg-presents-steven-johnson-registration-41422588076

Area gasoline prices hold steady during last week

Average retail gasoline prices in Harrisburg fell 0.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.73 a gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 241 gas outlets in Harrisburg.

This compares with the na $tional\,ave rage\,that\,increased\,0.9$ cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.52 a gallon.

Prices Sunday were 30.1 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 11.3 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 8.3 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 21 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices on March 5 in Harrisburg have ranged widely over the last five vears: \$2.43 a gallon in 2017, \$1.89 a gallon in 2016, \$2.56 a gallon in 2015, \$3.59 a gallon in 2014 and \$3.69 a gallon in 2013.

Areas near Harrisburg and their current gas price climate: Lancaster: \$2.75 a gallon, down 2.4 cents.

Reading: \$2.70 a gallon, down 5 cents.

York: \$2.80 a gallon, down 0.5

"Despite the rough ride crude oil received in the latter half of last week, gasoline prices managed a rally, pushing the national average for the week into positive territory for the first time in a month. This confirmed what was noted here last week; March comes in like a lamb but goes out like a lion. Oil aside, there are early indications that gasoline prices are about to strengthen helped by a noticeable number of refineries out for maintenance and a stronger demand outlook than we saw last year," said Dan McTeague, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy.

"Geopolitics, trade skirmishes, growing fuel exports and the ever sensitive relationship between oil and the value of the greenback are all factors that are likely to help the gasoline bulls as temperatures and global politicalintrigueriseinapparent unison," he added.

Tax time offers opportunity to assist military families

Pennsylvania personal income taxes can help Pennsylvania's military personnel and their families by donating part or all of their refund to the state's Military Family Relief Assistance Program.

The program, administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, provides grants of up to \$3,500 to Pennsylvania members of the armed forces and their families who have a direct and immediate financial need as a result of circumstances beyond their control. The tax form includes

Individuals filing their 2017 instructions on how to donate.

Since the program began in 2006, more than \$1.78 million has been donated by individuals filing their Pennsylvania personal income tax returns and through private donations.

Members of the armed forces who are residents of Pennsylvania are eligible to apply for assistance while they are serving on active duty for 30 or more consecutive days. All members of the armed forces who were discharged for medical reasons are also eligible to apply.

To learn more, visit www. mfrap.pa.gov.

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Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church

due to egg making, Prayer Night at 717-939-0766 or e-mail us at

will be the first Tuesday at 7 p.m. ebenezerumc890@outlook.com.

10 Spruce Street, Middletown • 717-944-5835 Sunday School - 9 am • Morning Worship 10:15 am Evening Worship - 6 pm www.calvaryopc.com



Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church

329 Market Street, Middletown Pastor C. VICTORIA BROWN, M.Div. • 717-215-280-0798 Church School - 10 am • Worship Service - 11 am

Ebenezer United Methodist Church "Love God, Love People, Make Disciples"

890 Ebenezer Road, Middletown (Corner of 441 & Ebenezer Road) Phone 717-939-0766 Sunday Worship: Traditional - 8:45 am • Contemporary - 10:45 am Christian Education (All Ages) - 10 am Christian Child Care - 717-985-1650 BRAD GILBERT, Pastor www.ebenezerumc.net



Evangelical United Methodist Church

Spruce & Water Sts., Middletown 717-944-6181 • www.eumch.org Sunday School (all ages) - 9 am Sunday Worship - 10:15 am



PASTOR STEVAN ATANASOFF Worship - 9 am - Followed by Coffee Fellowship Sunday School - 10:30 am



New Beginnings Church at the Riverside Chapel

630 South Union St., Middletown • 717-388-1641 Sunday School - 9 am • Worship Service - 10:30 am PASTOR BRITT STROHECKER Everyone Is Welcome!



Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown

Union & Water Sts., Middletown • 717-944-4322 Church School - 9:15 am • Worship - 10:30 am

To list your church service here, call 717-944-4628 or email info@pressandjournal.com for more information.



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church 121 N. Spring Street, Middletown

REV. DR. J. RICHARD ECKERT, Pastor Sunday Worship - 10 am Sunday Church School - 9 am - for all ages Saturday Worship - 5 pm - in the Chapel Wednesday Worship - 10 am in the Chapel Worship Broadcast on 91.1 FM - 11 am We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation



Seven Sorrows BVM Parish 280 North Race St., Middletown

Parish Office 717-944-3133 REV. TED KEATING, JR., Pastor Saturday Evening Vigil - 5:30 pm Sunday Masses - 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 6:00 pm Confessions: Saturday - 7:30-7:50 am, 4:30-5:15 pm



Wesley United Methodist Church

64 Ann Street, Middletown PASTOR NAYLO HOPKINS Pastor James Lyles, 10xBetter Phone 717-944-6242 Sunday Worship - 9:15 am Small Groups - 10:30 am

OUT & ABOUT



The Londonderry Fire Company's social hall was filled during the Friday fish fry on March 2.

FISH FRIES REEL IN A BIG CATCH



Volunteer Joe Dailey pours Worcestershire sauce into a bowl while making dill sauce at Londonderry.

Louise Gantz cuts a pie during the Londonderry fish fry.

halls at Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Londonderry Fire Company are filled to the brim.

Seven Sorrows volunteer Lisa Fortunato said the church served 2,045 people in the first two weeks of Lent. Last year, they served 6,236 meals and raised \$30,699.60.

"I love it because it brings so many different people together," Fortunato said.

Londonderry Fire Chief Bart Shellenhamer said they served 1,225 people during the first two weeks. On average, the firefighters

Fridays during Lent, the social served 602 people a week last year and raised around \$20,000.

Shellenhamer said the funds go toward everyday expenses and the operation of the firehouse.

Seven Sorrows' fish fry runs through March 23 at 360 E. Water St. Meals are served from 5 to 8 p.m.; doors open at 3:30 p.m.

Londonderry's fish fry at 2655 Foxianna Road runs through March 30, and meals are served from 5 to 8 p.m.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LAURA HAYES





David Halcovich and Piper Lidle enjoy macaroni and cheese at Londonderry.



orders during Seven Sorrows' fish fry.



Lou Tschachler stirs macaroni and cheese at Seven Sorrows.



Volunteers were busy March 2 serving people during Seven Sorrows' fish fry.