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Lower Dauphin girls, Middletown boys,
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in playoff games held last week.

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Middletown police calls declined in January

January 2010 was the quietest January for Middletown police since 2006.

There were 780 police incidents during the first month of 2010, the lowest number since 2006, when police responded to 661 incidents, the police department reported.

January's total was 68 fewer than January 2009 (848 incidents). There were 901 incidents in January 2008 and 788 in January 2007, the police department said.

- Jim Lewis

Community cleanup day planned in boro

A community cleanup day will be held at Dream Maker Transport, Inc. and the Safe Haven Youth Community Center on Sunday, March 7 from 2-6 p.m.

The community is welcome to come and clean up the community and bring food, drinks, trash bags, gloves, ice, and workers to support the community.

The group will meet at DMT, located at 56 E. Etna St. and for more information call 930-0522 or 756-5872.

- Debra Schell

Sound Off of the Week

"I am not pointing the finger at anyone in particular, but someone is to blame for the Middletown pool being closed and remaining closed. This should be a priority. It costs a lot of taxpayer dollars to build it. Has anyone ever checked into selling it to a private investor? What about a community fundraiser? Come on new borough council, do what it takes to get the pool open."

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Raise the curtain



Photo by Bill Darrah

The cast of Middletown Area High School's production of 'Anything Goes' runs a number during a dress rehearsal Sunday. The show will open at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 4 and run through Saturday.

Students across the region are ready to sing and dance

By Debra Schell
Press And Journal Staff

Local high schools will offer a variety of musicals all on the same nights so song-and-dance lovers will have plenty of to choose from.

Here's a breakdown.

Middletown Area High School
The performing arts department at MAHS will present "Anything Goes" on March 4, 5, and 6, starting at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Directed by Ryan Boyles, Cole Porter's smash hit musical takes place on board the S.S. American as it sails from New York to England carrying a very unusual group of passengers, including a gangster, a wealthy debutante and her mother, a nightclub singer, and a wealthy New York businessman and his stowaway assistant.

Hilarity ensues through a series of comedic happenings and mistaken identities. The score includes such hits as "I Get A Kick Out Of You," "It's De-Lovely," & "Anything Goes."

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Submitted photo

Lower Dauphin seniors Ella Smith, left, and Will Thompson, will play the leads in the school's production of "Hello, Dolly!" The show starts at 7 p.m. tomorrow and runs through Saturday.

"We don't need a water park, we don't need that other stuff — we need a place for kids to swim."

Barbara Arnold
Council member

Middletown pool to remain closed

By Jim Lewis
Press And Journal Staff

Middletown's community pool will be closed for the third consecutive summer this year as borough officials trim plans for turning it into a kind of water park to keep it within the town's budget.

The 30-year-old pool was closed for renovations that would make it comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

A design for the new pool featured water slides and a climbing wall, and it was renamed the Union Canal Swim Park.

It now looks as though the climbing wall will be eliminated, said Robert Louer, borough council president.

As for water slides and other touches, "There will be some modifications — the extent of them, I don't know," he said.

Builders previously submitted bids for the project that exceeded the \$932,000 limit the borough had budgeted.

A new, cheaper design for the pool is in the works.

Still, Middletown might have to scrape together another \$40,000 for the project this year, borough officials said.

The cost of renovating the pool "won't be anything less than \$800,000," said David Clouser, borough manager. "Hopefully, not much more."

Middletown has \$856,000 committed to the renovations.

The borough has received two grants

for the project totaling \$468,000 from the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources that must be spent by 2011.

The borough will contribute another \$388,000 from the sale of municipal bonds.

A new design must be approved by the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources before construction can begin, borough officials said.

"We don't need a water park, we don't need that other stuff — we need a place for kids to swim," said Councillor Barbara Arnold.

Jim Lewis: 717-944-4628, or jimlewis@pressandjournal.com

Police search for armed men leaves woman shaken

Middletown police entered the apartment, handcuffed her boyfriend, then left without an apology, she said.

By Jim Lewis
and Debra Schell
Press And Journal Staff

Rachael Torres had just watched "American Idol" on TV and was headed for bed last Wednesday when she heard a dog bark in the hallway outside her tiny Middletown apartment. That's strange, she thought to herself — no dogs are allowed in the building.

She went to the door, opened it slightly and peered into the hall, expecting to talk to the upstairs neighbor about an unruly pet.

What she discovered surprised her.

An army of Middletown police officers, guns drawn, and a police dog, filled the hallway. They pulled open her door, grabbed her by the arm and forced her to the floor, she said. They entered her apartment and handcuffed her boyfriend, Shawn Stouffer, and a buddy who had come over to watch TV.

They searched the place, pulled the blankets off the bed, emptied her dirty laundry out of her hamper, never telling her what they were looking for. They demanded to know the size of Stouffer's shoes.

It was, she said, "total chaos."

Middletown Police Chief Keith Reismiller said he knew nothing about Torres' complaint, and said his officers responded properly.

"The only complaint I received [from] a resident was about muddy footprints on the resident's carpet," he said.

Torres said the search ended suddenly when a voice on the officers' hand-held radios crackled with some kind of numerical code. They stopped their search, looked at each other, removed the cuffs from her boyfriend

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Electric bills continue to shock, despite price drop

By Jim Lewis
and Garry Lenton
Press And Journal Staff

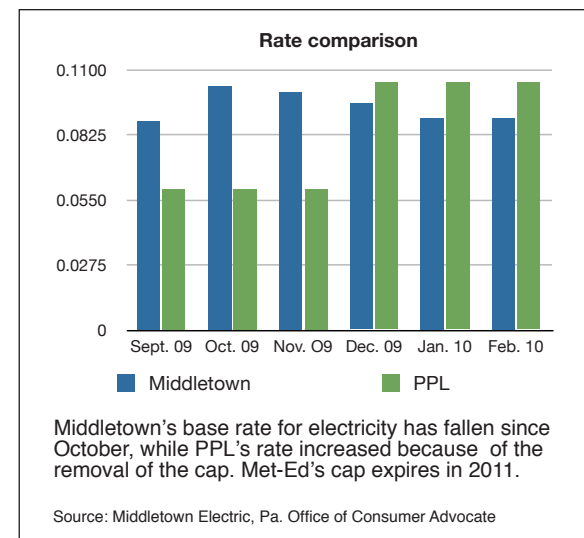
In Middletown, a bleak winter has seemed bleaker to those whose bills from the borough electric company have mounted higher than the snow that has fallen in feet, not just inches.

Monthly bills topping \$400 and \$500, some residents say, make a blizzard more difficult to dig out of than the storms that have buried central Pennsylvania this season.

They've tried energy-saving light bulbs, kerosene heaters, even closing off rooms, but still struggle to battle cold temperatures, drafty windows in old borough houses, and a growing frustration.

For Miranda Kreiser, a 22-year-old warehouse supervisor with two kids, the high cost of heating and

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Obituaries

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the Press And Journal at 717-944-4628.

Frederick Krupilis

Frederick J. Krupilis Jr., 58, of Harrisburg, formerly of Middletown, entered into rest on Thursday, February 25, at Harrisburg Hospital.

He was born on March 18, 1951 in Middletown and was the son of the late Frederick J. Sr. and Margaret Hevel Krupilis.

He was an employee of Hempfield School District; was of the Methodist faith and a former member of Wesley United Methodist Church, Middletown; he enjoyed his memberships at Moose Lodge 410, Rescue Hose Co. and VFW Post 1620, all of Middletown, and enjoyed softball and fishing; he was the assistant high school baseball coach for the Palmyra Cougars when they won the State Championship in 1999; and was also an avid fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Pirates, Penguins, and the Pitt Panthers.

He was preceded in death by two brothers Clarence and William Brehm.

He is survived by his wife Cindy L. Krupilis of Mechanicsburg; daughter Joan E., wife of Richard Swartz of Harrisburg; three sisters Daris, wife of Kenneth Pilsitz of Royaltown, Patsy, wife of Paul Renn of Hummelstown, and Kay, wife of Roger Peifer of Eliza-



bethtown; and granddaughter Nadia E. Krupilis of Harrisburg.

A celebration of his life was held on Tuesday at the Frank E. Matinchek and Daughter Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., Middletown, with the Rev. Nancy Lee Goff officiating. Burial was in Middletown Cemetery.

Edward Ferguson

Edward T. "Tom" Ferguson, 68, of New Cumberland, formerly of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Sunday, February 28, at his home.

He was born in Harrisburg on March 8, 1941 and was the son of the late Edward J. and Mary McHale Ferguson.

He was a retired licensing analyst for the Pa. Liquor Control Board; he was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps was a life member and past commander of American Legion Post #594, life member of Rescue Hose Company, and a member of the Moose Lodge #410, all of Middletown; was a former member of Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, Middletown; and was also an avid golfer and Notre Dame football fan.

He is survived by his wife of 13 years Cheryl L. Ferguson; daughters Kathleen M. Blasser of Millersburg, Susan A. and husband Tom R. Carter Jr. of Camp Hill; stepdaughter Shana L. Smith of Brooklyn, New York; sisters Ann Marie and husband Tim Bedeaux, and J. Eileen and husband Andy Lee, all of Middletown; brother William J. and wife Theresa Ferguson of Middletown; grandchildren Michael and Katie Blasser of Millersburg, Josh and Justin Carter of Camp Hill; and several nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 5, at Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church,



280 N. Race St., Middletown, with the Rev. Louis P. Ogden as celebrant.

Viewing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday and from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. on Friday at the Frank E. Matinchek and Daughter Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 260 E. Main St., Middletown.

Burial with military honors will be in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Heart Association, 4999 Louise Dr., Suite 104, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 or to the Central PA Food Bank, 3908 Corey Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17109.

Charles Zito Sr.

Charles Albert Zito Sr., 68, of Middletown, entered peacefully into eternal rest on Saturday, February 27, at Community General Osteopathic Hospital surrounded by his loving family and friends.

He was retired from Stoner Beverage and the Churchville Cemetery in Oberlin. He loved flying and took his first solo flight at the age of 16 and went on to receive his private pilot's license before his driver's license. He will be remembered for his woodworking skills and the 3D wooden animals and bird houses which he enjoyed making and sharing with others. Charles was an avid gardener and enjoyed sharing his produce with family and friends. He wouldn't eat a hot pepper, but boy, could he grow them.

He was preceded in death by his loving son Charles A. Zito Jr. and his mother Cora Moffa Zito.

He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years Sandy E. Witters Zito; his father Charles J. Zito; a son Richard Zito; a daughter Mary Lou Witmer, wife of Jeffrey; three grandsons Charles Zito III, Shaun Zito, and Shelby Miller; two granddaughters Jamie and Tracy Witmer; and one sister Linda Fortini.



Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 4, at the K.M. Knight Funeral Home, 31 Second Street, Highspire.

Inurnment will be in Highspire Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until time of service on Thursday at the funeral home.

Mission accomplished Middletown citizens' group shuts down

By Jim Lewis
Press And Journal Staff

It was a godsend or a curse, depending on your political point of view: Middletown Citizens for Responsible Government, the grassroots political action committee that demanded cuts in government spending and claimed a majority on Middletown Borough Council last November, has been closed, its founder says.

John Patten, a former borough councillor and chairman of the committee, gave the last of the organization's money - \$200 - to the borough council to pay for pizza, submarine sandwiches, fruit and vegetable trays and other food served at a public reception for new borough manager David Clouser held after a council meeting in February.

The committee, formed in February 2009 amid public dissatisfaction with high electric bills from the borough's unregulated electric company, held

its first meeting in February 2009, drawing 170 citizens to a Middletown firehall to complain about the cost of the borough's emergency communications center, library, employee overtime pay and, most of all, its electric company's rates.

The committee picked a slate of 11 candidates for local political office, winning five borough council seats - defeating some incumbents in the process - and two seats on the Middletown Area School Board.

"We served the purpose of getting citizens interested in the issues," said Patten.

The committee has not filed a final report needed to officially close, said a spokeswoman for the Dauphin County Office of Elections and Voter Registration. It is also required to spend all its money, which it apparently succeeded in doing with Patten's \$200 donation to the borough. It had reported a balance of \$214.23 in previous paperwork filed with the county.

The committee's Web site, www.middletownfirst.net, has not been updated since Oct. 19.

Robert Louer, a borough council candidate endorsed by the committee who won in November's general election, called Greater Middletown's success "a great achievement."

But the message of austerity that the committee and its candidates preached was not universally embraced. Last May, someone spray painted "Shut up or die" on the home of John Brubaker, a borough council candidate endorsed by the committee. Brubaker lost his election bid.

Now that the committee's candidates have won a majority on borough council, there's little reason to exist, Patten said.

"We're optimistic about the future," he said. "We think we're going to make progress here."

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Drug charges

Police charged two men with drug offenses following a traffic stop for illegal window tint at N. Union St. and Park Circle Rd. at 5:18 p.m. on Feb. 23.

Daniel M. Moore, 42, of the 800 block of Bullfrog Valley Rd., Hummelstown, the driver of the vehicle, was charged with three counts of possession of a counterfeit substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, conspiring to possess controlled substance, and driving with unsafe equipment.

The charges were filed after police alleged finding 11 needles and crack cocaine along with other drugs and paraphernalia in Moore's vehicle. Moore also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest from West Manchester Twp., York County.

William N. Koch, 34, of the 900 block of Center St., Enola, a passenger if the vehicle, was charged with three counts of possession of a counterfeit substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and conspiring to possess controlled substance. A warrant for Koch's arrest was outstanding as well.

A preliminary hearing for Koch and Moore was scheduled for March 5 at 9 a.m. Bail for each was set at \$75,000.

exposure, open lewdness, and possession of a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia after an incident that occurred at 3:13 a.m. on Jan. 30.

Police allege the saw Dickel drive off the roadway in the 300 block of W. Main St.

Police said they could smell alcohol coming from Dickel when they spoke to him. Dickel also had difficulty standing during a field coordination test, police said.

Dickel had a blood alcohol level of .167 percent, a high rate, police said. He also tested positive for the presence of marijuana, police said. Police searched Dickel and found marijuana, they said.

According to the criminal complaint, Dickel spit at the video camera in the holding cell, and exposed himself.

A passenger in the vehicle was also charged, police said.

Mark A. Cooney, 20, of the Elizabethtown, was charged with possession of a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, underage drinking, public intoxication, and disorderly conduct.

Cooney was disruptive and yelled profanities while in the holding cell, police said.

Dickel and Conney's preliminary hearing will be on April 8 at 3:15 p.m.

without insurance, and a traffic violation.

Charges stem from a traffic stop at 2:44 a.m. on Feb. 19 in the 300 block of W. Main St., police said.

Hudson had a blood alcohol level of .137 percent, high rate, police said.

Hudson's preliminary hearing was scheduled for Feb. 25 at 8:45 a.m.

Terroristic threats

Christopher M. Pechota, 34, of the first block of Peony Ave., was charged with terroristic threats, public drunkenness, and disorderly conduct.

Charges stem from an incident at 5:58 p.m. on Feb. 18 in the first block of Girard Ave.

The alleged victim told police that Pechota threatened him. The man held Pechota down until police arrived, police said.

Pechota had a blood alcohol level of .188 percent, police said.

Pechota's preliminary hearing will be on April 1 at 9:15 a.m.

Drug charges

Roderick J. Tarter, 30, of the 300 block of Ridge St., Steelton, was charged with three counts of possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and criminal use of a communication device after an incident at 3:03 p.m. on Feb. 19.

The charges stem from an undercover investigation where police alleged the saw Tarter buy and attempt to distribute a controlled substance.

Tarter used a phone to set up a buy with the undercover officer, police said.

Tarter's preliminary hearing will be on March 4 at 3:30 p.m.

"The Greatest Story Ever Told" at Hershey Theatre

The epic "The Greatest Story Every Told" will be shown Sunday, March 21 at 2 p.m. at the Hershey Theatre. This 1965 drama features an all-star cast, with Max von Sydow as Jesus and Charlton Heston as John the Baptist. Other stars include Martin Landau, Angela Lansbury, Sidney Poitier, and John Wayne. The film was nominated for five Academy Awards.

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Max von Sydow delivers a memorable portrayal of Jesus, and Charlton Heston's role of John the Baptist ranks as one of his best. Telly Savalas shaved his head to portray Pontius Pilate — a look he kept for the rest of his life. This was the last film for Claude Rains, who portrays King Herod.

All tickets are general admission only. Bring in a new children's storybook to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House, and get a ticket for just \$5. Also available are Hershey Theatre reel deal six-packs of tickets for \$30; these tickets will be valid for the season. They are available at the Hershey Theatre Box Office, which opens at 12:30 p.m. the afternoon of the film. Hans Gartner will be at the console of the theatre's historic four-manual Aeolian-Skinner organ at 1:30 p.m. For tickets or more information, call the Box Office at (717)-534-3405, or visit HersheyTheatre.com.

Hershey Theatre is celebrating its 76th Anniversary as one of the nation's premier historic theatres. An operating division of the non-profit M.S. Hershey Foundation, Hershey Theatre is committed to providing excellence in cultural and educational opportunities.

Public invited to writers meeting

The Central Pennsylvania Romance Writers group (CPRW) welcomes visitors and is seeking new members. The group will meet Saturday, March 6, 2010 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Joseph T. Simpson Public Library, located at 16 North Walnut Street, Mechanicsburg.

This month's meeting will feature a "Back to Basics" roundtable discussion. Published and unpublished writers are welcome to attend meetings.

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Theatre Harrisburg presents Cole Porter Cabaret

Theatre Harrisburg presents a cabaret devoted exclusively to the words and music of one of Broadway and Hollywood's most successful composers: Cole Porter. Performances at The Krevsky Production Center in Uptown Harrisburg are scheduled for Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, March 7 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling (717)-232-5501 ext. 23 or by visiting the Theatre Harrisburg box office at theatreharrisburg.com.

Cole Porter's legendary shows — "Kiss me, Kate," "Anything Goes," "Red, Hot and Blue," "Can-Can," and "Gay Divorce," are filled with some of the most popular standards in the American songbook. These classics include "Begin the Beguine," "Night

and Day," "It's Delovely," "You're the Top," "From This Moment On," "I Get A Kick Out Of You," "In the Still of the Night," "Just One of Those Things," and "My Heart Belongs To Daddy." These are just a few examples of Porter's witty, sophisticated style of songwriting.

Theatre Harrisburg's Cabaret will feature the vocal talents of Wendy Faust, Jason Irving, Brock Meadath, Kat Prickett, Angela Ruediger, and Bill Turner. The production is directed by Angela Ruediger.

This program is funded in part by the Cultural Enrichment Fund, the capital region's united arts fund. Theatre Harrisburg is the resident theatre company of Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts.




Craig S. LeCadre, senior supervisory special agent with Attorney General Tom Corbett's office, gave Reid Elementary fifth-graders tips on safely surfing the Internet.

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The Christian Deppen Family - Part 2

The Peter Deppen family in the union was seven children; Elizabeth, wife of Peter Strickler, near Newmantown, Lebanon Co., Pa.; Magdeline, wife of Jonathan Zerbe; Barbara, wife of Benjamin Batdorf; Sarah, wife of Frederick Shafer, Jr; Benjamin Deppen, Peter, Jr. and Veronica Deppen, all of Schuylkill County, Pa. Benjamin and Peter never married and the Deppen name in Schuylkill County had died out. The family is represented through the Zerbes, Shafers, Wolfes, Dauberts, Roeders, Shermans, Wagners, Kintzels, Brown, Herrings, Heffners, Minnigs, Wenrich, Heinbachs, Youngs, Starrs, Fishers, Butlers, Bush, Gables, Geists, Fidler, Millers, Lengels, Gehres, Gottschall, Yoder, Stutzman, Artz, Reed and many other names. Peter Deppen is on record as having furnished horses for the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, also served in Capt. Philip Filbert's Company.

John Deppen, the oldest son, paid a single man's tax in Heidelberg Twp. in 1768. He married Anna Barbara, whose surname has not been found, spite of much effort and research. No doubt she's the same from Lancaster Co., as John was the eldest son and he was most likely to be well acquainted with his Zimmerman and Bricker cousins, who were Mennonites. As none of the baptisms of Christian and Veronica's children is recorded in the local church records, and not any of the great-grandchildren have any recollections of who John's wife was before marriage, her identity was most likely lost through the fact of the family living too far away. John and Anna Barbara moved on the old Deppen homestead after Peter moved to Pine Grove. They lived there until 1785, when he and his wife conveyed his share as to Christian Deppen's will to Joseph, Jacob and Abraham Deppen. The same year he bought in Heid. Twp. (now North Heidelberg) of Henry Gruber, Jr. The mother Anna Barbara died March 14, 1816, aged 62 yrs., recorded in Altalaha Church records. John died October 14, 1827 from the effects of carrying stone in the construction of the stone house built in 1826. This farm was later owned by a son David Deppen. John and Anna Barbara raised 11 children. No records of baptisms in the local churches, possibly through Anna Barbara being a Mennonite. The seven sons and four daughters are as follows: John, the oldest son married Mary Gamber, moved first to Perry Co., Pa., then to Seneca Co., N.Y.; Christian, married (1) Rebecca Wore and (2) Susan Kaubel, he died in Mercer Co., Pa.; William, married Magdeline Seiler and lived and died in Northumberland Co., Pa.; George married Mary Magd. Gries, both buried in Northumberland County; David, married Elizabeth Scholl, bur. at Corner Church, Robesonia, Pa.; Peter married Catherine Spang, buried in Buchanan Co., Mo.; Henry, married Susan Billman, bur. Lebanon County, Pa.; Catherine and Barbara Deppen, both unmarried, buried at Rehrersburg, PA; Elizabeth, married John Miller, who drowned in the Susquehanna River near Herndon, Pa., and Elizabeth, buried at New Franklin, Ohio. The youngest child Sarah married John Billman, both buried at Pinegrove, Pa. Mrs. Philip Tice, of Myerstown, Pa. has a birth record of these 11 children, but it too fails to state the mother's maiden name. John Deppen, the father also gave his services during the Revolution.

David Deppen, third son of the pioneer, died in 1803. He married Margaret McAllister, who married second to Daniel Leininger. David and Margaret deeded in 1802, together with Jacob and Abraham to Joseph Deppen 121 acres, including the "Burial Grounds."

David's children were: Michael, married Sallie Weiser, moved to Delaware Co., Ohio, and then to Cumberland Co., Ill.; Mary Magdeline Deppen, second child, married George Forrer, they have no children. Sarah, third child, married Peter Spang, both buried at Corner Church. Daniel Deppen, youngest child of David Margaret Deppen, became a physician, married Catherine Smith, lived on a farm east of Bernville, Berks Co., Pa. He had four sons graduated from medical department of the Univ. of Penna.

Joseph Deppen, the fourth son, married Elizabeth daughter of Adam Weigley and his wife Eva H. Walter, of Cocalico Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa. Adam Weigley later conducted the "Black Horse Tavern" and stagecoach stop just west of Robesonia. Joseph worked for Adam Weigley as a carpenter. He died Oct. 13, 1826 and Elizabeth in Womelsdorf in 1859. Joseph was the last son to live on the original Deppen homestead, at the time of his death he owned 552 acres of land, a fulling mill and town lots in Womelsdorf, Pa.

He left 12 heirs: Samuel, married Maria Royer; Joseph, Jr., married Elizabeth Holstein; Isaac, married Susan Wenrich; Jacob, married Elizabeth Fernster; Michael died single; Adam, married Sophia Putt; Elizabeth, died single; Julian, married Henry Noll; Frances, married Jonathan Loos; Hannah, married Oliver Clark, of Connicut, no issue; Mathilda, married Louis Livingood; Mary married John Price. Jacob died intestate and no children.

Mathilda Livingood and Hannah Clark had no children. Joseph Deppen served in the Revolution together with his brother Abraham. Jacob Deppen died intestate in 1828, a singleman. The distribution of his estate caused considerable trouble as the search for his brother's and sister's children extend from 1828 to 1852. Dr. Daniel Deppen was administrator. Jacob was buried on his own plantation under an apple tree.

Abraham the youngest son became a wealthy "gentleman" so mentioned in conveyances. He became associated with Richard Boone, iron-master of Charming Forge, who persuaded Abraham to will everything to him. Abraham died in 1840. His grave was never found. *Part 3 continues next week, #528.*

Scots-Irish Seminar

The Irish are coming: The Ulster Historical Foundation of Belfast, Northern Ireland, will hold a Scots-Irish Seminar at LancasterHistory.org. The Ulster Historical Foundation of Belfast, Northern Ireland, will make a special stop in Lancaster on Sunday, March 14 to host a Scots-Irish seminar at LancasterHistory.org, 230 N. President Avenue, Lancaster, PA, from 1 to 5 p.m. Dr. Brian Trainor, director emeritus of the Public Records of Northern Ireland, and Fintan Mullan, executive director of the Ulster Historical Foundation plan to present four sessions: 1. Introduction to Irish and Scots-Irish Family History Research; 2. Researching the Farming Community in the 18th and 19th centuries; 3. Scots-Irish Sources Available for Research by County; and, time permitting 4. Using Land Valuation & Tithe Applotment.

Publications from the Ulster Historical Foundation will be available both for purchase and for browsing throughout the afternoon; light refreshments will be served. The cost: \$50 (non-members) or \$45 (members). Take advantage of this special seminar scheduled between major stops in Philadelphia and Florida; made possible by LancasterHistory.org genealogist Kevin Shue and his Irish connections. Space is limited. Please call (717) 392-4633 or go to www.lancasterhistory.org to register today.

Today's lesson: safe 'surfing' on the Web

By Debra Schell
Press And Journal Staff

Kobe Sprecher assumed that if he is on the computer and he throws a document in the trash, that it is gone forever.

But Sprecher, a fifth-grader at Reid Elementary School, learned he was wrong about that during a presentation about Internet safety led by Craig S.

LeCadre, a senior supervisory special agent with Attorney General Tom Corbett's office. LeCadre travels to school districts throughout Pennsylvania teaching students how to travel the Internet safely.

"I keep it simple," he said. "I just hope that they remember one thing that I tell them, when they are on the Internet."

The program, called Operation Safe

Surf, is part of the Education and Outreach Program through Corbett's office.

When it comes to computers, parents are often clueless, LeCadre said. And he proved it.

When asked to raise their hand if a parent ever asked them for help with a computer question, every student's hand went up.

LeCadre discussed the importance of not providing personal information such as telephone numbers or addresses to strangers online.

Phone safety was another topic. Half of the students raised their hand when asked if their parents gave them a cell phone.

"Everything you do, every call you make; they can all be tracked," said LeCadre.

The presentation included photos of known sex offenders and LeCadre asked the students if they could spot a predator.

The program is not only geared toward students, but helping parents be safe online too.

Keeping an open line of communication with children and being aware of what their children are doing on line is key to prevention, he said.

For more information and safety tips, go to www.attorneygeneral.gov. Contact Debra at 717-944-4628 or e-mail dschell@pressandjournal.com.

Tinted windows lead to arrests

By Debra Schell
Press And Journal Staff

A traffic stop over tinted windows ended in the arrest of four people in Middletown, some with drug and weapons charges, police said.

The incident began at 10:31 p.m. on Feb. 20 at Ann and S. Catherine streets when police pulled over a vehicle driven by Ridge L. Moore, 19, of the 100 block of Wilson St.

Police alleged Moore attempted to dispose of a bag containing crack cocaine at the scene, then twice resisted arrest, once at the scene, and again in the lobby of the police station.

Police searched the vehicle with Moore's consent and reported finding a loaded .38-caliber weapon with 10 rounds of ammunition. Police later learned that the weapon was reported stolen, and plan to file charges of theft for the weapon.

Moore became disruptive in the police station and damaged the lobby, police said.

Moore was charged with two counts of resisting arrest, tampering with evidence, criminal mischief, carrying a firearm without a license, carrying a loaded weapon, possession of a controlled substances, possession of drug paraphernalia, disorderly conduct, and operating a vehicle with unsafe equipment.

Also charged in the incident were: Walter R. Monroe, 24, of the first block of N. Summit St., Harrisburg, a passenger in the vehicle. Monroe was charged with carrying a firearm without a license and carrying a loaded weapon, police said.

After Monroe and Moore were taken into custody, two females approached the officer on scene and attempted to block a tow truck preparing to remove the vehicle, according to police reports.

Mattie P. Johnson, 18, of the 1600 block of Boas St., Harrisburg, was charged with disorderly conduct and obstruction of the function of a law enforcement officer.

According to the criminal complaint, Johnson refused to step away from the vehicle and began yelling at the officer.

Mayliesha D. George, 19, of the 100 block of Wilson St., was also charged with disorderly conduct and obstruction of the function of a law enforcement officer.

Moore was taken to Dauphin County Prison on monetary bail set at \$200,000, police said.

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POLICE

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and his buddy, and left. One officer lingered and offered some explanation, she said. A man had pulled a gun on an officer a few blocks away and ran with an accomplice. A police dog followed their scent to Torres' apartment building. Police found two jackets in the back yard that they believed belonged to the suspects, and the footprint of a size 12 Nike sneaker in the snow, he told Torres. But there was no apology for what happened, and that rankled Torres. "Nothing," she said. "No 'we're sorry.' I was, like, 'You're kidding.'" Reismiller said police were searching for two men, one of whom they allege pointed a shotgun at them as they responded to a complaint

"Nothing. No 'We're sorry.' I was, like, 'You're kidding.' "

Rachael Torres

about a suspicious person in the 200 block of Peters Avenue about 10 p.m. Wednesday night, he said. Reismiller said three officers were searching the area around the apartment building when they were confronted by a man who pointed a shotgun at them then ran away. The incident triggered a manhunt that included Pennsylvania State Police, and officers from Highspire, Steelton, Swatara, Lower Swatara, Lower Paxton, Susquehanna, Penbrook, and Derry Twp., he said. The men were not found. Police used a tracking dog, which led them to the 300 block of N. Union St., where they found clothing believed to be left by the suspects, Reismiller said. No search warrants were issued to search the

residences in the area, he said. Torres, who has lived in the apartment for eight years, said her only dealings with the police have been a phone complaint she made against loud neighbors, and serving them sandwiches at the deli counter at Fox's Market, where she once worked. "I don't even play the stereo loud," said Torres, an office worker for the U.S. Census Bureau. "I don't know how I would have reacted if they put me in handcuffs. I think I would have had a heart attack and died." The event has left her a little shaken. "I'm not scared to be here," she said, "but I have a very sour taste in my mouth for the Middletown police now. It would have been different if I was doing something I shouldn't have been doing, or if I was intimidating them.

If I was breaking the law, you have every right — but within your powers." The incident marks the second time in less than a year that the behavior of Middletown police officers has been publicly criticized. Last July, two officers were disciplined for their handling of an incident involving college students filming a movie in the borough. Reismiller said he advised Middletown Mayor Robert Reid of the incident, and said the mayor will handle the problem. "I am sure that if something else had occurred, I would have known about it," said Reismiller. Staff intern Aidan Bauernschmidt contributed to this story. Jim Lewis: 717-944-4628, or jimlewis@pressandjournal.com Debra Schell: 717-944-4628, or debra-schell@pressandjournal.com

Town Topics



News & happenings for Middletown and surrounding areas.

Middletown Council meeting set

Middletown Borough Council's meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers, Second Floor, Borough Hall, 60 W. Emaus St.

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Seven Sorrows fish fry

The Seven Sorrows fish fry will be held on Friday, March 5 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the church cafeteria, Race and Conewago sts., Middletown. The last fish fry is March 26. For takeout call 944-5488 after 4 p.m. For menu and specials visit sevensorrows.org.

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Lenten service

Evangelical and Wesley United Methodist churches will hold a Lenten service on Sunday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at Wesley UMC, Ann and Catherine streets, Middletown. The worship service will be led by Jeremy Garner, a gospel singer from Bellefonte. All are welcome and the church is handicapped accessible. There will be a free-will offering. Parking is available in the lot on Witherspoon Avenue beside the church.

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Lions pancake breakfast

The Hummelstown Lions Club is sponsoring an all-you-can eat pancakes, sausage, juice and beverage breakfast on Saturday, March 6 from 7 to 11 a.m. at the Hummelstown Fire Hall, 249 E. Main St. Tickets will be available at the door. Proceeds benefit Lions community eye care and hearing programs.

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Sportsmen Limited block shoot

Sportsmen Limited is sponsoring a block on Sunday, March 7 at 1 p.m. at Middletown Anglers and Hunters, 1350 Schoolhouse Rd., Middletown. For more information call 944-0760.

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Soccer association holds registrations

Olmsted Regional Soccer Association will have fall registration on Saturday, March 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Sunday, March 7 from noon to 4 p.m.; and Wednesday, March 24 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Lower Swatara Twp. Municipal Building, 1499 Spring Garden Drive. For additional information or to contact ORSA visit www.eteamz.com/olmstedsoccer or call Janet Wertz, registrar, at 939-4942.

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Singer and songwriter Mycenea Worley, right, gives tips to Nick Danowski, center left, about the music industry during Middletown Area High School's Career Fair.

Press-Journal Photo/Debra Schell

Preparing for life after high school

By Debra Schell
Press And Journal Staff

Nick Danowski, a junior at Middletown Area High School, wants to be a singer and songwriter. But, he's learning that it takes more than musical talent to be successful. Danowski attended the career fair that is held every year at the high school and received valuable information, he said. "We learned that it is more than just music, it is knowing accounting, math, English, and so much more is needed than just then being good with music," said Danowski. Mycenea Worley, a singer and songwriter, fell in love with the profession after picking up a guitar in 1997, she says on her Web site, www.myceneaworley.com.

Worley gave students advice on getting into the music industry and shared her love of music with the students. "I wanted to share my experiences and input with the students," she said. Representatives from more than 50 businesses, organizations, and schools were on hand for students to gather information to help them decide what they want to do after high school. Some students' questions focused on what courses they should take in high school to prepare them for a specific job, while others focused on the importance of continuing their education and networking. Danowski is looking at joining the Marines and becoming a mechanic first. After that, he'll focus on becoming a singer and songwriter, he said. Contact Debra at 944-4628 or e-mail dschell@pressandjournal.com.

Lower Swatara Twp.

Police target prostitution along Eisenhower Blvd.

Press And Journal Staff

An ongoing sting operation by Lower Swatara Twp. police and Pennsylvania State Police resulted in morals charges against three men. Joshua K. Lighty, 31, of Red Lion; Jeremiah E. Palmer, 24, of Millersburg; and Christopher D. Therit, 38, of Hershey, were charged with patronizing a prostitute following an incident on Feb. 17. The undercover investigation, part of an effort to crack down on drug and vice crimes along Eisenhower Blvd., is ongoing, police said. Police alleged the accused solicited sexual acts in exchange for money from an undercover agent. In November a similar undercover investigation resulted in charges against seven individuals: Krystall L. Huffman, 25, of the 1000 block of Wilson St., Middletown, promoting prostitution; Elizabeth

M. Smith, of Cleveland, promoting prostitution and possession of marijuana; Andrew J. Kauffman, 32, of Mechanicsburg, promoting prostitution; Brittney S. Fairlamb, 22, of the 1000 block of Market St., Middletown, promoting prostitution; Paul D. Edgar, 23, of Harrisburg, patronizing a prostitute; and a 17-year-old Etners resident, patronizing a prostitute. Court records show the promoting prostitution charges against Huffman and Kauffman were lowered to disorderly conduct, to which both plead guilty. Smith pleaded guilty to promoting prostitution but the charge of possession of marijuana was withdrawn. Edgar waived to court the charge of patronizing prostitution. The charge of promoting prostitution was held for action in court against Fairlamb.

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lighting her two-bedroom apartment forces her to make a terrible choice, she says. She has health problems, but her electric bill, which she says topped \$500 one month, needs more immediate attention. You can only put off paying them for so long. "Do I go to my doctor or pay my electricity — it's basically choosing to live or support my kids," she said. She was one of about 25 residents who met recently at Woodland Court, a local apartment building, to vent their anger at the cost of electricity in Middletown. The borough owned electric company purchases electricity from a middleman, AMP-Ohio, and sells it at a higher cost to borough customers, using the profit to pay for government services. Residents at the meeting demanded the state eliminate the borough electric company and give customers a chance to choose other utilities, which are offering lower rates, from which they can buy electricity. They even talked about a protest at the Capitol. "If you want the body you have to cut off the head," said Tony Cannon, a resident, who has written the governor and the attorney general of Ohio about his high heating bills — the highest has been \$485 one month, he said — to no avail. "We are all very passionate about this because this is so ridiculous — the light bills are ridiculous," said Pastor Florence Abdullah, another resident. But there have been no protests on the Capitol steps, no government intervention, despite growing anxiety each winter month. The president of borough council, one of five recently elected councilors who have promised to examine every borough expenditure to cut costs and reduce the town's need for electric revenue, has proposed hiring a law firm that could litigate the matter in court, if necessary, but no action has been taken. Middletown Borough Council is unlikely to eliminate the borough's electric company, predicted acting Borough Manager David Clouser. The only way it would do such a thing is if the company wasn't profitable, he said. "That's not on the table now," he said. The alternative is to cut borough expenses and depend less on electric company revenue, Clouser said. "That's what we really have to look at," he said. Ironically, the wholesale price Middletown pays for electricity from AMP has fallen in recent months while PPL's base rate increased more than 75 percent. The prices

do not include administrative and maintenance charges each imposes on their customers, but based on the cost of electricity alone, a Middletown customer using 2,000 kWh paid about \$33 less than PPL customers in February, based on data provided by Middletown and the state Consumer Advocate's office. "People always say we can't go out and compete for electricity like PPL customers can," said Greg Wilsbach, supervisor of the Middletown Electric Department. "But if you look at it, they're still anywhere from 3 to 4 cents per kWh higher than Middletown." Wilsbach is sympathetic to customers' struggle with their bills. Council can reduce the rates, he said, but residents will have to decide what services they want to give up. The sale of electricity generates about \$3 million for the borough's general fund, nearly half. Though complaints have diminished, the department hasn't done enough to help customers solve their problems — mostly, help paying to improve the insulation in their homes. Middletown has a higher-than-average number of older, drafty homes, that rely on electricity for heat, according to Census data. Cannon, a native of Alabama, moved into a house built by the Air Force decades ago to house pilots at the long-abolished air force base in Middletown. He's tried many energy-saving gadgets to save money and reduce his bill, to little avail, he said. Now he's eager to protest electric costs, if need be. "If we have to stand in the cold with a little sign, that's what we'll do," he said. "We have to expose this situation." For Esther Suarez, who lives on Social Security disability because she has lupus, the cost of electricity at her apartment is difficult to afford. One month, the bill was \$424, she said. "This is half of my check, and it's hard," she said. Ron Kreiser, an auto mechanic, said he was surprised to learn that his residential electric bill was higher one month than his employer's bill. His garage is located outside of town. "The only right you have here in Middletown is to pay an outrageous bill," he complained. At the end of their meeting, Abdullah, pastor of a local church, offered a prayer for state electric regulation in Middletown. "Nobody should have to pay a light bill like it's a car payment or a mortgage payment," she implored to God. Jim Lewis: 717-944-4628, or jimlewis@pressandjournal.com

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Sports



Wrestling

Candalaria takes crown at districts

By Bob Stone
For The Press And Journal

Middletown entered eight wrestlers into the AAA District 3 wrestling tournament, producing a sixth-place finish in team scoring, and one champion in what proved to be a very tough, competitive tournament. Focused and determined, Bo Candalaria (145) rose above it all, outscoring his four opponents 55-3 on his way to the top of the podium. Candalaria started his run against Mike Lausell of J.P. McCaskey and within four minutes had a 16-0 tech fall victory. Next up was Colin Martucci of Daniel Boone, who gave Candalaria his closest match all weekend and was the only opponent who posted any points. The 10-3 win put Candalaria into the semifinals. Early Saturday morning, Candalaria faced Rustin Barrick of Mechanicsburg, whom he defeated earlier in the season. After gaining control, he tilted his way to a 14-0 win to earn a spot in the finals against Billy Randt of West York. Proving he is simply the best 145 pound wrestler in District 3, Candalaria won the title by tech fall, 15-0 in 5:20. With the title in hand, Candalaria will be Middletown's lone representative in the PIAA AAA State Tournament, beginning Thursday, March 11 at the Giant Center. Bryce Killian (103) opened the tournament by dropping a tough 2-0 decision to Colin Ochs of Governor Mifflin. He responded by winning his next three. Andrew Bacon of Red Lion was the next unfortunate

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Girls Basketball



Photo by Jeremy Long

Lower Dauphin Falcons' Chanté Markus drives to the hoop against CD East on Feb. 23.

HEARTBREAKER

Clutch basket beats Falcons at the buzzer

By Jeremy Long
For the Press And Journal

The Lady Falcons suffered a heartbreaking loss, which ended their season Tuesday night. After a hard-fought game in the first round of the District 3 AAAA Girls Basketball Championship held at Cedar Crest High School in Lebanon County, the sixth-seeded Falcons fell to Central Dauphin East 43-41, when the Panthers hit the game-winning shot at the buzzer. "It was a tough loss," said Falcons Head Coach Bob Heusser. "East would have been a tough opener for anybody in the tournament. They are very quick and athletic and that caused us problems. "I did think we battled the entire game and

our comeback in the 4th quarter was exciting to watch," he said. "Their girl just made an unbelievable shot to win it." The Falcons started slow, had trouble finding the bottom of the hoop and trailed the Panthers by 10 with three minutes left to play. But then they woke up. Holding the Panthers scoreless in the final three minutes of the first quarter, the Falcons were able to bring themselves within three and the first quarter ended with the Falcons trailing 11-14. The second quarter was a new game for both teams. If the first was all offense, the second

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Boys Basketball

Blue Raiders stunned by E. Pennsboro

By Larry Etter
Press And Journal Staff

The players walked silently out of the locker room toward the waiting bus with looks of confusion and disbelief on their faces. The coaches stood silently by trying to figure out what just happened. Earlier the loyal fans had walked away talking among themselves wondering what had taken place on the court. All of those emotions came about after the Blue Raiders' season came to a crashing halt at Harrisburg High School's Kimber Gymnasium. After dominating East Pennsboro for 24 minutes the Raiders watched a commanding lead slip away 1 point at a time as the Panthers rallied from a huge deficit to claim a shocking 56-52 victory in the first round of District III playoff competition at Harrisburg. And no one on the Middletown squad could fully explain how it happened. Only one factor was certain—East Pennsboro's bump-and-press defense in the game's final eight minutes wrecked Middletown's offensive game plan. The Panthers converted a series of Raider turnovers into the winning rally. Known for their own stingy defense all season, the Raiders fell victim to the same tactics as the Panthers registered an overwhelming 29 points in the fourth quarter to steal the victory

from the stunned Middletown squad. With the loss the Blue Raiders saw a terrific season come to an end. Before the game Middletown Coach Chris Sattelle agreed that the 15 wins his team had registered during the regular season were quite an accomplishment, especially since it had been a dozen years since a Middletown boys team had won that many games. "For some of the better teams 15 wins are normal, but for us it is special," he said. "But tonight we need to win number 16." Because of the loss, however, the 16th victory did not happen, leaving an empty feeling inside the hearts of Sattelle and his players. Because of Middletown's 18-point victory over East Pennsboro back in mid-December the Blue Raiders came into the playoff rematch as favorites. But East Pennsboro turned in a very good season following that loss and Sattelle knew the Panthers would be tougher this time around. Funny thing was, the Raiders took a 5-2 lead midway through the game's opening period and held the upper hand until everything went south in the fourth quarter. Much credit, however, has to go to the Panthers who never gave up despite Middletown's dominance. In the low-scoring first quarter the Raiders picked up scores by Jason McElwee, Aaron and Mike Lupia, and Colby Klumpp to earn a 10-4

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Bowling

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The Middletown Area High School bowling team has bowled well for the last five years in the Harrisburg Area Interscholastic Bowling League.

SHOWDOWN

Middletown falls to CD by 9 pins

By Jim Lewis
Press And Journal Staff

Middletown lost the local high school varsity team bowling championship by just 9 pins, falling to Central Dauphin, the winner of the Harrisburg Area Interscholastic Bowling League, in a two-game showdown at ABC East Lanes. The Blue Raiders and Central Dauphin split a two-game match on Thursday, Feb. 25, but the Rams topped 9 more pins, 1,962 to 1,953, to claim the title. Both teams qualify for the Eastern Pennsylvania Championships March 5 and 6 in Reading and a chance to win the state title. Cumberland Valley, which finished third in the league, also qualified. Needing a strike in the 10th frame for a chance to forge a tie for the league championship, Trevor Bower, Middletown's fifth and final bowler, nervously launched a ball toward the 1-3 pocket that looked like it might produce a strike. The 10 pin refused to fall,

however, and the Rams clinched the title. "That wasn't a great shot, but it was pretty good," said Bower. Even his father, Darryl, Middletown's coach and a former pro bowler, thought the toss was promising. "From my angle, it looked pretty good," he said. "But they still had a good season, a very good year." Central Dauphin finished with 30 points, losing only six all season, while Middletown finished with 28 points, and lost just seven. Each team earns a point for a victory in a two-game match, and a third point if it knocks down the most pins in the match. The Raiders entered last week's showdown with Central Dauphin trailing the Rams by just 1 point. Middletown bowled strikes in six of its first eight trips to the lane, and claimed a 1,028 to 992 victory in the first game. Cole Pavlishin led the five Raider bowlers with a 266, while Ryan Trafecanty bowled a 256. Dylan Warfield led Central Dauphin

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Ice Hockey

"Athletics is very important in the development of our youth, but academics are our top priority."

-Bill Darrah,
vice president,
Middletown Ice Hockey

Raiders fail to tame Wildcats

By Tony Bergan
For The Press And Journal

What looked like a miracle season for Middletown Blue Raiders Ice Hockey came to a halt Monday night at the hands of the Mechanicsburg Wildcats. Mechanicsburg jumped to a 4-0 lead in the first period and never looked back in the 8-4 victory. Middletown gathered itself in the last two periods exchanging goals with the Wildcats 4-4. The quarterfinal loss eliminated the Raiders from the CPHL playoffs. Penalties are a common in ice hockey, but the Raiders faced their biggest penalty kill of the season when the team lost two of its key players for the playoffs for not meeting the guidelines set by the school. "Athletics is very important in the development of our youth, but academics are our top priority" said Bill Darrah, vice president of Middletown Ice Hockey. Middletown pulled it together in the opening round of the playoffs against Warwick striking first and often against the Warriors at the Lancaster Ice rink. The win set up a rubber match against the top-seeded Mechanicsburg squad. The two teams split victories in the regular season. Mechanicsburg opened the scoring early in the first period with a wave of goals in the led by senior Spudz Bordner. The Wildcats added two

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Photo by Jennie Miller

Middletown wrestler Bo Candelaria placed first during the AAA District 3 wrestling tournament.

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opponent for Killian, who had his way in a 15-0 tech fall victory. He then defeated Ross Drawbaugh of Dover 7-1, and Tanner Shoap of Chambersburg 8-1, before losing 4-0 to Dustin Rook of Big Spring just one match away from the consolation final.

Brock Thompson (112) probably surprised a few people by knocking off Section 3 champion Dylan Pallas of Manheim Central 9-4 in his opening bout. In his next match, he was trailing Felipe Arias of Wilson 1-0 when Arias was hit with his second call for stalling. Thompson had just scored on an escape, which gave him a 2-1 victory.

Another win would put him in the championship finals, but Dereck Enders of Big Spring, pinned Thompson in 1:02. Enders went on to win the tournament.

Thompson's run ended in the consolation bracket, one match away from the finals, when he dropped a 7-3 decision to Andrew Brehm of New Oxford.

Jordan Murray (119) drew Section 4 champion and eventual District 3 runner-up Kyle Coblenz of Garden Spot in the first round. After dropping a 6-0 decision to Coblenz, Murray defeated Richie Scott of Waynesboro 3-1. He then faced Blaine Shutt of Lower Dauphin for the third time this season, and Shutt ended the tournament for Murray in a 3-0 decision.

Shane Miller (125) opened with a 9-3 decision over Calvin Anderton of Elizabethtown before facing eventual champion Cameron Throckmorton of South Western in the next round. Miller wrestled a smart, methodical match, taking Throckmorton to three overtimes before dropping a 5-4 decision.

In the consolation bracket, Miller knocked off three tough

opponents. He defeated Zack Terefenko of Wilson 7-3, and highly ranked Kyle Demain of Governor Mifflin 3-1, to set up a showdown with Kevin Gooding of Central Dauphin. Gooding defeated Miller a week earlier at Sectionals. Gooding was nursing a 2-1 lead, when Miller surprised him with a reversal and very nearly pinned him, holding him on his back for 3 near fall points. Miller held on for a 6-2 revenge win, made even sweeter by ending the tournament for Gooding.

In the consolation finals, Miller faced another highly ranked opponent, Jimmy Hughes of Chambersburg. Hughes scored the only point of the match in an escape, ending Miller's tournament one win away from a berth in the state tournament.

After being pinned by Adam Smith of Manheim Twp. in the first round, Celby Allen (130) made a run that fell just short of the consolation finals. His first win was an 11-0 major decision over Kody Frank of Governor Mifflin. He followed that by pinning Justin Amato of Gettysburg in 4:07. His third win was a 4-1 decision over Jeremy Rivera of Elizabethtown. Victor Bracey of Kennard-Dale ended Allen's run with a 5-1 decision.

C.J. McClure's (135) first opponent was eventual runner-up Tim Ravel of Wilson. Ravel defeated McClure 5-0. McClure then pinned Troy Ernest of Elizabethtown in 2:26 before his tournament was ended by Tre Miller Scott of CD East, by a 4-1 decision.

Jeremy Bailes (160) dropped a 12-3 major decision to Section 1 champion Adam Geiger of North-ern and a 6-2 decision to Jonathan Santiago of Muhlenberg in his 2 matches.



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Middletown Blue Raiders' Devon Risko jumps to the hoop against East Pennsboro player during the playoff game held on Feb. 23.

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lead and stretched that lead to 13-4 on Mike Lupia's triple early in the second stanza.

East Pennsboro gained some momentum with a 7-0 run later in the period to make it a 17-13 game but the Raiders held on for a 20-15 lead at the halftime break.

After a slow start in the second half, the Raiders broke the ice with McElwee's basket off a Devon Risko assist. Trevor Pugh hit a bucket off a Panther turnover 35 seconds later to push the Middletown advantage up to 24-15. A free throw by Kelvin White broke the mini run, but Aaron Lupia dropped in a pair of 3-pointers — the second one off a defensive rebound by McElwee.

Following an East Pennsboro basket the Middletown squad put together 10-0 streak that pushed the Panthers into a 22-point hole, 40-18, with 1:40 left in the third quarter. Lupia swished two more treys in the run around four free throws by Risko and Jared Deibler to complete the string. And, even though the Panthers outscored the Raiders 9-1 in the last minute and a half of the third, the Middletown remained in control, 41-27, heading into the final segment.

All the Blue Raiders had to do was protect the ball, make their shots and play defense in the final eight minutes to advance to the second round of the district playoffs. Instead, a late-game collapse turned the final minutes into a nightmare for Sattelle and his players.



Submitted photo

Middletown Blue Raider basketball seniors are joined by their parents during the players' last home game. Pictured are, from left, John Sheaffer, Tyler Sheaffer, Robin Sheaffer, Terry Lupia, Mike Lupia, Aaron Lupia, Joe Lupia, Mrs. Roy, Abraham Roy, Ray Roy, Josh Crippen, and Lori Crippen.

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more in the second period before the Raiders found the back of the net with a Cody Helwig wrist shot past the Wildcats' goalie Nick Schwartz.

Dylan Krupilis added a goal late in the second period. Helwig got his hat trick with two goals in the third period. But it was too little too late

for the Blue Raiders, ending their playoff run with an 8-4 setback.

Middletown sent three players to the CPIHL Skills Competition — Cody Helwig entered the breakaway competition; Ryan Trafecanty will compete in the Hardest Shot; and Paris Burkett will take part in the fastest skater race.



Photo by Bill Darrah

Middletown Raiders' Michael Lewis takes te puck up the ice against Mechanicsburg Wildcats.

Mens Basketball

Record season PSU-Harrisburg records its best season

By Adam Welker
For The Press And Journal

Penn State Harrisburg's mens basketball team finished their 2009-10 campaign Saturday, Feb. 27 with a 108-82 defeat against the second seeded Wells College Express in the North Eastern Athletic Conference semi-finals held at the Capital Union Building.

Kenton Alston's (Steelton-Highspire) game-high 28 points wasn't enough to counter Wells' ability to crash the boards. The Express out rebounded the Nittany Lions 55-27.

Express player, Juan Paulino, led his team with 25 points and 20 rebounds adding four assists and four blocks finishing the game shooting 8-of-10 from the field.

Teammate, Greg Jones, contributed 24 points on 4-of-7 shooting from behind the arc, grabbing 11 rebounds.

Penn State Harrisburg's Steve Jones (Harrisburg) finished with 20 points, four rebounds and three steals in just 24 minutes of play due to foul trouble. Freshman guard, Jordan Gatchell (Manheim Central), tailed 10 points and four assists in the losing effort.

The loss ended the most successful season in Penn State Harrisburg men's basketball history.

The men set records for wins, 16; scoring, an average 83.9 points per game; shooting percentage, 43.7 from the field and 36.6 percent from beyond the arc; and assists and steals, 15.4 and 11.8 per game.

ABC East Bowling

Below are bowling scores for the week of Feb. 21.

Bumpers

(2-game series)
Dillon Hill: - 130-108 games, 238 series.
Abigail Grimland: 90 game.
Landen Mehaffie: 90 game.

Bantams

(3-game series)
Adam Felty: 129 game.

Preps

(3-game series)
James Anderson: 190 game, 492 series.
Arthur Felty: 181 game.

Juniors

(3-game series)
Cole Pavlishin: 275 game, 634 series.
Michael Fisher: 209-210-203 games, 622 series.
Kamau Dorsey: 209 game, 592 series.
Ryan Trafecanty: 211-208 games, 582 series.
Eric Fisher: 229 game, 570 series.
Timothy Krepps: 202 game.
Joseph Richard: 518 series.
Destiny Saltgiver: 185 game, 492 series.

"We had a good season at 19-6 but our major goal was to win that first round district game and we did not accomplish that. We will keep trying."

- Bob Heusser,
head coach,
Lower Dauphin Falcons'

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quarter was all defense. The Falcons defense gave up only one two-point basket to the Panthers. The rest of the Panthers' second-quarter points came from the foul line.

Falcons' senior Chanté Markus dove for a loose ball, managed to wrestle it away from a Panther player and tossed it to LaHrsen Harper for the score.

A total of 13 points were scored in the second but the Falcons still trailed 22-16 at the half.

"I thought we were nervous early, but we settled down as the game went on," said Heusser. "We missed a couple of easy shots against them and in a game like that you cannot afford to do that."

After a halftime pep talk the Falcons came out looking for a win. They battled back and forth with the Panthers in the third but still trailed 35-28 heading into the fourth, which they dominated, outscoring the Panthers 13-8.

But it wasn't enough. The Falcons' tied the game with seconds left in the game, but the Panthers drove down and threw up a buzzer beating that found the bottom of the net.

Taylor Alwine led the team with 18. Krista Hoffman had 8 points and Markus had 7 on the night.

"We had a good season at 19-6 but our major goal was to win that first round district game and we did not accomplish that," said Heusser. "We will keep trying."

Jeremy Long:jml438@gmail.com

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with a 234.

In the second game, both teams struggled with splits and stubborn seven and 10 pins that popped up frequently enough to keep the match close until the end.

Trevor Bower led Middletown with a 200 in the second game, while Eric Fisher bowled a 197 and Trafecanty

a 195.

Taylor Herrman led Central Dauphin with a 223 game.

Despite the loss, Middletown finished in the top half of the 15-year-old league for the fifth consecutive year, said Daryl Bower, one of the owners of ABC East.

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Capturing the perfect shot

NGS photographer visits Penn State Harrisburg

By Debra Schell
Press And Journal Staff

Award-winning photojournalist and author Annie Griffiths Belt shared her wisdom, life lessons, and gift of photography during a lecture held at Penn State Harrisburg that inspired student and amateur photographers, writers, and others to create work they love.

Belt appeared as part of the university's free lunchtime lecture series. Belt has worked on several projects for The National Geographic Society, for whom she photographed stories about Lawrence of Arabia, Baja California, Israel's Galilee, Petra, Sydney, and Jerusalem.

"I laugh when I am shooting," she told about 30 people who turned out for the lecture, where she talked about her process for capturing images.

You have to "earn the shot," she said.

"It is about going on faith and investing the time – trusting that things will happen," Belt said.

Timing is everything, she said, advising photographers to take the time to blend into the surroundings and learn about their subjects.

Much of Belt's work takes place in the Middle East, where cultural taboos make photographing people a challenge.

"It is all about access - getting it," she said, and access was not always granted.

During a trip to Israel, she wanted to document 200,000 Muslims as they gathered at the end of Ramadan for a 10-minute prayer, but she was denied access. Her solution? She rented a helicopter and flew over the scene.

"It was an extraordinary experience to see so many people gathered, organized, and calm," she said.

Belt was able to gain access to Dome of Rock. The site is an Islamic shrine in Israel completed in

"It is about going on faith and investing the time – trusting that things will happen."

-Annie Griffiths Belt

691. It is located on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem and is believed to be the oldest existing Islamic temple in the world.

She did so by visiting the home of an Imam, a Muslim religious leader. But she didn't make her request immediately. Instead, she went into the kitchen and helped the women prepare food for dinner, which she was invited to stay.

After dinner, Belt got up the courage to make her request. It was denied.

Belt went home disappointed, but a few hours later, there was a knock on the door. It was a woman Belt didn't know who told her she could come, but to dress modestly and bring only one camera. It was 4 a.m.

"The Imam said 'no,' but his wife said 'yes,'" Belt said.

Belt received awards for her work from the National Press Photographers Association, the Associated Press, the National Organization for Women, and the White House News Photographers Association. She is also a fellow with the International League of Conservation Photographers, according to her Web site.

With a grant from National Geographic, Belt and author Barbara Kingsolver created "Last Stand:



Press-Journal Photo/Debra Schell

National Geographic photographer Annie Griffiths Belt lectures to more than 30 students, amateur photographers, and others at Penn State Harrisburg last Thursday.

America's Virgin Lands." Proceeds from sales of the book have raised more than \$250,000 for land conservation grants on the islands, according to her Web site.

Belt has written a book documenting her life as photographer, wife, and mother of two called "A Camera, Two Kids and a Camel." The book highlights that it is possible to have a career and a family.

"My family and I look back at that time and it is one of our favorite times together," she said.

Always wondering if her work is changing stereotypes or enforcing them, she hopes to deflate American perceptions.

"Many Americans believe that there should be peace in many of the places I have visited, but for many of these people, the war has just ended, and it is all so fresh. They have good reason to be sad," Belt said.

Belt's work has appeared in

LIFE, Geo, Smithsonian, Merian, Paris Match, Stern, and many other publications. She devotes a portion of each year to producing fundraising images for aid organizations, including Church World Service and Habitat for Humanity.

This month she will kick off Hot Pink, a gathering of women photographers, writers, and creators, bringing their work together to help others succeed.

Khalifah Alfadhli, a graduate student at Penn State Harrisburg, attended Belt's lecture.

Alfadhli, originally from Saudi Arabia, enjoys photography but majors in community psychology and social change.

"I wanted to thank her for speaking about her work, which covers many important topics," he said.

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

Harrisburg's Lady Lions fizzle in quarterfinals

By Adam Welker
For The Press And Journal

The Penn State Harrisburg Lady Lions come up short in a 74-60 matchup against top seeded Keuka College Friday, Feb. 27 in the program's first North Eastern Athletic Conference quarterfinal appearance.

Earlier in the week, the team blew past Penn State Berks in the first round 68-55.

In Friday's game, Penn State Harrisburg's starting five did all the scoring with freshman guard, Stephanie Yetter (East Juniata), leading the way with 14 points, followed by freshman forward, Nicola Zangari (Red Land), collecting 13 points and eight rebounds.

Sophomore guard, Dorothea Dixon (Middletown Area), capped off her night with 12 points, six rebounds and three steals. Amaris Gardner and Brittany Adams (Northern) finished with 9 and 7 points respectively.

Keuka's, Mariah Mouzon, led her team with 20 points going 9-of-14 from the field with teammate Jessica Fink hitting four 3's en route to scoring 12 points on seven shots from beyond the arc. Brittany Schrock contributed 15 points on 4-of-8 shooting.

PSU-Harrisburg 68 - PSU-Berks 55

In their 68-55 win over PSU Berks on Tuesday, Feb. 23, the Lady Lions controlled the tempo, holding the visiting Lions to just 23.3 percent from the field, stopping any chance of a big run.

Adams led all scorers with 9 points while teammate, Yetter dominated the paint with four blocks helping the team to a 4-point lead at intermission, 22-18.

Coming out of the break, Abington began to crack down the Lady Lions' defense doubling their points within the first nine minutes of play. Only up by one with 11 minutes remaining, the blue and white were determined to capture their first playoff win, scoring a season-high 46 points in the second half en route to their 68-55 victory.

Yetter led Penn State Harrisburg with 13 points, shooting 3-of-8 from beyond the arc, adding nine rebounds and five blocks. Dixon and Zangari each collected 12 points with Zangari grabbing her eighth career double-double tailing

a game-high 16 rebounds.

Amaris Gardner and Adams finished with 11 and 10 points respectively.

Trish Watson led all scorers with 20 points, adding seven rebounds and two steals. Rachel Lucchese contributed 12 points and five rebounds with teammates Samantha Frick and Elizabeth Hilbert scoring 11 and 10 respectively.

The 2009-10 Lady Lions finished the season tying a school record in wins with 11, their most impressive win coming on Dec. 6 at the Capital Union Building against conference opponent, SUNYIT, in which they defeated the 15-11 Wildcats, 67-57.

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Players age 13-15 are eligible. The cost is \$60 per child.

Skill levels from beginner to advanced are accepted.

Practice starts first week in April (or last week in March depending on the weather.) A 15-to-20 game schedule begins in May and runs to the first week in July.

The season is followed by one or two playoff rounds and a championship game.

A league all-star game is held after the championship game.

League officials say coaches promote development of baseball fundamentals in a fun but structured way with a focus on being positive and creating a TEAM environment where everyone can have a fun and active spring/summer of baseball.

Practices and home field is located off Lumber Street in Highspire Memorial Park behind Champions Sports Bar and Grille.

Highspire is currently the defending champions of the Tri-County Teener League.

For more information, contact: Jon Hoerner, 717-982-2672; or Doug McCarthy, 717-315-9404.

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ACROSS
1. Impart
5. Strap
9. Bye
11. Competent
12. Spools
13. Contribute
14. Homesick
15. Scottish "one"
17. Revolutions per minute
18. Set on fire
20. Padre
22. Pounds per square inch
23. System international (abbr.)
24. Sign language
27. Acreage
29. Adhesive
31. Otherwise
32. Meat curing ingredient
33. Prayer ending
34. Terminated

DOWN
1. Long fish
2. Whim
3. Contended
4. Elver
5. Lick
6. Terminate
7. Pitch
8. Steering mechanism
10. Uses
16. Symbol
18. Caesar's two
19. Neuter pronoun
20. Sacred song
21. Laundry cycle
22. Entreaty
24. Car
25. Was looked at
26. Harp
28. Thief's hideout
30. Container top

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EDITOR'S VOICE

Signs of hope



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Residents of Steelton and Highspire attend a SHIRT meeting held Feb. 20. The group has high ambitions for the area.

Conventional wisdom says that something has to be negative to be newsworthy. To those who believe that, we'd like to offer up the front page of last week's *Press And Journal* as a rebuttal. If there was ever an issue that provided signs of hope and progress for our area, it was that one.

Staff writer and photographer Debra Schell reported on the long-awaited removal of the Burd Street bridge, a connection between upper and lower Royalton that has been closed for 12 years.

It's hard to imagine how happy borough residents will be when the span re-opens to traffic, hopefully later this year.

Deb also chronicled the start-up efforts of SHIRT, an acronym for Steelton-Highspire Initiative Rolled Together. This is an ambitious effort that takes aim at building a stronger sense of community and quality of life in Steelton and Highspire.

SHIRT is bringing together elected officials, clergy, educators and community and neighborhood groups to look at ways to, among other things, offer support for children. Though its goals are broad, one of its focuses will be on improving the academic performance of Steelton-Highspire School District students on standardized test scores.

That's laudable, and needed. But what is most encouraging is the interest SHIRT is getting from the community.

Launched with the support of former Steelton Mayor and current Dauphin County Commissioner George Hartwick III and about \$105,000 in grant money, SHIRT wants to offer art, music, and tutoring services to help parents, students, and residents get together to improve the community.

SHIRT is aggressively marketing itself in the community and gaining attention.

Community churches have embraced it by providing places for the group to meet. The county supports it. And, so do people like Kevin Jackson, a resident who has seen the dark side of life and now wants to help others avoid the mistakes he made.

"I want kids to have a reality check," he said. "I spent over 15 months in Dauphin County Prison and I wish I could go back in time and get back my high school diploma."

Steelton and Highspire, two boroughs that were wounded by the decline of the steel industry in the 1980s and 1990s, should use this opportunity to continue exploring ways to improve and strengthen their communities, both economically and culturally.

Success breeds success, they say. Peter Vrienes, the director of Dauphin County's Human Services Department, knows that. SHIRT will succeed if it can show the community that it works, he said.

We hope it does.

The third point of light in last week's paper was a report from Jim Lewis and Aidan Bauernschmidt on efforts by developer James Nardo to create a hotel-shopping complex on the site of the former A.P. Green warehouse just inside of Middletown. Nardo got the approval he needed from Middletown's Zoning Board to move forward on his plans. That is a smart move by the board and we encourage borough council to approve its recommendation.

The jewel in this project could be a new train station for Middletown. The existing Amtrak stop, one of the 10 busiest in the state, does not meet the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act and must be modified or moved. PennDOT is considering two sites, one of them Nardo's. The other is in Lower Swatara Twp. and is owned by Harrisburg International Airport.

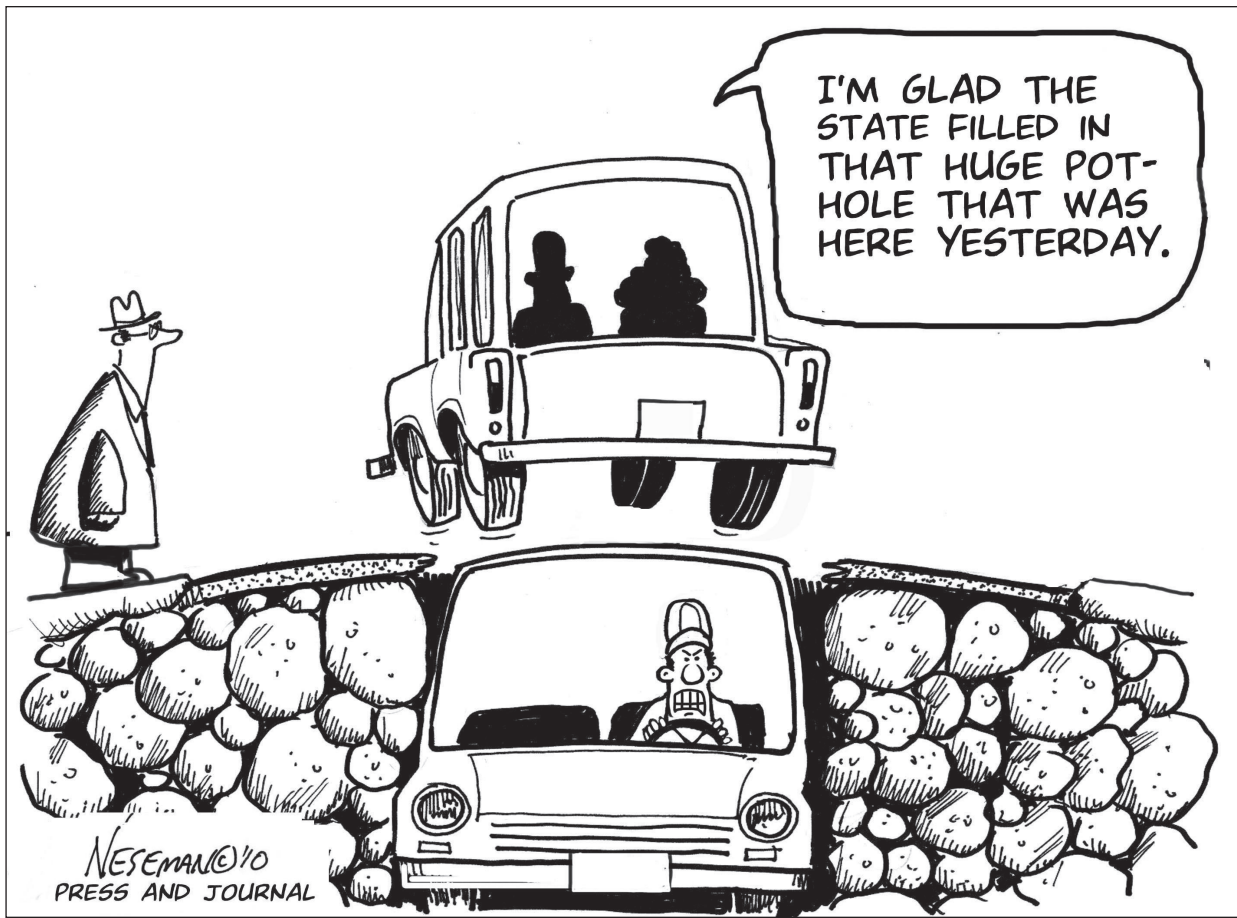
"This whole idea is going to help out the whole town in general," borough council member Mary Hiester said. We agree.

So, there you have it. Three reasons to be upbeat about the future of our community.

And, given the bad economic news that has dominated the airwaves for so long, we think it's nice to see a little ray of sun peek through.

That's what we think. Tell us what you think by writing to letters@pressandjournal.com.

town 'toons



REV. TIMOTHY DEWALD

You can't cherry-pick God's rules



In my debut guest column I wrote: "'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Sadly, the Bible hasn't been quoted very much in the recent health care debate." It was my hope that Christians of good will would see that health care for all our fellow citizens is a moral issue and an opportunity to enact into American law one of the central tenets of Christianity: love your neighbor as yourself. There was no reply. Neither pastor nor parishioner picked up a pen. There was not so much as an "amen."

Then I wrote a column about the biblical view of homosexuality. There were many responses. I don't know what brings me more sadness — the fact that we don't

really care about one another, or that a significant portion of 21st century Christianity is still hunting witches. Even our military now understands that gays and lesbians are no more or less immoral than any other section of our population. Our best psychiatry tells us that gays and lesbians are normal people with normal problems. Our best sociology states the same, as does our best medicine and science; and so does our scripture. Both Old and New testaments are filled with words about loving one another and helping those in need.

When asked what the Law was in Matthew 22:36, Jesus replied, "Love God with all your heart, and soul, mind, and strength. This is the first commandment and the second is like it, love your neighbor as yourself." Here, Jesus is quoting the Torah; Leviticus 19:18, to be exact. Jesus says clearly that loving God is equivalent to loving your neighbor. He is also stating you can't love God and not your neighbor.

While one reads of love in so much of the Bible, you have to HUNT for biblical texts mentioning homosexuality. The few passages that do mention it provide more heat than light. What I mean by that can be seen in the Rev. Jerry Cowan's recent response to my column on the biblical view of homosexuality. In my piece, I questioned why Christians were to obey Leviticus 18:22 (You shall not lie with a male as with a woman) but not Leviticus 19:27 (You shall not round off the hair on your temples or mar the edge of your beard).

Rev. Cowan replied that there were different kinds of law in the Old Testament. "There is the moral law which is fairly absolute. The Ten Commandments would fall under this genre, as would Leviticus 18:22 ... The moral law speaks of what is right and wrong for any people in any age. But there is also ceremonial law. Ceremonial law generally and simply teaches a truth in practice."

It sounds convincing; until you start asking questions. Who made this distinction between moral and ceremonial law? Who decides which laws are said to be "moral" laws and which are "ceremonial?" Is the assignment of "moral" and "ceremonial" laws clear and consistent, or is it arbitrary and inconsistent?

I admit that I am not the best Hebrew scholar. However, I don't recall the Torah, being referred to in the plural, let alone the division of "ceremonial" versus "moral." So, who came up with these categories? They don't appear to be biblical. Paul makes no such distinction, not even when he is yelling at the Galatian Christians about the Law.

Even if someone were to make this distinction, who is to say which law is a moral law and which is ceremonial? For example, how is the eating of shellfish determined to be a ceremonial law? It has nothing to do with any temple ritual or ceremony, it's merely about whether we should we chow down at Red Lobster. Moreover, Leviticus 11:11 states that eating anything from the sea without fins or scales is "an abomination." Uh-oh, if both homosexuality and shellfish are abominations, does that mean there are moral law abominations and ceremonial law abominations? Do we need to obey moral abomination laws, but not ceremonial abominations? Are there degrees of abomination?

The categories "moral" and "ceremonial" produce other problems. Rev. Cowan wrote, "The pride of verse 49 neglected the poor but was also the cause of the abominations (i.e., the ones in Genesis 19) of verse 50." I think he was attempting to infer that Ezekiel was referring to the abomination in Leviticus 19. OK, it's possible, but it is equally possible that Ezekiel was referring to the abomination in Leviticus 11:11 as the cause of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. If that's the case, my wife and I might want to forego shrimp and clam fritters night at Seafood Shanty for a while.

There are other problems with Rev. Cowan's categories. Exodus 21:7 reads, "When a man sells his daughter as a slave, she shall not go out as the male slaves do." It is clear that this is not a ceremonial law; it is simply 11th century business practice. It is equally clear that this is an abhorrent part of the moral law, especially since it is found shortly after the Ten Commandments.

Leviticus 25:44 reads, "As for your male and female slaves whom you may have: You may buy male and females slaves from among the nations that are found about you." There is nothing ceremonial in this law; it is clearly moral. However, I don't think I'll be purchasing any Canadians in the near future.

More inconsistencies arise. Rev. Cowan's premise is that there are moral laws, such as the Ten Commandments, that should not be violated, yet Mark 2:23 records that Jesus deliberately violated the moral law by failing to keep the Sabbath. He urged his disciples to do the same. The categories of "moral" and "ceremonial" laws held no meaning for Jesus.

The categories of "moral" and "ceremonial" law are examples of selective literalism, a convenient way to say that this law is "moral" and needs to be obeyed, but that the other law is "ceremonial" and doesn't need to be obeyed. In this instance, Rev. Cowan, gets to decide which law gets on what list. Rev. Cowan's categories are examples of textual glosses, in this instance used in the employ of an ancient and stubborn bias against people who are deemed to be different. The justification of homosexuality as sin is only as valid as the prohibition of shellfish or the buying of Canadians.

Ultimately and finally, all of the children of Abraham, Jews, Samaritans, Christians, and Muslims, must be about love, and not judgment: love for those who have different beliefs, love for those who have different ideas, and love for those who are just different.

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ROBERT D. RUSSELL

Free Market Fundamentalism and the Real World



There has been a spate of recent commentary from the right laying the responsibility for the great financial meltdown of 2008 on

actions of the federal government.

Although each pundit has a slightly different cast of villains to blame for the disaster, the most common culprits include Sallie Mae and Freddie Mac, various liberal Congressmen and even the Community Reinvestment Act. Regardless of the specific villain, the theme remains the same — government intervention in housing markets was the primary cause of a glut of sub-prime

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mortgages that brought down the entire financial system. Although it may be too early to write a definitive history of the meltdown, much has already been published regarding the causes of the crash. Enough is known to dismiss the allegations of these commentators as the simplistic rationalizations of a political ideology sometimes referred to as free market fundamentalism.

Market fundamentalists promote "free market" solutions unconstrained by government regulation for virtually every industry. To them, the market is a perfectly efficient, self-regulating machine and any dysfunction must be the result of external forces with government policy most often to blame. In some respects, the fundamentalists are heirs of Adam Smith and his concept of perfectly competitive markets which are comprised of a large number of small producers and buyers, none of which can influence market outcomes. According to Smith, these markets produce social benefits as if by an "invisible hand."

Few would argue that markets which approximate the perfectly competitive model can be marvelous engines of productivity and innovation. The problem with market fundamentalists is that for them the free market has become an iconic talisman to be invoked at any hint of government intervention or regulation regardless of the context. In the real world of industrial rivalry, markets are not icons existing in an idealized space. They are socially constructed institutions subject to the imperfections of human design and contrivance.

In the modern era, we have witnessed a relentless growth in the size, scope and power of corporations accompanied by the extreme concentration of many industries. With the exception of a few industries, the fundamentalist's "free market" is as rare as a timely state budget in Pennsylvania. In today's world, it is more likely that market outcomes are determined in the boardrooms of large corporations such as Walmart or Goldman-Sachs for the self-interest of their managers and stockholders rather than by the invisible hand of the marketplace.

When considering complex and anomalous events such as the meltdown of '08, we should mistrust the explanations of ideologues. They tend to filter facts through the narrow gates of their belief systems and when facts do not match beliefs, seek to invent explanations that fit the ideology rather than reality. So it is with the market fundamentalists seeking to explain the financial meltdown. The recent collapse of the financial markets was a market failure in an industry dominated by large firms with significant power (banks considered "too big to fail"). Big mortgage banks and Wall Street financial firms were motivated by perverse market incentives that allowed them to reap enormous short-term benefits while we continue to suffer the long-term effects of the disaster that they precipitated.

They were abetted in the process by a deregulation of the financial industry that has gone on since the '80s. Effective government regulation may have prevented the disaster by controlling unrestrained growth in the use of derivatives and leverage. If the financial meltdown and current recession teach us anything, it is that markets are not always perfect and it is sometimes necessary for government regulation to stand as a countervailing force against the predations of powerful market interests. And we should not be misled in this understanding by the overly simplified explanations of ideologues.

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Budget impasse can't be repeated

On Feb. 9, Gov. Ed Rendell delivered his annual budget address to the Legislature. I was pleased to hear the governor say Pennsylvanians expect all of us to avoid the kind of long impasse we saw last year.

That impasse, which resulted in the Commonwealth beginning the current fiscal year without a budget, meant Pennsylvanians who rely on programs funded through the state budget, including college students, public schools, day care services, families of children with special needs, and Pennsylvania's hospitals, were unable to get the services they need.

We simply cannot permit that kind of impasse to occur again. While we may differ on how we spend our resources, we cannot allow those differences to cloud our vision and make us lose sight of the fact that the decisions we make have a very real impact on the lives of millions of Pennsylvanians. It is my hope that as the budget process moves forward, we will keep those Pennsylvanians in mind and negotiate in good faith to ensure the budget process is completed by the June 30 deadline.

That being said, I have some concerns about the governor's spending plan. I am particularly troubled by the plan's \$29 billion price tag which is a \$1.2 billion spending increase over the current budget. Pennsylvania finished the last fiscal year with a \$3.25 billion shortfall. In other words, we spent \$3.25 billion more than we had. This year, revenues are already \$374 million below estimates and that number is likely to grow by the end of the year. When we are spending more than we have, the answer is to spend less, not to increase spending even more.

I am also concerned that the governor is relying on \$1 billion in tax increases - including an expansion of the state sales tax to previously untaxed items - to pay for his spending. Pennsylvania families are struggling to make ends meet every month. A tax increase would be the last straw for many of them. Similarly, Pennsylvania employers are doing their best to weather the worst economic recession in years. If we make it even more expensive for them to do business in Pennsylvania, they will leave and take thousands of jobs with them.

In addition to his tax increases, the governor is also counting on \$800 million in stimulus funds from the federal government. Congress has not approved these funds and there is no guarantee that we will ever see them. Even if the funds are approved, they will be a one-time influx of cash. When they run out in 2011-12, taxpayers will be left holding the tab for the large spending obligation they leave behind.

In the coming years, our Commonwealth is likely to face some difficult financial hardships, including a serious public pension funding crisis. While I do not agree with every aspect of the governor's budget proposal, I am pleased to see his plan recognizes the challenges which lie ahead.

I look forward to working with the governor and my colleagues in the Legislature to pass a compromise budget with which we can all live by the June 30 deadline.

Dave Hickernell represents the 98th Legislative District in the state House of Representatives.

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☺ "Punxsutawney Phil made a believer out of me." (Listen online at www.pressandjournal.com)

☺ "Barack Obama, what were you thinking when you stopped our raise in Social Security? I went to the doctor today and my co-pay went up. Everything is going up, not coming down, and yet here we sit with no raises. I hope in 2011 you come up with a decent raise for people on Social Security. We are on a limited income with things going up. How are we supposed to cope with stuff? I would like to see Sarah Palin as president. She's talented, smart, and cute. I mean the woman would be great as president. I would vote for her." (Listen online at www.pressandjournal.com)

☺ "Jiggle jiggle, hear that? That's me giggling. Want to know something else? That's one less jiggle than two weeks ago before I had to shovel all this snow. I'm working it down to one jiggle. It's a work in progress and I need everybody's support. Come fellow fat people, join me in losing the jiggle! My goal is to go from obese to o-beast."

☺ "The snow removal job was well done. Did all streets and alleys get cleared curb to curb? No. Did everyone move their cars? No. But we were able to begin moving around shortly after the snowfall stopped. Thanks for the great effort, Middletown."

☺ "I would like to thank the person who took time to create a path through the deepening snow in front of our homes on Chestnut and Roosevelt streets during the big snow. Because of his generosity, I did not have to worry. There are many good deeds done in our little town that go unrecognized. We all need to just look around and truly see. Again, thank you, whoever you are."

☺ "Has anyone heard anything about when the football camp at the high school is going to be yet? It is to be back this year but have not heard or seen anything yet."

☺ "This is in reference to the person that wrote about the Kunkel cafeteria food. My son has said that the custodian on duty during his lunch takes their milk from them. I pay for that milk and I want my son to drink that milk. What's this world coming to? Where are the teachers and the food service people?"

☺ "I was reading some of the articles on the Web site and noticed a couple of them saying about plowing the streets and the school wasting money, too. Is it that they do not want to pay overtime for these people to work? They buy new equipment instead and can't afford to pay their workers. The school district has a brand new tractor and

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it broke down already. I guess it is misuse or something. You see two people riding in these trucks but only one's really working. Do you really need to pay a worker to drive around for nothing? Get out and shovel. That is what our tax dollars are paying for. Who is running the maintenance anyway? Come on."

☺ "The sign read 'Help is just a prayer away!' Really? I prayed like crazy and God never grew my arm back. Darn it. Come to think of it, he never grew back anything for praying amputees, ever! What he cures, cancer in murderers and rapists. But he won't cure a child with an amputated limb. You know why? God is imaginary."

☺ "I wish Middletown police would try and curb their aggression toward Penn State Harrisburg students. Not everyone who is a student is a drunken frat boy out to cause trouble. Some people are actually here to learn. Ticketing people who park on Wharton is not exactly serving the interests of the public when most of them can't even afford on-campus parking."

☺ "Just wanted to say that Officer Crone is a good guy. He was very fair with me recently when I had to go in front of D.J. Judy. It was truly appreciated. Thank you, Officer Crone!"

☺ "Without a TelePrompTer Obama is an idiot? With or without a TelePrompTer Bush is an idiot."

☺ "How much taxpayer money was paid to school employees for not working during the snow storm?"

"It is a shame to watch [the Middletown pool] keep deteriorating. What about a community fundraiser? Come on new borough council, do what it takes to get the pool open. Don't just sit there and twiddle your thumbs. Step up!"

☺ "Friday, Feb. 19 at 11 p.m., the power went off in Royalton and stayed off for more than two hours. What did the wonderful staff of the borough office do? Why of course they put all calls on voicemail instead of doing their jobs so that people could find out what was going on and an ETA of a fix. Royalton council needs to get off their butts and do something about the shoddy way the office staff is allowed to run that office."

Editor's note: According to borough officials, the outage was caused by a transformer failure on a Met-Ed pole. The repair was Met-Ed's responsibility.

☺ There is only so much one person can do and that's why I am glad Dave Clouser is tem-

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porary borough manager. I don't know Klinepeter at all, it's just better to manage your resources rather than overwhelm them."

☺ "No pool, no pool, no pool, and I'm sinking in electric bills."

☺ "If you don't think the concerned citizens ran for council for money (and some of you think they did it to lower light bills) why do they care so much about their council paychecks? Last week I was in borough hall and saw Dave Rhen. I asked what he was doing and I was

"The highway [department] did a great job on snow removal considering the amount of snowfall we had. A big thanks to Sol Swartz and his workers."

told picking up his paycheck, before the meeting even happened. So now we see the truth. *Press And Journal*, you can verify that I am not just making this up."

☺ "To the idiot who suggested books and school was the problem with government. You got it all wrong. The problem with government is that we have losers with no ability, no jobs, no knowledge, but tons and tons of ego. If you cannot balance your checkbook, do not run for council."

☺ "How many months have to pass before this awesome new council lowers my electric bill? Don't tell me that this is more complicated than you thought. Is it possible that my bill is actually my responsibility? Or are you waiting until after winter so my heat is off? Answer me!"

☺ "This is for the Middletown police department, to the chef of police. Your department is uncaring about the people that live and work in Middletown. For two weeks we had a lot of snow, nowhere to park. They could have given more time for snow to melt before they started to write tickets on people cars. There was no where to go, no off-street parking, no parking lot to go to. What are people to do? As long as people did not block emergency routes, be a little more understanding. You do not have to give out tickets when there is nowhere to park. Give us a little more time when we get two weeks of snow."

☺ "I can't understand why older folks talk bad about the youth today. Walking down the street, passing an older person, maybe 25 percent will respond to a hello or good morning. Middletown residents are rude in general. I wish I lived in Hummelstown."

☺ "If you look at the money spent on over time last year in the borough, you will see they paid out \$36,000 for the Communications Center and only \$6,000 for the Highway depart-

ment. What's wrong with this picture?"

☺ "The highway [department] did a great job on snow removal considering the amount of snowfall we had. A big thanks to Sol Swartz and his workers."

☺ "I am not pointing the finger at anyone in particular, but someone is to blame for the Middletown pool being closed and remaining closed. This should be a priority. It costs a lot of taxpayer dollars to build it. Has anyone ever checked into selling it to a private investor? It is a shame to watch it keep deteriorating. What about a community fundraiser? Come on new borough council, do what it takes to get the pool open. Don't just sit there and twiddle your thumbs, step up!"

☺ "I don't know the whole story, but to the parent who spit on anyone else at a sporting event, shame on you! You are an embarrassment to Middletown. You ought to be banned from watching your child play in school sports. For anyone out there not from Middletown, this jerk does not represent all of Middletown. My sons were in many sports in Middletown for many years, I would get upset at things, but I have more respect for myself, my child, my coach, the team and the school, to ever do anything so childish. What goes around comes around. The example you just set for your child may come back to bite you."

☺ "The football team was winning, the basketball team is winning, the baseball team is going to be a winning team, and all I see in here is bad-mouthing players and parents and coaches. That's where we were a few years ago, last place, and you were complaining about that. Here's a clue, when you get a thought let it go, you can't fix stupid and if you don't want your kids around then leave. They will take you in another school district and let your kid play there, yeah right!"



JEFFREY
PICCOLA

Use tax form to support breast cancer research

When you file your tax return this year, I join the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition and cancer survivors everywhere in urging you to "think pink."

As we announced in a recent press conference in the Capitol, you can make a big difference in our efforts to beat breast cancer by checking off "yes" on line 35 of the state income tax form 40. This check-off allows you to donate some or all of your refund to finding a cure for breast cancer and cervical cancer.

Thanks to this program, launched in 1997, the Commonwealth has raised more than \$2.5 million for research at our own Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and other leading research institutions throughout the state. This year, a local researcher, Dr. Allan Lipton at Hershey Medical Center, is one of six scientists receiving a check-off-funded grant to help stop the spread of the disease. His work focuses on impeding the growth of existing breast cancer cells.

You may rest assured that one hundred percent of the money donated is distributed as grants to outstanding researchers across the state. Our first-rate Hershey Medical Center has received a grant through this program for nine of the past 11 cycles.

The average donation made through the check-off is \$8 per donor. This nominal amount, multiplied by hundreds of thousands of taxpayers, can add up to big breakthroughs.

It is staggering to think that one in seven women will battle breast cancer over a 90-year life span.

After skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in women in the United States. The silver lining is that survival rates have improved dramatically in recent years, thanks to earlier detection, new treatments and heightened awareness.

Researchers in our midst are working to find the cure so our daughters don't have to. So please earmark your tax refund and "make your mark" in this ongoing fight.

Jeffrey E. Piccola is a Republican member of the state Senate representing the 15th Senatorial District.

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JOHN PAYNE

Legislation would increase protection of Vets

Due to recent reports highlighting problems within two of the state's veterans' homes that received poor ratings from a federal agency inspection in early 2009, I am co-sponsoring legislation, authored by Rep. Russ Fairchild, R-Snyder/Union, that would address the timeliness of reporting inspection results.

The Commonwealth's veterans' homes were built to provide care and treatment to those who served in uniform defending our nation. We

need to ensure that veterans receive high quality care that ultimately meets their needs."

News of problems at the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home in Blair County, and the Gino J. Merli Veterans Center in Scranton, came long after they occurred. This legislation would require the Office of the Adjutant General to inform the House and Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness committees and the Pennsylvania State Veterans Commission within 30 days of any and all federal and state licensure inspection findings and reports concerning the six state

veterans' homes.

Those who have legislative oversight of these facilities cannot learn of these problems more than a year after they occurred. The health and safety of the veterans who reside in these homes is of utmost importance and we must do everything we can to prevent this from recurring.

The goal of the legislation is to ensure the proper oversight committees in the Legislature are promptly and adequately informed of any problems at the state veterans' homes.

John Payne is a Republican member of the state House of Representatives. He represents the 106th district.

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St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church Middletown

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Spring and Union Streets.

You are invited to join us for worship on Wednesday morning, Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Worship times: Wednesday service, 10 a.m., Saturday service, 5 p.m., and Sunday morning services, 8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Saturday service is a casual traditional service. This service is usually 45 minutes. Please enter the church through

the parking lot door.

Mon., March 8: Community dinner at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Wednesdays during Lent, there will be a soup and bread meal at 5:30 p.m., a hymn sing will begin at 6:15 p.m. and service at 6:30 p.m.

Scripture readings for this week: Isa 55:1-9, Ps. 63:1-8, 1 Cor. 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

Open Door Bible Church Middletown

"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you." John 15:13-14

Open Door Bible Church, located at 200 Nissley Drive, Middletown, invites you to worship Jesus Christ with us this week.

Our March 7 Sunday worship service commences at 10:45 a.m.; 9:30 a.m., Sunday school hour with classes for all ages. Children from ages 4 to second grade are welcome to participate in Junior Church during the morning worship service. We also welcome

you to join us at our 6:30 p.m. service. Childcare is provided for children under age 4 during all services and classes.

Wed., March 3: 7 p.m., Patch the Pirate Clubs for ages 4 through grade six; Prayer meeting.

Thurs., March 4: 7 p.m., Middletown Home Music Ministry.

Tues., March 9: 9:30 a.m., Ladies Bible study.

For more information call the church office at 939-5180 or visit us online at www.odbcpa.org. Better yet, come worship with us in person.

Church of the Nazarene Middletown

Church of the Nazarene, located at 1901 Rosedale Ave., Middletown, would like to welcome you to join us this Sunday morning for worship services. Childcare is provided. Sunday School starts at 9:30 a.m. and is for all ages. Worship service begins at 10:45 a.m. with our praise and worship to Jesus Christ.

Wednesday Adult Bible study is 7 to 8 p.m. We are studying the book of Acts. We meet the last Saturday of the month for a Powerhouse prayer meeting at 8 a.m. Men's ministry meets on the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. Women's meeting is the second Saturday of the month at 10 a.m.

Bountiful Blessings: Ministry assisting local families and seniors with a need for some nonconsumable goods are available to all that are in need on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 5 to 7 p.m.

The last Sunday of the month we have a marriage enrichment group that meets at the home of Ben and Jess Nordai in Middletown. It begins

at 5:30 p.m. and children are encouraged to come along. If you need more information or directions, please call the church office.

Anyone interested in Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University classes can call the church for more information.

If your family is in need of clothing please call the church office at 939-3740 or e-mail us at rosedalefpu@yahoo.com, or visit us on the Web at www.rosedalenaz.org.

Please come and become a part of a growing church that realizes we cannot love the Lord without impacting the community we live in. "See ya Sunday" has great meaning when you are meeting a friend, come visit us this Sunday.

Thought for the week: "If you don't like it – change it; if you can visualize it – achieve it; if it is not up to standard or expectation – don't accept it; if it should or could happen – make it happen." -Berne Marshall

First Church of God Middletown

March 10 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the entrance to fellowship hall and on Saturday, March 14 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the narthex. Food Distribution Day is Saturday, March 20 from 9 to 11 a.m. in fellowship hall. Orders for next month can be placed on Distribution Day. Please call Jodi Rothrock at 571-5373 for any questions or if you would like to volunteer for this ministry. Information on Angel Food Ministry can also be found on our Web site at www.middletowncog.org.

Latino Congregation: Betesda Iglesia de Dios, GGGC, 245 W. High St., Middletown. Servicio Evangelistico: Domingos 6 p.m.; Estudios Biblicos 6 p.m.; Contactos: Ricardo and Jeanette Perez 717-333-2184 or Caleb and Christina Acosta 717-490-6495.

For additional information call the church office at 944-9608 or e-mail us at mdtcog@comcast.net and check out our Web site at www.middletowncog.org.

Sunday evenings: 6 to 7:30 p.m., Consume for grades 6-12 in fellowship hall; 8 to 10 a.m., Young Adult Coffee House in office building.

Wednesday Night Live: Join us for supper at 5:45 p.m. and classes for all ages at 6:30 p.m. Classes offered: Adult Bible Study, Operation Timothy, Growing Toward Spiritual Maturity, Mugs and Muffins (Ladies), Elementary Spanish, Open Gym, Craft Class, Creative Carding, Youth Classes: Ablaze Senior High and Spark Middle School, Children's classes- ages 4 through grade 5, nursery for infants through age 3.

Thursdays: Sunshiners gather from 6 to 8 p.m. for a time of Christian fellowship, teaching and worship. They are a group which exists to meet the spiritual needs of persons who are developmentally challenged. The Sunshiners meet weekly through May.

Angel Food Ministry offers monthly food menus for individuals or families. March menus are available and orders will be taken on Wednesday,

Evangelical United Methodist Church Middletown

St. Paul wrote: "Let love be genuine. ... hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection." Romans 12:9-10. In that spirit, we welcome everyone who worships with us.

Evangelical Church meets on the corner of Spruce and Water streets at 157 E. Water St., south of Main St. behind the Turkey Hill convenience store.

The ministries scheduled at Evangelical United Methodist Church from February 24-March 2 are always open to everyone seeking a deeper experience with Jesus.

Wed., March 3: 7:15 a.m., Senior fellowship travels to the Lower Dauphin musical; 6 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous speakers meeting; 6:30 p.m., Senior Choir rehearsal; 7:30 p.m., Intercessory Prayer Group.

Thurs., March 4: 5:30 p.m., Girl Scout meeting.

Fri., March 5: 6:30 p.m., Family movie night.

Sun., March 7: 9 a.m., Sunday church school, with classes for all ages. Seekers Choice Coffee House (free, all are welcome). Adult Sunday school devotional leader for March: June Martin; 10:15 a.m., worship service. The worship center is handicap and wheelchair accessible. Acolyte: Brynne Schlicher. Bible Carrier: Victoria White. Nursery Helpers: Gloria Clouser, Vickie & Jackie Hubbard. The altar flowers are given in memory of mother Dorothy Keller by Ruth and Jack Sellers and Family, and Helen Hickernell. This week's bulletins are sponsored in honor of Bob and Jean Kaylor's birthdays; 5:30 p.m., Youth Fellowship; 7 p.m., Lenten service at Wesley by Jeremy Garner.

Tues., March 9: 5:30 p.m., Girl Scout meeting; 7:30 p.m., church council meeting.

Wesley United Methodist Church Middletown

Lenten Musical Programs come to the Evangelical and Wesley United Methodist churches. Each Sunday through March 28, there will be a musical presentation. The concerts begin at 7 p.m., March 7 at Wesley UMC hear Jeremy Garner sing and play the spoons. Each week a free will offering will be taken.

Wesley United Methodist Church is located at Ann and Catherine Sts., Middletown. Services are held Saturday at 5 p.m., New Spirit service is held on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and traditional service is at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:15 a.m. Our youth from middle school through high school gather on Sunday at 5 p.m. for a light supper, fun, fellowship, games, music, and faith building programs. The first Sunday of the month we share together in Holy Communion.

New Young Adult Ministry is here. If you are looking for a Sunday Worship experience, Sunday school, Bible study and/or a once a month gathering

of fun and fellowship with your peers, come join us. A new college program is gearing up also. For more detailed information call Andy Gudeman at 944-6242.

A Somethings Class will be starting soon. This class is for adults between the ages of 30 and 50. It is one more exciting ministry we offer at Wesley.

The Crafters meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. to make gifts for the shut-ins and special events.

If you have an interest in music, the musical ministry of the church gathers on Wednesday evenings. Angel Choir (3 years through 2nd grade), 7 p.m.; Carol Choir (3rd through 8th grade), 7:30 p.m.; Chancel Choir, 7:30 p.m. Rehearsal for Praise band is at 6 p.m.

At Wesley we have open hearts, open minds and open doors. Come, we are waiting to welcome you.

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Holy Day: Call Church Office For Times
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Swatara Church of God

4860 Lindle Road, Harrisburg

Office Phone: 564-6673
Sunday Worship - 8 am and 10:45 am
Wednesday programs for all ages: 6:30 pm

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At Wesley: Sunday School - 9 am
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www.newspiritnet.org

SPELL CHECKERS



Submitted photo

Rachel Tesmer, center, correctly spelled "obedient" and "abbreviation" in front of an auditorium full of her classmates to win the Elizabethtown Area Middle School's Grade 8 spelling bee. She beat out finalists Cleo Norris, left, and Genevieve Huff, right, in the final round to become the school's top speller. Twenty-four students, the top two spellers from each Grade 8 classroom, competed. Tesmer is the daughter of John and Alice Tesmer.

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Students selected for band festival

The Pennsylvania Music Educators Association announced that the following area students have advanced to the PMEA Region V State Band Festival to be held at Gettysburg Area High School on March 25-27.

Hershey: Emily Hansen, flute; Sarah Marie Bruno, flute; Daniel Rigberg, French horn; Ayesha Ali, tuba.

Lower Dauphin: Kaysey Davis, flute.

Middletown: Michele Herneisey, French horn.

Public concerts will be held on Friday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 27 at 2 p.m.

For more information visit: <http://pmeadistrict7.weebly.com/regional-band.html>



Lower Swatara Talk Of The Township

LaVonne Ackerman, 1438 Old Reliance Road, 939-5584 LaVon-neAck@comcast.net



This has been a very white winter, or at least the last part of it, and I will not say anymore about it until mid-April. Of course, even then we could get zapped with a blizzard, so we now can just soldier on toward spring.

If I could I would make the dot on the "i" in spring a flower for you all. It would be just a little bit of encouragement to get you thinking sunny thoughts of flowers, warm breezes, green grass (ha, grass of any sort since it is still buried.)

Thanks for the news you share and feel free to e-mail or call me. Snail mail is fine too. Have a good week and look up, the sun will come out.

Birthdays

Happy 14th cake day to Josh Hickey of Hollywood Drive. Today is his happy birthday.

Adam Shope of Rosedale Avenue marks his 22nd confetti-popping day today.

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to Dorothy Reider of Clearview Drive. She celebrates on Friday. Hope it is full of fun.

Rosanna Tully of Kathy Drive marks her frosty-filled day on Saturday. Hope it is sunny and bright for you.

Happy 19th cake day to Boomer McClure of Old Reliance Farms. His balloons will be flying on Saturday. Best wishes to you.

Morgan Kennedy of Pennsylvania Avenue turns a decade old on Saturday. Enjoy your first double-digit birthday.

Twice as much cake? Twins Elliot and Bailey Hill of Conway Drive turn 15 on Monday. You boys have a super fun day.

Bill Mattes of Nissley Drive has 43 things to be joyful about on Tuesday. Enjoy!

On Ice

Congratulations go out again to Megan Burghdorf of Pheasant Run Road. Megan has finished another phenomenal year of ice skating. Megan competed in competitions in York, Wilmington, Delaware; Hershey; and

Twin Ponds East plus participated in a show at Twin Ponds West. On Feb. 15 she participated in Skate for Heart and was the top fund raiser with \$575. Megan skates four days a week and is part of the Elite group and the ballet program at Twin Ponds East. She is coached by Doris Papenfuss.

Megan is a second grader at Kunkel Elementary School in Mike Haake's class. She is the daughter of Amy and Gus Burghdorf and the granddaughter of Mary Ann and Ed Carpenter of the township and Dawn and Gary Burghdorf of Wolcott, N.Y.

Keep up the great work, Megan.

Township News

The board of commissioners will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in the municipal building located on Spring Garden Drive. The commissioners are working with the Borough of Highspire and Dauphin County to develop some plans to make better use of the area known as Reservoir Park in Highspire. Although this project is located within the confines of the borough, the proposed nature trails will pass by some of the residential units in Lower Swatara Township.

The board will discuss this issue at their workshop meeting tonight. Residents may feel free to attend to express their opinion. If you cannot make the meeting they may e-mail a comment to jarroyo@lowerswatara.org.

The recreation board will meet tonight also.

Lenten Service

Evangelical and Wesley United Methodist Churches will hold a Lenten Service on Sunday, March 8 at 7 p.m. in the Wesley United Methodist Church, Ann and Catherine streets, Middletown.

The worship service will be led by Jeremy Garner, a gospel singer from Bellefonte. He will be accompanied by his mother Karin Garner. They have performed here several times and present a varied program.

All are welcome. The church is

handicapped accessible. There will be a free-will offering. Parking is available in the lot on Witherspoon Avenue beside the church.

Question of the Week

What do you like best about Pennsylvania?

"Since I go to school in Philly, it is nice to come back and see the farmland. The nature part, plus the city and the four seasons offers everything. We are versatile." - Kat Fulton, 18, Lamplight Circle.

"The fact we have Hershey Park so close." - Sam Romberger, 11, Ray Road.

"It's rich football tradition." - Mick Klock, 18, Woodridge Drive.

"I like that it is safe from disastrous weather and it is well-located." - Katie Hartwell, 11, Bayberry Road.

"It has a lot of open fields and forests." - Jeremy Shaver, 14, Longview Drive.

Proverb for the Week

"Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart." (3:3)

CENTRAL PENN COLLEGE, VIRGINIA TECH, UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

First semester Deans' lists announced

Central Pennsylvania College

The following local residents were named to the Central Pennsylvania College dean's list for the 2009 Fall term:

Maria Wells of Highspire, majoring in business administration.

Jennifer Butvinik of Middletown, majoring in accounting.

Ryan Furjanic of Middletown, majoring in business administration.

Jenna Rizio of Middletown, majoring in business administration.

Charles Barry of Middletown, majoring in information technology.

Jamie Witmer of Middletown, majoring in physical therapist assistant.

Cieara Shearn of Oberlin, majoring in corporate communications.

Megan Sassani of Steelton, majoring in legal studies.

April Clark of Steelton, majoring in paralegal studies.

To qualify for the designation, a student must carry six or more credits and earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or better for the term.

Virginia Tech

The following area students were named to the first semester dean's list at Virginia Tech.



Submitted photo

The Middletown Cheerleading squad and dance team recently honored their graduating seniors. They are, front row from left, Nina Rux, Brittanie Kelley, Megan Guerrier, and Carena Graham. Back row are parents, from left, Anna Rux, Kevin and Joella Kelley, Tony and Vicki Guerrieri, and Gary Graham and Lisa Smith.

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Accepted at St. Vincent

Alexander T. Einhorn of Middletown, has been accepted for admission to Saint Vincent College in Latrobe for the fall 2010 semester.

Einhorn, son of Gordon and Anne Einhorn, expects to graduate from Middletown Area High School in June. At Middletown he is a member of Link Crew. Einhorn is also an as-

sistant baseball coach, Sunday school teacher and altar server. He plans to major in liberal arts at Saint Vincent College.

Saint Vincent College is a Catholic, Benedictine, liberal arts college that has been recognized by Forbes Magazine as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the nation.



Submitted photo

Georgie Britcher, 10, of Middletown, took third place at the 20th Annual Northeastern States Elk Calling Contest held at the Eastern Sports & Outdoor Show on Thursday, Feb. 11. Georgie, daughter of Kenneth and Stella Britcher, is a fourth grader at Seven Sorrows School.

Hershey Camera Club hosts photographer Jeffrey Stoner

Fine Art Photographer Jeffrey Stoner will be the guest speaker when the Hershey Camera Club meets at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Hershey Public Library, 701 Cocoa Ave. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Stoner specializes in nature, wildlife and architectural photography. He will discuss his approach to creating different images, how his best-selling photos were taken and the lessons he learned along the way.

Hershey Camera Club welcomes all who would like to learn more about the enjoyment of photography in a friendly atmosphere. Meetings

are open to the public and are held on the first Thursday and the third Monday of each month, September through May.

Further information contact Marcia Riegle at mrieGLE@yahoo.com, or visit www.hersheycameraclub.org.

New MOAA officers installed

The officers for the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) officers for the 2010 calendar year were installed at a recent meeting of the Keystone Capital Area Chapter.

Robert Gray is the new president. Other officers include Larry Rutt, first vice president; D'Arcy Wagonhurst, second vice president; Warren Heidelberg, treasurer; and David Wolfe, secretary. Board members include Joyce Cacolice, Mildred Feeny, Harry

Hasting, John Brazen, Phyllis Nagle and Gordon Macdonald.

MOAA is a national organization with local chapters. Its mission is to keep military officers informed about events transpiring in Washington and at the state government levels, and to communicate the concerns of those officers to the appropriate federal and state representatives. On the local level, the group is social in nature as well as supportive of active duty military and veterans. The organization is open to all active duty and retired military officers of all branches of service, National Guard or Reserves. For more information, contact (717)-774-0707.

Keystone Capital Chapter's next meeting will be held in March.

Lebanon Valley College 'Emerging leaders'

ANNVILLE • Several area students attending Lebanon Valley College were honored for their success as emerging leaders.

The students were:

Sarena Berish, **Deanna Berish**, and **Allyson Stengel** all of Elizabethtown; **Amanda Kutchman** and **Christopher Black** of Hummelstown; and **Craig Giba** of Highspire.

The students were nominated for the awards by faculty, administrators, coaches, and staff at the College.

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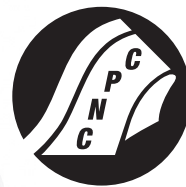
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Musicals

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The cast includes DeeDee Swartz as Reno, John Mink as Billy, Elyse Rider as Hope, Taylor Barrett as Mrs. Harcourt, Stephen Jackson as Sir Evelyn, Titus Hoffman as Moonface, Megan Guerruri as Bonnie, Cole Worthing as Elisha Whitney, Adam Geisweit as the Captain, Stephen Guenther as the Purser, Shaun Fahey as the Steward, Bryce Bendgen as the Bishop, Taylor Koncar as Purity, Kristie Darrah as Charity, Katlyn Morrissey as Chastity, Kayce Deibler as Serenity, Sonya Lopatic as Virtue, Marisa Bowers as Ching, Emily Isett as Ling. Also included are Raine Acri, Dylan Bower, Aubrey Carberry, Lauren Herneisey, Amy Hess, Kirsten Hrobak, Julia Miller, Stephanie Popa, Vera Rebekah Roy, Kaitlin Shartle, Allie Tauscher and Lydia Wedlock.

Tickets can be purchased at the door each night.
Ticket prices: Adult \$8, student/seniors are \$5.

Lower Dauphin High School

"Hello, Dolly!" will be presented March 4, 5, and 6 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The play features a cast of 48 with Ella Smith playing Dolly, Will Thompson as Horace, Katie Roksandic as Irene, Ronnie Myers as Cornelius, Chelsea Stoner as Minnie Fay, Chris Bemis as Barnaby, Kaysey Davis as Ermenegarde, Luke Forshey as Ambrose, and Allison Smith as Ernestina.

The musical tells the story of Dolly Levi, a well-known matchmaker, who attempts to find herself a husband in the wealthy Horace Vandergelder. Meanwhile, she matches together a rich widow, Irene Molloy with Vandergelder's employee, Cornelius Hackl. She also sets up Molloy's assistant, Minnie, with Cornelius's assistant, Barnaby. Further, she matches the poor artist, Ambrose, with Vandergelder's niece, Ermengarde.

Ticket prices: Adults \$9, students/seniors \$6.
For information, call 566-5393.

Elizabethtown Area High School

Rodgers' and Hammerstein's classic, "Oklahoma!" will be presented March 4, 5, and 6 at 7 p.m. in the school's auditorium. There will also be a matinee performance on Saturday, March 6 at 1 p.m.

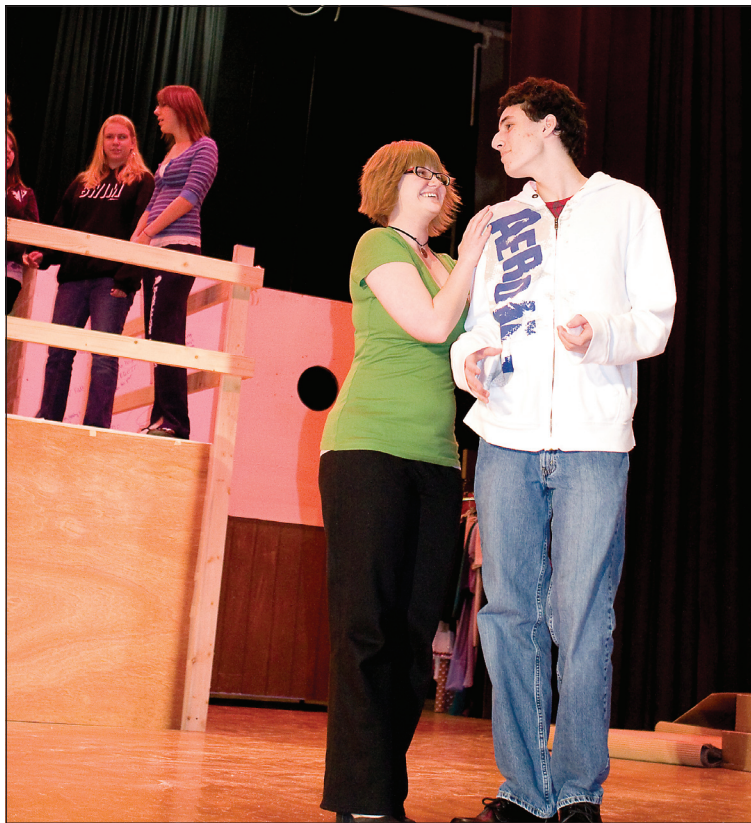
Featured songs include "Surrey With the Fringe on Top," "Oh What a Beautiful Mornin'" and the title song, "Oklahoma!"

The production features a cast of 45 and a student orchestra and stage crew of more than 75 students.

Ticket prices: Reserved tickets, \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens. General admission tickets, adults \$8, students/seniors \$6.

For more information, call 717-367-1533, or visit www.etwonschools.org.

Contact Debra at 717-944-4628 or e-mail dshell@pressandjournal.com.



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"Anything Goes" actors Taylor Barrett and Cole Worthing gaze at each other during a rehearsal.



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DeeDee Swartz, center left, and Stephen Jackson, center right, rehearse a proposal in this year's musical "Anything Goes."



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Highspire Police News

Following is a compilation of reports from the Highspire Police Department.
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unless proven otherwise in a court of law.

Simple assault

Daniel Caraballo, 21, of the 2300 block of S. Fifth St., Steelton, was charged with simple assault, recklessly endangering another person, disorderly conduct, and criminal conspiracy.

Charges stem from an incident at 6:28 p.m. Feb. 12 in the 600 block of Willow St., where police allege Caraballo was one of two men accused of threatening a resident with a gun.

According to police reports, two men knocked on the victim's door and, when he answer, pointed a gun at his face.

Police are seeking the man said to be holding the gun. Caraballo was identified by the victim and taken into custody and charged, police said.

The incident remains under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Highspire police at 939-9866.

300 block of Market St., was charged with simple assault and disorderly conduct.

Police allege said they found a small baggie containing cocaine on the ground where McFarland was standing.

McFarland is being held in Dauphin County Prison in lieu of \$10,000 bail. His preliminary hearing is set for Feb. 26 at 8:45 a.m.

Torres-Aviles' preliminary hearing is set for March 19 at 9:15 a.m.

Drunk driving

Tammie Wieber, 36, of Star, Texas, was charged with DUI, DUI-Highest rate, and a traffic violation.

Charges stem from a traffic stop at 12:20 a.m. on Jan. 29, in the first block of Second St., police said.

Wieber failed a field sobriety test and had a blood alcohol level of .163 percent, highest rate, police said.

Wieber's preliminary hearing is set for April 23 at 9 a.m.

Daniel Walton, 41, of the 200 block of Franklin St. was charged with DUI, DUI-highest rate, driving while operating privileges are suspended, and driving a vehicle with disabled lighting following a traffic stop at 1:02 a.m. on Feb. 21.

Walton failed a field sobriety test and had a blood alcohol level of .206 percent, officials said.

Theft

Police received a complaint on Feb. 21 of a theft of newspapers from a home in the 500 block of Eshelman St.

The resident told police the newspaper was taken off of the porch three to four in the past month.

Man sought on drug charges

An arrest warrant has been issued for Eugene Duke, 53, of the 300 block of Market St., for drug charges. Duke faces charges of criminal trespass, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, and receiving stolen property, police said.

Police issued a search warrant after searching Duke's home on Feb. 19 as part of an investigation.

Police allege they found heroin paraphernalia, prescription drugs, and a wallet that was reported stolen during a robbery in August of 2009 in Steelton.

The investigation and search for Duke is ongoing, police said.

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