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## McNair House officially for sale; price not yet revealed

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The historic McNair House property on the northeast corner of North Union and East Emaus streets in Middletown is officially for sale.

Borough council on March 21 ratified earlier action taken by the property owner, Middletown Industrial and Commercial Development Authority, for the borough to hire a commercial real estate

agent to handle listing of the property.

The McNair House property consists of three separate addresses under one tax parcel — the historic house itself, dating to at least 1894; the vacant greenspace in front of the house along North Union Street, and a small stand-



Reddinger

alone building along East Emaus that the authority leases to David Craig for his computer repair shop, PC & Pro Audio Service Center.

A new appraisal has been done for the McNair House property, but details of the appraisal will not be made public until after the authority speaks with the commercial real estate agent who is to be hired, said Councilor Ian Reddinger, who also leads the authority.

The agent cannot be hired and brought under contract until the authority can take action at its next meeting on April 18, Reddinger said.

The authority has one new appraisal for the entire property, and a second new appraisal based on subdividing the building leased to Craig from the rest of the property, Reddinger said. As things now stand, the McNair House property is to be listed for sale as one property, Reddinger said.

Craig after getting an eviction notice in November presented an informal proposal to the authority to have the property he leases subdivided from the rest of the McNair House property, in order for him to buy the building from the authority.

But since then the authority has heard nothing more from Craig, Reddinger said. The authority is still willing to work out a deal with Craig, if Craig is still interested, Reddinger added.



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The McNair House, purchased by the borough in 2014, is now for sale.

The authority acquired the McNair House property from a private owner for \$325,000 in 2014.

## Examining child safety



STAFF PHOTO BY DAN MILLER

Dawn Knull stands in front of the Middletown Area High School campus. She is leading an effort to change state law to restrict where some sex offenders may live after being released.

## Effort is aimed at restricting where sex offenders live

By Dan Miller  
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A convicted sex offender moving in across from Middletown Area High School has led a borough resident to push for a change in state law to allow municipalities to restrict where certain convicted sex offenders can live.

At least 26 other states had such laws as of 2013 and interest in them appears to be growing — even as some experts say that residency restrictions do not make children safer and may increase chances of a sex offender re-offending.

The resident is a Middletown council member, Dawn Knull. She

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said she is undertaking this effort as a citizen, not an elected official.

She seeks a change in state law that would prohibit any convicted sex offender classified as a “sexually violent predator” from living within a 500 feet radius of a school, day care, or playground, according to an online petition on

change.org.

Knull's petition does not restrict all convicted sex offenders, just those considered the most dangerous and most likely to re-offend, said Lisa Godshall, a borough resident who supports Knull's efforts.

“I don't see why the rights of (a sex offender) to live wherever he wants outweighs the rights of our children to be safe and to be protected,” Godshall said.

Knull started her campaign after learning that a convicted sex offender who is a sexually violent predator had moved into the 1000 block of North Union Street. Jeffrey Staley Sr., 47, has been at the address since Feb. 11, according

to Maria Finn, spokeswoman for the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole. Staley's primary offense is aggravated indecent assault, according to the Megan's Law website.

“The police have been vigilant and I applaud them for that,” Knull said. “My biggest fear is we have it on the radar now, but what about four or five months from now? If one child gets hurt I am going to feel that I didn't do what I set out to do, which is to protect our kids.”

The house is across the street from the campus that includes the high school, Middletown

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## Fundraisers being held for River House shooting victims

‘How many more lives did my cousin save?’ asks relative who is organizing an event

By Dan Miller  
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The central Pennsylvania bar and restaurant community is rallying around two of its own.

Bars and restaurants from New Cumberland to Palmyra have been holding events and planning more events to raise money to help David Seesholtz and Andy Cole, who were wounded in the shooting at the River House Bar & Grill in Londonderry Township early Friday, March 24.

Cole is a River House bartender, and Seesholtz is a longtime regular customer and friend of the business at East Harrisburg Pike and Geysers Church Road.

The River House is also holding its own event, with help from Susquehanna Harley-Davidson.

On Sunday, April 30, a “Here With Heroes” ride will go from Susquehanna Harley-Davidson at 6300 Allentown Blvd. to the River House Bar & Grill in Londonderry Township. The event is “non-rider and kid friendly,” according to a Facebook post promoting the event.

Rider registration takes place at 11 a.m. at Susquehanna Harley-Davidson. Event tickets for

“There's a lot of good people who are trying to help out people who had a bad draw.”

Babe's owner Dave Deimler

\$20 and merchandise may also be purchased on site.

The ride will take about one hour to get to the River House, where the event will continue with a pig roast, live music, cornhole, a pong tournament, a wing-eating competition, a sack race, T-shirt purchases and “Snapchat filter fun.” The event will last until 10 p.m.

All proceeds from the event will go to benefit Cole and Seesholtz.

### Babe's Grill House

In Palmyra, Babe's Grill House & Lounge at 312 E. Main St. is holding a daylong event to raise money for Seesholtz and Cole on Thursday, April 13.

Babe's owner Dave Deimler and Seesholtz are cousins. Cole is a Babe's customer, said Deimler, who has been bartending since

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## Two area grandmothers start heroin/opioid group

By Dan Miller  
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Two grandmothers have founded a new group focused on raising awareness of the heroin/opioid epidemic in the Middletown area.

Fighting Addiction Middletown Style, or FAMS, will hold its first public meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, at the Londonderry Fire Company, 2655 Foxianna Road in Londonderry Township.

The meeting is open to anyone to “come and tell their story,

share their concerns, and we can direct them to help,” said Rhonda Spencer, who co-founded the group on March 22 along with another grandmother, Donna Kreider.

Among those attending the first meeting will be Middletown Interim Police Chief George Mouchette, joined by Middletown Police Patrolman Mark Laudenslager.

FAMS also has been speaking with drug counselors and representatives of local recovery

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## Producer of ‘Titanic,’ ‘Avatar’ will speak at PSU

Jon Landau, executive vice president at Twentieth Century Fox, will speak at Penn State Harrisburg from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6.

His topic will be “Dream It, Do It: Innovation and Break-Through Change.”

Landau produced the two highest grossing movies of all-time, “Avatar” and “Titanic” (with two Avatar sequels in the works.)

Landau will discuss not only his insight into the film industry, but also discusses the broader perspective of business management, innovative marketing, and motivational philosophies – encouraging audiences to be leaders – not just in their careers, but in their lives as well.

The event is open to the public and is free. It will be held in the Capital Union Building Student Center. To register, visit [harrisburg.psu.edu/calendar/event/jon-landau](http://harrisburg.psu.edu/calendar/event/jon-landau).



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### NEWS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

LAVONNE ACKERMAN

## Spring has sprung! Check out the yard sales

Well, hello April! Feels like spring is officially here. I’m not especially excited to get outside to start in on the tremendous amount of yard work we have. Hopefully this will change as the temperatures get a little bit more friendly.

Have you had an addition to your family? Been on an exciting trip? Do you have news to share that your community would like to hear about? Please send me an email or call me up and share that news.

A reminder: Palm Sunday is April 9. Christians celebrate this day to commemorate when Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem. His followers spread palm branches on the ground. They yelled “Hosanna” and “Savior” to honor him. They were very excited and celebrated his coming waving these symbols of victory and triumph. Little did they know what would transpire the coming week. Most churches offer palm branches to their congregations on this Sunday. Visit a church to see for yourself!

Have a wonderful spring-like week!

#### Birthdays

Happy cake day to former Cub Scout **Ben Kapenstein** of Middletown. Where have the years gone? I hope your Wednes-

day, April 5 birthday is the best one yet. You deserve it!

**Cadence Lines** of Lower Swatara marks his 12th confetti-popping day on Wednesday, April 5. Enjoy your birthday week, Cadence!

**Karen McKillip** of Lower Swatara will hear the birthday song on April 6. I hope your Thursday is super, like you!

**Brandon Light** marks his 24th cake-and-ice cream day on Thursday, April 6. Have a wonderful week, Brandon!

Hey **Joe Hile** of Lower Swatara! Wishing you a festive sunny birthday on Thursday, April 6. Enjoy!

**Kyle Shields** marks his 22nd balloon-flying happy birthday on April 6, too. I hope your Thursday is fantastic, Kyle!

**Ava Mae Martin** of Royalton turns 9 on Thursday, April 6. I hope your day is full of sprinkles and glitter, Ava Mae!

**Matt Mittereder** is a quarter-of-a-century old on Friday, April 7. Congrats, Matt! I hope your weekend is just grand.

Smiles and fun are sent to **Mason Swartz** of Harrisburg on April 7. This guy joins the teener club on Friday. Happy 13th!

Happy landmark 21st cake day to **Haley Lynn Albright** of Lower Swatara on Saturday, April 8. I hope your day is full of joy and surprises. Congrats!

Wishing **Carol Arnold** of Lower Swatara a bouquet full of happy birthday flowers on Saturday, April 8. I hope the sun is shining for you, Carol!

**Lisa Carricato** of Lower Swatara marks her snappy-happy weekend birthday on Saturday, April 8. Enjoy the warm breezes of spring, Lisa!

Here is a shout-out to **Jim Stauffer** of Hummelstown on April 9. May your Palm Sunday birthday be full of love and laughter, Jim.

**Ben Harvey** of Lower Swatara will hear the birthday song on Monday, April 10. Hope your 24th cake day is the best so far!

**Donald Stauffer** of Londonderry celebrates his 91st big-deal birthday on April 10. I hope your birthday is marvelous on Monday!

Happy 14th totally special birthday to **Vinny Corradi** of Lower Swatara. He observes his party day on Monday, April 10. Enjoy it, Vinny!

**Cassie Bechtel** of Lower Swatara turns 22 on Tuesday, April 11. Enjoy this springy birthday week, Cassie!

Happy big-deal 25th birthday to **Corina Graham**. She cele-

brates her landmark frosty-filled day on Tuesday, April 11.

**Shawney Stauffer** of Middletown hits the big 2-0 on Tuesday, April 11. Happy birthday to you all week long, Shawney!

#### Anniversary

Happy anniversary to **Richard and Katie Leggore** of Lower Swatara. They were married April 11, 1955. Congrats on 62 years of wedded bliss on Tuesday.

#### April meetings

The Lower Swatara Township meetings will be held at the municipal building located on Spring Garden Drive: All meetings are at 7 p.m.

**Board of Commissioners:** Wednesday, April 5 and Wednesday, April 19.

**Municipal Authority:** Wednesday, April 26.

**Planning Commission:** Thursday, April 27.

#### Yard sales

Let me know when it’s your yard sale time!

Time for the semi-annual yard sale! Check out Middletown Presbyterian Church on Union and Water streets from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 8. Find some good deals and have a snack, too. Baked goods, soups and sandwiches will be sold. Rain or shine, it is held in the church.

Old Reliance Farms semi-annual double day yard sale is from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29. Come see what treasures you will find!

#### Ladies brunch buffet

All women are invited to attend Hershey Area Women’s Connection “Light Up Your Life” brunch buffet on at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 12 at the Hershey Italian Lodge, 128 Hillcrest Road, Hershey.

The feature is “Daybreak” featuring vocal and keyboard music by Brad and Mary Barrows from Harrisburg. The speaker, Teresa Gardner from Canisteo, New York, will present “I Will Smile Again.”

For reservations, call Edna at 717-652-0997, or Mary at 717-533-3497, or email [hersheyawc@verizon.net](mailto:hersheyawc@verizon.net). Hurry, the deadline is April 7.

#### Student achievements

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognized as provost scholars at Indiana University of Pennsylvania for the 2016 fall semester:

**Middletown:** **Kylie Michelle Smith**, bachelor of science in natural science/pre-pharmacy; **Jared Patrick Truesdale**, bachelor of arts in philosophy.

**Hummelstown:** **Tyler Joseph Montgomery**, bachelor of arts in political science.

Congratulations to **Matthew Ste. Marie** of Middletown. He has been named to the dean’s list at University of Massachusetts Lowell for the 2016 fall semester. Matthew is an information technology major.

#### Not Inspired

Today I was asked for a poem, I’m sitting here thinking alone.

No rhyme can be found, Nor wisdom abound. I think that my chance has been blown.

— SLAP

#### Life hacks

How to remove these common stains:

**Oil:** white chalk

**Deodorant:** dryer sheets

**Coffee:** baking soda

**Lipstick:** rubbing alcohol

**Grease:** soda

**Sweat:** lemon juice

**Ink:** milk

**Red wine:** salt

**Blood:** hydrogen peroxide

**Grass:** vinegar

**Makeup:** shaving cream

**Berries:** boiling water

#### Quote of the Week

“Let no label stick to you unless it was put there by God.” — Jennifer Dukes Lee, author.

#### Question of the Week

What do you like best about spring?

“Playing softball. I play for Central Dauphin.” — **Eleanor Perkins**, 14, Lower Paxton.

“The pool!” — **Alexander Kelly**, 7, Swatara.

“It is when we get to go to Hilton Head, to the beach!” — **Victoria Kelly**, 9, Swatara.

“Spring break, which is Easter! I like that we have extra time to spend with family.” — **Logan Benner**, 10, Lower Royalton.

“The warmer weather.” — **Paul Reiseg**, 8, Middletown.

“The flowers.” — **Hayley Reiseg**, 9, Middletown.

#### Proverb for the Week

A truthful witness does not deceive, but a false witness pours out lies (14:5).

#### Derby success

Conner Cleland recently excelled in the Pinewood Derby — the racing of small wooden models that Cub Scouts make with help from their families — for Cub Scout Pack 97. He won first place overall at the local level. At the district level, he won first place for Tigers and third place overall. He received support from Den Leader Nathan Paul and Cub Master Ed Barrick.

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## Support group set for Alzheimer’s

Frey Village hosts a monthly support group for families of those with memory-related illnesses such as Alzheimer’s disease. The next session will be held at 6:30 p.m. April 17 at the senior living community, 1020 N. Union St., Middletown.

“We understand there are many uncertainties when caring for a loved one with Alzheimer’s disease or other forms of memory-

related illness,” said Peggy Kline of the village staff.

“The value of our group lies in the attendees sharing their stories openly and receiving helpful tips from others. We focus on helping attendees to be able to share their fears related to caring for a loved one with dementia,” Kline added.

For more information about the event, call Frey Village at 717-930-1218.

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

# Waughen, Barr get Lower Dauphin honors

Seniors Megan Barr and Amy Waughen have been selected as Lower Dauphin High School Students of the Month for February.

Megan, the daughter of Tim and Laurie Barr, was recently recognized by the Hummelstown Women’s Club.

She is an outstanding musician, student and community member. She is a four-year member of the band, where she plays French horn and mellophone; orchestra, where she plays cello; and the chorus. She is a two-year member of Believers in the Gospel and is a worship leader. She is a member of the National Honor Society, National Science Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor Society.

Megan is co-president of the Women in STEM group and is secretary of SADD. She also participates in the Diversity Club, Envirothon and Science Olympiad.

In the community, she is very active in her church where she has been involved with the iBLAST ministry and participated in mission trips.

She plans to attend a smaller Christian college with a marching band and an accredited speech-language pathology department.

Amy was recently recognized by the Rotary Club of Hummelstown.

Amy, the daughter of Kristen Waughen, is an accomplished student and community member. In school, she is a three-year member of the yearbook staff, serving as editor this year. She was stage manager in the fall play and works in the tech crew with the spring musical. She is a three-year member of Class Council and French Honor Society where she served as treasurer. She is also a two-year member of the National Honor Society and the Math Honor Society, where she served as treasurer. She was on the swim team for three years and played tennis for two years. She volunteers as a buddy with Special Olympics and as a counselor in Lower Dauphin’s outdoor education program.

She will attend Binghamton University and major in actuarial science.

## Art In the Wild exhibit set to open Saturday

Dauphin County Commissioners and the Friends of Wildwood Park will present this year’s Art In The Wild Exhibit, which will officially open to the public on Saturday, April 8 at Wildwood Park in Harrisburg.

This year’s exhibit includes traiside art installations revolving around the theme “Transition” and are weaved throughout the 3.1-mile loop of the park.

There will be a free lecture, Recasting Nature, about natural artwork at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6 at the Benjamin Olewine Nature Center. Call 717-221-0292 for additional information or visit [www.DauphinCounty.org](http://www.DauphinCounty.org).

Olewine Nature Center is in Wildwood Park in Harrisburg at 100 Wildwood Way.



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# Human Relations Commission alive, but positions are open

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A step toward reviving a commission to investigate allegations of discrimination in Middletown was taken by borough council March 21.

Mayor James H. Curry III and several borough councilors in September 2014 were able to keep the Human Relations Commission alive. Previous council leadership had sought to get rid of the commission on the advice of Solicitor Adam Santucci, who said that the commission had

been dormant for years and was not needed given the existence of anti-discrimination bodies at the state and federal government level.

But since then progress toward reviving the commission has been slow. In September 2016, Curry appointed with council approval the first two members of the five-member commission—borough residents Rachel Reid and Mike Woolworth.

However, Curry has not been able to appoint a third member because to date no one from the borough's Third Ward has come

forward to serve on the commission.

Curry during the council meeting succeeded in getting council to approve advertising a change to the existing ordinance governing the commission, that would allow members to be appointed on an at-large basis instead of having to be appointed by wards.

The change would enable Curry to appoint a third member of the commission. Under the ordinance, the first three commission members are then to pick the last two members of the panel, subject to council approval.

# Stop using these nightlights given to Reid students last year

By David Barr  
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Nightlights distributed to Reid Elementary School second-, third- and fifth-graders last fall are being recalled as they are potential smoking and fire hazards; their use should be stopped immediately, according to the Middletown Area School District.

PP&L gave them away through its Think! Energy program. Energy-efficiency contractor Ecova distributed the lights for PPL, according to the Upper Allen Township Fire Department. Customers with questions about the nightlight can call Ecova at 877-486-9204.

According to an announcement on the Middletown Area School District's website, the nightlights were given to students last fall during an energy presentation program.

District spokeswoman Jody Zorbaugh said she did not know how many kits were given to



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE UPPER ALLEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

**This nightlight is attributed to a fire in Upper Allen Township on March 31. These types of nightlights were given to Reid Elementary School students last fall.**

students.

The Upper Allen Township Fire Department on its Facebook page attributed a March 31 fire in the 100 block of Conway Drive to such a nightlight.

According to PP&L's website,

four complaints have been raised. Three came after the light started to smoke after being plugged in for several hours, and one came after the light caught fire, causing damage to a ceramic tile.

Also on the site, PP&L said Ecova distributed the same kits given to students to customers who filled out an online home energy assessment. In total, about 24,500 kits were given out in schools, and another 5,000 kits were sent out to customers since February 2017.

PP&L and Ecova are investigating.

"We have no reports of injuries or significant damage from these lights, but out of an abundance of caution, we are asking anyone who received one from PPL to stop using it immediately," Chris Cardenas, PPL customer services vice president, said in a press release. "We are reaching out now to customers and schools and will provide ways to return the lights."

# Tattered Flag wins tourism award

By Dan Miller  
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Tattered Flag Brewery & Still Works in Middletown received the New Tourism Business of the Year award from the Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau during an event held by the bureau in Harrisburg on March 30.

Tattered Flag was among a number of individuals and businesses that the bureau recognized for their outstanding achievements in tourism over the past year, according to a release posted on the bureau website.

Accompanying the award is a video featuring Pat Devlin, one of the four Tattered Flag partners. Devlin talked about his dream of opening a brew pub after he got out of the U.S. military.

While deployed in Afghanistan Devlin carried an American flag with him on operations, and also had it flown over some bases while he was overseas.

That flag eventually will hang on the wall of Tattered Flag in the Elks Building in downtown Middletown.

"When it came back (the flag) was a little tattered, worn and a little dirty but it still stood for

its ideals, it still stood for its principles. That's kind of what we like to do here is stand for our principles and our ideals," Devlin said in the video.

Tattered Flag is a combined craft brewery/distillery brew pub restaurant and event center that has been fully open since December 2016. Tattered Flag occupies all of the Elks Building at West Emaus and South Union streets except for the Elks Theatre.

Besides Devlin the three other Tattered Flag partners are Matt Fritz, Tony DeLellis, and Benjamin Ramsey.

# Londonderry looks at mobile home parks and regulations

By David Barr  
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At the Londonderry Township Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday, April 3, Codes and Zoning Officer Jeff Burkhart reported that officials have been visiting mobile home parks to ensure the operating permit regulations are up to date.

According to Burkhart, ordinances dating back to 1986 weren't being followed, so officials are starting to enforce the ordinances and documenting what is in place at locations such as Highland and Geyer mobile home parks.

He also reported that officials met with the new Federal Emergency Management Agency representative during the CAV visit. CAV is the Community Assistance Visit, during which a FEMA staff member visits a community to provide technical assistance to the community and confirms the community is enforcing its floodplain management regulations,

according to fema.gov.

Burkhart said the meeting went well and during the meeting, and they offered a couple of suggestions to the floodplain management permit application.

"I really don't see an issue with that. I will oblige that," he said.

Also, MS4 Environmental Coordinator Kelsey Schwenk announced at the conclusion of her report that she is leaving her post.

"We appreciate everything you did bringing the MS4 program up to the level it is right now. Hopefully we can find someone comparable. We really appreciate you stepping in and bringing it to the level we are now and hopefully we can carry on," board chairman Ron Kopp told Schwenk.

MS4 is a municipal separate storm sewer system, a conveyance or system of conveyances that is owned by a municipality, designed or used, to collect or convey stormwater.

The board took no action on any topics.

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Benjamin K. Gingrich, 7, of Middletown, was granted his angel wings on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at his home following a lifelong illness.

He was born January 10, 2010 in Harrisburg and was the loving son of Nathan M. and Erin (Keyser) Gingrich.

Benjamin was a member of the Church of God, Middletown.

He loved spending time with his family, going to school where he would love to have them sing "Wheels on the Bus", swinging in the yard and jumping on the trampoline.

In addition to his parents, Benjamin is survived by his sister, Betsy H. Gingrich of Middletown; paternal grandparents, Jim and Karen Gingrich of Mechanicsburg; maternal grandparents, Deb and Charlie Keyser of Middletown; great-grandparents, Eloise Gingrich, Delphine Marquette, and Aaron Peiffer; uncle Andrew J. Gingrich and his wife Kate of Middletown; aunt, Shelley M. Odenthal and husband Kevin of New Jersey; uncle William R. Spaw III and his wife Danielle of Nevada; uncle Aaron R. Wood of Middletown; and cousins, Finn and Anna Gingrich, Ellie and Mila Spaw.

A tribute to Benjamin's life was held on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Church of God, 245 W. High St., Middletown, with the Rev. Kimberly Shifler officiating. There was a viewing Sunday night from 5 to 7 p.m. at Matincheck Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 260 East Main St., Middletown, Pa and from 10 a.m. until the hour of the service on Monday at the church.

Interment was at Middletown Cemetery, Middletown.

Memorial contributions may be sent in Benjamin's name to The Vista School, 1021 Springboard Dr., Hershey, PA 17033, or Children's Miracle Network, 1249 Cocoa Ave., Suite 115, Hershey, PA 17033.

The family would like to give a heartfelt thank you for all the love and support that has been shown throughout his journey. Ben and the family have felt so much love from everyone.

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**Clarence Lytle**  
FORMERLY OF MIDDLETOWN

Clarence W. Lytle, 84, of Mt. Joy, formerly of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at Manor Care in Lancaster.

He was born on November 16, 1932 in Middletown and was the son of the late Paul Sr. and Elizabeth (Gross) Lytle.

Clarence was a farmer and farm equipment salesman and had a love for animals, especially horses. He also was an avid ATV enthusiast. He was a member of the Mt. Joy Mennonite Church and was a 1951 graduate of Hershey High School.

In addition to his parents, Clarence was preceded in death by two sisters, Gladys Hipple and Janet Snively, and a brother Paul Lytle Jr.

He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 38 years, Joanne M. (Underkoffler) Lytle; five children, Clarence Lytle II (Chip) of Middletown, Candace Able-Rouse and her husband Paul of Mt. Joy, Mindy Robinson and her husband Bruce of Elizabethtown, Thomas Lytle of Elizabethtown, and Sheila Stauffer of Ohio; 23 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; five sisters, May Hoke, Betty Lighty, Doris Shank, Lois Ritchie, and Karen Hahn; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service was held on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.



at the Mt. Joy Mennonite Church, 320 Musser Rd., Mt. Joy, PA 17552, with the Rev. Dawn Winey officiating. A graveside service was held prior to the memorial service at Middletown Cemetery at 9:45 a.m. on Monday. Family and friends were welcome to gather at the Matincheck Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 260 E. Main St., Middletown prior to the graveside service.

Condolences may be sent online at [www.matincheckfuneralhome.com](http://www.matincheckfuneralhome.com).

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**Charles Meinsler Jr.**  
MIDDLETOWN

Charles E. Meinsler Jr. "Chiz", 82, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Friday, March 31, 2017 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on February 8, 1935 in Middletown and was the son of the late Charles Sr. and Marian (Houser) Meinsler.

Chiz was a United States Army Veteran during the Korean Conflict and a union electrician for Sparzell Incorporated.

In addition to his parents, Charles was preceded in death by his loving wife, Janet Meinsler, a son, Lynn C. Meinsler, and a sister.

Chiz is survived by his two sons, Scott C. Meinsler of Royalton, and Casey C. Meinsler and his wife Lori of Middletown; a brother, Malcom Meinsler of Maryland; two sisters, Jean Matala of Florida, and Sarah Ann Jennings, of Lewisberry; four grandchildren, Joshua Meinsler, Megan Meinsler, Jennifer Meinsler, and Kirsten Meinsler; two great-grandsons Dylan Cleapor and Brennan Lanza; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A tribute to Chiz's life was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 11 a.m. at the Matincheck Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 260 E. Main St., Middletown,



with the Rev. M. Lee Ellenberger officiating. Viewing was from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial was in Middletown Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in Charles's name to the American Cancer Society, 112 Sipe Avenue, Hummelstown, PA 17036.

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## Man points gun at pregnant woman over loud music; she tells him she is protected by God, police report

By Dan Miller  
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A man who is already a convicted felon was arrested in Middletown on Sunday morning, March 26, after he allegedly pointed a gun at a woman who was nine months' pregnant because she was playing her music too loud, according to borough police.

The weapon that Anthony R. Mason, 37, was allegedly brandishing at the victim was a handgun that Mason had allegedly stolen from his cousin, whom police said lives in York County just outside of New Cumberland.

Also charged related to the same incident, which occurred in the first block of Genesis Court, is Danielle K. Gregory of Harrisburg, 32, whom police said picked up Mason and drove him away following the confrontation with the pregnant woman.

According to police, she initially denied any knowledge of the handgun that Mason had that was later found in Gregory's vehicle.

According to police reports,

Mason went over to the victim's apartment and told her to turn down the music. She asked that Mason give her a minute to turn the music down, because she was in the middle of cleaning.

But when the woman did not immediately turn the music down, Middletown police said that Mason removed the handgun from his waistband, pulled back the slide and pointed the gun directly at the pregnant victim's midsection.

According to police reports, the victim said to Mason, "Are you going to shoot me over music? Then do what you are going to do then. I am not afraid of your gun. I am protected by prayer and a child of God." Police said Mason stood there for a moment, then lowered the gun and left.

Mason was arraigned by Dauphin County Night Court Judge Barbara W. Pianka and charged



Mason

with criminal attempt — aggravated assault, aggravated assault, recklessly endangering another person, simple assault, terroristic threats, harassment, prohibited possession of a firearm, carrying a firearm without a license, receiving stolen property, and disorderly conduct.

He was being held on \$150,000 bail and a preliminary hearing is set for District Judge David Judy on April 6.

Police said that Mason acknowledged being a felon who had been convicted of aggravated assault, burglary, and other charges that would prohibit him from possessing a firearm.

On Monday, March 27, Fairview Township police in York County charged Mason with theft by unlawful taking.

Middletown police have charged Gregory with carrying a firearm without a license, obstructing law enforcement, hindering apprehension, and making false reports.

Her bail was set at \$100,000 and her preliminary hearing is set for April 6 before Judy.

## Forced prostitution case of Londonderry Township woman heads to county court

By Dan Miller  
[danmiller@pressandjournal.com](mailto:danmiller@pressandjournal.com)

A Lackawanna County woman is heading to Dauphin County Court on charges that she kidnapped a Londonderry Township woman and aided in forcing her into prostitution in 2016.

Rachel Shearer, 21, of Old Forge, is to be arraigned in county court on May 5 before Judge John F. Cherry on charges of kidnapping to facilitate a felony, conspiracy to commit kidnapping and conspiracy to commit involuntary servitude, trafficking in individuals, conspiracy to promote prostitution, and conspiracy to commit unlawful restraint, according to online court documents.

A preliminary hearing that had been scheduled for March 29

before District Judge David Judy was canceled, and all charges pending before Shearer were sent to county court.

Shearer was arrested by Pennsylvania State Police in October 2016 after an investigation found that Shearer in late May 2016 had allegedly driven the then-20-year-old Londonderry Township woman to what the victim thought was a weekend getaway in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, according to court papers filed by police.

Instead, the victim awoke to find herself in a "dope house" in Knoxville, Tennessee, where people were coming in and out



Shearer

buying illegal drugs.

Shearer and a man then allegedly took the victim to Myrtle Beach, where she was forced into prostitution.

They then took the woman back to the dope house in Knoxville, where she was again forced to have sex for money with up to six men a day, according to the arrest papers.

After nearly three weeks Shearer started driving the victim back from Knoxville to Pennsylvania. The victim escaped from Shearer at a gas station off of Interstate 81 in Schuylkill County, according to records, where the victim was picked up by her mother and taken straight to state police, according to police.

Shearer has been in Dauphin County Prison on \$200,000 bail since her arrest.

## Man sent to prison for sex assault of girl

A Lower Swatara man was sentenced to 10 to 23 months in Dauphin County Prison on March 29 after he pleaded guilty to charges that he sexually molested a young girl between the years of 1999 and 2001.

Leonard McNulty, 74, was also sentenced by Dauphin County Court Judge Scott Evans to serve five years of probation after his release, according to online court records.

McNulty in December 2016 pleaded guilty to indecent assault of a minor, unlawful contact with a minor, and corruption of minors.

McNulty, of the first block of Conway Drive, was arrested by township police in March 2015 fol-



McNulty

lowing an investigation prompted by the victim and her mother, who reported to police that the incidents had occurred about 16 years before.

Now in her 20s, the woman told police that McNulty had sexually assaulted her four times from 1999 to 2001 when the victim was from 7 to 9 years of age, according to court records filed by township police.

— Dan Miller

**LOWER SWATARA POLICE ROUNDUP**

## 200-plus at party, police cite renters

Three cops amid 200 partiers could have ended in disaster for the officers called to diffuse the loud party. But they successfully sent the revelers on their way without incident March 26.

The call to investigate the noise disturbance at 1:30 a.m. ended in disorderly conduct citations filed against the renters of the home where the party took place — Haydarus Ibrahim, 20, and Ogana Okwuosa, 19, both of the 300 block of Gina Lane, Lower Swatara Township.

The reporting officer said the party featured a disc jockey playing music to people who packed the residence and filled the yard around the home. Reportedly the investigating officers needed only 25 to 30 minutes to clear the area and return the neighborhood to some semblance of quiet.

**Fraudulent use of debit card**

Police said they have a suspect who they believe was responsible for fraudulently using a township resident's debit card March 24.

Investigators said the victim noticed a charge of \$83 was made to his account with the Members 1st Credit Union even though he did not authorize or make the charge.

Police declined to name the suspect or predict when charges might be filed.

**Hit-and-run and fleeing**

Police have been unable to locate the driver of a car that struck a township resident's vehicle and fled the scene of the crash at 5:11 p.m. March 24.

According to police, the driver of a 2010 Toyota Corolla struck the back bumper of a 2000 Ford Explorer at the intersection of Messick Drive and Oberlin Road.

The driver of the Toyota left the scene, police said.

Police said while the victim provided investigators with the license number of the car that struck his SUV, the registration plate turned out to be a dead tag — a plate that was from a different vehicle.

The accident report noted damage to the victim's car did not require towing and was cosmetic. An estimate to repair the car was not noted.

Anyone with information should call police at 717-939-0463.

**Credit card used 5 times in Vegas**

A township resident told police he was anything but lucky when unbeknownst to him his credit card was used five times in one day at five different Walmart stores in Las Vegas.

Each charge was for \$49.

The victim called police after his credit card company had no-

tified him that the transactions had been flagged as suspicious.

**Cellphone stolen**

Lower Swatara police were told a prepaid cellphone was stolen from a vehicle parked at a business in the 900 block of West Harrisburg Pike.

The victim told police the black Samsung phone was taken from his unlocked car some time March 23.

Loss was estimated at \$150.

**Stolen license plate**

A township resident told police the license plate was stolen from her car while it was parked in the 200 block of West Main Street.

Police said Pennsylvania plate KCP1304 was taken from the victim's 2001 Toyota Corolla. The victim told police she is unsure when the theft may have occurred.

Police were contacted March 20 about the theft.



## VFW Post 1620 marks half a century



Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1620 pose with a certificate commemorating their 50 years of dedication to all veterans during a celebration March 21 at the post, 200 Pike St.



From bottom left going clockwise are members Dave Gyger, Donna Coulter, Anna Buzan, Thomas Brown, District 18 President Robin Kohlar, and District 18 Commander Scott Fritz.



Robin Kohlar, Ricky Snyder, Patti Thompson, Angela Childers and Angela Grabuloff were on hand to celebrate 50 years for Post 1620 on Tuesday night, March 21.

# Does isolating sex offenders really work? Some experts say no

By Dan Miller  
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The arguments from experts who contend that residency restrictions such as those sought by Dawn Knull don't work focus on concerns that the restrictions isolate sex offenders and make it more difficult for them to be rehabilitated.

"It is a bad idea from the perspective of public safety," said Mary Catherine Roper, deputy legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania, which brought the case on behalf

of sex offenders that led to the court striking down the Allegheny County ordinance.

Many experts have come out in recent years to say the restrictions don't work, Roper said.

"You are driving (sex offenders) underground and making their rehabilitation impossible. Child safety and child protection experts oppose these laws," she said.

"The key is to make sure (sex offenders) can have a stable life with connections to the community. You make that connection impossible, you make normal life impossible, and that is what drives

people to reoffend."

Yet the number of states with laws allowing for residency restrictions of convicted sex offenders is growing. There were 21 states in 2006, according to research cited by Knull. But there were at least 26 as of a 2013 database provided to the Press & Journal by the National Council of State Legislatures.

So why is interest in these residency restrictions continuing to grow, despite the counter-arguments of reformers and successful court challenges to laws such as the one in Pennsylvania in 2011?

According to one expert, the rea-

son these laws continue to expand "is no mystery — politics." J.J. Prescott, a University of Michigan law professor who has studied the impact of laws pertaining to convicted sex offenders after being released from prison, writes in a 2016 analysis in the Connecticut Law Review.

"The number of sex offenders who are subject to these laws continues to grow, so does the number of friends and family members of sex offenders who are also negatively affected by these laws," Prescott writes. "But sex offenders 'typically arouse contemptuous

anger and disgust.' By and large the public has little sympathy for convicted sex offenders."

"Put simply, (sex offender post-release) laws sound like good ideas, and good ideas can be so persuasive on their own terms that actual evidence supporting them is unnecessary."

Residency restrictions such as those struck down in the Allegheny County ordinance potentially "cut off" offenders from the support systems and treatment resources within the community "that they (offenders) need to keep from reoffending," said Meghan

Dade, executive director of the Pennsylvania Sexual Offenders Assessment Board.

"It's very difficult for the (state board of probation and parole) to restrict people based upon proximity to a school or a playground, etc., because the majority of residences may be around a playground or park especially in a city," said Maria Finn, spokeswoman for the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole. "The parolee wouldn't be able to live at all in any city — any open lot could be considered a playground if children are using it as a playground."

## Sexual offenders are placed in tiers

By Dan Miller  
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Middletown resident Dawn Knull's change in state law is more narrow in scope than the Allegheny County ordinance struck down in 2011, as her proposal would restrict residency only for convicted sex offenders classified as Tier 3 or as a sexually violent predator.

Tier 3 offenders are those convicted of the most serious offenses such as rape, kidnapping, and aggravated indecent assault. Tier 3 offenders must meet Megan's Law registration requirements for the rest of their life.

Tier 1 offenders must meet the requirements for 15 years, while Tier 2 offenders must for 25 years, according to the Megan's Law website.

According to the same website, a sexually violent predator is a sexual offender whom the court has determined "to have a mental abnormality or personality disorder that makes the person likely to engage in predatory sexually violent offenses."

The court makes the designation based upon an evaluation that is done by the state Sexual Offenders Assessment Board. A sexually violent predator must meet Megan's Law registration requirements for the rest of his or her life.

In addition to the two sexually violent predators, there are 12 Tier 3 offenders living in Middletown who must register for the rest of their lives.

A Tier 3 offender also can be a sexually violent predator. Jeffrey Staley is a Tier 3 offender by virtue of having committed aggravated indecent assault, one of the offenses listed on the website as being classified Tier 3.

A sexually violent predator designation means the offender has a lifetime mental disorder that predisposes the offender to committing sexually violent offenses, said Meghan Dade, executive director of the Pennsylvania Sexual Offenders Assessment.

## Staley's offenses stem from incidents with two youths in early 2000s

A Snyder County judge in July 2007 sentenced Jeffrey Eugene Staley to a minimum of six years and six months to up to 30 years in state prison after Staley pleaded no contest to aggravated indecent assault of a child and other offenses stemming from him sexually assaulting two youths in 2003 and 2005, according to court records and published reports.

The earliest Staley could get out of prison was Dec. 22, 2012. The board denied Staley parole in a decision rendered Nov. 16, 2012, before granting him parole in June 2013. But it took until Aug. 3, 2015 for Staley to satisfy all the conditions to be released from prison.

While the board imposed no specific residency restrictions upon Staley, the board's decision

granting him parole in June 2013 contains a long list of conditions intended to prevent him from having any contact with anyone younger than 18, anywhere.

For example, besides banning physical contact and any contact through mail, telephone, social media and text messages, the conditions prohibit Staley from having nonverbal communication

with someone younger than 18 to include body language such as "waving, gesturing, winking" and sign language and facial expressions, according to the notice of the board's decision that was provided to the Press & Journal by Finn.

Staley in 2007 waived his right to be evaluated by the assessment board, and instead acknowledged that he met the criteria of being a sexually violent predator, according to court records.

— Dan Miller

## AREA POLICE ROUNDUP

### Elizabethtown woman arrested for selling herion

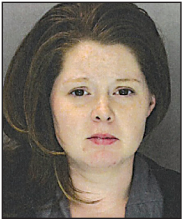
An Elizabethtown woman has been arrested by State Police for selling heroin in Middletown on March 19 and on March 21.

Police said that Abigail M. Fanus, 32, sold heroin to an unidentified buyer in the area of East Main and Vine streets in the borough on March 19. Two days later when Fanus arranged for another heroin sale at the same location, state police and members of the Dauphin County Drug Task Force were waiting.

A search of Fanus's vehicle that police said she consented to yielded 14 bundles of heroin, two Suboxone strips, and approximately \$2,000 cash. Drug paraphernalia was also located in her residence in the 100 block of Becker Road in Elizabethtown, police said.

Fanus was arraigned before District Judge David Judy on March 22 and charged with conspiracy to manufacture, delivery or possession with intent to deliver, two counts of manufacture, delivery or possession with intent to deliver, and two counts of criminal use of a communication facility.

Bail was set at \$100,000 and her preliminary hearing before Judy was scheduled for March 29.



Fanus

**Charges: Pre-teen girl molested**

A Royalton man has been arrested for allegedly raping a young girl.

According to court documents filed by Royalton police, Jesus Joel Cruz-Rivera of the 200 block of Burd Street began molesting the girl when she was 9 years old. The incidents were reported to police through a guidance counselor at the girl's elementary school in January 2017, when the girl was 10 years old, police said.

Cruz-Rivera, 32, was arrested by police on March 17 and arraigned before District Judge David Judy on March 21.

Cruz-Rivera is charged with raping a child, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse with a child, aggravated indecent assault of a child younger than 13 years old, indecent assault of a child younger than 13, indecent exposure, corruption of minors, criminal solicitation-involuntary deviate sexual intercourse with a child, and unlawful sexual contact with a minor.

Bail was set at \$50,000 and a preliminary hearing is set for April 6.

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Cruz-Rivera

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GROUP: ‘A serious problem’

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houses, Spencer said in an email to the Press & Journal.

The idea for the group came to Spencer on the night of March 21. She was thinking of all the people who have died from overdosing on heroin so far in 2017, including four in Middletown.

On March 22, Spencer made a Facebook post asking if anyone in Middletown was interested in starting a new heroin/opioid awareness group “and joining me in the war on heroin that is taking our kids.”

Kreider was among those responding.

Within days of the post Spen-

cer and Kreider met in person for the first time, during a meeting the two grandmothers arranged with another abuse group founder.

“She said she would help,” Spencer said of Kreider. She has done more than help, Spencer said, and has agreed to co-found FAMS.

Spencer raised three children in Middletown, along with “a couple others that went through my doors,” as she puts it.

“I now have 11 grandkids here that I lose more sleep over than I ever did my kids,” Spencer said. “Our kids are being taken and this is a serious problem. We love our town and our kids.”

EVENTS: Fundraisers range from New Cumberland to Highspire

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he was 18.

The event runs from 11:30 a.m. to midnight and will include a special menu with beers, raffles with over 50 gift certificates and prizes. Live acoustic music starts at 8 p.m., but music will be going on “pretty much all day” of the event, Deimler said.

Babe’s will also set up a “to go” section for people who want to stop by and pick up food and show their support by donating, but who cannot stay to enjoy the activities.

The shooting at the River House remains an active investigation under Pennsylvania State Police. State police late Friday afternoon March 24 filed a long list of charges against 21-year-old Tanner Allen Stark of Mount Joy.

GoFundMe accounts have been created online for both Cole and Seesholtz. The GoFundMe for Cole had raised \$23,710 toward a goal of \$25,000 as of Tuesday, April 4.

The GoFundMe for Seesholtz had raised \$8,510 toward a goal of \$10,000. The Seesholtz GoFundMe account calls Seesholtz a hero for his actions during the incident at the River House.

“NOT ALL HEROS WEAR CAPES!” the post accompanying the GoFundMe account says of Seesholtz.

Deimler agrees. Seesholtz “for sure 100 percent” saved the life of Andy Cole.

“That guy (Stark) was shooting blindly into the building,” Deimler told the Press & Journal. “How many more shots was he going to put in? How many more lives did my cousin save?”

The Babe’s event will raise

“I understand what they are going through. It’s just a shame. We just want to help out and do what we can.”

Champions owner Tyler Schmidt

money for both Seesholtz and Cole, but it is Cole who is in greatest need, Deimler said.

“He is the one who will be in the hospital forever and will be a different person for the rest of his life,” Deimler said.

Cole is also a new father, Deimler added.

More than 50 businesses have committed to donating gift certificates. They come from all over the area — from Mechanicsburg to Hershey to Palmyra.

“There’s a lot of good people who are trying to help out people who had a bad draw,” Deimler said.

Fratelli’s in New Cumberland

Perhaps earliest out of the gate was Fratelli’s Towne Tavern in New Cumberland, which donated 10 percent of all food sales on the night of March 24 to Cole.

There wasn’t much time to promote that first event, so Fratelli’s is planning a much bigger event for sometime in mid-April, said Fratelli’s General Manager Dan Rickabaugh.

“My goal is to raise at least \$2,000” with proceeds to be divided equally between Cole and Seesholtz, said Rickabaugh.

Rickabaugh and several others who work at Fratelli’s are close to

Cole and Seesholtz, and also with the owners of the River House.

“We all know them very, very well,” Rickabaugh said. “They are people in the industry, the same as us.”

Showing solidarity is important because what happened at the River House can happen at any bar or restaurant anywhere, Rickabaugh said. Fratelli’s will post more information regarding the upcoming event on its Facebook page, and the event will also be promoted by the Hot 93.5 WWKL-FM radio station, he added.

Champions in Highspire

In Highspire, Champions Sports Bar & Grill began accepting donations for Seesholtz and Cole on Saturday, March 25. Donation buckets have been set up throughout the bar and dining room and the drive will continue through April 8, according to a post on Champion’s Facebook page.

In addition, 10 percent of proceeds from all sales at Champions on Thursday, March 30, went to aid in the recovery of the two men.

Champions will do the same thing again on Thursday, April 6 — donating 10 percent of proceeds from all sales throughout the day to Seesholtz and Cole.

Champions is also hosting a benefit from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 30, with all proceeds going toward Seesholtz and Cole, Champions owner Tyler Schmidt told the Press & Journal.

Event tickets will be \$20. The event will include bands, giveaways, silent auctions, food, and beer.

Updates with information on the April 30 event will be posted



DAVE SEESHOLTZ IS A HERO!



Supporting Andy

These screen captures are from the GoFundMe pages of Andy Cole and David Seesholtz.

on the Champions Facebook page.

Schmidt and Seesholtz graduated from the same class at Lower Dauphin High School. Schmidt prefers not to say how long ago.

Schmidt knows Andy as a bartender from Schmidt being in the bar business himself.

“I understand what they are going through,” Schmidt said, referring to the River House family as well as Seesholtz and Cole. “It’s just a shame. We just want to help out and do what we can.”

As Fratelli’s Rickabaugh put it, “This goes to show how all the different bars pull together to help take care of one of their own.”

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LAW: Knull reaches out to lawmakers about sex offender legislation

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Area Middle School, and Reid Elementary School. The house is in Middletown, but the campus is in Lower Swatara Township.

There are 30 convicted sex offenders living in Middletown, Staley is one of two sexually violent predators, according to the Megan’s Law website. The other lives in the first block of Mill Street.

Knull said students who walk to any of the three schools cannot avoid passing in front of Staley’s house.

“The kids have no alternative route,” Knull said.

Knull is “pretty sure” the residence is within 500 feet of school district property, although she could not say for certain.

The Press & Journal attempted to contact Staley to get comment for this article. Staley did not respond to a request for comment that was left at his residence.

District takes note

On Feb. 21, a letter to parents written by Superintendent Lori Suski was posted on the school district’s website, www.raiderweb.org.

The letter does not identify Staley, but lists steps that the district implemented after being notified by police of a sexually violent predator moving into the residence.

The letter advises parents to “take this opportunity to speak with your children about interacting with strangers while they are coming to or leaving from school each day, in particular those who walk to and from the campus via North Union Street.”

Suski in a follow up email to the Press & Journal said she has requested police from Middletown and Lower Swatara Township monitor “as they are able,” when students are most likely walking in that area.

Suski also pointed out that it is a student’s choice to walk to school.

“Bus transportation is made available to all K-12 students who attend schools on the campus,” Suski said.

Unenforceable law?

In 2009, borough council adopted an ordinance banning any convicted sex offender from living within 500 feet of a school, child-care facility, community center, public park, recreational facility or library.

The ordinance is still on the books, but considered unenforceable, according to Dauphin County District Attorney Ed Marsico. That’s because a 2011 Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision struck down a 2007 Allegheny County ordinance that banned convicted sex offenders from living within 2,500 feet of a child care facility, recreational facility,

community center, public park or school.

Middletown Borough Solicitor Adam Santucci in a recent legal opinion also advised council that the ordinance is unenforceable.

He would not discuss the opinion in detail, citing attorney-client privilege. However, during an exchange with resident Rachelle Reid during the March 7 council meeting, Santucci said that his opinion was supported by that of the DA’s office.

“I just don’t like to advise my clients to run out and break the law,” Santucci said, responding to Reid’s contention that the borough should still seek to enforce the ordinance despite the 2011 court decision.

Reid said she worked to get the ordinance passed while she was on council in 2009. Reid, a Republican, is also on the May 16 primary ballot for council.

Knull said she wishes the ordinance could be enforced, but she doesn’t want to risk the borough being sued and having to compensate Staley.

“I don’t want to owe this guy anything,” she said.

Talking to lawmakers

Knull said she has spoken to state lawmakers. She contacted Gov. Tom Wolf’s office and spoke to Pennsylvania State Police as well as other area police departments. Her husband spoke to someone in

the office of U.S. Rep. Charles Dent.

State Rep. Tom Mehaffie did not return two phone calls from the Press & Journal seeking comment, but said in part via email: “There’s no doubt that this is serious issue and we are absolutely looking into both the legislative and legal remedies available in this situation.”

Knull had a conference call with Sen. Mike Folmer on Monday, March 20.

Current state law allows either a parole officer or the courts to restrict a sexual predator from living within 1,000 feet of a school, Folmer’s chief of staff Fred Sembach told the Press & Journal, following Knull’s conversation with Folmer.

Told that the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole says it is no longer imposing this type of restriction in light of the 2011 state Supreme Court decision striking down the Allegheny County ordinance, Sembach referred the Press & Journal to the list of frequently asked questions on the Megan’s Law website.

He said that Folmer advised Knull to contact Dauphin County Probation and Parole “to see if they can provide insights as to why a possibly sexually violent predator is being allowed to live across from the Middletown schools.”

Folmer’s office is also investigating “whether there’s a loophole in the law that needs to be changed,” Sembach said.

TOWN TOPICS

Fish fry to be held at fire company on Fridays

Londonderry Fire Company, 2655 Foxianna Road, Middletown, is sponsoring its Fish Fry from 5 to 8 p.m. Fridays, April 7 and 14. Call 717-944-2175 for takeout. Follow the fire company on Facebook and its website for weekly specials and more items, www.londonderryfire.com.

Easter flower sale set for next week in Middletown

The Rescue Firemen’s Home Association, 600 S. Union St., Middletown, is sponsoring an Easter Flower Sale from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, and Friday, April 14, and Saturday, April 15, all day.

Donations for spring sale needed at library

The Friends of the Middletown Public Library group is accepting donations for the upcoming May spring sale. Bring books, CDs, DVDs and jigsaw puzzles to the library at 20 N. Catherine St. during regular business hours. Pickup is available by calling

717-944-5238.

Call 717-944-6412 for more information.

Frey Village Easter egg hunt is Saturday

Frey Village, 1020 N. Union St., Middletown, is sponsoring its annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 8. The event is open to the community.

For more information or to RSVP, call 888-995-8261.

Last fish fry at Seven Sorrows is Friday

Seven Sorrows Catholic Church, Race and Conewago streets, Middletown, is sponsoring its last Fish Fry from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 7. Call 717-944-5488 after 4 p.m. for takeout.

Visit sevensorrows.org for our full menu.

Middletown police egg hunt is Saturday

The Middletown Police Department is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Hoffer Park in Middletown. The event is free for children

ages 2 to 13 years old. Come meet the Easter Bunny.

Volunteers are needed to help stuff the eggs. Contact rhulstine@middletownborough.com.

Bingo Mania will be held April 9 at fire company

Londonderry Fire Company, 2655 Foxianna Road, Middletown, will hold its Bingo Mania on Sunday, April 9. Doors and kitchen open at noon. Bingo starts at 2 p.m.

Show set at Middletown Anglers’ & Hunters’

A Middletown Anglers’ & Hunters’ Comedy Show featuring Earl David Reed will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, April 14 for members and guest only. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Come early to purchase dinner.

For more information, call Donna at 717-979-9039.

Spring Fling is this week at Olde Factory Antiques

Olde Factory Antiques and Crafts, 139 S. Hanover St., Hummelstown, is sponsoring its Spring Fling on April 5 through

9. It will be open daily Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

Refreshments will be served Saturday, April 8 only. For more information, call 717-566-5685.

Easter bake sale at St. Ann Byzantine

An Easter bake sale featuring homemade walnut, poppy seed and apricot rolls will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 8. The sale will be held in the parish hall at St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church, 5408 Locust Lane, Colonial Park, Harrisburg.

Smoked kielbasa and perohi will also be available. No orders are being taken.

CD Band Boosters plan annual Craft Show

The Central Dauphin Band Boosters 27th Annual Spring Craft Show will be held on Saturday, April 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Central Dauphin High School, 437 Picketown Rd. at Route 39. Admission and parking is free.

For more information visit www.cdramband.org.



Pole position



Middletown Blue Raider pole vaulter Greyson Meyer clears the bar vs. Bishop McDevitt on Tuesday, March 28. The Middletown boys defeated the Crusaders, 82-68, while the girls squad lost 111-39. See more photos on page B8.

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS & JOURNAL BY JODI OCKER

Blue Raider Thompson set for Big 33 Football Classic

All-time leading Blue Raider rusher Jaelen Thompson will play in the Big 33 Football Classic on June 17. The game will be played at Central Dauphin's Landis Field.



Details about the 60th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Scholastic Football Coaches Association Big 33 Football Classic — in which Blue Raider standout Jaelen Thompson will play — were released Wednesday. The game is at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, at Central Dauphin School District's Landis Field. It matches high school all-stars from Pennsylvania and Maryland. Tickets for the football game are expected to go on sale May 1. Go to big33.org for information. Thompson was one of five final-

ists for the Small School 2016 Mr. PA Football award. He will play in college at Towson University in Maryland. Middletown's all-time leading rusher helped the Blue Raiders reach the 2016 PIAA AAA championship game. He rushed for 3,940 yards to pass the 3,409 yards by Rodney Ramsey, whose last season was in 2008. The 5-foot-10-inch, 190-pound senior played defensive back as well as running back. Thompson was a Mid-Penn All-Star. He was named to the PA Writers All State Team and the

All Eastern PA Team, and was selected as Eastern PA Football Player of the Year. Honorary chairs for this year's game are Bishop McDevitt graduate Noah Spence, defensive end for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers; Steelton-Highspire School District graduate Jordan Hill, defensive tackle for the Seattle Seahawks; Bobby Watson Sr., Steelton-Highspire graduate, 1960 Big 33 team, University of Tennessee player and Hershey High School coach

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If you tee it up at Sunset, get ready for some changes

With 600 trees removed for HIA, course will play differently

By David Barr  
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Sunset Golf Course will look and play differently for golfers starting this spring after a series of renovations. In November, 600 trees were removed from the front nine holes of the course because of a safety concern involving flights at Harrisburg International Airport. With the vegetation removed, the front nine is now a links-style course, while a tree-lined course on the back nine remains. Links style, the oldest style of golf course, describes an area, usually along a coast, where there are sand bunkers and few trees. With the tree removal, the front nine will have native grasses and plants surrounding the holes, greens and fairways. There will also be new obstacles in the form of fairway bunkers, which will aid golfers in their alignment. "We feel the concept of getting to play a traditional course along with a links style on the same property is pretty special," Sunset Superintendent Sam Risteff



STAFF PHOTO BY DAVID BARR

Mike Coryer of Palmyra prepares to drive his shot on the first hole of the redesigned front nine at Sunset Golf Course.

said in a press release. After trees were removed, the project added new grassy areas, shrubbery, and an improved irrigation system. Those new features are close to being wrapped

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WOODS & WATERS | TOM SHANK

Catch and release must be done right

The upcoming trout season is fast approaching. The wait is about over and the anticipation and enjoyment of fishing for trout on the many stocked streams and lakes is only a few days away. Opening day for the southern half of the state that comprises 18 southeast counties was Saturday, April 1. On April 14, it opens for the entire state. A special youth day that requires a mentor to accompany a youth got an early opening day a week prior of both opening days. Special regulations apply, and everyone should reference the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission website at www.fishandboat.com for explanation on the mentor program. Your license digest, which comes when you purchase your fishing license, is the go-to guide for all inland waters. Again, the fish and boat website is very helpful too. Through the years of trout fishing, I have witnessed first-hand folks who practice "catch and release." For whatever reason, it is often done improperly. The catch and release results in catch and kill instead of its intended purpose, which is allowing a fish to go back into the water providing angling opportunities to more people. Some practice catch and release exclusively, and that's their personal right, while others keep some and release others. Both choices either way return fish back into the water. The angler must perform this act delicately as a surgeon performs an operation. First, keep the fish in the water. This keeps their scales and outer slime moist. Remember, a fish out of water for any length of time can be life threatening to them. If you must handle a fish in the open air, a moist towel around it or having wet hands can do the trick until it's placed back into the water. Second, the use of a landing net is beneficial to keep a fish in the water during a release. At all costs, limit the time that a fish is exposed to the open air. Flopping around on the ground and dangling from a fishing rod isn't a good thing for the fish. Third, hooks are more easily removed from a fish if the barbs are pinched down. Barb hooks tear and injure a fish when they are pulled and jerked out. Hook extraction tools like long nose pliers or forceps make it easy. There are many such tools on the market. Fourth, any fish that is hooked deep and is to be released must have the line cut as close to the hook as possible. A hook left inside a fish sounds harsh, but the hook will eventually dissolve through time. What cannot be done is to attempt a hook removal and while doing it, the fish begins to bleed. A bleeding fish is eventually a dead fish. The damage done by the angler, either by gripping it too hard or yanking and pulling a hook set, is detrimental to the release. Evidence of mishandling and improper hook removal can be seen on many trout streams and lakes each year. It's those fish you see swimming on their sides gasping for air or floating lifeless — dead fish as a result of the fishermen's release. Catch and release of trout need to adhere to common sense practices of delicate handling. A fish is a delicate creature. Less time out of the water, proper holding, using tools for hook removal and obeying the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's regulations on possession of species will provide angling pleasure for all. I came across a quote from Lee Wulff, the famed fly fisherman, author and conservationist. It states: "The greatest gift you can give another fisherman is to put a good fish back." I changed a few words to that and came up with my own quote. "A gift that keeps on giving is for a fisherman to return some fish back to their home to provide angling pleasure to others." Please practice catch and release the right way if that's your choice. Good luck and be safe on the water. Tom Shank has been writing Woods and Waters for the Press And Journal for nine years. His expertise has been gained through 50 years plus hunting, fishing, trapping and exploring the full gamut of nature. The Susquehanna River and his cabin in Lycoming County are his true loves. Woods and Water is his playground in life, and to write about it for the Press And Journal is a dream come true.

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# Middletown baseball beats rival LD behind Mattes

By Larry Etter  
Press & Journal Staff

HUMMELSTOWN — Cheers and high-fives signified the end of a closely played varsity baseball game at Nye Field on Monday afternoon. The difference from past years was that this celebration came from the Middletown side after the Blue Raiders pulled off an exciting 3-1 victory over the host Falcons.

They stand at 2-1 on the season. League foes for years, but now playing in different divisions for the second season, the Raiders and Lower Dauphin always put on an entertaining show. Monday's game turned out to be more of the same. The Blue Raiders played well enough in the 2017 edition to claim its first win over their nemesis in several years.

Senior right-hander Michael Mattes went the distance for Middletown, turning in an impressive outing to earn the complete game victory. Mattes had total command of his pitches and ended with six

strikeouts and just one walk while getting nine groundouts. He scattered seven hits, all singles. The Raiders punched out eight hits against three Lower Dauphin pitchers led by two each by Blake Jacoby and Richard Castagna. They also drew four walks.

The Blue Raiders got off to a good start, picking up their first run in the top of the first inning. After Jacoby and Noah Zimmerman opened up the game with singles off Lower Dauphin starter Hunter Crawford, both runners moved up on a wild pitch. A fielder's choice ground ball turned into an out at home as Jacoby tried to score from third. With one down and Zimmerman on third, Jimmy Fitzpatrick stroked an RBI single for the run. Crawford prevented further damage by inducing a double play to end it.

With one out in the bottom of the first, Timmy Townsend singled and stole second ahead of a walk to Michael Geesaman, putting two Falcon runners on base. But Mattes struck out Matt Kephart

on four pitches and then induced a groundout to hold the Falcons scoreless.

The Raiders struck again in the top of the second inning. Tristen Maxwell walked with one out and went to second on a balk by Crawford. After designated hitter Matt Shopf also drew a base on balls, both runners moved up on a double steal. A high throw home from third base on Joe Brady's ground ball allowed Maxwell to score and put Brady safely on at first base. Jacoby's sacrifice fly knocked in Shopf from third for Middletown's third run.

The Falcons picked up their lone run in the home half of the second when Josh Sauflley singled with two outs and went to second on a throwing error on the play. Designated hitter Will Manley's single knocked in Sauflley who beat out a throw to the plate. And, although the Blue Raiders would not score during the remainder of the game, that 3-1 lead held up as Mattes and his defense kept the host team off the scoreboard as well. Evan

Bowman took over on the hill for the Falcons and held the Raiders to a single in the third inning that ended in another Lower Dauphin double play.

Through the third, fourth and fifth innings Mattes yielded just four singles and the Middletown defense played flawlessly to support his fine outing. The Falcons put two runners on base in the bottom of the fifth with two outs but both were stranded on a ground out to first baseman Johan Sanchez-Padilla. Jacoby singled with two outs in the top of the sixth but never made it home and the Falcons went down in order on a flyout that was snagged by left fielder Joe Brady and a pair of groundouts.

Wanting to punch in an insurance run in the top of the seventh, the Raiders led off with a single to left by Sanchez-Padilla. Pinch runner Kyle Truesdale went to second on a sacrifice bunt by Fitzpatrick but pitcher Jared Dunkle got out of the inning with a fielder's choice grounder and a strikeout and the

score held at 3-1.

In the past, the Falcons seemed to be able to come up with a late-inning rally vs. Middletown. But it did not happen this time. Mattes struck out Manley swinging for the first out and got Clay Spencer on a popup to second. Townsend launched a high fly ball to left that Brady gloved for the third out that locked up the big win.

**15-0 win over Milton Hershey**

Middletown bounced back nicely from a season-opening loss with a three-inning, 15-0 shutout over visiting Milton Hershey last Thursday.

The Blue Raiders scored three runs in the bottom of the first inning, two more in the home half of the second and then ended the game early by plating 10 runs in the bottom of the third.

Tristen Maxwell, Jimmy Fitzpatrick and Joe Brady each had two runs batted in while Fitzpatrick and Brady had multiple hits in the game. A pair of walks each by Maxwell, Noah Zimmerman and

Richard Castagna led to several runs for the Blue Raiders.

The Middletown team punched out six hits and took advantage of a number of walks to key the victory. Offensively the Blue Raiders also took advantage of seven errors by Milton Hershey.

Zimmerman picked up the pitching win, striking out five Spartans in his three innings.

"It was good to get Noah into a groove with some good innings pitching," head coach Steve Shuleski said.

And, because the weather was not the best, he was happy that the game went as fast and as well as it did.

"We wanted to get in and get out as quick as possible with the rain," he noted.

The Raiders were to have three more games on the schedule this week, all on the road: Northern York on Tuesday, East Pennsboro on Thursday, and Bishop McDevitt on Friday. Zimmerman and Fitzpatrick are scheduled to pitch two of those games.

## BIG 33: Game set for June 17

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for 35 years; and Steve Keim, Red Land High School, 1991 Big 33, North Carolina State University player and general manager of the Arizona Cardinals.

During the game, there will also be a tribute to Harrisburg High School graduate Adrian Robinson, who played for the Pittsburgh Steelers before his death in 2015, and for former Big 33 executive director Dave Trimbur, who passed away late last year.

The financially troubled Big 33 Scholarship Foundation closed its doors last year, and the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners pledged \$100,000 in tourism dollars, funded from hotel room taxes, to ensure the game would continue. The commissioners worked with the Pennsylvania Scholastic Football Coaches Association, which took over the Big 33 Football Classic.

"We knew that we could not allow this great tradition to falter," Board of Commissioners Chairman Jeff Haste said.

"Not only is the Big 33 important in its own right, but is also important to our hotels, restaurants and many other businesses that benefit from visitors who attend the game and the events surrounding it," he added.

Garry Cathell, executive director of the PSFCA, said he didn't know if the game would've happened this year without the support of the commissioners.

"The Big 33 is a big deal for our region and we were committed to making sure this proud tradition continues," said Commissioner Mike Pries. "Tourism spending brings in \$2.3 billion every year, and events like the Big 33 draw visitors to our area and let them see all we have to offer."

Many high school players who took part in past Big 33 games have gone on to professional careers in the NFL, including Herb Adderly, Joe Namath, Tony Dorsett, Joe Montana, Jim Kelly, Dan Marino, Ricky Watters and Ben Roethlisberger.

Recent games had been held at Hersheypark Stadium.

Money raised from the game and the events surrounding it support the Buddy program, which connects kids with special needs with all-star athletes in football, baseball and beyond.

This year's game will include a family fun and awareness festival from 3 to 6:30 p.m. June 17 at Landis Field.

Several county departments and community organizations will offer educational activities for children of all ages, with an emphasis on drug and alcohol prevention.

## Hitting against Hershey



Katie Fitzpatrick collects a hit Thursday vs. Milton Hershey.

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The Middletown softball team won at Milton Hershey 22-3 on Thursday. The Blue Raiders got on the board in the top of the second with six runs led by Jordyn Dupes' double, which brought in three runs. They added 11 in the third and five more in the fourth. The game ended after four innings because of the 15-run rule. Dupes went 2 for 2 (2 doubles) with 5 RBIs and 4 runs. Maddy Sweigert, left, pitched a three-hitter with three strikeouts and one walk. She also had two hits — a double and a single. On the right, Veronica Miller steals second base. The team beat West Perry on Monday, 13-3, to go to 2-1 on the season.



## Middletown tennis falls twice



Tommy Lee, above, and Connor Gambini, right, hit returns against James Buchanan on Wednesday, March 29. The Middletown boys tennis team fell 4-1. Isaac Shenton beat Jacob Spear, 6-1, 6-2. Micah Wise beat Lee, 6-1, 6-2. Josh Summers beat Jarod Frekot, 6-0, 6-0. In doubles, Gambini and Blake Gill won 6-1, 6-3 vs. Noah Shank and Oscar Erkes, but Steven Mosher and Jacob Idowu lost 6-2, 7-6 (8-6) to Paul Dzieciol and Thatcher Stevens. On Monday, they lost 5-0 to Bishop McDevitt. Noah Nacionales beat Spear, 6-1, 6-4. Joshua Lapitan beat Lee, 6-0, 6-0. Nathaniel Jackson beat Frekot, 6-0, 6-2. In doubles, Cedric Humphrey and Kwame McCray beat Gambini and Gill, 6-3, 6-4. Elliot Barwin and Cole Berryhill beat Mosher and Idowu, 6-1, 6-1.

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# FROM THE VAULT

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## Headlines from the front page

- Teachers say ‘yes’ to pay freeze; Three-year contract calls for increases in co-pays for health insurance, prescription drugs (Lower Dauphin School District).
- Audit outlines lax money controls; Accounting procedures overridden by former superintendent, report says (Steelton-Highspire School District).
- No challenger for D.J. Smith



### Play at the plate

Middletown catcher Ryan Trafecanty blocks the plate and gets the out against Hershey. But Middletown couldn't stop the Trojans, who won 13-7.

PHOTO BY BILL DARRAH

## Council to citizens: You've got 5 minutes

By Jim Lewis  
Press And Journal Staff

We all know we live in a democracy, but just how that democracy operates is sometimes open to, well, public debate.

In Middletown, the borough council holds a monthly workshop meeting where the agenda is a lengthy string of reports from every department head, a voluminous accounting of borough operations ranging from important financial matters to the number of zapped squirrels that died when they inadvertently interrupted electric connections.

Citizens in the audience frequently stood throughout the meeting to ask questions or voice their opinions about specific items.

But the borough changed the format at its most recent workshop meeting on Tuesday, March 22. Audience members were allowed to speak for five minutes at the beginning of the meeting only, while department heads gave updates on important projects afterwards.

Councilors still received the voluminous reports, but residents who attended did not.

It was an experiment aimed at streamlining the meetings to focus on items where the council may vote to “enact changes and make policy,” said council President Diana McGlone. “It gives us an opportunity to engage with our department supervisors and find out where they are as it relates to a specific project.”

## 75 years of service

Low-key Kiwanis members support kids

By Garry Lenton  
Press And Journal Staff

Walk around town and you'll likely find something that has benefited from members of the borough's second-oldest civic group — the Middletown Kiwanis Club.

There are the flower beds at Kiwanis Park in Royalton — tended by club members; food used by volunteers at Dream Maker Transport to raise money for after school programs; book drives for the Middletown Public Library; and events at Essex House to benefit residents there.

And there is the annual Halloween parade. A lot of people think the parade is a borough-sponsored event, but it's Kiwanis.

“We're not making big news in Middletown but we are doing community service trying to help community organizations in a small way,” said Melody Wilson, a club member.

Wilson hopes that work will continue as the local club prepares to celebrate its 75th anniversary at a dinner to be held Saturday, April 30 at the First Church of God in



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Melody Wilson, left, and Christine Porter put finishing touches on the Kiwanis Club float for last year's Middletown Homecoming Parade.

Middletown.

Three local divisions of the club from Chambersburg to Reading have been invited to the celebra-

tion, Wilson said.

(Anyone interested in attending may send an e-mail to mlaneki@aol.com.)

The club was chartered on March 18, 1936. The only local club older is the Middletown Women's Club, Wilson said.

## Lower Swatara: Student housing plan moves forward (Penn State)

By Jim Lewis  
Press And Journal Staff

A second developer has won approval from the Lower Swatara Township Zoning Hearing Board to build apartments for 264 Penn State Harrisburg students in a neighborhood near the college's campus.

The board voted 2-0 on Wednesday, March 30 to grant a special exception to local zoning to GreenWorks Development, the first step in building the apartment complex.

Another apartment complex

had received a special exception from the board in December. KGH Properties will also build housing for 264 students next to GreenWorks' project in the Eagle Heights neighborhood.

The 528 students will get to campus via a new road and sidewalks that would connect the two apartment complexes to Penn State Harrisburg.

Neighbors had complained the complexes would bring traffic, drainage problems and student rowdiness to their neighborhood during the board's consideration of the KGH project. But neighbors

have seemed to resign themselves to the fact that the apartments — in some shape or form — will be built.

One resident, Ron Helwig, who lives on West High Street just down the street from the projects, feared that the hillside neighborhood would one day be dominated by student housing.

“If you look at the plan five years, 10 years from now, they're going to want to take over the hill,” Helwig told the zoning board before it approved the special exception.

Middletown officials, however, see the projects as a potential

boon — a chance to draw more students to the borough's business district. Middletown hopes to extend Emaus Street, which intersects Union Street in the heart of the borough's main business strip, to a mall, restaurants and other businesses proposed for the former A.C. Green warehouse at West Main Street across from the two apartment complexes.

A train station also will be built at the warehouse site, though it will not be a building, but a platform with a roof, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

## SUNSET: Golfers venture out to take in the changes to golf course

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up, but were slowed by the recent snow, Risteff said.

This is all part of phase one of a multi-year project that will rehabilitate Runway 13-31 at Harrisburg International Airport. The Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority board of directors awarded \$10 million in contracts last July for the first phase of its three-part runway improvement project. The authority received an \$8.8 million grant from the Federal Aviation Administration for the first year of the project.

Trees that were removed are no longer a safety issue for air traffic. The airport would have had to pay more than \$100,000 if it had to remove the trees without the project's assistance.

Londonderry Township owns the golf course, and it benefited from the project, as revenue was collected from the harvesting of both hardwood and pulpwood and infected white ash trees. J&L Logging was responsible for the removal of the trees.

Londonderry Township's Steve Letavic said the project has gone very well so far and “couldn't ask for a better arrangement” between the township, airport and golf course.

“I'm really pleased with how it's going,” Letavic said.

At a Londonderry Township Board of Supervisors meeting April 3, course general manager Mike Johnson addressed the board in place of Risteff.

According to Risteff's notes provided to Johnson, the stumps had been removed and the debris resulting from their removal had been cleared.

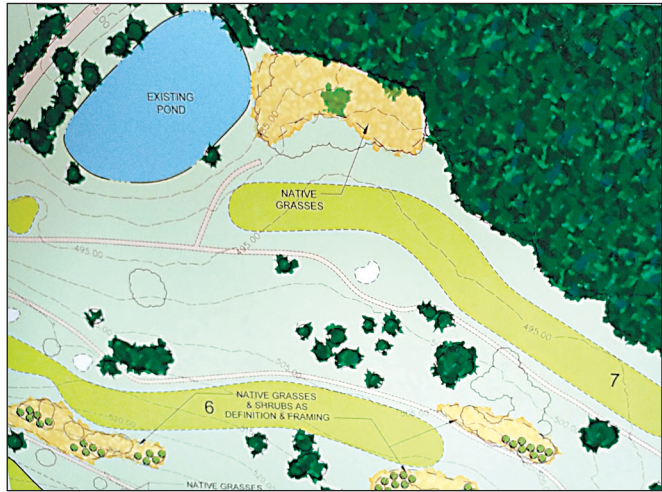
The aerating of the greens, tees, and fairways and fertilization projects have begun and work on a new tee box on the fifth hole has started. The tee is being added for safety purposes, according to plans at the clubhouse. This project is expected to be completed in about a week.

Johnson said that with the late-season snow, the project's finish date of April 1 had been pushed



STAFF PHOTOS BY DAVID BARR

Evidence of tree removal, especially to the right of the first fairway, is evident Monday as Randy Mason of Palmyra tees off at Sunset Golf Course.



Layouts available to visitors in the Sunset Golf Course clubhouse show changes being made to the course for Harrisburg International Airport safety concerns, as trees are removed.

back about 10 days, and work may have to be completed this fall after the summer rush is over. Risteff told the Press & Journal on Tuesday morning, however that the work is so close to being done, that it will be completed now.

After fairway and tee work is done, the rest of the work will be on the edges of the course and should not affect play, he said.

“We're going to have a nice golf course once this is done,” Risteff said, adding that it will take two to three years to see the full results.

**Golfers react to changes**

Some people took advantage of spring-like weather in mid-February to play a few holes and saw

just how far the course has come.

Leonard Fetchko and Hap Shull were among the many golfers playing on the afternoon of Feb. 23. They play Sunset four to five times a year.

Fetchko lamented that the logging on the front nine removed landmarks they used to get their bearings, but it was still too early to tell how much different the course will be as the stump removal portion of the project had yet to be completed at that time.

“It looks like a different course to me,” Shull said.

Michael Back was also taking advantage of the warm weather to play what he calls one of his favorite courses. When pressed,

he said he enjoyed it due to the challenge it offered, the cost and the proximity to home.

“It's not that bad right now,” he said in regards to the changes on the front nine holes.

He made a suggestion that as much money as possible should be put into the course provided the cost to play doesn't increase.

While players were still adjusting to the changes, Jim Robertson was “kind of disappointed” that the trees were removed on the front nine, saying they gave the course character.


His friend Ed Moore didn't have any previous rounds to compare as he had just completed his inaugural round at Sunset.

“I'll be interested to see what it looks like when it's completed,” Moore said.

After a wet and muddy March, there were a handful of people playing Monday, April 3.

Middletown resident Becky Smith was getting in a practice round with other members of her Tuesday morning ladies league before official playing starts in a couple weeks.

“It's a whole new perspective,” Smith said prior to teeing off on the first hole on the front nine. “I'm just looking forward to the new challenges it represents. It'll be interesting.”



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## Love can heal rough childhoods

The challenge of educating urban students within the context of poverty, trauma, abuse and other socioeconomic factors that contribute to students' lives can be overwhelming and seemingly impossible for urban educators. Research from the Adverse Childhood Experiences studies demonstrates, however, that urban students are at significantly higher risks for negative health factors as adults because they lack resiliency fostered in safe, loving environments.

Eric Jensen, author of "Teaching with Poverty in Mind," summarizes: "Every year, millions of unloved and traumatized youth enter adulthood with damaged brains and hearts. They are highly predisposed to die from self-destructive behaviors, and highly likely to continue the cycle of abuse."

Hopelessness is powerful. It insists that urban schools cannot be reformed. City schools, and the communities they represent, are racked with high dropout rates, low student attendance, senseless violence, and economic and racial segregation. Research confirms that urban schools are swarming with traumatized kids.

Cynicism tempts us to believe that the cycle of poverty is unbreakable. A high-quality education is critical to ending the cycle of poverty, but its delivery can be a challenge. Poverty and childhood trauma are a potent concoction that make teacher-student relationships a struggle.

It seems easier to pity hurting students who live in poverty than to love them. Any decent educator knows though, that trust and respect are fundamental to a healthy teacher-student relationship. The people we trust and respect are typically those we know love and care about us. Loving students that are hurting, and thereby developing their trust and respect, is not an easy task.

Referring to this challenge, Jensen writes, "Children raised in poverty rarely choose to behave differently, but they are faced daily with overwhelming challenges that affluent children never have to confront, and their brains have adapted to suboptimal conditions in ways that undermine good school performance."

**The ACE studies**

Research is uncovering what many parents and teachers know intuitively: Love plays a crucial role in the healthy development of children's brains. In 1998, the Adverse Childhood Experiences study (Felitti & Anda, 1998) was conducted by a group of researchers on 9,508 adults at Kaiser Permanente's San Diego Health Appraisal Clinic.

This study was composed of primarily white, middle-class, and highly educated individuals. A similar ACE study was conducted on 1,784 adults in Philadelphia in 2012 that focused on an urban community with broader social, economic,

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## EDITORIALVIEWS

# How much longer will TMI be a part of the fabric of the area?

Hindsight is 20/20, they say. So it's interesting to look back at Three Mile Island 38 years after the accident at Unit 2 made our little corner of the world synonymous with nuclear disaster.

Our new From The Vault feature last week focused solely on the Press & Journal coverage from the edition following the March 28, 1979 disaster.

We can barely start to count the ways that our world is different since then. We can only imagine how today's social media and "fake news" accusations would have shaped people's perceptions and actions in the aftermath.

It's interesting to remember just who was here in the days following. President Jimmy Carter famously visited, and he is still in the news for his good deeds in his post-presidency lifetime. There was Dick Thornburgh, Pennsylvania's governor, who had been in office only about two months when the accident occurred. He, of course, would go on to become attorney general of the United States under Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush. At age 84, he now serves as counsel to the international law firm of K&L Gates LLP in its Pittsburgh office.

And there was Harold Denton, Carter's envoy in the crisis, who

some declared the "hero of TMI" for his calmness amid the chaos of the accident, and his reassurances in his North Carolina drawl. Denton passed away in February.

And our coverage showed then-Mayor Robert Reid, then in his mid-40s, defiantly trying to get questions answered about what exactly the borough and the surrounding area should do and expect after the accident. The longtime educator is still a key player in Middletown, serving on the borough council. And how many people do you know who have a school named for them while they are still alive? It just goes to show the import he has had on this community.

We were struck reading a front-page editorial titled "What cost a catastrophe?" published in the April 4, 1979, edition of the Press & Journal that we reprinted in its entirety last week.

It said in part: "Immediate deaths from the radiation from Three Mile Island? No, there hasn't been any. But 10, 20 years from today when cancer strikes many of us, will a catastrophe have befallen us then?"

Long term, the consensus is that cancer effects have been limited. There are still people who disagree, including the Three Mile Island Alert group as well as the makers of the fea-

ture film "Meltdown, Based on True Events." The movie is taken from the experiences of Jill Murphy Long, who grew up 12 miles south of TMI. In 2012, she was diagnosed with a brain tumor and her brother was diagnosed with a brain tumor and skin cancer and thyroid cancer.

TMI will forever be linked to the dangers of nuclear power. But can or will something like it ever happen again in the United States? It's always a possibility. But it is highly unlikely we would see anything on the level of Chernobyl or Fukushima in our country.

All of this might become moot to some extent in the next 10 to 20 years. Nuclear power is not in vogue as a "green" producer of power, outpaced by wind and solar. Discussions about the future of TMI come up on a semi-regular basis. If it does not start to receive credit for its zero-carbon emission status from Pennsylvania, as other power sources do, the playing field appears to be tipped. And it was about 18 months ago that no one purchased a year's worth of its electricity at an energy auction.

TMI is already part of history. We are sure its 700 employees hope that the final chapter has yet to be written.

When we look back in another 38 years, what will we see?

# Trump better learn from Obamacare replacement



JAMES  
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You win some, you lose some, and then you really lose some.

Donald Trump, the Manhattan real estate maven who escaped bankruptcy unscathed multiple times and improbably robbed the political elite of their biggest electoral prize, just experienced the first real loss of his presidency.

And it wasn't a small change loss like the Trump Taj Mahal going belly-up on the Jersey Shore. Trump lost "big league" on his first major legislative gamble — cajoling the House of Representatives into passing an Obamacare replacement bill.

Crafted by Speaker Paul Ryan, the proposed law was so toxic to members that it failed to get a vote on the House floor.

"It is much easier to write a good play than to make a good law," said George Bernard Shaw.

For Ryan and Co., it apparently was far easier to construct a farce dramedy rather than draft a workable bill.

The headline conservative sect of the House Freedom Caucus demanded the bill, known as the American Health Care Act, go further in dismantling Obamacare. Moderate Republicans thought it went too far in stripping people of health insurance.

In hindsight, a law that fails to please principled objectors and squishy backbenchers is probably sound. The Affordable Care Act was never going to be fully swept away like a dust bunny hiding underneath the couch. Piecemeal reform was necessary, and invariably some parts of Obamacare would stick around.

So Ryan went to work in crafting a suitable substitute for Obamacare's Byzantine swath of codes and regulations. What emerged was a product different in name but similar in complexity.

Conservatives fumed. The left cackled with giddy anticipation. President Trump gave tepid support.

Trump, whose focus is aesthetics, wanted a quick win. Wonkery is not the president's forte, so he relied on Ryan to shepherd the bill through Congress. That mistake proved fatal.

Whatever its name — Ryancare, Trumpcare, nowhere care — the GOP's replacement plan had little to do with health insurance and everything to do with tax cuts. No Republican could confidently make the case that the AHCA would make insurance more affordable. To make matters worse, the tacked-on tax relief was paid for by cuts to Medicaid funding — a blatant wealth transfer from the poor to the rich.

Not a good look for a president whose campaign was fueled by resentment for rich, liberal elites.

For Trump's core supporters — low-income white provincials — this was the sellout of a century. A handful of GOP senators and governors representing Rust Belt states warned that Ryan's Obamacare replacement would hurt many of the same people who put Trump in the White House. "The folks who Hillary Clinton called the 'deplorables' are actually those who want better coverage, who we'd be hurting if we don't change this bill," Sen. Bill Cassidy of Louisiana told The New York Times.

After spending seven-plus years campaigning full-speed-ahead on putting the kibosh on Barack Obama's biggest achievement, Republicans were bound to hit an impenetrable wall: Americans, by and large, prefer government intervention to make health insurance more affordable. When polled, the public think portions of Obamacare — the ban on denying coverage for pre-existing conditions, young adults staying on their parents' plan until they turn 26 — are nifty and too crucial to scrap.

It was always going to be an uphill battle to reform Obamacare. Had Republicans offered a plan that would actually cut costs over time, it would have been an easy win. But Republicans, being Republicans, were able to turn a tough-but-conquerable marathon race into a swim across the English Channel with weights strapped to each arm.

Paul Ryan's posturing as a gymrat who devours Laffer Curve white papers for leisure was not enough to go the distance and deliver a bill to the Senate.

With the debacle behind him, Trump has pledged to move on from health care and focus on tax reform. The many problems of Obamacare will remain with us. Its most costly and most popular provision, the ban on insurance denial for pre-existing conditions, will ensure that costs keep rising. That's because guaranteed coverage defeats the point of insurance, which is a guard against the future.

By forcing insurance companies to accept those who are already ill, the cost is transferred to other policy holders. It's



the equivalent of making insurers accept someone who wants car insurance right after an accident. There is nothing to insure; just immediate payment.

As a society, we have determined that is a worthy tradeoff. Poll after poll demonstrates as much. The rub is that the GOP's free-market ideology can't be reconciled with the popular view that health care should be highly regulated and controlled.

The inability, or plain dismissal, to accept that fact will doom any Republican effort to repeal and replace Obamacare.

The silver lining is the Republican Party is no longer led by a laissez-faire zealot. Donald Trump never pledged fealty to the Gospel of Reagan. His dragging the GOP, kicking and screaming, in a more worker-friendly direction has the potential to reform health care in a way that isn't a sop to the insurance industry or an entitlement that induces dependency.

The president needs to go back to relying on what won the election for him: His nationalist instincts. There is talk in Washington that Trump may reach out to Democrats rather than rely on the ultra-conservative Freedom Caucus to pass pieces of his populist agenda. That's a great start to recovering from this early quarter fumble.

Should Trump revisit health care, he should keep two things in mind. A replacement plan should be focused on aiding those who lack the resources for insurance, while doing something — anything! — about the ever-rising cost of care.

Paul Ryan has proved a failure at accomplishing that very thing. The time for new thinking, and new blood, is now.

*James E. Miller, a native of Middletown, works as a digital marketer in Northern Virginia.*



MIKE  
FOLMER

## Dispelling the school tax reform myths

I support Sen. David Ar-gall's Senate Bill 76 to eliminate school property taxes and I'm perplexed opponents offer no alternative — except supporting the status quo, which isn't working. Consider some of the myths SB 76 opponents are spreading.

Opponents say SB 76 eliminates local control. I agree, we need to address cost drivers plaguing education: pensions, health care, collective bargaining, prevailing wage, and other state and federal requirements. While some of these costs are determined locally (i.e., contracts), we can't continue to ignore these issues.

However, SB 76 is just one piece of the puzzle.

Many of us have fought to repeal mandates only to find we're standing alone. The zeal of opponents against SB 76 is nowhere near the same as their support for lifting mandates. If they brought the same passion to lifting mandates as they've shown in opposing SB 76, many mandates would have been gone years ago.

SB 76 gives schools two options to raise revenues locally: personal income or earned income taxes — after voter approval, like other states. Voter referenda are not unique: seven states require referenda to approve school budgets, 34 require them to approve property tax increases, and 19 require a referendum to approve increases over a certain limit.

When I first joined the Senate, I was told the Constitution required the commonwealth to pay 50 percent of education costs. I carry a copy of the Constitution and know there's no such requirement. Nonetheless, Pennsylvania taxpayers have been generous in their support of education, spending nearly \$28 billion a year — \$875 a second — in federal, state and local taxes.

Another SB 76 myth is the uncertainty of the sales tax. Enacted in 1953 as a "temporary" 1 percent levy, the sales tax evolved into support for public education: revenues roughly equal state appropriations for basic education. Last year, sales taxes raised nearly \$9.8 billion and the state appropriated over \$10.7 billion for basic education.

Sales and personal income taxes account for 77 percent of the commonwealth's budget and nearly 37 percent of the budget supports education. Even in lean years with a weak economy when sales and personal income lagged, the state share for education

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**Sen. Bob Casey:** 393 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510, 202- 224-6324 or 866-802-2833. [www.casey.senate.gov](http://www.casey.senate.gov).

**U.S. House**

**Rep. Lou Barletta:** 115 Cannon HOB, Washington, D.C. 20515. 855-241-5144. [barletta.house.gov](http://barletta.house.gov).

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# FOLMER

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increased or stayed the same. If the commonwealth can support education with these taxes, why can't we do the same as proposed by SB 76?

Opponents of SB 76 say advocates mislead with the claim it will completely eliminate school property taxes. They say it doesn't because "43 percent of school districts will maintain a property tax of at least 20 percent of their current rate."

As an accommodation to opponents, SB 76 excludes existing debt service from the dollar-for-dollar property tax reductions until schools liquidate that debt. Once repaid, all school property taxes would be eliminated.

Is the glass half full or half empty? I believe it's 80 percent full as SB 76 would result in immediate reductions in school property taxes statewide: the average would be nearly 80 percent and only 23 districts would have reductions under 50 percent.

I understand the concerns with SB 76. However, no one has offered an alternative to eliminate school property taxes. This is why emotions of supporters run high: we want total elimination — not partial elimination, no tax credits, and no state programs that benefit some but not all.

If you support the total elimination of school property taxes, you should support SB 76. If you don't support SB 76 — or say "there's a better plan" — I anxiously await your alternative.

In the interim, I'll stand with taxpayers in supporting Senate Bill 76 because I believe no tax should have the power to leave you homeless.

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

# Fueling the American economy by using more offshore energy



ANDREW LANGER

Some parting gift: On his way out the White House door, President Barack Obama banned seismic surveying in the Atlantic Ocean from New England south to Virginia.

It was a fitting end to eight years of an administration dedicated to frustrating the development of domestic energy resources at every turn. Fortunately, indications are that President Donald Trump will take a more welcoming view of U.S. oil and gas production.

The federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management handed down the ban in response to six applications to conduct seismic

surveys in the Atlantic. These surveys locate and create images of rock formations, a key step in the search for oil and gas reserves below the ocean floor.

BOEM claimed that the surveys would be disruptive and could harm marine life. This is part of a pattern of flimsy excuse-making for decisions that are really all about politics.

Last year, after the federal government spent months contemplating opening up areas of the Atlantic Ocean to oil and gas leasing, the Obama administration decided to block all exploration in these areas for five years.

In December, Obama announced a permanent ban on offshore drilling in federal waters along the Atlantic Coast and in the Arctic. This was done, characteristically, by executive order, itself justified by the dubi-

ous application of a dated law.

Obama hoped for a successor who agreed with his anti-energy policies. When he didn't get one, he moved to lock in his preferences. His executive orders and rules banning drilling and surveying will require a pronounced effort to overturn. The outgoing administration even boasted about how difficult, if not impossible, its anti-energy policies would be to undo.

But President Donald Trump has repeatedly expressed his intention to rev up U.S. energy production. The president will have the facts on his side.

First, the flimsy excuses: Seismic surveys are not harmful to marine life. They have been safely conducted along the U.S. coast for years. That's because such surveys proceed only after extensive studies to determine

what impact they will have. As an additional safeguard, survey sound levels increase gradually, allowing marine life to get clear of the area.

The BOEM itself has admitted "there has been no documented scientific evidence of noise from seismic activities adversely affecting marine animal populations or coastal communities."

So, offshore development would do nothing to harm marine life. But it would unleash a wave of economic benefits. Nearly 90 billion barrels of oil and 405 trillion cubic feet of gas are untapped. Leasing these areas for development would create 840,000 jobs, put \$200 billion into the treasury, and ramp up domestic energy production by 3.5 billion barrels of oil a day.

What's more, the need for new surveys is now acute. The last

seismic survey conducted in the Atlantic Outer Continental shelf was three decades ago. New surveys using advanced technology will likely reveal large additional reserves of oil.

Shortly after taking office, the Trump administration declared itself "committed to energy policies that lower costs for hardworking Americans and maximize the use of American resources, freeing us from dependence on foreign oil."

To make good on its commitment, Trump will have to end his predecessor's war against American energy production. A good place to start is to allow seismic surveys in potentially rich oil and gas areas off America's coast.

*Andrew Langer is president of the Institute for Liberty.*

# HEAL: Loving relationships are the key to overcoming trauma suffered as a child

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and racial diversity (Public Health Management Group, 2013).

Both studies required participants to complete a questionnaire that reported their experience of adverse childhood experiences. These included suffering psychological, physical or sexual abuse; witnessing violence against one's mother; and living with household members who were substance abusers, mentally ill or suicidal, or who had been imprisoned. The Philadelphia study included additional adverse experiences associated with living in urban communities, such as residing in unsafe neighborhoods, suffering bullying, witnessing violence, experiencing racism, and living in foster care (Public Health Management Group, 2013).

Researchers studied the correlation between adverse childhood experiences and negative adult health risk factors that had been identified as the

leading causes of morbidity and mortality in the United States. These negative adult health risk factors included smoking; severe obesity; physical inactivity; any drug use; alcoholism; depressed mood; suicide attempts; a high lifetime number of sexual partners (greater than 50; and sexually transmitted disease.

The results of both studies were staggering. Researchers found a graded relationship between the number of categories of adverse childhood experiences and the adult health risk behaviors and diseases. Children who experienced four or more adverse childhood experiences grew up to become adults who were significantly susceptible to the negative health risk factors listed above. These traumatized children grow up with a reduced life expectancy of 14 to 20 years.

Data is clear: Children who experience trauma endure toxic stress and develop unhealthy coping mechanisms that can lead to devastating adult health outcomes. Absent protective

relationships, adverse experiences overwhelm' brains with toxic levels of stress that generate dangerously high doses of adrenaline and cortisol. This is one of the reasons traumatized students are in "fight or flight" mode, making the development of trusting, respectful, loving relationships seem impossible.

## Loving relationships

These ACE studies uncover and suggest why urban educators face more significant challenges than their suburban counterparts. The study of predominantly white, middle class, highly educated individuals conducted by Kaiser found that 6.2 percent of respondents had experienced greater than four adverse childhood experiences. Meanwhile, the more socioeconomically diverse Philadelphia study, found that 37 percent of respondents had experienced four or more adverse childhood experiences.

Are these urban students doomed? Does the data lead

to the inevitability that urban schools are unlikely to succeed? Resiliency research offers hope. Studies show that 50 to 70 percent of youth growing up in these high-risk conditions can lead successful, healthy lives.

What makes this kind of difference to kids who otherwise seem doomed? Loving relationships. One loving relationship can make a difference between stress that is tolerable and stress that is toxic. Toxic stress is dangerously toxic because students lack a buffering, protective relationship that aids them in enduring trauma. With proper support from school leaders, teachers in urban schools can create a loving environment that can serve to break the cycle of poverty, trauma, and abuse by offering buffering, protective, loving relationships.

Schools may be the only regular place of safety and love for traumatized students. Love and care of teachers and school volunteers can build resiliency for students who will otherwise face

devastating health outcomes.

Building a safe, buffering, culture of love is one of our primary goals at Logos Academy. We believe love is the ground of a solid education. Educating a child in a culture devoid of love is like planting seed on hardened soil.

How we measure the success of urban schools will continue to be a matter of ongoing public debate. Standardized test scores should be one measure of success, but they most certainly should not be the only one. School culture matters.

We cannot afford for another generation of urban students to enter adulthood with damaged brains and hearts. Our community's schools must be mobilized to love kids well, to make them feel safe and secure. Love has the power to heal hurting students. Love can heal urban education.

*The Rev. Aaron J. Anderson is CEO and head of school for the Logos Academy in York.*

# PUZZLES AND HOROSCOPE

## WORD SEARCH | ANSWERS ON B6

Ability	Bugs	Evil	Lids	Scent	Weak
Above	Cases	Faintly	Live	Site	Wear
Acre	Cash	Felt	Miners	Solar	Wheels
Acts	Clause	Flung	Need	Solid	Wide
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Army	Confuse	Gears	Nines	Spray	Yarn
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## CRYPTOQUIZ

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Each of the following cryptograms is a clue to the identity of a fairytale character. Using the hints Z=A and M=N, decipher the clues to name the character.

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THIS ENVIRONMENTALIST USED WRITING TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE:

Answers: 1) Transcendentalism, 2) Walden, 3) Botany, 4) Preservation, 5) Excursions, Henry David Thoreau

## CROSSWORD | ANSWERS ON B6

<b>ACROSS</b>			
1. British ____	35. Bit	66. Certain protest	watcher
6. Attempt	37. Little bird	67. Coasters	32. Opportunity to learn from
10. "Awesome!"	38. "O, gie me the ____ that has acres o' charms": Burns	<b>DOWN</b>	35. Substance used for healing in general
13. Currency of Nigeria	40. Big ____	1. Make happen	36. Natural impulse
14. Cost to cross	41. Loafer, e.g.	2. Cook in a small amount of butter	37. "For shame!"
15. Bolted	43. "Ciao!"	3. Department store section	39. Long, long time
16. Bugs attracted to dung	44. Infomercials, e.g.	4. .0000001 joule	40. Large woodwind instrument
18. Small shacks	45. Code word for "S"	5. Mideast native	42. 'He' in his own eyes
19. Adaptable truck, for short	47. Egg	6. Dorm room staple	43. Alkaline
20. Pink, as a steak	51. Type of television comedy	7. ____ bag	46. Least cooked
21. Causing vomiting	53. Fatuous	8. "Is that ____?"	48. Countenance
23. A square meter	55. A smaller amount	9. Someone or something bleeding excessively	49. Married
25. End	56. ____ acid, a product of protein metabolism	10. Day in day out schedules	50. Units of measurement
26. "____ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)	57. Be in session	11. Craftsmen	52. Furnace fuel
27. One who takes spoils	58. Farm call	12. Drop	54. Epileptic seizure
30. Masfield play "The Tragedy of ____"	59. To bring about	15. Not us	56. Roswell sightings
31. Arch	62. "____ bitten, twice shy"	17. Before the due date	60. J.F.K. overseer
33. Achy	63. Golden Triangle country	22. Just	61. www.yahoo.com, e.g.
34. Armageddon	64. One who endeavors to persuade	24. Makeup, e.g.	
	65. After expenses	28. Basket material	
		29. "Sesame Street"	

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## HOROSCOPE | WEEK OF APRIL 6

**CAPRICORN** DEC. 22 – JAN. 19 Preferences are made clear, and you have no choice but to compromise. Do so willingly, Capricorn. A senior surprises you by making an announcement.

**AQUARIUS** JAN. 20 – FEB. 18 Good fortune comes to those who wait this week. Be patient, Aquarius. A face from long ago resurfaces with some strong words.

**PISCES** FEB. 19 – MARCH 20 Don't go fixing what isn't broken, Pisces. Efficiency is not always the name of the game. A rusty, old tool turns out to be quite the asset in a project.

**ARIES** MARCH 21 – APRIL 19 Believe in the odds, Aries. Attitude is everything. Your love life receives quite the boost with an invitation to a lavish dinner party.

**TAURUS** APRIL 20 – MAY 20 Shame on you, Taurus. You know better. A foe-turned-friend reveals a juicy secret. Guard it with your life. A new product makes for an easy time in the kitchen.

**GEMINI** MAY 21 – JUNE 21 An acquaintance has more grandiose ideas than they can count. Unfortunately, the budget won't support any of them. Help them scale back, Gemini.

**CANCER** JUNE 22 – JULY 22 Someone on your team is not measuring up. Be careful what you do next, Cancer. You don't want tempers to flare. A text throws you for a loop.

**LEO** JULY 23 – AUG. 22 Blessings multiply, and you have much to celebrate. Invite your closest pals over for a feast, Leo. A victory at work results in a promotion.

**VIRGO** AUG. 23 – SEPT. 22 History is in the making, and the role you play will be applauded, Virgo. An old letter points you in a new direction at home, and peace reigns once more.

**LIBRA** SEPT. 23 – OCT. 22 Dream on, Libra. You can't buy the love of someone forever. Put away your checkbook and look for a different way to improve your relationship.

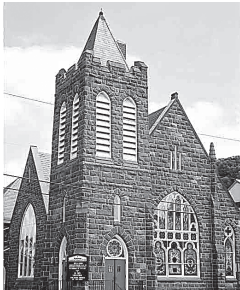
**SCORPIO** OCT. 23 – NOV. 21 Freakier incidents have occurred, Scorpio. Brush it off and take a look at the big picture. There is something you can do, but it will take some time to implement.

**SAGITTARIUS** NOV. 22 – DEC. 21 Hold on, Sagittarius. You cannot save the day every time. Give someone else a chance. A youngster learns their lesson the hard way.



# CHURCHNEWS

## Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown



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

Wed., April 5: 7:15 p.m., Chancel Choir rehearsal.  
Sat., April 8: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Indoor Yard Sale.  
Church School for all ages is on April 9 from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. We encourage parents to bring the children and teens to class, and adults are welcome to the Adult Forum. The Adult Forum will conclude their Lenten series on eradicating racism.  
Please join us for worship at 10:30 a.m. on Palm Sunday, April 9. Our sanctuary is handicapped accessible, and there are also hearing devices for anyone wanting to use one. Nursery is available during the service, as well as Bible Listening bags for children to utilize during the service. Do join us!  
Mon., April 10: 7 p.m., Session.  
Tues., April 11: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Bible reading together in the conference room;  
10 a.m., Mary’s Circle.  
Wed., April 12: 7:15 p.m., Chancel Choir rehearsal.  
Wed., April 8: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Indoor yard sale.  
Our electronic newsletter can be accessed anytime: (1) Search for the website by typing in pcmdt.org or Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown; (2) The “home page” opens with a photo of our church bell tower; (3) Go to the upper right hand corner of the website and click on “resources”; (4) The new page opens with options: click on “newsletter.” (These are PDF files, should open with Adobe Acrobat).  
The Parish Nurse is available by calling the church office at 717-944-4322.  
The Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown is seeking a part-time organist/keyboard-pianist and choir director. Visit www.pcmdt.org for more information.  
For further information, see our Website www.pcmdt.org, visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/Presbyterian Congregation, or call the office.

## St. Peter’s Lutheran Church



We are a Reconciling In Christ Church. located at Spring & Union Streets (121 N. Spring St), Middletown. Please join us for worship. Our worship times are: Wednesday morning at 10 a.m., Saturday evening at 5 p.m., Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m., Sunday Church School for all ages begins at 9 a.m. Our Sunday worship service is a recording of the 10 a.m. service, which is broadcast at 11 a.m. on WMSS 91.1FM. Our Saturday service is a casual traditional service. This service is usually 45 minutes in length. Please enter the church through the parking lot door.

Church and Community Events:  
Wed., April 5: Lenten Focus – Holy Communion; 10 a.m., Mid-Week Lenten Service and Holy Communion, Chapel; 5:30 to 6:15 p.m., Soup and Bread; 6:30 p.m., Mid-Week Lenten Service; 7:30 p.m., Chancel Choir.  
Thurs., April 6 through 8: 7:30 p.m., “Avenue Q” - Penn State Harrisburg.  
Sat., April 8: 5 p.m., Holy Communion.  
Sun., April 9: Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday; 9 a.m., Confirmation/Church School; 10 a.m., Holy Communion and Choir Cantata. Child/Rock rehearsal after worship; 2 to 4 p.m., Summer Camp Open House at Camps Nawakwa and Kierchenwald.  
Mon., April 10: There is no Community Dinner at St. Peter’s on this date during Holy Week.

## Evangelical United Methodist Church



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

Our greeters wear nametags, so they are easy to find and they will be happy to help you if you need any assistance or have a question. We celebrate communion the first Sunday of each month. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, and as a congregation in the United Methodist Church, we welcome all (baptized or unbaptized) to partake of the holy sacrament. We invite you to experience life at Evangelical UMC. Whether you are looking for a community, are lonely, searching for the meaning of life, or want to know more about Jesus, our doors are open for you. Check our website to learn more about us: www.eumch.org.  
This week’s worship assistants are as follows: Pastor - Lee Ellenberger; Lay Liturgist – Sarah Snyder; Organist – Glenn Diritto; Audio Visual - Steve Moyer and Jamal Warren; Choir Director - Erich Schlicher; Children’s Time – Lee Ellenberger; Greeters – Louise and Harold Morgan; Head Usher - Scott Green; Nursery Caregivers – Gloria Clouser and Vickie Hubbard, and our choir members.  
The alter flowers this week are given in memory of husband and father John Keller and son and brother John Keller Jr. by Donna and Lori Keller.  
This week’s schedule of activities is as follows:  
Wed., April 5: 6 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous Group Book Study; 6:30 p.m., Choir practice.  
Thurs., April 6: 6 p.m., Girl Scout meeting; 6:30 p.m., Lenten Bible Study.  
Sat., April 8: 12 p.m., Community Egg Hunt.  
Sun., April 9: Palm Sunday; 9 a.m., Sunday school; 10:15 a.m., Worship service; 11:30 a.m., Egg hunt at Presbyterian Church.  
Tues., April 11: 2 p.m., Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6 p.m., God’s Kitchen at Wesley, meal provided by New Thing Community; 6 p.m., Finance Committee; 7 p.m., Church Council.

# Directory of Services



**Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church**  
10 Spruce Street • 944-5835  
Sunday School - 9 am • Morning Worship 10:15 am  
Evening Worship - 6 pm  
www.calvaryopc.com



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



**Ebenezer United Methodist Church**  
"Love God, Love People, Make Disciples"  
890 Ebenezer Road, Middletown  
(Corner of 441 & Ebenezer Road)  
Phone 939-0766  
Sunday Worship:  
Traditional - 8:45 am • Contemporary - 10:45 am  
Christian Education (All Ages) - 10 am  
Christian Child Care - 985-1650  
BRAD GILBERT, Pastor  
www.ebenezerumc.net



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



**Geyers United Methodist Church**  
1605 South Geyers Church Road, Middletown  
944-6426  
PASTOR STEVAN ATANASOFF  
Worship - 9 am - Followed by Coffee Fellowship  
Sunday School - 10:30 am



**New Beginnings Church**  
at the Riverside Chapel  
630 South Union St., Middletown • 388-1641  
Sunday School - 9 am • Worship Service - 10:30 am  
Pastor Britt Strohecker  
Everyone Is Welcome!



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



**St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
121 N. Spring Street, Middletown  
Church Office 717-944-4651  
REV. DR. J. RICHARD ECKERT, Pastor  
Sunday Worship - 10 am  
Sunday Church School - 9 am - for all ages  
Saturday Worship - 5 pm - in the Chapel  
Wednesday Worship - 10 am in the Chapel  
Worship Broadcast on 91.1 FM - 11 am  
We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation



**Seven Sorrows BVM Parish**  
280 North Race St., Middletown  
Parish Office 944-3133  
REV. TED KEATING, JR., Pastor  
Saturday Evening Vigil - 5:30 pm  
Sunday Masses - 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 6:00 pm  
Confessions: Saturday - 7:30-7:50 am, 4:30-5:15 pm



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

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

## New Beginnings Church of Middletown



We are an independent body of believers offering God’s invitation for a new beginning to all who seek it. We exist to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of all people through faith in Jesus Christ. We are a Safe Sanctuary congregation. New Beginnings Church invites you to worship with us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children’s church is provided.

Our congregation meets at Riverside Chapel, 630 S. Union St., next to the Rescue Fire Company. Sunday School for all ages is at 9 a.m. We are handicap accessible via ramp at back door. Youth Fellowship is from 5 to 7 p.m. For additional church information call 944-9595. For security purposes our back and side doors will be locked every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the start of worship. The only door for entry after that will be the front door.  
Wednesdays: Craft Group, 1 p.m.; Choir rehearsals, 6:30 p.m.; Praise Band rehearsals, 7:45 p.m.  
Bible Study for seniors meets at noon before Sociable’s; Sociable Seniors group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m.; Intercessory Prayer Group meets Thursdays at 6 p.m.; Blanket making is the 2nd Thursday of every month at 9 a.m. We clean the Middletown Food Bank the 3rd Saturday every other month. Everyone is welcome to participate in these important areas of our church life.

Bible Study, “Spiritual Boot Camp for Overcomers” meet

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. This study has emphasis on, “If you have something in your life that is hard to overcome and needs put in the past.” Community welcome.

Pastor Britt writes a daily devotional on Facebook page, “One Way, One Truth, One Life.” We invite all to read it.

April ushers: Kara and Joe Connors, Irv Turpin, and Fran Wolfgang. Greeter for April: Nan Fishburn. Children’s Church leaders for April 9: Binny Dupes and Cindy Myers.

Men’s Group meets every Thursday morning at 6 a.m. for prayer. Community men invited. Wooden pickets for our prayer garden, inscribed for the fence, are being sold for a cost in memory of, honor of, or family name. Contact Michelle Strohecker at 717-982-5068. Our 8 ft. cross, made out of nails, is in the prayer garden in the back of the yard and is illuminated every night. Drive by and see it.

Our Sunday worship service is broadcast on the MAHS radio station, WMSS 91.1 FM at 3 p.m. every Sunday afternoon. Listen on the radio or the Internet at www.pennlive.com/wmss/audio. Check us out on our website at www.newbeginningschurchmiddletownpa.com.

Pastor Britt’s parting words each Sunday: “Nothing in this world is more important than the love of Jesus Christ!” We invite you to come and experience this love.

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## Ebenezer United Methodist Church



Ebenezer United Methodist Church and Childcare, 890 Ebenezer Road, Middletown invites everyone to join us for worship on Sunday mornings lead by Pastor Brad Gilbert. Our services are relaxed and casual. We offer a traditional service at 8:45 a.m. and a contemporary service with a band (electric guitars) at 10:45 a.m. At 10 a.m., between services, there is a variety of Christian Education classes for all ages.

We have several things happening at Ebenezer and all are welcome. There is a prayer time, “Partners in Prayer”, that meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Through scripture, song, and meditation we experience the joy of God’s presence. Have a favorite board game? “Game Night” is every third Monday at 6:30 p.m. (Due to egg making, prayer night will be the 3rd Tuesday, April 18). We also

offer a variety of other groups including Bible studies. The time is here; our homemade chocolate Easter eggs are available. Flavors include peanut butter, coconut and butter cream. We also have chocolate pretzels. For purchasing information please contact Mel Bollinger at 583-0502 or Bill Hoch at 944-6080.

Any other questions please call us at 939-0766 or e-mail us at ebenezereumc890@comcast.net.

## Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church



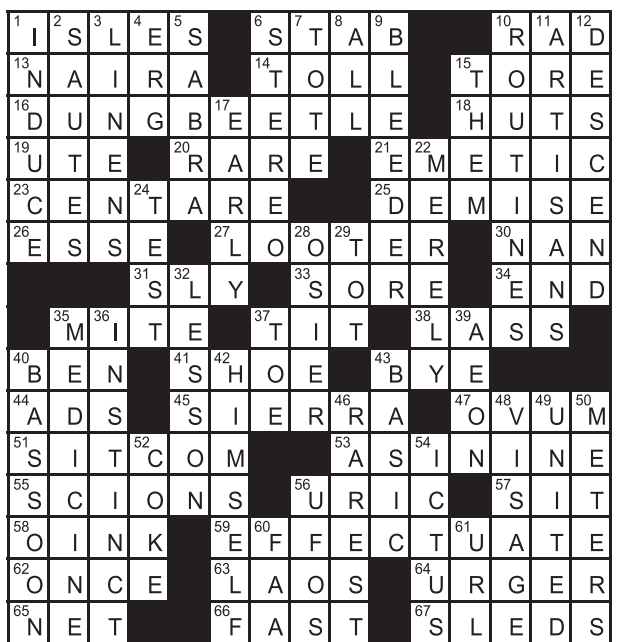
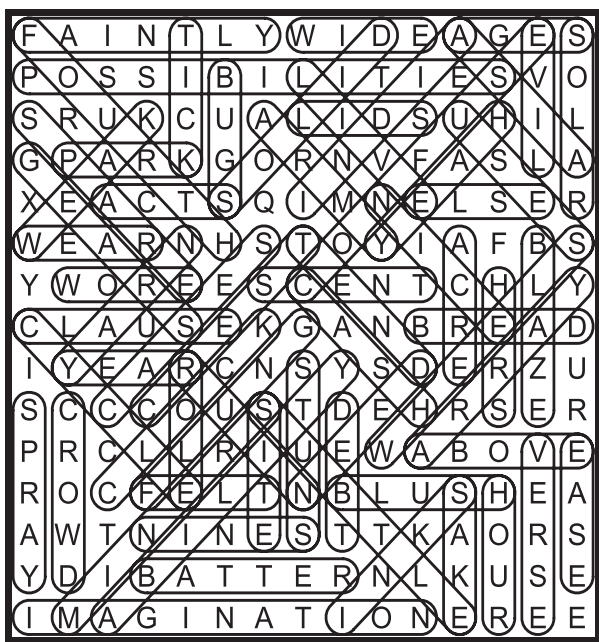
Calvary Church has been a part of the Middletown Borough community since 1936. It has been our privilege to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ all these years and to do so knowing the good news has never changed in over 2000 years. We firmly hold to the Apostles Creed and the Westminster Confession of Faith and its Larger and Shorter Catechisms as clearly teaching what Scripture teaches. If we believe the Gospel of Christ, then by trusting in his death and resurrection for sinners we can and will be forgiven and saved from God’s wrath. Please join us each Sunday to hear the Gospel.

Our services are at 10:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. We are located at the corner of Spruce and Emaus streets here in Middletown. We have a fellowship meal following the 10:15 a.m. morning service on the first Sunday of every month, free to all who come. We

also have Sunday school classes for all ages at 9 a.m., and a Bible Study each Wednesday at 7 p.m. We are now studying the Gospel of Luke.

Feel free to contact us with questions at 944-5835.

## ANSWERS | PUZZLES ON B5





# MAHS students honored for solar panel car plan

By David Barr  
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A team of Middletown Area High School students has developed a business idea involving cars that they hope will allow them to race ahead of the competition.

The team, consisting of Mai Dang, Aaron Fischer, John Hursh, Shannon Reese and Jessaca Rusnov, developed an idea for starting a business called Polarus that would allow them to create and distribute specialized clear solar panels for hybrid cars that would capture energy from the sun and convert it into electrical energy for the car's battery.

The idea was submitted for the 2017 Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC's High School Business Challenge on March 25, and finalists were announced March 27. This event gives students the opportunity to learn about how to plan, develop and begin a business, by having the students focus on different aspects such as finances, logistics, copyright issues, and explaining to customers what the product or service is.

It also gives them the opportunity to discuss and analyze proponents of their proposed business ideas with a business leader from central Pennsylvania, in their case Brian Groff of Pennsy Supply, in order to better their plans and see what will and will not work.

Advisers Sean Burke and Dave Martin took a laissez-faire approach when it came to the project, electing to let the students work with Groff.

"Student gain first-hand experience about the application of entrepreneurship and application of real world road blocks in the formation of a business. The business that is created must be feasible, sustainable, as well as environmentally responsible. Students must work together to put together a full business plan, from start to finish including finances, research, business motto, etc.," Burke said in an email.

The second round will consist of the students presenting their ideas to a panel of judges, who will hear the students' pitch in the style of the television show "Shark Tank." They will have five minutes to present their idea to the judges and five minutes to answer questions from the judges about their project or business.

Hursh said this year's idea is similar to one that he had last year for his group's business plan in last year's competition.

"I thought there was some potential behind that," Hursh said.

After a year to let the idea grow and more time to fully develop it, Hursh's group chose to return to the idea and expand on it and cultivate it to where it could be a presentable idea for judges.

The final round will take place in late April so the team has a few weeks to prepare and strengthen their pitch for judges, which they confirmed they would do in the time remaining, fixing typographical errors and in general adding more depth and detail overall to the project to try to solidify their arguments.

The Middletown team will compete against two teams from Hershey and one from Harrisburg. While they know the name of each team's project, they don't know the specifics involved in the other team's project or plans.

Middletown had two teams submit business plans in the first round of the Business Challenge.

Regardless of knowing the intricate details of their competition's plans, the team members have learned there's more than just constructing a building with their name on it for a business to be successful.

"It turned out to be very interesting," Hursh said. "It takes a lot to run a successful business."

# LD event shows: This is not your father's classroom

## Technology and its ties to curriculum take center stage at weekend fair

By Phyllis Zimmerman  
Special to the Press & Journal

Lower Dauphin High School buzzed with activity on Saturday morning, April 1, as the public explored four dozen displays and presentations that comprised the Lower Dauphin Curriculum & Technology Fair.

Superintendent Sherri Smith said the fair, the district's first in eight years, was "just an opportunity to show all we're providing to our students. It's because of our community's taxpayers that we have all this. This is to show how we're using our money."

"The way we use technology has changed a lot over the years. Our students live in a very technical world now. We can't bring them into an educational environment where there's not a world that they're used to. Everything today is technologically based. We've got to replicate this experience for our students," Smith said.

The fair's displays and presentations demonstrated how technology has been integrated into the district's overall curriculum from elementary grades to high school. A "Go Noodle" presentation showcased a website that gives elementary students "brain breaks" each day through dancing and other movement. Nye Elementary teachers Lindsay Adams and Kaylee Keener were on hand Saturday to show the public how to move it.

Nearby, Lori Fischer's seventh-grade life science students were ready to show off their Make a Difference, or MAD, Thinking Challenge projects. For this, students were required to select an audience for which they would design an online project and find

appropriate solutions for it. Projects included drives for athletic equipment, books and school supplies that were shipped to Kenya.

Seventh-grader Adam Yalcinanahtar said he was finalizing details with middle school administrators for painting a mural on a school corridor wall, while seventh-grader Wesley Norton said he had plans for an outdoor learning center at the middle school "to make it a more relaxing learning environment."

Although MAD projects aren't related to life science, Fischer said it helps to develop students' thinking processes, as well as improvisational and social skills.

"We do it on the side when we have a couple of free days," Fischer said.

In another area, senior Taylor Noss and junior Alexis Putt were busy tending to infant simulators that are part of the high school's con-

sumer science curriculum taught by Michelle McGinnis. As part of the course, students are required to spend a weekend feeding, burping and changing diapers on demand to the simulator's cries. A digital chip in the simulator keeps track of student responses.

"It was a good learning experience," said Noss, who did the assignment in February. "It made me realize to have kids when you're ready to have kids and to have help."

Next door to the high school, the district's Learning Lab at Division Street House also was open to the public.

The district purchased the property for the high school's life skills and therapeutic autistic support classes to learn basic life skills like cooking and cleaning. Previously, the district used a small apartment for this until the house with a more

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Lower Dauphin Superintendent Sherri Smith



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Lower Dauphin High School students Alexis Putt and Taylor Noss tend to an infant simulator that's used for the high school's Child Development classes at the Lower Dauphin Curriculum & Technology Fair on April 1.

realistic setting opened 18 months ago, with most funding provided through a Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation grant, district community relations coordinator Jim Hazen said.

Instructor Monica Hockenbrock said students in grades 9 through 11 visit the Division Street House once a week for lessons, while students ages 18 through 21 visit twice a week.

"The kids are doing well here," Hockenbrock said.

Other displays included "The Flipped Classroom," where seventh-grade pre-algebra students takes notes from homework videos and work on concepts in class, and hybrid math, a secondary-level online course combined with classroom activity.

"If you haven't been in a school classroom in a few years, the changes are amazing," Smith said.



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Lower Dauphin students competing in the Chesapeake Bay Bowl were Michelle Yohe, Kelly Barr, Emily Scholfield, Owen Coonelly and James Rodgers.

## Lower Dauphin takes 9th in Chesapeake Bay Bowl

A team of five Lower Dauphin High School students finished ninth at the Chesapeake Bay Bowl, an oceanography competition held at the University of Delaware's Lewes campus.

Team members competing were juniors Owen Coonelly, James Rodgers, Emily Scholfield and Michelle Yohe, and sophomore Kelly Barr.

"We had three new members this year and now they know how tough the competition is," said Ron Yerger, high school science teacher and team coach. "This

year's experience will hopefully pay off next year as everyone will be returning."

In addition to competing in the bowl, the students also toured the Delaware Museum of Natural History in Wilmington the day before the event.

The winning team was from Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring, Maryland, and will compete in the National Ocean Sciences Bowl this April in Corvallis, Oregon.

Inaugurated in 1999, the Chesapeake Bay Bowl is one of 25 region-

al finals for the National Ocean Sciences Bowl, a contest which provides a forum for students excelling in math and science while broadening their awareness and understanding of the oceans.

Schools compete in rapid-fire question and answer, team challenge and quiz-bowl-style games. Subject areas of emphasis in the contest include biology, chemistry, geology, physical properties, history and marine policy, as well as navigation, technology, geography, social sciences, and ocean-related current events.

## MAHS pair win science, engineering fair honors

Several Middletown Area High School students took home awards recently from the Capital Area Science and Engineering Fair.

Aayushi Patel took home first place in the Medicine and Health category, while there were three runner-up finishers for Middletown. Richa Patel won second place in the Medicine and Health category, Sara Dintiman was second in the Environmental category, and Nathaniel Kinsey was second in the Mathematics category. Kinsey also won the Susquehanna Sec-

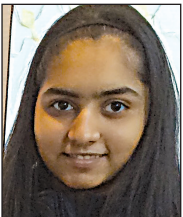
tion Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Award. Mason Swartz was third in the Physics & Astronomy category.

Aayushi Patel's project was titled "The Creation of Superbugs: The Effects of Antibiotics on Microbial Resistance."

Richa Patel's project was titled



Aayushi Patel



Richa Patel

"The Effects of Painkillers on Yeast Fermentation."

Dintiman's project was called "From Gas to Rust: Measuring Air Content at Different Altitudes" and Kinsey's was called "Beginner's Luck or Cutting-Edge Cubing?" Swartz's project was titled "How Much Sugar is in That Coke?"

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# SPORTS



Devin Agramonte pushes ahead in the 4-by-100 meter relay. The Middletown boys defeated Bishop McDevitt, 82-68.



Courtney Shaffer and Keely Lombardi run for Middletown.



Chris Plummer clears the high jump bar.



Justin Shaffer and Aiden Sessa focus on their strides.

# Off and running

Blue Raider track and field squads take on Bishop McDevitt



Bianca Jasper clears the high jump.



Makaila Nester takes off. The girls squad lost 111-39.



Angie Fernandez, Maddie Garber and Jaleena Manerro flank two Bishop McDevitt runners.

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Aiden Sessa hands off to Justin Shaffer in the relay.



Rowan Sessa clears a hurdle.