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Woman pleads no contest in death of her baby

By Dan Miller
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A Middletown woman has pleaded no contest to charges that she was responsible for the death of her infant son at their residence in the borough Dec. 30, 2016.

Arissa Katelyn Ward, 24, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of involuntary manslaughter and endangering the welfare of children April 2 in Dauphin County Court before Judge William Tully, according to online court records.

Ward is scheduled to be sentenced June 11.

According to arrest papers filed by borough police, Ward told police she had been drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana before she lay down on the couch with her son at their residence in the 300 block of Lawrence Street on Dec. 30.

Ward told police that she thought she had rolled over on the boy, who was two months and five days old at the time.

Police arrested Ward after results of an autopsy of the infant conducted in January 2017 determined that the boy's death was caused any complications of traumatic asphyxia combined with smothering.

Toxicology results from the autopsy also found that the boy had 0.65 nanogram of THC — the active ingredient in marijuana — in the boy's system at the time of his death.

The THC was in the infant because Ward had been breastfeeding the boy, then-Dauphin County District Attorney Ed Marsico said during a press conference when Ward was arrested and charged May 25, 2017.

Marsico at the time used Ward's case to illustrate and increase awareness of the danger of parents and other

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Ward



STAFF PHOTOS BY LAURA HAYES

Traffic travels at reduced speeds through work zones on Route 283 on Friday, as seen from the Vine Street overpass. Despite posted limits of 55 mph, speeders and distracted drivers are causing accidents, PennDOT and State Police officials say.

283 safety concerns grow

State Police, PennDOT urge drivers to slow down, pay attention

By Laura Hayes
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In 11 days since construction on Route 283 started in Lower Swatara and Londonderry townships, there have been 15 crashes — including one fatality involving a pedestrian.

"Fifteen crashes is a lot of crashes in two weeks," State Police Trooper Brent Miller said.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation spokesman Greg Penny said the accidents have gotten his agency's attention.

"The contractor is concerned about the safety of his work crews out there," Penny said.

Construction crews set up on March 26. The plan is to rebuild six miles of Route 283 from the Toll House Road interchange to the interchange with the Pennsylvania Turnpike and 283. Crews are working on the westbound route and will work on the eastbound route next year. Construction is



State Trooper Brent Miller stands in front of construction on Route 283 during a press conference April 6 at the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission headquarters.

expected to be completed by 2020.

Drivers are often initially confused when there's a new traffic pattern. The first few weeks are an adjustment period, Penny said.

How are they planning on making the construction zone safer? Mostly, by increasing police

presence.

The State Police mainly will focus on distracted drivers — which could include drivers using their phone, eating, fiddling with the radio or putting on makeup — as well as speeding drivers. People usually slow down when they see a

police car on the road, Miller said. "But we're more concerned about speeding," Penny said.

Speed and distracted driving led to the accidents, Miller said, seven of which involved commercial vehicles.

"There was one fatal pedestrian accident," Miller said. The victim, who was killed last week by a commercial vehicle, was not a construction worker, he added.

"The pedestrian was found at fault due to they shouldn't have been crossing the interstate at that point," Miller said.

Miller said a man was hit by a commercial vehicle on west Route 283 near Oberlin Road in Lower Swatara Township at 6:59 a.m. Friday, March 30.

The man, he said, was transported to Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center where he later died.

There were two crashes with in-

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Legal action over Suez?

Council hires law firm at \$400 an hour to look at water, sewer lease

By Dan Miller
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Middletown Borough Council might go to court to try and stop the 11.5 percent surcharge recently added to water and sewer bills by Suez, and it is paying a law firm \$400 an hour as a "special counsel" to advise solely on the lease situation.

"It's going to go before a judge sometime probably in the very near future so that is all we can say at this point. We will report back to you after our lawyers have a chance to file their briefs and have a discussion with us," borough Manager Ken Klinepeter said. His comments came after the surcharge issue was raised by a resident during the public comment portion of the April 3 council meeting.

It is not clear how much work Philadelphia-based Dilworth Paxson LLP has done for the borough. Klinepeter said the first bill would be paid after

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P&J wins 10 Keystone journalism awards

The Press & Journal won 10 2018 Keystone Press Awards, including six first-place honors, in results announced Thursday by the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association.

"We work very hard to provide our readers the best coverage possible," Editor Jason Maddux said. "We certainly appreciate this recognition from our peers."

Here are the first-place award winners.

- **Investigative Reporting:** reporter Dan Miller, "Legal fees: Does the borough pay too much?"
- **Column:** editorial board member Susannah Gal, for three pieces — "Penn State Har-

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- **MIDDLETOWN:** Adoption of Borough Ordinance 1349. **A4**



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Council picks Oak Hill Drive resident Lloyd to fill McGlone's vacancy

By Dan Miller
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Middletown Borough Council during its April 3 meeting picked Angela Lloyd of the 100 block of Oak Hill Drive to fill the vacant seat on council created by the resignation of Diana McGlone in March.

Lloyd was among five borough residents applying to fill the seat. The others were Elizabeth Conrad, 100 block of Keller Avenue; Ralph Floyd, 100 block of East Main Street; Shawn Jordan, first block of Oak Hill Drive; and Thomas Strohm, 300 block of South Catherine Street.

Council interviewed all five candidates in public. Among questions asked of each candidate were why they wanted to be on council, what they hoped to accomplish, why they should be picked for the seat, the most pressing issue facing the borough, the borough's greatest asset, how they would handle issues brought before them, and if they would run again in 2019.



STAFF PHOTO BY DAN MILLER

Mayor James H. Curry III swears in Angela Lloyd to the borough council on Tuesday, April 3. Council President Damon Suglia is in the middle.

McGlone was elected in 2015 to a four-year term that expires on Dec. 31, 2019.

Lloyd said she would run in

November 2019 if appointed.

Lloyd was born and raised in Middletown. After living in Harrisburg a few years, she came

back to Middletown to raise her son here.

"I love this town. I care about what happens here," she said. "I've been watching the changes that have been made over the last few years and it's really exciting. Congratulations, you guys have done a really great job. However, I feel there is still a lot of progress that we can make and I want to be a part of the team. I want to make a difference and I want to have a vote in the decisions that are made."

Lloyd said the biggest issue facing the borough is the increasing cost of utilities, a sentiment echoed by several other candidates for the council seat in the wake of Suez imposing an 11.5 percent surcharge on residents' water and sewer bills.

Middletown's biggest asset is "the residents and the town itself," Lloyd said.

After interviewing all five candidates council met briefly in closed-door executive session before re-emerging to vote. Lloyd

was the only candidate nominated.

Council approved her by a 5-0 vote, with Vice President Dawn Knull abstaining.

Lloyd then was sworn in by Mayor James H. Curry III and Council President Damon Suglia, and assumed her seat at the council table.

Suglia afterward cited Lloyd's recent involvement in borough matters as among reasons she was chosen.

Lloyd is a member of the borough Human Relations Commission, a position she was appointed to by council. She has been regularly attending council meetings for the past several months.

"She's up to speed on some of our happenings. She knows where we are trying to go as a council and as a borough. That was a great deciding factor," Suglia said. "We have five incredibly well-qualified candidates, but at this point we felt as a team to keep moving us forward, Angela Lloyd would probably be the best fit at this point."

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NEWS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD | LAVONNE ACKERMAN

Here’s to all the great friends we have in our lives

Who understands the true treasure of a friendship? What a beautiful gift we can give to one another, a gift straight from the heart. I love the answers to the question below about how to appreciate friends.

I want to thank Susan Wagner, a friend from MOPS days years ago, who was able to ask some of her friends the question and share their answers with me. I appreciate her recipes she shares from time to time, too.

I want to thank Scott Ackerman for sharing in the best friendship I ever had! It is a blessing to know that someone has your back, loves you in the ugly and in the pretty. There are not enough words to describe what you mean to me, Scott!

I have all kinds of friends, some you can call in the middle of the night when things are bad, some who love to talk and walk, some who like to meet up for lunch or dinner, and some who call from far away, just to say they are thinking of me.

I love the honesty in true friendship. I love the long lives I have with a few friends ... I was 3 when I met my friend Robin! After 54 years of friendship, it is normal to call that one sister.

With true friendships, you don't have to worry about what they are thinking or how they may judge you. They are fine with you and all your quirks. What a blessing to have friends.

I hope you can take some time to appreciate the friends you have. Also, remember this: A new friendship is just around the corner ... in order to have a friend, you have to be a friend!

Have a beautiful spring week!

Birthdays

Shawnee Stauffer of Middletown marks his 21-gun salute birthday on Wednesday, April 11. Congratulations, Shawney!

Best wishes for a terrific birthday to **Dakota L. Saunders** of Lower Swatara. This guy turns

14 on Thursday, April 12. Enjoy!

Happy 18th big-deal cake day to **Alexandra Hernandez** of Middletown. She turns into an adult on Saturday, April 14. Have a ball!

Aayah Mohsini of Lower Swatara celebrates her 9th cake-and-ice cream day on Sunday, April 15. I hope it is full of nine beautiful surprises!

Blessings and happy smiles are sent to **Dianne Mosher** of Lower Swatara on her special day, Monday, April 16. Hoping your day is beautiful, Dianne!

Brady Fox of Lower Swatara will turn 18 and all-adult Monday, April 16. Congrats and best wishes for a super-cool week.

Happy 25th cake day to **Michael Lewis** of Lower Swatara on Monday, April 16. Hoping the quarter-of-a-century celebration day is superb!

Daniel Reese of Lower Swatara marks his 24th confetti-popping day on April 17. I hope your Tuesday is terrific, Daniel!

Yard sale

Old Reliance Farms semi-annual yard sale will be held Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14. Sales begin at 8 a.m. and continue to 1 p.m. Come on out to get some great stuff!

Anniversaries

Best wishes and congratulations for 63 years of marriage to **Richard and Katie Leggore** of Lower Swatara. They were married on April 11, 1955. Enjoy

your special day on Wednesday!

Happy 32nd anniversary to **David and Judy Hurlock** of Lower Swatara. Their romantic holiday is Thursday, April 12. Have a beautiful day!

Zucchini bread

From the Wedding Book Collection

3 eggs, well beaten
2 c. sugar
3 tsp. vanilla
Beat these three first, then add:
1 c. oil
2 c. grated zucchini
3 c. flour
1/4 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. soda
3 tsp. cinnamon
1 c. chopped walnuts
1 c. raisins
Mix well and pour into two regular loaf pans (greased and floured). Bake for one hour at 350 degrees. Sprinkle with 10x sugar. Cool and serve.

Community dinner

All are welcome to a roast beef dinner to be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 16, at Evangelical United Methodist Church, 157 E. Water St., Middletown.

The menu is roast beef, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, applesauce, rolls, beverage and dessert. There is a cost.

Quote of the Week

“The signs of spring are a beautiful reminder to live in anticipation of a God that is always at work.” — Anonymous

Question of the Week

How do you appreciate your friends?

“My bestie and I made up a day called ‘Best Friend’s Day.’ We give each other gifts and spend time together. It is the day we met and became best friends!” — **Victoria Kelly**, 10, Swatara.

“You never tear them down. You bring them up when they are sad or lonely.” — **Landon Cochran**, 11, Lower Swatara.

“You are nice to them and care for them and help them out when they are hurt.” — **Trevor Anderson**, 11, Lower Swatara.

“You always care, and you never hurt them. You always cheer them up.” — **Madison Schmidt**, 11, Lower Swatara.

“You hug them.” — **Brynlee Kephart**, 10, Lower Swatara.

“You respect them and boost their confidence.” — **Chloe White**, 11, Lower Swatara.

“I get them presents!” — **Donovan Thompson**, 11, Lower Swatara.

Proverb for the Week

The work of the wicked will perish; the work of the godly will flourish (14:11).

Reach LaVonne Ackerman at 717-649-7366 or by email at LaVonneAck@comcast.net.

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TOWN TOPICS

Cash Bash Bingo at Middletown Fire Hall

Cash Bash Bingo will be held at Middletown Fire Hall, 10 Adelia St., Sunday, April 15. Doors open at noon. Bingo starts 4 p.m.

Proceeds benefit the Middletown Youth Club. For tickets, call Tom at 717-574-1412.

Dancing scheduled at Event Place on April 13

Dancing at the Event Place, 11 S. Union St., Middletown, will be held from 8 to 11 p.m. Friday, April 13.

Capitol City Cruisers car, truck, show set

The Capitol City Cruisers annual Spring Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show will be held Saturday, April 21, at Crosspoint Church, 430 Colonial Road, Harrisburg.

Car registration is from 9 a.m. to noon; participant judging is from noon to 12:30 p.m.; and awards will be handed out at 1 p.m. There will be music, food and ice cream.

Register on Facebook by searching for Capitol City Cruisers or call Rod Murray at 717-579-5440 or Charlie Roberts at 717-805-1650.

MASD Art Show to be held at library

The public is invited to the Middletown Area School District Art Show, from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 21, in the second-floor Community Room at the

Middletown Public Library, 20 N. Catherine St.

Artwork is by students in grades kindergarten through 12.

Drivers needed for elderly, disabled

The Middletown Area Care-A-Van is looking for volunteer drivers to transport elderly and disabled neighbors to appointments, physical therapy, grocery stores, etc.

The van operates from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon Friday. Drivers may choose when and how often they prefer to drive each month.

A clean driving record and a willingness to help others is all that is needed. For more information, call 717-944-6781.

Donations for spring sale needed at library

The Friends of the Middletown Public Library group is accepting donations for the upcoming 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.

Frey Village Strawberry Festival is June 2

Frey Village, 1020 N. Union St., Middletown, is sponsoring its annual Strawberry Festival from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 2.

Donations will be accepted of gently used books, puzzles,

jewelry and silent auction items to be for sale at the festival.

Items can be dropped off at the front desk between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. April 17 through May 15.

For information, contact Tracy Klein at 888-995-8261 or email kleint@diakon.org.

Turkey dinner at fire company on April 15

Lower Swatara Volunteer Fire Company, 1350 Fulling Mill Road, Middletown, is sponsoring a turkey dinner Sunday, April 15 from 11 a.m. until sold out.

Eat-in or takeout is available.

Fair being held in support of women

Asian American Pakistani Heritage presents “Celebrating Women in Strength and Diversity” from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 12 at West Shore Elks Lodge, Camp Hill.

The event supports women-owned businesses, as well as local nonprofit organizations committed to empowering women.

Email aaphcentralpa@gmail.com for details.

Cash Bash Bingo at Middletown Fire Hall

Cash Bash Bingo will be held at the Middletown Fire Hall, 10 Adelia St., at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 6.

Doors open at noon.

Proceeds benefit the Middletown Blue Raider Football Camp. For more, call Heather Radabaugh at 717-443-7151 or email hradabaugh@verizon.net.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

LD honors Spencer, Machamer

Two Lower Dauphin High School seniors recently were honored with monthly awards.

Gwen Machamer was named young woman of the month for March by the Hummelstown Women’s Club.

Gwen is the daughter of David and Michelle Machamer. She played girls volleyball her freshman year and, after injuries, became the team manager for both boys and girls teams for the rest of high school. She is a member of the Volunteering group and participated in Diversity Club. She also shaved her head at the high school’s Mini-THON in a show of solidarity for children with cancer.

She is active in volunteerism and holds a part-time job. She is training a therapy dog.

She plans to attend Harrisburg Area Community College and then transfer to a four-year school to major in nursing or early childhood education.

Clay Spencer was named young student of the month March by the Rotary Club of Hummelstown.

Clay is the son of Kevin and Michele Spencer. He is a four-year member of the football team and a co-captain, playing wide receiver and defensive back. He is a three-year varsity letterman with the baseball team where he is an outfielder. Clay is class president and a member of Class Council. He is a three-year member of the National Honor Society, the National Science Honor Society and the Spanish National Honor Society. He is a two-year member of Student Council.

Clay is active with Mini-THON, and he competed in the Mr. Mini-THON pageant and organized a teachers vs students basketball game to benefit the cause. He is active with his church and has done mission work in Detroit. He also works at Hersheypark.

He plans to attend a Juniata College, continue his football career, and major in biology with the goal of becoming an orthopedic doctor.

Create edible book for National Library Week

Celebrate National Library Week by creating an edible version of your favorite book and take it to William H. & Marion C. Alexander Family Library, 200 W. 2nd St., Hummelstown, by noon Saturday.

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Stormwater fees of about \$10 a month could be coming to Lower Swatara

By Laura Hayes
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Lower Swatara Township residents might start paying \$8.50 to \$10.50 a month in stormwater management fees by as early as January 2019, although a final decision has not been made.

Municipalities such as Lower Swatara must establish a plan to control its runoff water and sedimentation. The stormwater requirements of the federal Clean Water Act are administered under the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection’s Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Program, or MS4.

In early 2017, civil engineering firm HRG began a stormwater feasibility study, and it was completed in October. HRG financial services team leader Tim Staub said the goal of the study was to review the township stormwater infrastructure, assess the feasibility of creating a stormwater management authority, and define the scope, scale and funding for the authority.

“Why we’re looking at a stormwater management authority and a fee is you have a quality issue and you have a flooding issue and you have this overall asset that you need to maintain,” Staub said.

There are six watersheds that are impaired, including five unnamed Susquehanna River tributaries and Burd Run, he said.

“You’ve had some significant flooding events over the last few years, particularly in the Lisa Lake area,” Staub said.

Board President Jon Wilt asked HRG to develop the fee from the perspective of Lower Swatara residents who will have to pay it.

“I don’t think you’re going to want to be paying \$10.50 a month or anything anywhere near that,” Wilt said.

No final numbers

There is uncertainty as to what the fees would be. Numbers are preliminary and are based on impervious surface data from 2002, representatives from HRG said during a board of commissioners meeting on April 4.

An estimated 10 percent of the township is impervious surface, which are paved areas such as roads, parking lots and driveways.

In early March, the board hired T3 Global Strategies to fly over the township and take updated photos of impervious surface. Once the township receives that data — which HRG’s Adrienne Vicari said should come in June — the township will refine what a potential stormwater fee could look like.

HRG estimated \$1.4 million a year for an authority budget to include projects, operations and maintenance and administrative



STAFF PHOTO BY LAURA HAYES

HRG’s Adrienne Vicari told the Lower Swatara Board of Commissioners how to implement a stormwater fee during a meeting on April 4.

costs. Township engineer Erin Letavic of HRG said the budgets were preliminary and based on a particular level of service.

“Maybe if the EPA and the feds all them get curtailed a little bit, we won’t have all the exorbitant fees to contend with,” Wilt said.

Vicari said stormwater fees usually range from \$6.50 to \$8.50 a month. She added that those fees don’t include permit costs — Lower Swatara’s estimates do — and said she anticipated that other municipalities’ fees may go up.

“You’ve had some significant flooding events over the last few years, particularly in the Lisa Lake area.”

HRG financial services team leader Tim Staub

Stormwater utilities are different from other utilities, Vicari said. Utility bills are usually based on consumption.

“You’re asking the public to pay to prevent things they don’t want to have happening such as flooding, poor water quality. Lots of times, it’s ‘out of sight, out of mind,’” Vicari said.

Vicari called stormwater infrastructure the “forgotten asset.”

“Generally, we don’t think about it until it starts to fail because there are more high-profile needs,” Vicari said, such as police, fire department or road needs.

Fee, not a tax

HRG staff recommended establishing a stormwater fee instead of a tax.

Tax-exempt properties still would have to pay a fee, and solicitor Peter Henninger estimated that one-third of the township was tax-exempt.

A fee vs. a tax would make a big difference for property owners. For a property valued at \$133,459, HRG estimated that taxes would increase by \$32 a month, compared to the \$8.50 to \$10.50 a month that a fee would cost.

A fee, Vicari said, would allow property owners to mitigate the fee by earning credits. In an interview, Staub said that credits can be earned by property owners improving the stormwater runoff on their property such as through

rain barrels or rain gardens. The credits, Staub said, would reduce the fee but not eliminate the fee altogether.

Vicari said it could take around nine months to implement a fee.

“I think if you were interested, you could have the ability to get a fee in place by January 2019,” she said.

Steps to implementing a fee, Vicari said, include reviewing the stormwater management program, gauging public input, evaluating the fee structure, developing a credit policy and appeals process, and reviewing billing options.

Reactionary work

As part of the study, Staub said they met with a committee made up of Vice President Todd Truntz, Commissioner Ron Paul and township staff and asked what they thought of how the township was managing its stormwater system.

In terms of operation and maintenance of the system, planning and compliance and capital improvements, Staub said the committee thought the township was working on an average to minimum level.

“There are some projects that you guys are budgeting and trying to address,” Staub said. “However, a majority of the work on the stormwater is reactionary.”

Gathering public input

Public education is important, Vicari said. She recommended creating a stakeholder advisory committee, and township leaders agreed. Henninger suggested establishing the stakeholder committee to be ready to work once the data comes in.

Vicari recommended that the committee be made up of 15 individuals including residents, business owners, nonprofit organizers, representatives from local industries and school district officials. The committee should meet at least six times — once a month for six months.

The board unanimously voted to authorize HRG to pull together a scope of services, including facilitating committee meetings.

• **Headline Writing:** Jason Maddux, for three headlines — “Don’t see red over yellow curbs”; “Shoot, they’re good”; and “These kids have heart.”

The Honorable Mentions are: • **Feature Story:** Dan Miller, “There is a Santa Claus.”

• **Photo Story/Essay:** Jason Maddux, “Happy Birthday, America!”

The newspaper competes in Division VI, weekly publications with a circulation of 5,000 to 9,999.

KEYSTONE: Press & Journal wins 10 awards

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risburg is part of the fabric of Middletown area”; “We can improve our community through just some little things”; and “I love my Jewish, Christian traditions at holidays.”

• **Sports Event Coverage:** Larry Etter, William Darrah, Donald Graham and Earl Hammaker, “Blue Raiders fall in state title game.”

• **Sports/Outdoor Column:** Tom Shank, for three pieces — “The

deer magnet mystique”; “Patience, persistence and a first turkey”; and “Sight-seeing gets me in touch with all kinds of nature.”

• **News Feature Story:** Dan Miller, “He traded his life for my son.”

• **News Beat Reporting:** Dan Miller, for six stories involving police coverage.

The Press & Journal won two second-place awards.

• **Editorial:** Jason Maddux, for a selection of three pieces.

BABY: Officials say sleeping next to kids is risky

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adults sleeping with children — a practice that is known as “co-sleeping.”

The county formed a task force to investigate what Marsico at the time said was a rising number of incidents in the county of children being killed as a result of co-sleeping.

The task force presented its findings to Dauphin County commissioners in November 2017. More information about the co-sleeping initiative can be on the Dauphin County website.

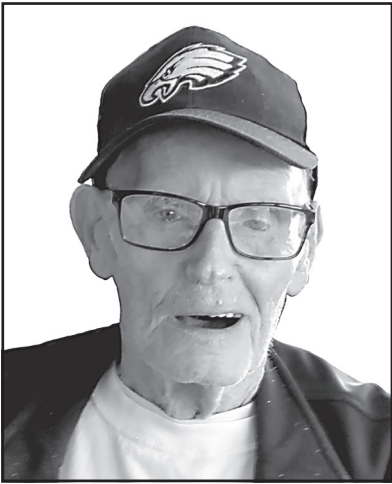
Ward in pleading no contest means that she neither admits to nor disputes the charges. Ward’s defense attorney Casey Grey Shore did not return a phone call

from the Press & Journal seeking comment.

Also charged in the case was Ward’s boyfriend and the father of the infant, Arthur Thomas Livering of Middletown.

Charges of endangering the welfare of children and of possession of marijuana are still pending before Livering in Dauphin County Court.

OBITUARIES



Leo Espenshade
MIDDLETOWN

Leo Espenshade, 95, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at Brookdale Harrisburg surrounded by his loving family.

He was born May 2, 1922 in Lingelstown and was the loving son of the late Christian C. and Ada E. (Stuckey) Espenshade.

Leo grew up working hard on his family farm. He then went on to retire as a plow room supervi-

sor for Hershey Chocolate Factory after 35 years.

In addition to his parents Leo was preceded in death by nine siblings.

Leo is survived by his loving wife of 71 years, Geraldine (Helm) Espenshade; sons, Ronald L. and James L. Espenshade; daughters, Ada Marie Espenshade, Linda K. Wilson, Mary L. Espenshade, Susan E. Espenshade, Nancy L. Wolfgang, and Barbara J. Espenshade; 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

A tribute to Leo’s life will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 12 p.m. at Matinchek Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 260 East Main St., Middletown, Pa., with the Rev. Megan Lester officiating. There will be a visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Thursday.

Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Leo’s name to Paxton Church of the Brethren, 6445 Lyters Ln., Harrisburg, PA 17111.

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Sonia Summers
MIDDLETOWN

Sonia Lee Summers, 79, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at the Middletown Home, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on June 1, 1938 in Middletown and was the daughter of the late Frank Hoerner and Margaret (Graham) Seidel.

Sonia was a former nursing aide for several nursing homes in the area. She enjoyed bowling, and was a major participant in any and all of the activities at the Middletown Home. She was also a member of the American Legion Women’s Auxiliary, Middletown.

She is survived by her three loving daughters, Nancy Keim and her wife Carolyn Cassel, Delores Weaver, and Tina Haldeman and her husband Jason Haldeman; a sister, Dolores Goodhart; five grandchildren, Christopher Keim, Amanda Haldeman, Gabriel Haldeman, Olivia Haldeman and Emma Haldeman.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 6 p.m. at St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, 121 N. Spring St., Middletown, with the Rev. Dr. J. Richard Eckert officiating. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until the time of the service at the church.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

The family would like to extend a special “Thank You” to the entire Middletown Home team for the wonderful care that they showed Sonia over the years.

Memorial contributions may be made in Sonia’s name to the Harrisburg Humane Society, 7790 Grayson Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17111.

The family has entrusted the care of the Matinchek Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Middletown to handle the funeral arrangements.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLETOWN

Notice is hereby given that the Borough Council of the Borough of Middletown will consider for adoption the following Ordinance at the Regular Business Meeting on May 1, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Middletown Borough Council located at Borough Hall, 60 West Emaus Street, Middletown, PA 17057.

ORDINANCE NO. 1349

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLETOWN, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 30 (HISTORICAL RESTORATION COMMISSION) OF THE MIDDLETOWN BOROUGH CODE, AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PART OF LAWS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR MID-TERM APPOINTMENTS AND AMEND THE QUORUM REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMISSION MEETINGS.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middletown established the Historical Restoration Commission, comprised of seven (7) members appointed by the Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Code provides for five (5) year staggered terms for the members of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the Borough's attention that the current appointment schedule for members of the Commission does not comply with the staggered appointment structure intended by the Borough Code; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that the deviation from the required staggered terms has likely resulted from mid-term appointments which may have provided for five (5) year terms for the replacement Commission member, rather than the replacement Commission member being appointed initially for the remainder of the original member's term; and

WHEREAS, it is the Borough's desire to restructure the current appointment schedule, re-establish staggered terms, and clarify the process applicable to mid-term appointments; and

WHEREAS, having been appointed, the duties of the Commission include, but are not limited to, maintaining a file of all property of historical or antiquarian interest within the Borough and adopting rules and regulations controlling the maintenance, restoration, repaid, operation and supervision of property of historical or antiquarian interest

WHEREAS, the Historical Restoration Commission is required to meet regularly in order to perform the duties delegated to it, which meetings are required to comply with Pennsylvania's Sunshine Act, 65 Pa.C.S. §701, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, although the Commission's Board is comprised as seven (7) members, under the current provisions of the Borough Code, the presence of only three (3) members is required to establish a quorum; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order and/or commonly accepted meetings practice, a quorum is typically comprised of a simple majority of an entity's board or other committee; and

WHEREAS, permitting a quorum of less than a majority of the members of a committee or entity could potentially result in action being taken by the minority which do not have majority support; and

WHEREAS, having a reduced quorum requirement can impede day-to-day business of the Commission and inhibit delegation of special projects to smaller sub-committees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the Borough of Middletown that Sections 30-1 and 30-5 of the Middletown Code of Ordinances be amended, effective immediately, to read as follows:

§30-1. Creation and composition.

Pursuant to the power set forth in Section 1202, Subsection 48 of the Borough Code, and for the purpose of carrying said section into effect, there is created in the Borough of Middletown a Historical Restoration Commission, which Commission shall be composed of seven persons, one of whom shall be appointed to serve for a term of one year from January 1, 1969, two persons to serve for a period of two years, one person to serve for three years, two persons to serve for four years and one person to serve for five years. Thereafter, following the original appointments, the terms of the members of the Historical Restoration Commission shall be for a term of five years. These members shall serve from the date of their appointment by the Borough Council for the terms herein stated and until their successors are duly appointed and qualified. In the event that a member of the Commission shall resign their appointment prior to the natural expiration of their term, any individual appointed in replacement thereof shall be appointed to serve the remaining period of the resigning member's term. Only upon the natural expiration of the resigning member's term shall the replacement member be eligible for subsequent appointment to a full five-year term.

§30-5. Meetings.

The Historical Restoration Commission shall meet regularly at a stated time and place at least four times annually and shall hold such other meetings as may be required to perform the duties prescribed in this chapter. The Historical Commission shall submit an annual report of its activities to the Borough Council.

Special meetings of the Historical Restoration Commission may be held at the call of the Chairman or any three members, at which meeting no other business shall be transacted except that specified in the call.

The ordinary rules of order shall govern the transaction of all business, and four members shall constitute a quorum. The order of business shall be conducted in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Historical Restoration Commission shall adopt.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the proposed Ordinance prior to the Regular Business Meeting, please contact the Borough Secretary at 717-902-0706 or at gmiller1@middletownborough.com.

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OF DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
No. 1712-CV-2018
CIVIL ACTION - LAW
ACTION TO QUIET TITLE
RUSTRUM REALTY, INC., Plaintiff
vs
WALTER L. OTSTOT, and his heirs, successors and assigns, Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION TO QUIET TITLE
To: WALTER L. OTSTOT, and his heirs, successors and assigns

NOTICE is hereby give that on the March 6, 2018, the above named Plaintiff filed a Complaint to Quiet Title as above noted against you seeking a Court Order decreeing that Plaintiff owns the premises below described in fee simple, free and clear of any and all right, title, interest, claim or demand which you may have in and to said premises. Plaintiff claims to be the owner of said premises by virtue of ownership of the residue of the adjoining property of Beaver Creek Farms, which for which future road access was reserved in Dauphin County Plan Book "Z", Volume 1, Page 47. Plaintiff further seeks to clear and remove any cloud of title which may exist by reason of questions regarding the legal description and ownership of lands reserved for future road access as set forth in the said subdivision for the premises, which are described as follows:

ALL that certain tract of land situate in West Hanover Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, more particularly bounded and described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a point in the center line of Mountain Road - (T-528) which point is located the following three courses and distances from the intersection of Manada Gap Road (L.R. 22025) and said Mountain Road (T-528);

(1) North seventy-eight degrees (78) thirty-five minutes (35) West, two hundred thirty-six and seventy-two hundredths feet;

(2) North fifty-nine degrees (59) eleven minutes (11) thirty seconds (30) West, two hundred eight and ninety-nine hundredths feet (208.99);

(3) North twelve degrees (12) eleven minutes (11) thirty seconds (30) West, three hundred seventeen and seventy-eight hundredths feet (317.78), said point being also at line of lands now or late of Mary E. Pletz; thence along the center line of said Mountain Road the following five (5) courses and distances:

(1) North twelve degrees (12) one minute (01) thirty seconds (30) West, three hundred five and sixty-five hundredths feet (305.65);

(2) North twenty degrees (20) eleven minutes (11) West, the distance of one hundred ninety-four and fifty-one hundredths feet (194.51);

(3) North twenty-one degrees (21) fifty-five minutes (55) thirty seconds (30) West, the distance of three hundred ninety-nine and sixteen hundredths feet (399.16);

(4) North fifty-two degrees (52) twenty minutes (20) thirty seconds (30) West, the distance of four hundred fifty-three and twenty-six hundredths feet (453.26);

(5) North twenty degrees (20) thirteen minutes (13) West, the distance of three hundred forty-two and eighteen hundredths feet (342.18);

thence through lands now or late of Beaver Creek Farms, Inc., of which this was once a part the following six (6) courses and distances:

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(2) South twenty degrees (20) thirteen minutes (13) East, the distance of two hundred seventy-seven and forty hundredths feet (277.40);

(3) South fifty-two degrees (52) twenty minutes (20) thirty seconds (30) East, the distance of four hundred ninety-nine and sixty-five hundredths feet (499.65);

(4) South twenty-one degrees (21) fifty-five minutes (55) thirty seconds (30) East, the distance of four hundred sixty-three and seventy hundredths feet (463.70);

(5) South twenty (20) eleven minutes (11) East, the distance of two hundred thirteen and ninety-seven hundredths feet (213.97);

(6) South twelve degrees (12) one minute (01) thirty seconds (30) East, the distance of three hundred twenty-one and seventy-nine hundredths feet (321.79) to a point at lands now or late of Mary E. Pletz; thence by said line of lands now or late of Mary E. Pletz, South seventy-eight degrees (78) zero minutes (00) West, the distance of two hundred twenty-five and zero hundredths feet (225.00) to a point, the place of BEGINNING.

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The above description is in accordance with a Plan of Lots known as "Beaver Creek Park, Section A", as prepared by Raymond Kowalski, Consulting Engineer, which Plan is recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Dauphin County in Plan Book Z, Volume 1, Page 47.

EXCEPTING AND RESERVING thereout the following tracts of land:

1. Lot No. 1 on Plan Book "Z", Volume 1, Page 47, as described in Dauphin County Deed Book "V", Volume 48, Page 297.

2. Lot No. 2 on Plan Book "Z", Volume 1, Page 47, as described in Dauphin County Deed Book "R", Volume 48, Page 170.

3. Lot No. 3 on Plan Book "Z", Volume 1, Page 47, as described in Dauphin County Deed Book "C", Volume 51, Page 60.

4. Lot No. 4 on Plan Book "Z", Volume 1, Page 47, as described in Dauphin County Deed Book "L", Volume 51, Page 270.

5. Lot No. 5 on Plan Book "Z", Volume 1, Page 47, as described in Dauphin County Deed Book "O", Volume 51, Page 15.

6. Lot No. 6 on Plan Book "Z", Volume 1, Page 47, as described in Dauphin County Deed Book "X", Volume 47, Page 225.

7. Lot No. 7 on Plan Book "Z", Volume 1, Page 47, as described in Dauphin County Deed Book "E", Volume 49, Page 39.

8. Lot No. 8 on Plan Book "Z", Volume 1, Page 47, as described in Dauphin County Deed Book "M", Volume 48, Page 351.

9. Lot No. 9 on Plan Book "Z", Volume 1, Page 47, as described in Dauphin County Deed Book "Z", Volume 50, Page 90.

10. Lot No. 10 on Plan Book "Z", Volume 1, Page 47, as described in Dauphin County Deed Book "O", Volume 50, Page 391.

11. Lot No. 11 on Plan Book "Z", Volume 1, Page 47, as described in Dauphin County Deed Book "U", Volume 48, Page 256.

12. Lot No. 12 on Plan Book "Z", Volume 1, Page 47, as described in Dauphin County Deed Book "D", Volume 49, Page 648.

13. Lots No. 13, 15, 16 and 20 on Plan Book "Z", Volume 1, Page 47, as described in Dauphin County Deed Book "D", Volume 51, Page 225.

14. Lot No. 14 on Plan Book "Z", Volume 1, Page 47, as described in Dauphin County Deed Book "E", Volume 48, Page 170.

15. Lot No. 17 on Plan Book "Z", Volume 1, Page 47, as described in Dauphin County Deed Book "P", Volume 48, Page 479.

16. Lot No. 18 on Plan Book "Z", Volume 1, Page 47, as described in Dauphin County Deed Book "Y", Volume 48, Page 308.

17. Lot No. 19 on Plan Book "Z", Volume 1, Page 47, as described in Dauphin County Deed Book "S", Volume 48, Page 225

BEING the residue of the same premises which Beaver Creek Farms, Inc. by deed dated June 6, 1962 and recorded June 6, 1962, in the Office of Recorder of Deeds of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania at Deed Book "T", Volume 47, Page 424, granted and conveyed unto Walter L. Otstot.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, has ordered that service of the Complaint be made upon WALTER L. OTSTOT, and his respective heirs, successors and assigns, by an Order dated March 14, 2018, which requires that this notice be published one time in the Dauphin County Reporter and also in one newspaper of general circulation in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

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Suez concerned that capital projects aren’t being done

Company says lease calls for \$1 million worth each year; borough disagrees with what is proposed, who should be paying

By Dan Miller
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Middletown’s 50-year water and sewer lease with Suez requires the company to undertake about \$1 million worth of capital improvements to the water and sewer systems each year, according to Suez. However, no capital improvements have been done in the past two years — 2016 and 2017 — because Suez and council have not been able to agree on a plan regarding what projects are to be done, and at what cost.

Borough council is not living up to its end of the lease bargain, Rich Henning, senior vice president for communications for Suez and a Suez spokesman, told the Press & Journal.

“We’ve got the plans, we’ve got everything we need to start making the system much better, but we need a dancing partner. We don’t have that right now,” Henning said. “They’ve (the borough) taken the \$43 million. They’ve used it. They used it on the debt, they’ve used it on the pension. But the system needs to be looked after. There are a lot of needs there, and the investor needs to be looked after. ... To be an effective partnership, it takes two to tango.”

Council President Damon Suglia disagrees, telling the Press & Journal that the improvements proposed by Suez are not warranted.

“We don’t feel as if the borough and the residents should be responsible for paying for these capital expenditures,” he said, adding that council rejected the capital improvement plans from Suez because “we don’t agree with what they are proposing.”

“We don’t feel it is the borough’s responsibility to pay for what they are proposing. ... Their requests

and demands are unreasonable,” Suglia said.

As for Suez, “we feel that approval of the capital plan in any of these years has been unreasonably withheld” by council, said Dan Sugarman, managing director of Water Capital Partners LLC, a company affiliated with private investors financing the Suez lease of the Middletown water and sewer systems.

Cost estimates in the plan are “very reasonable estimates ... based on a lot of engineering experience,” Sugarman added.

Sugarman contended that council in rejecting the plan has not given Suez “a lot of reason” for doing so.

“There isn’t any strong professional engineering type of opinion as to what they disagree with,” he said. “They are really just objecting to the plan on the basis of some notion of affordability, which we are very sensitive to. We don’t want to put rate increases on people for no reason.”

2018 work?

It remains to be seen whether Suez will be doing any capital improvement projects in 2018. Suez earlier this year submitted a plan for projects to be done this year, but council in March rejected the plan as too costly.

Proposed work includes replacing 2,500 feet of water main each year, replacing or rehabilitating 1,100 feet of sewer main each year, addressing infiltration and inflow issues, making upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant, recoating the three above ground water storage tanks, and rehabilitating the borough’s six groundwater wells, according to an analysis of the lease provided by Suez to the Press & Journal.

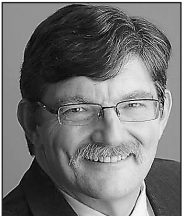
Suez completed nearly \$2.2 mil-



Suglia



Henning



Sugarman

lion worth of capital improvement projects in 2015, the first year of the lease.

Suez planned to impose a 2.1 percent surcharge beginning in January 2017 to cover the cost of capital improvements Suez had completed in 2015.

That surcharge was never put in place, as council instead negotiated an agreement with Suez whereby the borough used its own funds to pay Suez for the improvements, instead of Middletown residents doing it through higher water and sewer bills.

Suez would also not be able to impose a capital cost recovery charge in 2019 to go along with a proposed rate increase, unless there are projects completed in 2018 for which to recoup money.

According to Suez, council accepting the plan does not guarantee that the projects will be done. Suez still would have to come back to council with firmer cost estimates and engineering plans before each specific project can be undertaken.

Gaps in the pipelines

Suez as part of a two-hour presentation to the Press & Journal on March 28 showed video from an underground television camera depicting cracks in sewer lines in the borough.

The cracks create holes that allow groundwater, stormwater and dirt and other debris from outside to get into the sewer pipes.

This outside water and debris limits the capacity of the pipes to carry sewer to be treated at the wastewater treatment plant. That can impact the borough’s ability to grow economically by adding more customers, Suez officials said.

Water leaking from the cracked pipe to the outside is also bad for the surrounding road surface, in the same way that water leaking from pipes in your house destabilizes floors and ceilings, Henning said.

“Wherever water ends up going, it’s destructive. When you look at this it’s amazing to see the gaps in these pipelines,” he said.

The system has 24.8 miles of sewer main, and Suez is able to televise 15 percent of the sewer lines each year.

In the three years since Suez took over in 2015, Suez has televised 45 percent of sewer lines throughout the Middletown system — and identified about \$5 million worth of work to the lines that needs to be done through the capital improvement plan process, said Kevin Chandler, vice president of Suez’s North Division.

“These are ones that are dire, that have to be addressed or they are going to result at some point in time” in “catastrophic failure,” Chandler said. “If you have a collapse you not only lose the pipe but lose the street or worse.”

Chandler said the borough before the lease with Suez was not doing much of this televising of the sewer lines. Suez didn’t know how bad the sewer lines were until it started inspecting them with

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Rich Henning, Suez spokesman

the cameras after the lease went into effect.

The way the lease is supposed to work — according to Suez — is that Suez is to complete on average about \$1 million worth of capital improvements every year.

System customers then pay for those improvements, through an annual capital cost recovery surcharge equal to about 2 percent of a customer’s bill.

Despite now being two years’ behind in capital improvements, that schedule should still hold for the remaining 47 years of the lease, Chandler said.

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SUEZ: Middletown might go to court over water and sewer lease

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council approves the first invoice of the firm. Dilworth Paxson has an office in Harrisburg.

Council approved hiring Dilworth Paxson on March 6, when it unanimously concurred on the decision in executive session, Klinepeter said. No public vote was taken. Council President Damon Suglia on March 8 signed an engagement letter to formally hire the firm, Klinepeter said.

Suglia told the Press & Journal on April 4 that no lawsuit has been filed yet and there is no guarantee that one will be. Suglia and Klinepeter, however, repeatedly used the word “litigation” during the April 3 council meeting when the Suez surcharge issue was raised by a borough resident.

Suglia told the Press & Journal that his use of the word “litigation” includes continuing efforts short of going to court.

Suez added the surcharge on bills for the March cycle going out to residents in the first week of April to make up for lost revenue from water usage, as is spelled out in the lease according to Suez. Less water was used than what was anticipated in the first three years of the lease, from January 2015 to January 2018.

The surcharge is costing Middletown customers on average 20 cents a day, or roughly \$72 a year, according to Suez, the private company that operates the borough’s water and sewer systems under a 50-year lease approved by council and the former water authority in 2014. The lease went into effect on Jan. 1, 2015.

“These people that you see sitting here have been working their butts off trying to fight this.”

Council President Damon Suglia

The 11.5 percent surcharge is to stay on residents’ bills for three years.

As part of the lease, Suez and private investors gave the borough an upfront payment of \$43 million that the borough used to pay off debt. The lease also requires Suez and the private investors make additional payments to the borough that will exceed \$45 million over the 50-year lease.

Suez says the lease allows for annual rate hikes starting in January 2019 equal to the rate of inflation. Given current inflation projections the first such increase in January 2019 is expected to be about 4 percent, Suez officials told the Press & Journal on March 28.

One resident speaks

The surcharge has generated much discussion on social media, but only one resident addressed council about the surcharge during the public comment period of the April 3 meeting.

“The residents of this town need an explanation of how this happened. How did we get to this position?” asked Patricia Volpe of Linden Street, after which Klinepeter referred to the agreement that was approved in 2014.

“You are telling me how we got to an agreement. How did we get to the disagreement?” Volpe

responded.

In a prepared statement that he read during the meeting, Suglia said that council has been “attempting to negotiate a resolution of these disputes over the past year or more” and the goal is to “protect our customers and our residents.”

The goal of Suez and its partners, he said, is to increase their own bottom line revenue by increasing the rates, and they are doing so at a “rate and pace that is simply unsustainable and just not reasonable.”

“Since our efforts to resolve the dispute reasonably and amicably have failed, the only avenue we have left is to proceed with litigation,” he said.

Suglia in his statement said council would do its best to have the surcharge reversed and the amounts paid refunded.

Adding his own off-the-cuff statement, Suglia said, “These people that you see sitting here have been working their butts off trying to fight this.”

Mayor James H. Curry III, who is an attorney, urged Volpe and other residents “to trust and believe that the people you elected and put into these seats are doing the right thing and are fighting for you, but unfortunately with a dispute of this caliber it is not — would not be correct for us to make statements when we are entering litigation. ... We have to watch what we say. I am asking the residents in general to understand this is not just a body that is sitting back and doing nothing, I promise you.”

Resolving disputes

Council does not agree with

how Suez and its joint venture investor partners are interpreting the lease regarding the water revenue shortfall and the surcharge, Suglia said.

The lease agreement, which is a contract between the borough and the joint venture consisting of Suez and its private equity partners, includes provisions for resolving disputes between the parties such as mediation and binding arbitration.

If disputes can’t be resolved through mediation and binding arbitration, the parties can go to court, according to the lease.

Asked whether council and the joint venture have already exhausted the mediation and binding arbitration provisions identified in the lease, Suglia responded, “They said we didn’t try in good faith, that was their opinion.”

Suglia said council was never given a “drop-dead date” for when Suez would have to put the surcharge on Middletown residents’ bills.

However, Dan Sugarman of Water Capital Partners told the Press & Journal on March 28 that Suez had given council “a time limit” for when the surcharge would have to be imposed. New Jersey-based Water Capital Partners LLC is affiliated with the private equity investors providing the financial backing for the lease.

Rodney Horton, a former borough council president, has advocated the borough file a complaint with the state Attorney General’s office over the lease.

“I don’t know if we have pursued that,” Suglia told the Press & Journal.

ers would not be substantial. He said PennDOT sometimes pays for State Police presence in a work zone, adding that the State Police were taking the initiative in this scenario.

“But if we were to continue it as part of the project throughout this year and next year, that could add to the cost of the project and we just have to absorb it,” Penny said.

Penny encouraged drivers heading toward Eisenhower Boulevard or the Pennsylvania Turnpike to take the Express Lane.

If drivers are pulled over, Miller encouraged drivers to either pull off at an exit or pull over in one of the emergency pull-off zones.

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juries involving non-commercial vehicles, and one crash was related to driving under the influence.

The speed limit is 55 mph in the construction zone, and Penny said the contractor, Hempt Brothers, asked whether it could be lowered to 45 mph. PennDOT is unsure whether it wants to do that.

“We are seeing speeds that reach up into the areas of 70, which is way too fast for that area with the construction zone workers being active,” Miller said.

Penny said that on Thursday, PennDOT placed speed trailers — which display how fast a driver is

going — in the construction zone.

“Hopefully, that will get across to people how fast they’re going and get them to adjust,” Penny said.

There are other issues with the project, Penny said, such as repairing potholes, which Penny said was difficult with recent cold temperatures. When the construction crews tried to erase the old traffic lines with high-pressured water, Penny said the pavement began breaking. The workers had



Penny



Miller

to pull back on the water intensity, but left faint lines on the road. Penny said PennDOT was working to restripe the roads.

“If you’re used to taking this route for work or whatever reason, you need to pay attention and really adjust your timeframe that it’s going to take you a lot longer to take this road,” Miller said.

The construction project is estimated to cost \$89.4 million. Penny said the cost for speed trail-

Beauty & Wellness

Women redefining opinions on body image and self-esteem

At the end of January 2018, beauty history was made when Ashley Graham was picked up by Revlon to be the first “plus-sized” model in history to land a major beauty contract, joining Gal Gadot, Imaan Hammam and Raquel Zimmerman in the new “Live Boldly” campaign. Graham also broke down barriers by being one of a handful of non sample-sized models to appear in the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue.

Body diversity has become the topic du jour in the entertainment and modeling worlds. According to the data polling source Supplied and beauty manufacturing company Dove, nine in 10 women opt out of important life activities because of body image issues. A similar percentage of women put their health at risk to stop themselves from eating to lose weight. Cross-cultural research by Dove has indicated that body image recently reached critical impact levels. But thanks to more outspoken models and high-profile individuals, body image and self-esteem as these issues relate to women is improving. A 2016 study by Bryan Karazsia, an associate professor of psychology at The College of Wooster, examined data from more than 100,000 men and women over 31 years, finding women’s body image dissatisfaction dropped by 3.3% — a “substantial” finding. Some of the reasons behind the change include a shift in media depictions, a new body ideal of lean and toned rather than “skinny,” and because a greater number of people in North America are simply larger. Women can boost their self-esteem and reverse negative feelings

about their bodies by introducing new thinking patterns. **Don’t always believe what you see.** Some companies use very small models for their marketing efforts and through digital photo manipulation whittle down bodies even further. Some models dubbed “plus-sized” do not actually meet that classification. Models are considered plus sized if they wear between a size eight and 12, with some as small as size six. The average American woman wears a size 16, according to the International Journal of Fashion Design, Technology and Education, and that’s at the lower end of “plus sized.”



Shop fit not size. What’s appearing on racks may be subjected to “vanity sizing,” where everything from jeans to swimwear is cut small. Rather than focusing on sizes on the tags, women should choose items that fit well and feel comfortable. **Make a list of positive attributes.** The National Eating Disorders Association recommends women focus on the things they like about themselves and attributes that pertain to more than their appearance. **Choose positive friends.** Women can surround themselves with positive-minded people who do not compare their

bodies to others’. *Female self-esteem and positive body images are improving as more women and industries promote body positivity.*

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Middletown man arrested after police standoff

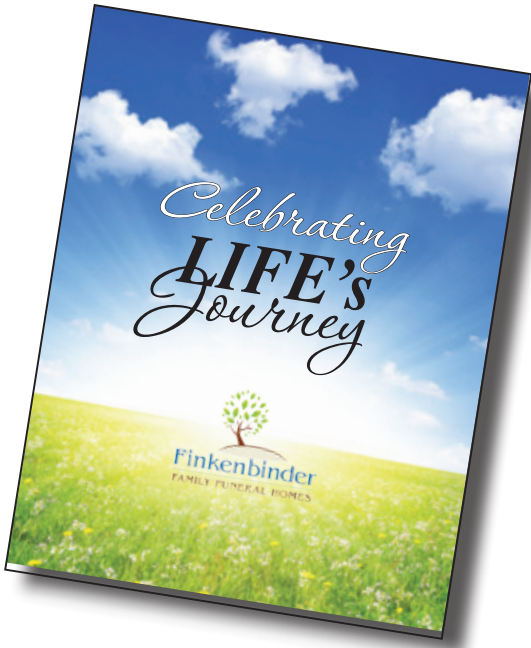
By Dan Miller
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Middletown police arrested a borough man following a stand-off in the 100 block of East Water Street on Thursday, April 5. Police were dispatched to the scene at 4:50 p.m. and arrived to find a woman in the yard, according to arrest papers police filed with District Judge David Judy. The defendant, Marcus Aurelius Adams, 29, of East Water Street, had dragged the woman out in the yard after allegedly assaulting her inside the residence, police said. The incident was never a hostage situation. Adams would not come out of the house. Police negotiators talked with him as he was on the third floor of the residence, and he eventually surrendered peacefully, police said. An eyewitness who did not want her name used reported seeing police officers at the scene with rifles, and other officers with their handguns drawn. Officers also were carrying shields. East Water Street was blocked off from Pine Street east to Spruce Street, and both ends of Keller Avenue behind Turkey Hill were blocked, the witness said. Police remained at the scene until 7 p.m. Police said that the woman and Adams had gotten into an argument that escalated when Adams allegedly slammed the woman’s head against a wall. According to arrest papers, Adams head-butted the woman multiple times and pushed her off the chair into a box of glass. He then shoved her from behind down the stairs. The woman landed in a bedroom, at which point police said Adams grabbed the woman’s shirt and shoved her through the bedroom. Adams allegedly threw her

down another flight of stairs, chased her through the house, threw her out the back door and dragged her into the yard. Adams then allegedly locked the doors so she could not get back in. She had a black eye forming on her left eye, scratches and bruises to her chest, neck, arms and legs, and a headache, according to arrest papers. She received medical treatment at the scene, said Patrol Officer Mark Laudenslager, a spokesman for Middletown Police Department. Police drew their rifles and handguns because of comments Adams made, and noises police heard from where he was inside the house indicated that he might have been armed, Laudenslager said. Police later determined that Adams was not armed, he said. After Adams was taken into custody, police went into the residence and found “countless pills of different types all over the floor and in unmarked bottles.” After receiving consent from the woman to search the third floor, police found a small amount of marijuana, drug paraphernalia including marijuana pipes and grinders, and a substance suspected to be “Shatter,” a type of marijuana concentrate, according to arrest papers. Police also reported finding a machete on the third floor. Adams is charged with aggravated assault, recklessly endangering another person, simple assault, harassment, possession of a small amount of marijuana for personal use, and use/possession of drug paraphernalia. He was arraigned April 6 before District Judge Kenneth A. Lenker, who set bail at \$5,000. Adams was not listed in Dauphin County Prison as of Tuesday. A preliminary hearing is set for April 16 before Judy.

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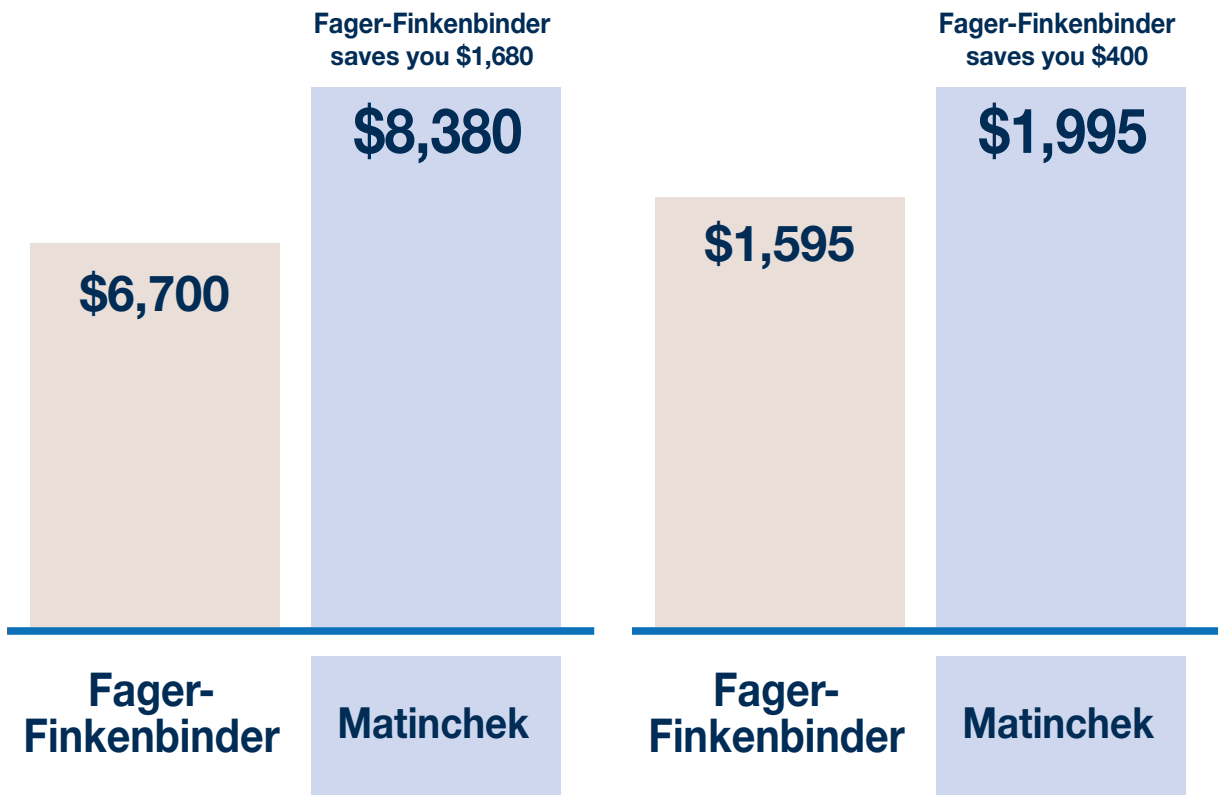
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MAHS baseball gets first win

By Larry Etter
Press & Journal Staff

It would be hard to pick what was more amazing in the Middletown varsity baseball team's 16-13 victory at Susquehanna Township on Monday afternoon.

Was it the fact that the Blue Raiders snapped out of their early season slump by using 8 hits and 11 walks in the win? Was it the rally that the Indians pulled off in the sixth inning that nearly stole the victory from their guests? Or was it the weather that forced the two teams to play in a steady but light snowfall from start to finish?

At any rate, the entertaining contest led to first year head coach Mike Lupia's first victory that was certainly memorable. Lupia and his staff were visibly relieved when the Raiders survived the wild game, one that was full of action and tension and unbaseball-like weather. But survive the team did as it broke its three-game losing streak with the much-needed triumph.

The Blue Raiders were scheduled to play four times this week with away games set for Camp

Hill and Steelton-Highspire, along with a rescheduled matchup at home against Northern York if the weather cooperates.

Lupia was an assistant coach at Susquehanna Township last season, and he knew a lot about the Indian players.

"They're pretty good," he said prior to the first pitch.

And he was really hoping that his team could shake off the effects of last Friday's shutout loss to Bishop McDevitt.

"I shook up the lineup a bit and I hope it works," he said.

It also helped very much that Susquehanna's starting pitcher, Ryan Jacobs, got off to a shaky start and the Raiders took advantage by scoring 6 runs in the top of the first inning. Five walks, a hit batsman and two hits, one each by Adam Kell and David Alcock, led to the early run production as Scott Ash, Kell, Matt Schopf, Aaron McDevitt, Alcock and Kyle Truesdale scored.



Lupia

In the home half of the frame, pitcher Ash gave up a single and a walk but got out of the inning unharmed.

In the second inning the Blue Raiders plated 6 more runs to jump out to a 12-0 lead, the runs coming against Jerry Feaser, who had relieved Jacobs late in the first. After Schopf and McDevitt were both safe on errors, Alcock drove them both in with a single to right. Tim Wagner's one-out hit drove in two more, Kell's sacrifice fly knocked in another and Schopf's double to left pushed home the sixth run.

Ash walked the first Susquehanna batter in the home half of the second but the defense turned a double play for two outs. A flyout to shallow right ended the home half of the inning.

But the Blue Raiders went down in order in the top of the third and the Indians finally got their offense going in the bottom of the frame. A pair of doubles and a single off of new Middletown pitcher Garrett Miller drove in four runs and the Indians picked up another on a Raider error to make it a 12-5 game after three innings. The Raiders again went down in order in the

top of the fourth and Miller pitched his way out of trouble in the bottom by striking out Aaron McGaw with two outs and the bases loaded.

In the top of the fifth, Kell led off with a base on balls, Schopf was safe on an error and McDevitt was safe on another Indian miscue on a bunt that loaded the bases with Raiders. With one out, Cam Peters laced a sharp single down the left field line, driving in Kell and Schopf for runs 13 and 14 for the Middletown nine. A groundout with the bags still full prevented further damage by the Raiders.

Wagner came on in relief of Miller and had a 1-2-3 inning in the home half of the fifth and the Raiders were cruising along with their 14-5 lead. But everything changed in the bottom of the sixth after the Raiders went scoreless in the top of the frame.

With two outs and a man on second, the Indians really came to life at the plate. A double, a walk, an error and a single led to four Indian runs.

Another Middletown error and three straight hits keyed four more

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Raider tennis downs Harrisburg Academy

The Middletown Area High School boys tennis team picked up its first win of the season Monday, downing Harrisburg Academy 5-0.

The match was moved indoors to Hershey Racquet Club because of the snow.

"A shout-out to Harrisburg Academy for securing the courts," head coach Lynn Miller said. "Our kids responded well to playing indoors."

The team is 1-3 on the season.

In singles, Jacob Spear defeated Jacob Greiner, 7-5, 6-2, Donovan Brady defeated Jaime Eslava, 6-0, 7-5, and Zeryab Ibrahim defeated Parker Niles, 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles, Zac Purvis and Levi Ettu beat Chris Wang and Henry Nagoski, 6-2, 6-4. Danny Mercado and Justin Wright defeated Michael Azubike and Hamza Ahmed, 6-0, 6-0.

On Thursday, April 5, the Blue Raiders fell 5-0 at Susquehanna Township.

In singles, Ehi Jatto defeated Spear 6-1, 2-6, 6-2, Jack Ferguson defeated Brady 6-0, 6-0, and Mason Briner defeated Ibrahim 6-3, 6-2.

In doubles, Dan Akrong and Robert Shaffner beat Steve Mosher and Kyle Shatto 6-2, 6-2. Idriss Benjelloun and Brian Sayre defeated Purvis and Levi Ettu 6-2, 6-0.

The team has a busy schedule ahead, taking on Harrisburg Academy again Tuesday, followed by Bishop McDevitt at home Wednesday, then playing them away on Thursday, Camp Hill at home Friday, at East Pennsboro on Saturday, home vs. Trinity on Monday, and at Camp Hill on Tuesday.



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Kyle Shatto, left, Levi Ettu, top, Donovan Brady, above, and Jacob Spear, right, hit shots Thursday vs. Susquehanna Township.



Penn State softball field to be named for Lower Dauphin grad who died of cancer

Penn State Harrisburg is dedicating the Courtney Pollock Memorial Field and Softball Complex at 2:30 p.m. April 12 at the softball field on Olmsted Drive on campus.

The event will honor the memory of Penn State Harrisburg alumna Courtney Pollock, who died in June 2013 from cancer.

In 1999, Pollock graduated from Lower Dauphin High School, where she played softball and field hockey and actively volunteered in the community. She also has a turf field named for her at the LD

sports complex.

She graduated from Penn State Harrisburg in 2003 with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education and went on to teach and coach in the Lower Dauphin and Central Dauphin school districts.

Pollock was the daughter of Douglas W. Pollock, a Penn State alumnus and collegiate athlete. The Douglas W. Pollock Foundation made a \$750,000 donation to support the college's athletics and the naming of the field and softball complex.

The foundation has supported Penn State Harrisburg since 2014. They have endowed the Courtney Pollock Memorial Trustee Scholarship, a need-based scholarship benefiting students in the elementary education program.

Following the ceremony, the Penn State Harrisburg women's softball team will take on Penn State Abington at 3 p.m.

For more information, contact the Penn State Harrisburg Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 717-948-6316.



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Penn State Harrisburg alumna Courtney Pollock died in June 2013 from cancer.

CHURCHNEWS

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; Liturgist – Mike Hahn; Organist – Don Cowsert; Sr. Choir Director – Erich Schlicher; Children's Time – Erich Schlicher.

cher; Audio Visual – Steve Moyer, Jamal Warren and Justin Hahn; Head Usher – Lori Keller; Greeters – Sue Neiman and Suzanne Rowe; Nursery Caregivers – Deb Lidle, Joyce Moyer and our Sr. Choir members.

This week's schedule of activities is as follows:

Wed., April 11: 6 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous Book Study Group; 6:30 p.m., Sr. Choir rehearsal in church sanctuary.

Sun., April 15: 9 a.m., Sunday school; 10:15 a.m., Sunday Worship Service; 4 p.m., Youth Fellowship at Presbyterian Congregation.

Mon., April 16: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Community dinner.

Tues., April 17: 8:30 a.m., Mission Central; 2 p.m., Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6 p.m., God's Kitchen at Wesley, meal provided by Geyers.

Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church

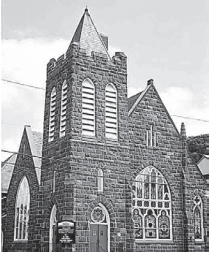


Calvary Church has been a part of the Middletown Borough community since 1936. It has been our privilege to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ all these years and to do so knowing the good news has never changed in over 2000 years. We firmly hold to the Apostles Creed and the Westminster Confession 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 power of prayer.

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.

Thurs., April 12: 6:30 p.m., Bells;

7:15 p.m., Choir.

Sat., April 14: 6:30 p.m., Meet and Greet with Christian Neubaum.

You are invited on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for an opportunity to learn more about the Bible and issues of concern to Christians! All are welcome as we study the Bible and reflect on how the scriptures can inform and inspire us to "walk the talk" in our daily lives and to be responsible and faithful Christians as we confront the critical issues of our time.

Please join us on Sunday, April 15 at 10:30 a.m. as our Pastor Bruce Humphrey leads us in worship. Our sanctuary is air-conditioned and handicapped accessible, and there are also hearing devices for anyone wanting to use one. Nursery is available during the service, as well as Bible Listening bags for children to utilize during the service. Do

join us!

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

Pastor Nominating Update: Pastor Nominating Committee is excited about the candidating weekend of Christian Neubaum. Mark your calendar for April 14 and 15. Saturday evening we will have a fun "meet and greet" gathering with Christian and his family. Sunday morning, April 15, he will preach in worship, then immediately following worship we will hold a Congregational meeting to ask him questions and then vote to call him as our next pastor.

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

Ebenezer United Methodist Church



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. We also offer a variety of other groups including Bible studies.

Any questions please call us at 717-939-0766 or e-mail us at ebenezerumc890@outlook.com.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Church and Community Events:

Sat., April 14: 5 p.m., Holy Communion – Chapel.

Sun., April 15: 10 a.m., Worship, Holy Communion – Sanctuary; 4 p.m., Luther Hall - Eat Dessert First Concert – Spirit and Truth Band at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Enjoy dessert and sing along with camp songs and hymns of faith. All ages will enjoy this music. Invite a friend; 6 to 8 p.m., St. Peter's Youth Group will meet.

Food Pantry News: Especially needed are personal care/toiletry items: toilet tissue, deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoos, conditioners, cotton swabs, tissues, soap, paper towels, etc. Items collected are taken to the Middletown Area Interfaith Food

Pantry located at 201 Wyoming Street, Royalton. Individuals may also take items directly to the food pantry, which is open Tuesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 pm. The Community Action Commission office is open Tuesdays and Fridays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the same location. Food Pantry Sunday is May 6 (the first Sunday of each month).

Visit our website at www.stpetersmiddletown.org.

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

Scripture for April 15: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48.

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. For additional church information call 717-944-9595. For security purposes our back and side doors will be locked every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the start of worship. The only door for entry after that will be the front door.

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

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

Wednesdays: Craft Group meets at 1 p.m.; Choir practice at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Ushers for April: Isabelle Cain, Kara and Joe Connors and Chris Long. Greeter: Bonny Harper. Children's church leader for April: Kelly Hummert and Crystal Mrakovich.

Middletown's Care-A-Van,

that transports senior citizens to appointments and shopping, is in need of drivers. If you are 75 years old or under and would like to volunteer a half day a month or more call 717-743-0788 for information.

Our prayer garden in the rear of the yard has an 8-foot cross made out of nails and is illuminated at night. From spring to winter benches are provided to use to meditate or just enjoy the beauty and quietness along the Swatara Creek.

Pastor Britt writes a daily devotional on the Facebook page "Pastor Britt Strohecker." In addition, he posts a pod cast of Bible study many days on Facebook via YouTube. We invite everyone to tune him in for inspiration for their day.

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.

LOWER SWATARA POLICE ROUNDUP

Pet argument likely led to accidental shooting in leg

Police continue to investigate what might have been an accidental shooting of a township resident started by an argument about a family pet.

According to police, a 41-year-old woman and her husband became embroiled in an argument about a dog at 1:33 a.m. April 1 at their home in the southwest part of the township. The police report alleged the husband brandished a .45 caliber handgun and threatened to shoot the dog.

Police report that a struggle ensued and the gun discharged, with the round striking the woman in the right calf. The victim was transported to Milton S. Hershey Medical Center for treatment, police noted.

Details about her condition were not reported.

The investigating officer said a person in the home at the time told police the shooting was accidental.

The case has been assigned to the township's criminal investigation team and remains open.

Charged in incident

Donna Intrieri-Condran, 58, of the 2000 block of Faith Street, Steelton, has been charged with simple assault and harassment following an argument with her husband at 7:07 p.m. March 26, district court records note.

According to police, she struck her husband in the face while the couple was in a car in the area of West Harrisburg Pike and First Street. He reportedly suffered an injury to his face but no medical attention was requested or provided.

Police said they investigated the case after being contacted by the victim.

Intrieri-Condran is scheduled to appear before District Judge Michael Smith on April 12 for a preliminary hearing.

Hit-and-run on Harrisburg Pike

A township resident told police her 1996 Buick Century was struck and severely damaged by a driver who left the scene of the accident around 1:30 p.m. March 26.

The resident said her car was struck in the rear when she was turning from Meade Avenue onto West Harrisburg Pike, and the vehicle that caused the accident left the area immediately. Police said the resident was unable to identify the driver or provide details about the other vehicle. She was not injured.

The rear bumper of the woman's car took the brunt of the impact and was partially separated from the vehicle. The car was towed.

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

Area gas prices remain steady

Average retail gasoline prices in Harrisburg did not change last week, averaging \$2.84 a gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 241 gas outlets in Harrisburg. This compares with the national average that fell 0.6 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.65.

Prices were 34.2 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 13 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The U.S. average has increased 12 cents per gallon in the last month and is 25.9 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

Prices April 9 in Harrisburg have ranged widely over the last five years: \$2.50 a gallon in 2017, \$2.16 a gallon in 2016, \$2.48 a gallon in 2015, \$3.57 a gallon in 2014 and \$3.54 a gallon in 2013.

Areas near Harrisburg and their current gas price climate: **Lancaster:** \$2.85 a gallon, up 0.7 cents per gallon from last week.

Reading: \$2.84 a gallon, up 0.8 cents.

York: \$2.90 a gallon, down 0.4 cents.

"As markets have seen concern rise of a possible trade war between the U.S. and China, oil prices have been hit hard, leading gas prices to dramatically slow their recent ascent. While the pause button may be hit for the time being on the spring surge, it is still likely we'll see prices advance again soon," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "Thankfully, the bulk of refinery maintenance is likely behind us, but keep in mind the volatility of the stock market has had a major influence on gas prices in the last year, so we may still be susceptible to sudden and dramatic change in U.S. policy and also still being susceptible to any lingering maintenance at the large refineries."

Shred papers for free April 20

A free paper shredding day will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, April 20—the 48th Earth Day — at the Dauphin County Recycling Center.

Paper shredding usually costs \$5 per box at the DCRC.

Paper dropped off for shredding should be boxed and any staples or fasteners larger than a half inch must be removed.

According to Dauphin County, more than 17,000 residents used the center last year — a 48 percent increase from 2014 — and recycled 1.9 million pounds of paper, including newspaper, cardboard, office paper and books.

County residents also can

recycle electronics, such as telephones, televisions, DVD players, printers, answer machines and more, for free at the DCRC. The facility accepts unwanted appliances that function by electric or gas current for a minimal fee, packaging and food service containers, polystyrene foam No. 6 and compact fluorescent bulbs.

Located at 1625 S. Cameron St., inside the Susquehanna Resource Management Complex, the DCRC is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call the center at 717-982-6772 or visit the county's website at www.DauphinCounty.org.

DIRECTORY OF CHURCH SERVICES



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10 Spruce Street, Middletown • 717-944-5835
Sunday School - 9 am • Morning Worship 10:15 am
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"Love God, Love People, Make Disciples"
890 Ebenezer Road, Middletown
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Phone 717-939-0766
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Evangelical United Methodist Church
Spruce & Water Sts., Middletown
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Sunday School (all ages) - 9 am
Sunday Worship - 10:15 am



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



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Parish Office 717-944-3133
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Confessions: Saturday - 7:30-7:50 am, 4:30-5:15 pm



Wesley United Methodist Church
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Pastor James Lyles, 10xBetter
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Armed deputy key to ending Maryland school shooting



DICK BRANDT

I am writing to follow up on what I wrote several weeks ago regarding the Parkland, Florida, school shooting and how to protect our school children. Unfortunately, another school shooting took place about two weeks ago at Great Mills High School in southern Maryland. In that shooting a 16-year-old female student was shot in the head and died several days later in the hospital. A 14-year-old male student was shot in the leg and thankfully survived his injury. The shooter, a 17-year-old male, shot himself in the head when confronted by a heroic deputy sheriff.

I waited a while to write this letter until I saw some information from the police investigation into the shooting. Gathering information was a little more difficult because the media, particularly the national news media, practically ignored this event. Either the body count was not high enough for them or the way it turned out did not fit their agenda. Probably a little of both. The most reliable information came from local newspapers, like the one you are reading.

What makes this shooting different from the Parkland shooting is the body count. Only one female student tragically lost her life in this event. One person made the difference in this incident, and his name is Deputy Blaine Gaskill from the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office in southern Maryland. Deputy Gaskill was the school resource officer for Great Mills High School, and he was on duty and doing his job on that fateful morning.

On a personal note, I highly commend Deputy Gaskill's heroic actions that morning. He did his job to perfection and probably saved many lives in the process. I am sure his department and others will give Deputy Gaskill the honors he certainly deserves. If my child was a student at that school, I would thank him personally.

While this is a tragedy because an innocent teenager lost her life, it does graphically show what I spoke about in my previous guest column in this newspaper.

In the Parkland shooting, the shooter had free access to his victims for many minutes until police arrived. When the first officers were on the scene, they did not enter the building to do their job either because of fear or from being ordered to stand down.

Either way, the shooter had time to shoot 17 innocent people and then walk away.

In the Maryland shooting, Deputy Gaskill was in the building and only had to run down one hallway to intercept the shooter after the first

shots were fired. Most of the sources I read seem to agree it was less than one minute from the time the first shot was fired until Deputy Gaskill confronted the shooter. It was over with 31 seconds later.

The shooter had a handgun to his head and he and Deputy Gaskill fired at the same time after a brief standoff.

The shooter fell dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to his head.

Deputy Gaskill's shot hit either the shooters hand or his gun or maybe both. Deputy Gaskill was a SWAT trained officer, so he certainly knew how to shoot and how to do that under intense pressure. This is strictly my opinion, but if he did hit the shooter in the hand or gun, I believe that is where he was aiming. In other words, he may have been trying to save the suicidal shooter's life by shooting the gun out of his hand.

The difference in these two shootings should be obvious. In the first shooting there were no armed personnel inside the building and the body count was 17. In the second shooting there was an armed person in the building and the body count was one.

The difference is time. The first shooter had plenty to do what he wanted, and the second had only seconds after the first shot was fired. Having an armed person in the building kept the bloodshed to a minimum. Period.

From everything I have read, the shooter in the Maryland shooting showed no outward signs that he was about to commit a murder in his school. While this is vastly different from the Parkland shooter, one thing remains crystal clear — laws did not stop either of them from carrying out their deadly missions.

The Maryland shooter probably violated several dozen state and federal laws in carrying out his shooting. The fact that he was only 17 and not allowed to own, possess or carry a handgun sure did not stop him.

And that was the federal laws. Maryland has even stricter laws concerning handguns, he did not obey them either. What did stop him? Deputy Blaine Gaskill doing his job.

Unfortunately, to me, these school shootings are a product of our society. As such, they are not going to be easily solved and the solution may take a generation or two. While we wait for that to happen, at least have the common sense to arm our school personnel or put a police officer in every school.

Once that is in place, I truly believe you will see a drastic decrease in the mass shootings we have seen in the recent past.

The Maryland shooting proves that approach.

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

EDITORIALVIEWS

Everyday people help in the fight vs. breast cancer, opioid addiction

Ordinary people in our community make a difference every day.

It seems like a obvious statement, but it bears some further consideration when you look at the stories involving two residents we have published recently.

Two women used major challenges in their lives to help others.

Leigh Hurst started Feel Your Boobies Foundation in 2004 when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She was 33 years old, a marathon runner with no history of breast cancer in her family.

The phrase "Feel Your Boobies" started out as a lighthearted reminder for other women to do self-exams. Then response to the T-shirts bearing the phrase went wild. In six to eight weeks, Hurst raised around \$15,000 from her T-shirts. She converted her T-shirt business into a nonprofit organization directly targeting women younger than 40.

According to its website, it is a "501(c)3 nonprofit breast cancer organization that promotes proactive breast health in young women through strategic education and outreach programs."

It provides breast cancer education to 200 universities and colleges nationwide.

On Saturday, it will hold its first Tutu 2K Walk and 5K Run at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. Response was so overwhelming that they far exceeded the number of participants they expected for the event, and they closed registration early.

That is impressive.

The organization recently moved to the WITF building in Swatara Township from Hurst's Middletown home.

Wendy Loranzo faced a different type of challenge.

Her daughter Elizabeth died from a drug overdose on March 19, 2017, in Londonderry Township.

Before it happened, Loranzo said she didn't really know anything about heroin or fentanyl, the substance that was responsible for Elizabeth's death.

Loranzo, who lives in Middletown, knew from the start that she would stand up at her daughter's funeral and tell everyone there that Elizabeth had died of a heroin overdose.

She later created the Elizabeth Loranzo iCare Foundation, a nonprofit organization people can contact if they or someone they know are dealing with heroin addiction and need help.

It is a "nonprofit 501(c)3 corporation dedicated to helping individuals battling

addiction, provide financial resources to those needing help to pay for treatment, educate parents and loved ones and to save lives," according to its website.

Wendy Loranzo always has a big picture of Elizabeth sitting next to her when she takes part in public presentations.

Elizabeth's fiance, Kyle Cox, has become a resource to others on heroin who are trying to find a way out. These people call Wendy at all hours of the day and night. She often gives them Cox's phone number.

We realize that not all people respond to grief in the same way. Some turn inward. We understand.

But we are fortunate that some among us can take their personal challenges and use them to help others in similar situations.

One day, there will be a cure for breast cancer. One day, we will figure out how to beat the opioid crisis. And on the days those things happen, Leigh Hurst and Wendy Loranzo will undoubtedly be overjoyed.

But until then, we wish both organizations and both women the very best. Day after day, these members of our community are making a difference.

For that, we thank them.

Common sense on census citizenship question



LOU BARLETTA

Pennsylvanians sent me to Washington to fix the problems facing our communities. One problem I have firsthand experience with is illegal immigration.

While mayor of Hazleton, I saw the devastating impact illegal immigration had on families as they tried to achieve the American dream. The city's population grew by 50 percent, yet our tax revenue remained the same, stretching everything from school budgets to the police force and social services. Crime, gangs and drugs poured into our community and drained much needed resources from Americans and legal immigrants.

That's why I have continuously worked to fix this country's broken immigration system. We are a compassionate nation, one which has always offered a place for people seeking better lives. However, we are also a nation of laws, and we can neither enforce them nor overcome the challenges posed by illegal immigration if we don't have an understanding of the size and scope of the problem.

In March, the U.S. Department of Commerce announced it would be reinstating a question on citizenship status in the 2020 short-form census questionnaire. Within moments of this announcement, critics were quick to bash the decision, citing concerns over its constitutional-

ity and its effect on immigrant communities.

To me, this outrage only shows how hypocritical the left's immigration agenda is, because how can you advocate for illegal immigrants if you aren't willing to understand the very problem you are trying to solve?

The Department of Homeland Security last made an official estimate of the number of illegal immigrants in the country back in 2012, putting the figure at 11.4 million. Today, it is believed there are 15 million to 20 million illegal immigrants in the United States.

Without accurate information, Congress cannot make informed policy decisions in the best interest of our constituents and the country. For example, in 1986, the American people were told there were 1.5 million illegal immigrants in the country. However, amnesty was granted to more than 3 million.

Asking a question about citizenship on the census provides legislators with information needed to come up with real solutions to address the flow of illegal immigration that appeal to both sides of the aisle. Instead, some of my colleagues advocating on behalf of those who would benefit from solving this problem, such as recipients of DACA, refuse to support avenues that would allow those solutions to become a reality.

A citizenship question on the census is nothing new. It was regularly asked in every census until 1950. After that, it was asked once every decade

between 1970 and 2000 on the Census Bureau's long-form survey which was sent to one in every six households. Since 2005, the question has been included in the American Community Survey. I think it is safe to say that if the constitutionality of a citizenship question were a concern, it would not have been used by multiple administrations, Republican and Democrat alike.

The 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states, "Representatives shall be apportioned among the several states according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each state, excluding Indians not taxed." There is nothing in our Constitution that prohibits the determination of how many of those residents are citizens.

It is common sense to me that in a representative democracy, we should know who the people are that sent us to Washington. Why choose ignorance rather than understand who the citizens of this country are, as well as legal residents and green card holders, especially since this data determines seats in Congress, and the allocation of billions of dollars in federal aid?

It can't be because of privacy concerns, because there are strict laws prohibiting the release of personally identifiable information obtained by the census. Any disclosures of this information to federal agencies, such as Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, are illegal. Further, only the individual named on a census question-

naire and their legal heir can access the information for 72 years after its collection.

These privacy safeguards have helped the census accurately collect information about the demographics of our nation for years, and will continue to ensure the confidentiality of participant information regardless of whether a question about citizenship is included.

While we should have compassion for everyone, including those who came here by no fault of their own, we must first and foremost take into account the American worker and taxpayer. I am proud to stand with those hard-working individuals and will continue working to fix our broken immigration system.

Knowing how many people are in our country illegally allows lawmakers to produce workable solutions to illegal immigration and gives the American people the opportunity to judge for themselves the cost and benefits of those solutions.

I urge my colleagues to join me in trying to find ways to overcome the challenges posed by illegal immigration, and not just make claims about wanting to. The American people deserve more than false promises. They deserve a nation that puts them first.

U.S. Rep. Lou Barletta, a Republican, from Hazleton, represents the 11th Congressional District, which includes areas north and west of Middletown, including Lower Swatara Township. He is a member of the Homeland Security Committee.

Tariffs are a war against the newspaper and publishing industry; help in our defense



MARK COHEN

As a newspaper reader, advertiser or member of the community, your source of local, regional and national news and information is being threatened by the proposed newspaper tariffs on the import of uncoated groundwood paper from Canada – the type that is used to print this newspaper and others across the state.

Tariffs also threaten local jobs and, in essence, create pressure to lower costs which could affect content. To remain

vital, newspapers simply cannot allow this to impact their business model.

Last August, North Pacific Paper Co. of Longview, Washington, petitioned the U.S. Department of Commerce to begin applying tariffs to newsprint imported from Canada, claiming the imported paper was harming the U.S. newsprint industry.

In truth, NORPAC is not acting in the best interests of newsprint consumers or the U.S. paper industry at large — it is simply acting in their own interest. Since the United States does not produce enough newsprint for the U.S. market to survive, affordable Canadian paper has been a viable option that has helped keep the printed news alive and flourishing.

Newsprint is one of the highest expense items at all papers, and any significant increase in price, in the form of tariffs, could result in profound consequences. The combination of preliminary countervailing and antidumping duties increases the cost of imported newsprint by as much as 32 percent.

Some small-market or rural newspapers, including those that serve communities with limited broadband access, may be forced to make expensive adjustments.

Fundamentally, this is an economic war on the printing and publishing industry. The American Forest and Paper Association, the national trade association for the paper industry, opposes NORPAC's petition. Members

of the printing, publishing and paper-producing industries, which employ more than 600,000 workers nationwide, have formed a coalition — Stop Tariffs on Printers & Publishers, to fight proposed duties on imports of Canadian uncoated groundwood papers including newsprint and other papers.

The coalition is asking the ITC and Congress to reject the tariffs and protect U.S. jobs, but we need your help as well.

The Department of Commerce is expected to make final antidumping and countervailing duty determinations in July, followed by a final injury determination from the ITC in August.

Please help us protect the future of newspapers by contacting the Depart-

ment of Commerce, International Trade Commission, Sen. Bob Casey, Sen. Pat Toomey, or your local U.S. Congress representative and let them know that you oppose the proposed newsprint trade tariff.

A free press is more important than ever, and newspapers have always been at the forefront of serving our communities.

This is about maintaining a fair financial model for our changing industry. We are ready to make all necessary adjustments, but newsprint tariffs this high are unfair, detrimental to all and simply wrong.

Mark Cohen is the president of the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association.

First aid, CPR part of Boy Scouts being prepared

“Be Prepared” is the long-standing Boy Scout motto, and Londonderry Township’s Troop 97 takes that vow to heart.

The boys spent an entire week-end learning CPR and first aid procedures to help those in need. Videos, classroom instruction and hands-on stations were all used during the recent “Disaster Days” program.

Emergency medical technicians and certified American Heart Association cardiopulmonary resuscitation instructors Jayson Trostle and Bryan Duquin spent the weekend with 25 Scouts and leaders teaching them how to handle emergency scenarios. The instruction was designed to make the Scouts better prepared as responders as Scouts are often first responders in emergency situations.

Trostle and Duquin taught CPR methods that would benefit adult and pediatric patients. They also taught the group how to operate automatic electronic defibrillator devices. As a result, 17 Scouts and eight adults became certified by the American Heart Association.



Cole Carlson demonstrates the technique necessary for doing CPR on a pediatric “patient.”

The experts set up simulated emergency scenarios. Tim Nissley, deputy chief of the Londonderry Fire Company, helped assist in the first aid training classes and senior Scouts were used as demonstrators during the hands-on sessions.

The Scouts were taught how to assess a situation, identify the problem and how to follow that up

with proper first aid until emergency help arrives. A wide variety of situations were reviewed that taught them how to adapt their treatment method to the health issue and environment.

Heat stroke, heat exhaustion, shock, dehydration, hypothermia and hyperventilation were all reviewed. They also learned what to do when a patient stops breathing, has been poisoned or is bleeding profusely.

Treating puncture wounds and first aid for simple cuts and scrapes, blisters on the hand and foot, minor burns, insect and tick bites or stings, venomous snake bites, frostbite, nosebleeds, sunburn and bites from suspected rabid animals were reviewed in detail.

All of these situations are possible to present themselves during a remote camping trip.

Remote first aid was a favorite course. The Scouts learned how to transport a patient with tree limbs and a sleeping bag and how to make bandages from ripped-up T-shirts, as well as how to make splints out of tree branches.

The Scouts learned how to identify signs of stroke and heart attack and how to treat a patient until emergency personnel arrive.

The weekend helped them prepare for their remote camping trips as well as educated them to come to the aid of neighbors. The majority of the participants will advance to a more in-depth class of wilderness and remote first aid at Camp Tuckahoe in Dillsburg in order to prepare them for a weeklong canoeing, fishing and camping trip in the backwaters of Ontario, Canada this summer.

Recent and upcoming events for Troop 97 include egg-making at Geyers United Methodist Church, serving at the Londonderry Fire Company fish fries, wilderness/remote first aid at Camp Tuckahoe in Dillsburg, camping at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center in Cumberland County with a side trip to a trampoline park, Fort Frederick Market Fair campout in Maryland, and Hill Island canoeing and camping.

For more information, contact Kevin Little at 717-944-1957 or Ted Pauley at 717-944-2706.



Members of Troop 97 learned how to use rope lashings and a sleeping bag as a transport system for “patient” Ben Spangenberg.



March 28, 2018

Dear Valued Customer:

In December 2014, the Borough of Middletown entered into a partnership with Middletown Water Joint Venture, LLC to bring financial relief and significant infrastructure improvements to the Borough. The partnership provided for a \$43 million upfront payment to the Borough and agreeing to make \$45 million more during the 50-year contract period. In return, the Borough of Middletown agreed that the Joint Venture partnership would be able to recoup some of its investment each year over the life of the contract.

With the need to maintain the integrity of the Middletown water and sewer system, Middletown residents will see an increase in their bill - in the form of an 11.5% surcharge of the total bill, starting with the bill that you will be receiving in April - from SUEZ. This is the first increase by the company since it started operating the Borough's system in 2014. Currently, less water is being used than threshold targets set forth in the contract by the Borough and its advisors and the shortfall is being made up through a surcharge.

In recent years, water safety crises around the country have highlighted the potential dangers of inadequate investment and failing to maintain infrastructure to acceptable standards. To ensure the safety and reliability of the Middletown system, the integrity and viability of the partnership, and ultimately the health and well-being of the Borough's residents, revenue shortfalls must be addressed.

Despite the surcharge, the total water and sewer fees in Middletown remain reasonable. The Middletown Water JV provides great value to local customers with the cost per gallon for safe drinking water delivered to customer taps being less than a penny. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please call our customer service help desk at 888-844-0352. Please have your account number(s) ready when you call.

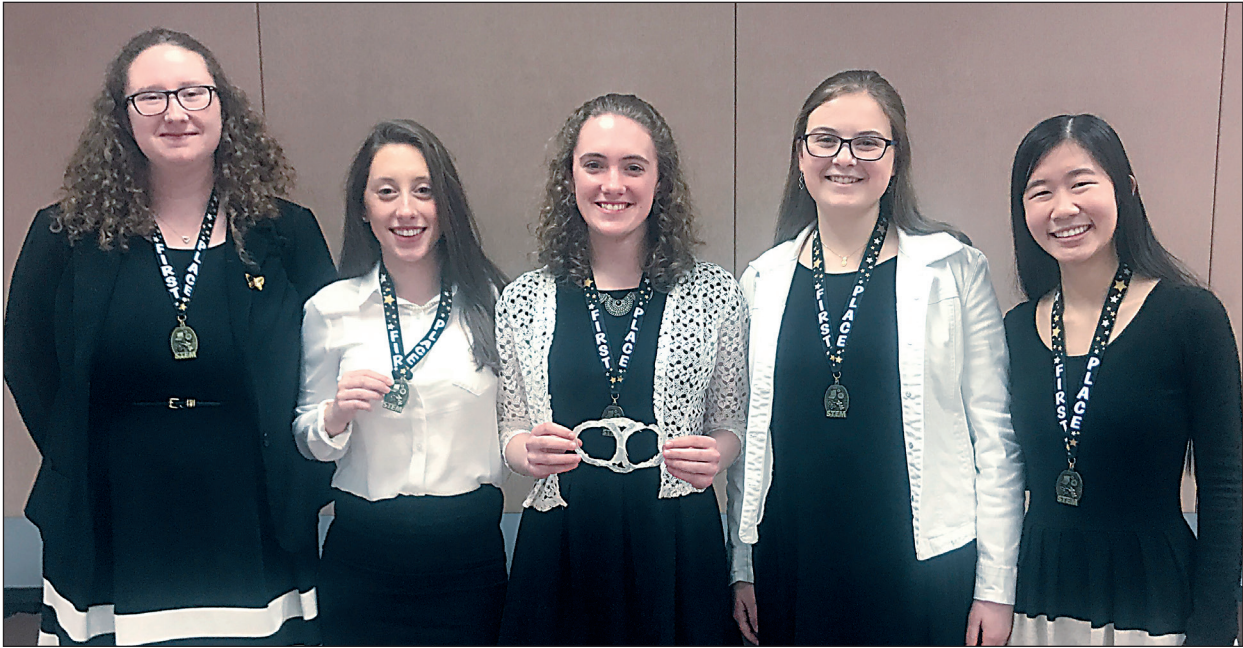
Best regards,



Daniel E. Standish
Project Manager

SUEZ
Middletown Water

LDHS team takes first at STEM event



A Lower Dauphin High School team of Abbie Natkin, Morgan Cummings, Annie Dickinson, Kelly Barr, and Hailey Foreman, above, placed first in a regional competition at the Capital Area Intermediate Unit. The “Absolute Zero” team was competing in the regional qualifier for the governor’s state-level competition in May. The event showcased projects in science, technology, engineering and math from schools in Dauphin, Perry, Cumberland, and northern York counties. The Lower Dauphin project involved designing and using a 3-D printer to create a soda ring mold that they then used to create a bioplastic prototype to help reduce plastic pollution in the state’s waste stream. After their win, they received funding to further refine their project for the state competition.

Kiwanis, kids help Caitlin’s Smiles

The Kiwanis Club of Middletown helped put smiles on the faces of children in December and January.

December’s service projects included three Santa Claus/Christmas holiday events at which Kiwanians gave books to children who attended.

These events were held at the Lower Swatara Fire Department put on by the auxiliary, Royalton Borough by REMA and the Chambers Hill Fire Company by fire company volunteers.

Children age 6 and older were asked to color preprinted “smiles” cards developed by a member of the Kiwanis Club. When the finished cards were turned in, the children were able to select a book to take home.

Younger children were given the Kiwanis Club’s homemade Young Children Priority One coloring books.

When they showed their coloring book to a Kiwanian, they were able to choose a book. Parents of children younger than age 6 were also able to take home one of three Early Learning Guides provided free by the Kiwanis Club of Middletown and the Pennsylvania District Kiwanis Foundation.

A box of 200 colored “smiles” cards completed at these events, along with cards colored by the members of the Middletown Area High School Key Club were delivered to the Caitlin’s Smiles office to be distributed to hospitals and specialty pediatric clinics across the region.

Harrisburg-based Caitlin’s Smiles is a program that helps children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses.

January’s club service project



Children enjoy a project at the Chambers Hill Fire Company Santa party on Dec. 16.



Young people work on Kiwanis projects at the Lower Swatara Fire Department on Dec. 2.

was collecting used CDs, purchasing materials and assembling CD Wall Hanging Crafts Kits with instructions.

During the month, members of the club invested 167 hours to complete and deliver a total of 650

CD craft kits and 25 small journals and sticker books to the Caitlin’s Smiles office for distribution. The club also donated \$50 worth of activity/coloring books along with other craft items to Caitlin’s Smiles.

Low-cost vaccine clinic is for cats, dogs

PAWS and The Dogs’ Den will hold a low-cost vaccine clinic for cats and dogs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, April 15 at PAWS, 9803 Old Jonestown Road, Grantville.

Dr. Kate Papp will provide distemper and rabies vaccinations

for cats and dogs; for a three-year rabies vaccination, owners must provide proof of previous rabies vaccination. There is a cost for the vaccines, as well as for microchips.

This is a first-come, first-served clinic. Breeders will not be ser-

viced. Cash and check are accepted as payment. All cats must be in secure carriers and all dogs must be leashed. For more information on the clinic, call The Dogs’ Den at 717-469-7325 or email Doggieden@aol.com.



FREY VILLAGE’S ANNUAL
Strawberry Festival
Saturday ◀ June 2
8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
SAVE THE DATE!
The Frey Village Strawberry Festival benefits the Activities Fund.

We’ll be accepting donations of new and gently used books, puzzles, jewelry and silent auction items for sale at the Strawberry Festival.

Items may be dropped off at the front desk between
8 a.m. and 7 p.m. April 17 through May 15.

For information on becoming a vendor at the Strawberry Festival, please contact Activities Director Tracy Klein at 1-888-995-8261 or email KleinT@diakon.org.



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