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## MASD schools to get security assessment

Private company led by an ex-state trooper to do the work, funded by anonymous donor

By Dan Miller  
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A consulting firm will do a “risk and vulnerability assessment” of all schools in Middletown Area School District, in light of the Feb. 14 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, in which 17 people were killed.

The school board on April 17

approved hiring Vulnerability Solutions Group LLC, a Mechanicsburg-based company led by a retired Pennsylvania State Police trooper, to do the assessment of all five district schools for \$11,900.

The assessment is being paid for by a private donor who following the Parkland shooting offered to provide financial assistance to the school district to address any needed improvements to school

safety and security, according to district Superintendent Lori Suski.

The donor is also willing to fund “some” of the enhancements to safety and security that could be recommended by VSG, Suski said.



Suski

Suski has told the Press & Journal that the donor is willing to provide assistance in the range of “about six figures.” The donor has requested anonymity, but is willing to allow his — or her — identity to be revealed sometime in the near future, Suski told the Press & Journal in an April 30 email.

According to VSG’s website, a risk and vulnerability assessment

“is a comprehensive examination of a school’s physical facilities and operational procedures.”

“The assessment will identify critical assets, threat potentials, and vulnerabilities in relation to threat potentials. It will focus on many different areas of the school, including vehicle access, parking, access control, classrooms, closed circuit TV, lighting, mail handling, utilities, intrusion detection,

communications, and emergency preparedness,” according to the website.

Immediately following the Parkland tragedy, the state Department of Education’s Center for Safe Schools advised all school districts to contact State Police to do a risk and vulnerability assessment of school facilities, Suski said.

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## Making money at Mini-THON



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Middletown Area High School held its Mini-THON festivities on Friday. The event went from 5 p.m. to midnight and raised \$48,115.86 for Four Diamonds to help fight childhood cancer. The goal was \$35,000. See more photos on page B6.

## Manager hired in Lower Swatara

By Laura Hayes  
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Lower Swatara Township has a new manager.

The Board of Commissioners unanimously voted on May 2 to offer the position to M. Elizabeth “Betsy” McBride, who will start on May 14.

“I look forward to starting and serving you and in the next couple of months being a resident here as well,” McBride said.

The board made no comment on the hiring during the meeting.

Interim Manager Frank Lynch will stay on for McBride’s first week to help integrate her into the position. He previously told the board he did not want to be considered for the job permanently.

McBride will make an annual salary of \$95,000. McBride is originally from Norristown and has spent most of her life in Montgomery County. In an interview Thursday, McBride said her background is in finance and accounting. She received her undergraduate and master’s degree in business from Georgetown University and Philadelphia University, respectively.

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McBride

## Will borough try to get out of Suez lease?

By Dan Miller  
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Middletown might be laying the groundwork for getting out of the 50-year lease of the borough’s water and sewer systems to Suez, based on comments from Council President Damon Suglia following council’s May 1 decision to hire another law firm regarding the lease issue.

Getting out of the lease “would be a blessing if we could accomplish that,” Suglia told the Press & Journal on May 4. “It would better suit our town if this water and sewer would be back under control” of the borough, as it was before the lease went into effect on Jan. 1, 2015.

Council following a closed-door executive session voted 5-0 on May 1 to hire the Media-based law firm Gibson & Perkins to “investigate potential claims” against “borough professionals and/or individuals who provided advice and representation or direction during the drafting and negotiation of the lease,” according to a motion read by Council Vice President Dawn Knoll.

The borough is paying \$5,000 to retain the firm. Hourly rates are \$300 and \$350 an hour, depending on which attorney does the work, borough Manager Ken Klinepeter said.

The borough on April 16 filed a lawsuit in Dauphin County Court against Middletown Water Joint Venture LLC and Suez, seeking

an injunction to block Suez from imposing an 11.5 percent surcharge on water and sewer bills.

The surcharge remains on the bills, although a hearing is set in federal court for 10 a.m. Thursday, May 17, to consider the borough’s request for an injunction. It will be held in Courtroom 4 on the eighth floor of the federal courthouse at 228 Walnut St. in Harrisburg, according to an order filed with the court on May 2 by Chief Judge Christopher C. Conner, who is presiding over the case.

The hearing had been set for Wednesday, May 9. Conner gave no reason in his order for delaying the hearing.

The lawsuit was transferred from county court to U.S. Middle District federal court in response to papers filed by attorneys for the joint venture.

According to the lawsuit, the borough’s complaint is focused on blocking the surcharge, and on amending provisions in the lease regarding how Suez calculates a water sales shortfall.

Suez imposed the surcharge to make up for lost revenue from the borough having a water sales shortfall during over the first three years of the lease, from Jan. 1, 2015 through 2017.

However, the borough contends



Suglia

the water sales shortfall formula as written in the lease creates a financial “windfall” for the joint venture and Suez, at the expense of sharp increases in water and sewer bills for Middletown residents and businesses.

Representing the borough in the lawsuit is Dilworth Paxson. The borough hired the law firm following a March 6 council executive session. Council took a public vote on April 17 to ratify hiring Dilworth Paxson.

According to Suglia, council hired Gibson & Perkins to investigate how the borough got into “this predicament,” meaning the 50-year lease.

Council by 7-2 vote in September 2014 approved entering into the lease with Suez, then known as United Water. The same night the former borough authority voted 4-1 to enter into the lease. The authority no longer exists, having been dissolved as a result of the lease.

The September 2014 approvals by council and the authority commenced a period of negotiations between the borough and the joint venture and Suez, toward hammering out a final contract governing terms of the 50-year lease.

No one on the current seven-member council was in office at the time, including Suglia who was elected in November 2015.

The last councilor who was in office when the lease was approved and negotiated — Ben

Kapenstein — has resigned from council effective May 1.

A financial analyst elected to council in 2013, Kapenstein chaired a committee that council formed in 2014 to explore the feasibility of leasing the water and sewer systems.

Kapenstein advocated leasing the systems, and was among the seven councilors voting for leasing the systems to United Water during the September 2014 meeting.

“When this whole deal was struck it was not transparent at all,” Suglia said. “It was controlled by I feel a lot of backdoor politics.”

“We are trying to bring this out into the open and to show our citizens exactly what happened, to do whatever we can to protect our citizens as well as by filing this suit,” Suglia said, referring to the federal lawsuit against the joint venture.

Klinepeter after the vote to hire Gibson & Perkins referred to potential “liability claims” arising from the firm investigating people and entities that were advising the borough while the lease was being drafted and negotiated.

Klinepeter would not speculate on who is to be investigated, or whether the parties were hired by the borough, worked directly for the borough at the time, or both.

“We don’t know at this point,” Klinepeter said. “We will follow

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## Another council member resigns

By Dan Miller  
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Middletown Borough Council on May 1 voted 5-0 to accept with regret the resignation of Councilor Ben Kapenstein.

Kapenstein in a May 1 resignation letter said that he and his family are planning to move from their home in the borough this summer.

“While we are looking for homes in the borough and hope to remain as residents, if there is even the slightest chance that we will move elsewhere, I do not think it is proper for me to be sitting on council making decisions that affect the town,” Kapenstein said in the letter.

“In addition, I’ve dedicated a lot of time in the last four and a half years to the borough and have long been promising my young family that I will find more time to spend with them,” Kapenstein added in the letter. “While I am excited to make that promise a reality, it is bittersweet to leave the Council. I am confident, however, in the



Kapenstein

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## Don’t forget to show your mom how much she means to you

Hi, folks. I hope you did not melt during last week’s extremely hot days. We have plenty of time for that weather next month! I think our tulips got sunburn.

It is that time of year again when we have to think about Mother’s Day and how to best honor our mom. Don’t forget how important it is to your mom that you acknowledge your love and appreciation for her.

**Birthdays**

Happy birthday to my favorite daughter **Jayme Ackerman!** Wednesday, May 9 is special to me because of you, my heart. Love you with no end in sight!

**Elaine Chubb** of Lower Swatara marks her cake-and-ice cream

day Wednesday, May 9. Thinking of warm breezes for you!

Happy 20th birthday to **Connor Walleff** of Lower Swatara on Thursday, May 10. Enjoy your 20s, Connor!

Best wishes to **Jenna Alford** of Lower Swatara on May 10. I hope your 15th balloon-flying birthday Thursday is just perfect!

**Bob Clouser Jr.** of Middletown marks his big 60th birthday on Thursday, May 10. Many, many good wishes for a fantastic time to you, Bob!

Happy confetti-popping day to **Bob Wierman** of Lower Swatara on Friday, May 11. Perhaps you will get out and have a great day of biking on your day. Enjoy!

**Josh Hurley** of Lower Swatara celebrates his 22nd cake day on

Saturday, May 12. Have a wonderful birthday weekend!

Best wishes and lots of smiles are sent to **Linda Hammaker** of Lower Swatara as she observes her birthday on Saturday, May 12. Enjoy it all weekend long, Linda.

**Ken Romberger** of Lower Swatara will hear the birthday song on Saturday, May 12. May it be a beautiful sound to your ears, Ken. Enjoy!

Happy frosty-filled day to **Patrick Green** of Lower Swatara on his cake day. Wishing you a sunny day with lots of love on Saturday, May 12!

**Alexis Fischer** of Middletown turns 17 on Saturday, May 12. May your birthday weekend be filled with the things you love!

Happy 22nd cake-and-ice cream day to **Paul Malalik** of Lower Swatara. His happy birthday is Sunday, May 13. Hope you and your mom enjoy your special day, Paul!

**Gwen Martz** of Lower Swatara has double reasons to celebrate Sunday, May 13. Happy birthday, and Happy Mother’s Day, too!

**David Ordonez** of Lower Swatara turns 15 on Monday, May 14. I hope this birthday is the best kind, David!

**Elizabeth DeVelin** of Lower Swatara celebrates her last teener birthday on May 14. May your Monday be marvelous, Elizabeth, as you turn 19!

Here is a shout-out to **Clark Hammaker** of Lower Swatara on Monday, May 14. Enjoy your birthday week and have a grand time celebrating with Linda!

**Tim Nevil** of Lower Swatara marks his 17th cake day on Monday. Enjoy the beautiful time of year and your happy birthday on May 14, Tim!

Happy super-duper-dazzling birthday to **Amy Burghdorf** of Lower Swatara. She observes her totally special day on Monday, May 14. Enjoy it, Amy!

Here is a shout-out to **Tracy Meifert** of Lower Swatara. God bless this special lady with a huge heart on Tuesday, May 15. Happy birthday songs and dances are sent to **Tiffany Mittereder** on Tuesday, May 15. May all your dreams come true!

**Anniversaries**

Best wishes to **Kimber and Debbie Latsha** of Lower Swatara on May 9. They celebrate 37 years together on Wednesday. Congrats, love birds!

**Tom and Janice Williams** of

Lower Swatara were married on May 11, 1974, and celebrate 44 years together on Friday. Congrats and enjoy!

Happy 35th anniversary to **Larry and Angie Crumlich** of Lower Swatara. This couple celebrate their jade anniversary on Tuesday, May 15!

**Dinner is served**

All are invited to a chicken cordon bleu dinner (chicken stuffed with ham and Swiss cheese) from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 21, at Evangelical United Methodist Church, 157 E. Water St., Middletown.

Also included: potato casserole, mixed vegetables, salad, beverage and dessert. Takeouts are available. For information, call 717 944-6181. There is a cost.

**Family Fun Day**

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**Quote of the Week**

“We all have something to offer. We all have something to receive. We are better together.” — Holley Gerth, author.

**Question of the Week**

What do you like best about your mom?

“She is nice and she gives me lots of hugs.” — **Victoria Kelly**, 10, Swatara.

“I love my mom because she gave birth to me.” — **Jadyn Derk**, 8, Lower Swatara.

“She cooks me food!” — **Aleah Redfern**, 9, Lower Swatara.

“She loves me more than my sister!” — **Alesia Kachel**, 9, Lower Swatara.

“She’s just plain awesome and I love her!” — **Christian Etter**, 9, Lower Swatara.

“I love my mom’s food.” — **Amare Burhannan**, 9, Lower Swatara.

“I love my mom. She is nice!” — **Gavin Paul**, 9, Lower Swatara.

**Proverb for the Week**

The LORD detests the way of the wicked but He loves those who pursue righteousness (15:9).

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## SUEZ: Will borough take legal action against its former solicitor?

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where this goes and determine what the next steps are with this firm, depending on where these cases end up. ... This is just an engagement to investigate the potential.”

Kapenstein in a deposition filed as part of the borough lawsuit said that council and the borough in 2014 relied on its “professional advisors to make sure the borough was protected” regarding the water sales shortfall provision.

“We did not expect that provisions such as the water sales shortfall would have any material impact on retail water rates over the term of the lease unless something completely unexpected happened, and we were relying on our professional advisers, McNees Wallace & Nurick and Susquehanna Group Advisors, to provide appropriate guidance,” according to Kapenstein’s deposition.

McNees Wallace & Nurick was borough solicitor from January 2012 until April 17, when council replaced it with Eckert Seamans.

The action followed council on March 14 deciding to seek proposals from law firms to serve as solicitor. McNees Wallace & Nurick did not submit a proposal.

McNees Wallace & Nurick received an estimated \$400,000 to \$600,000 in legal fees for its role in the lease transaction, according to a statement during the September 2014 public meeting before council voted to approve the lease deal.

Susquehanna Group Advisors is a financial consulting firm that worked for the borough at the time of the lease. It received 1 percent of a \$43 million up-front payment — \$430,000 — that the joint venture gave the borough in 2014 in return for council and the authority agreeing to the lease.

Susquehanna has not worked for the borough since 2016 when

the borough brought its financial operations in house.

Asked if McNees Wallace & Nurick and Susquehanna Group Advisors are among those Gibson & Perkins will be investigating regarding their role in the lease deal, Suglia said “I feel some of those entities you mentioned helped get the borough into the position it is now.”

“Who is responsible for this? Was it (Chris) McNamara and his regime?” Suglia continued, referring to the former council president who led council from January 2012 until McNamara lost in his bid for re-election in 2015. “Was it the water and sewer authority? Who was it? Let’s get to the bottom of this. We are looking at everyone who was involved in this, the actual writing and signing of the lease.”

Suglia contends the borough isn’t better off today because of the lease — despite getting the \$43

million payment that made the borough debt free overnight, by retiring all of Middletown’s pension debt and debt tied to building a new wastewater treatment plant.

Being in debt is “not a bad thing,” Suglia said, adding that most local governments in the country are in debt to some degree.

“It was a poor move on the former council’s part to pen such a deal. They created a long-term problem in exchange for a short-term solution.”

If the borough can get out of the lease, Suglia acknowledged the borough may have to repay the \$43 million up-front payment to the private investors backing the joint venture.

Asked how the borough can do this, Suglia responded “long-term bonds is one possibility of getting the funds.”

Beyond that, “I’m not the financial guy. Ben always was,” Suglia said, referring to Kapenstein.

## RESIGN: Kapenstein second council member to resign in 2 months

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abilities of my fellow Council members, the Mayor, and the Administration to continue working hard for the residents of Middletown.”

May 11 is the deadline for residents to apply to fill the seat. Council plans to interview candidates and appoint someone to fill the seat during council’s May 16 meeting.

Kapenstein was re-elected to a two-year term in 2017, so the person picked to fill the seat will serve until the end of 2019 and then could run for a full term.

Kapenstein is the second council member to resign in less than two months. Diana McGlone resigned in March over what she referred to as “the continual targeting and harassment” of her by borough officials and “associates.”

Council in April chose Angela Lloyd to fill McGlone’s seat from five residents who applied.

Mayor James H. Curry III, who

served alongside Kapenstein since January 2014, noted the role Kapenstein played in restoring stability to the borough after Kapenstein became council president in January 2016.

After former President Chris McNamara lost his re-election bid in November 2015, key borough administrators hired under McNamara left the borough at the end of 2015, creating a leadership vacuum in borough hall.

“When he took over as council president we had an empty house here, absolutely no administration whatsoever. I don’t think you could be handed a worse deal of cards than we as a team and Ben had as a council president,” Curry said.

“He ushered us through some very difficult times and he always did it with a voice of reason. He has many qualities that make him a good councilor, but I think the most important is that he always had the town’s best interest at heart,” the mayor added.

Kapenstein stepped down as council president in March 2017, citing personal obligations tied to his job and family.

He was replaced as president by Damon Suglia, who on May 1 called Kapenstein “a great asset to our town and a great teammate to work with here on council. He did a lot for us and brought a lot of knowledge to the table.”

Kapenstein in a text message to the Press & Journal said his resignation had “nothing at all to do” with his role regarding the borough’s 50-year lease of its water and sewer systems to Middletown Water Joint Venture LLC, including Suez, the private operator of the water and sewer systems under the lease.

A financial analyst first elected in 2013, Kapenstein in 2014 was chosen to lead a council committee formed to explore the feasibility of leasing the water and sewer systems.

Kapenstein advocated leasing

the systems, and in September 2014 council approved the 50-year lease along with the borough’s former water authority. The authority was dissolved because of the lease.

Council on April 16 sued the joint venture and Suez to block Suez imposing an 11.5 percent surcharge on Middletown water and sewer bills that the joint venture says is to recoup revenue from a water sales shortfall during the first three years of the lease, which went into effect on Jan. 1, 2015.

The borough lawsuit also seeks to “reform” the lease formula used to determine if a water sales shortfall exists and by how much, contending the formula provides a financial windfall to Suez and the joint venture, at the expense of borough residents and businesses.

The lawsuit has been transferred to U.S. Middle District Court, and a hearing to consider the borough’s motion for an injunction blocking the surcharge is scheduled for May 17.

## MANAGER: McBride said she plans to be in position for long run

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McBride has worked in both the private and public sectors. McBride said she worked as the finance director in both Cheltenham and Whitpain townships and as the deputy treasurer in Montgomery County. Most recently, she worked as the assistant finance director and accounting manager for Carlisle borough for six months but had stepped down from that position earlier in March before interviewing for the Lower Swatara job.

“I’ve always wanted to get into township management,” she said.

In an interview, board president Jon Wilt said the board liked her demeanor, how she expressed herself and her financial background.

“In a township, you need someone who can make good decisions and have that type of background,” Wilt said. “It bodes well for the job.”

Lynch announced that he would not stay on in the position in February after taking on the position in August. Frank Williamson Jr. resigned in July.

Williamson had held the job for less than three months. He was named Lower Swatara’s public safety director and assistant town-

ship manager in August 2016 and later named manager in May 2017.

McBride will be the seventh township manager — including both interim and full-time — since 2011.

Wilt said there have been a number of reasons why managers have not stayed on.

It just didn’t work out for one reason or another, he said.

McBride said the board brought up the manager turnover rate during the first interview in early April. McBride said she told the board she was looking for a long-term job. She said the board said they were looking for a long-term

manager but had run into bad luck.

In an interview prior to McBride’s appointment, Wilt said about eight candidates were interviewed before the pool was narrowed to three and then to McBride. McBride likened her leadership style to that of a coach. As a coach, McBride said she plans to work for the best of the people and “have a unified goal of making Lower Swatara a good place to live and work.”

Next week, she plans to meet with Lynch and public works director Lester Lanman, and in the future, she hopes to meet with the







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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE NOTICE  
Estate of: Lavina E. Atkins, late of the Township of Lower Swatara, County of Dauphin, and Commonwealth of PA Executor: Thomas H. Atkins, Jr., c/o Nikolaus & Hohenadel, LLP 222 S. Market Street, Suite 201 Elizabethtown, PA 17022 Attorney: Kevin D. Dolan, Esq.

#184 0509-3T  
[www.publicnoticecpa.com](http://www.publicnoticecpa.com)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

TEMPORARY SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT  
The Borough of Middletown is accepting applications for temporary, seasonal employees to perform various maintenance activities in the Public Works Department during the months of May and September 2018. This employment shall be forty (40) hours per week at a rate of pay of \$12.00 per hour. Applications must be submitted to Greg Wilsbach, Public Works Director, 60 W. Emaus Street, Middletown, PA not later than May 21, 2018.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING – DOCKET 2018-06  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lower Swatara Township Zoning Hearing Board will hold a Public Hearing at the request of the applicant, Greg Sorensen, for a variance from the provisions of the Lower Swatara Township Code of Ordinances, as amended, as follows: a variance from §27-507.B.3 to allow a proposed garage addition to encroach into the rear yard setback. The property is located at 1839 Bonnie Blue Lane, Middletown. A Hearing will be held Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lower Swatara Township Municipal Building, 1499 Spring Garden Drive, Middletown, Pennsylvania. All interested parties are invited to attend. Randall Breon Chairman

#188 0509-2T  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE NOTICE  
Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Charles A. Keiter, date of death March 19, 2018, late of Middletown Borough, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment and those having claims will present them for settlement to: Tamera J. Keiter Humbert, Executor c/o Pannebaker & Mohr, P.C. 4000 Vine St. Suite 101 Middletown, PA 17057

#174 0425-3T  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE NOTICE  
Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Andrew Paul Hentz, Deceased, late of the Borough of Middletown, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payments, and those having claims will present them for settlement to: Richard A. Hentz, Executor 31424 N. S. Jackson Road Elk, WA 99009 Or To: John S. Davidson, Esquire Yost & Davidson 320 West Chocolate Avenue P.O. Box 437 Hershey, PA 17033

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE NOTICE  
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION C.T.A. in the Estate of Jo Ellen Hoffman, late of Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, having been granted to Maria van der Meij, all persons indebted to the said Estate are required to make immediate payment and those having claims will present them for settlement to: Maria van der Meij 1060 N. Charlotte St., #103 Lancaster, PA 17603-2782 Or to: Steve C. Nicholas, Esq. Nicholas Law Offices, P.C. 2215 Forest Hills Drive, Suite 37 Harrisburg, PA 17112-1099 (717) 540-7746

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE NOTICE  
LETTERS Testamentary FOR the Estate of Dorothy A. Kehler, deceased, late of Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make immediate payment and those having claims against the Estate are requested to present them for settlement without delay to: Richele Herigan 3415 Fishing Creek Valley Road Harrisburg, PA 17112 Or to: William L. Adler, Esquire 4949 Devonshire Road Harrisburg, PA 17109

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### ESTATE NOTICE

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION on the Estate of John L. Feiman late of Hummelstown, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, deceased, were granted to Suzanne J. Feiman on March 21, 2018. All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims will present them, without delay, to the undersigned in writing: Suzanne J. Feiman, Executrix 148 Hollow Lane Hummelstown, PA 17036 OR Cope Mosaic Dana Willard, Case Manager P.O. Box 194 Campbellsport, Pa 17010 717-975-7836 #181 0502-3T

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# Bunky's owner faces fine over property code

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

The owner of the Bunky's property at 10-12 S. Union St. in Middletown was ordered Tuesday to pay a \$300 fine for code violations.

However, District Judge David Judy told owner Al Dolatoski he would not have to pay the fine if within 30 days he shows evidence of intent to address the violations, such as applying to the borough for permits to do work.

If nothing is done in 30 days and the borough comes back with another violation, Judy told Dolatoski he would impose the maximum \$1,000 fine.

"I've known you a long time," Judy told Dolatoski, adding that he recalls eating in a restaurant that used to be in the building, and buying his gym uniform from a store there when he was young.

"We can't just sit on it anymore. Something has to happen," Judy said.

The borough filed a citation against Dolatoski on March 26, alleging violations of the property maintenance code. The borough had waited six months after issuing him a notice of violation on Sept. 21, 2017.

Dolatoski had not appealed the violation, or taken any steps to correct the violations since the borough sent him the notice in September, according to Middletown Chief Code Enforcement Officer Al Geosits, who testified Tuesday.

The notice of violation was based on the report of a structural engineer, Ian Walters, who inspected the inside of Bunky's on July 26, 2017, after the borough obtained a warrant.

Walters testified that studs and sheeting had been removed from the second floor. He referred to the possibility of the roof collapsing if nothing is done, and that water damage from leaks in the roof contribute to the possibility of bricks falling out.

Dolatoski said he had entrusted work to be done on the building to a man whom Dolatoski referred to as "my best friend's son." He said he had paid the man \$185,000 to work on the building.

"I asked him to get the building back up and running so I could lease it out," Dolatoski testified.

The studs — no one could say how many — were taken out because Dolatoski wanted to turn the second floor into offices instead of apartments.

The man died Dec. 2, 2017, and Dolatoski said he learned afterward that the work had not been done.

"When he passed on I knew that he had deceived me," Dolatoski said.

At one point, Dolatoski told Judy he wants to sell the building, although to date it has not been listed for sale.

Dolatoski under questioning from borough Solicitor Jim Diamond admitted he did little in the way of checking up on the man to make sure he was doing the work.

"I live 20 miles away. I work 72 hours a week at my service station. I'm 71 years old. I trusted this man. I guess I'm the fool," Dolatoski testified.

# MASD: School safety

From page A1

State Police do not charge school districts for assessments. However, Suski said she was told it could be "up to a year or more" by the time State Police can do such an assessment here, due to being inundated with requests.

"Recently several superintendents in our region were discussing the delay and we were informed that there is a company owned by a retired Pennsylvania State Police trooper that does the same assessments," Suski said, referring to VSG. "Some of us decided to go in that direction so that we can get it done in a timely manner," Suski added.

"There is a substantial backlog, reaching into months in some cases" regarding state police being able to do the assessments for school districts, said Ryan Tarkowski, a State Police spokesman.

There have been "noticeable increases for safety presentations," especially for active shooter presentations, Tarkowski said.

Often when State Police do an active shooter presentation, this leads to requests for the other types of security assessments, including the risk and vulnerability assessments, Tarkowski said.

The services are also promoted on the School Safety Resources section of the State Police website.

State Police have trained more officers to do the assessments in recent years "so we are devoting more resources to it," Tarkowski said. "We are working to address the backlog and prioritize the public schools."

The school district has not had this type of comprehensive security assessment done of all schools before, Suski said.

The district is looking for the company to provide "recommendations for any areas that could present safety vulnerabilities for the district so that we can address any possible identified weaknesses."

VSG plans to do the assessments in the next few weeks, Suski said.

The district hopes that a final report with recommendations can be received some time in June, so that any needed security enhancements can be put in place before start of the 2018-19 school year in August.

The school district has taken a number of steps to enhance security and safety over the past several years. In August 2016 the school district instituted what is known as the ALICE system for active shooter protocol. ALICE stands for alert, lockdown, inform, counter and evacuate. Before that, school district staff only used lockdown as the protocol for active shooter situations, Suski said.

More recently at the start of this school year the district installed a new computer system to provide more security at entrances to all the schools.





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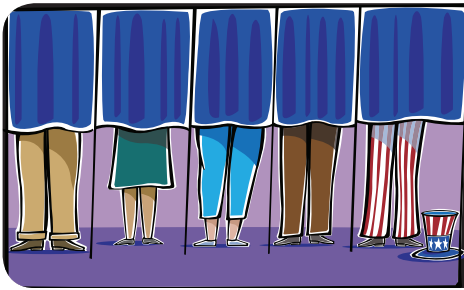
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TOWN TOPICS

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 information, call 717-944-6781.

PSU Harrisburg offering summer sessions

Penn State Harrisburg, 777 W. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, is offering two summer sessions: Session 1, May 14 through June 22; Session 2, June 27 through Aug. 8.

Register by calling 717-948-6250 or visit [hbgsadmit@psu.edu](mailto:hbgsadmit@psu.edu).

Frey Village Strawberry Festival needs donations

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 of gently used books, puzzles, jewelry and si-

lent auction items are needed to be sold at the festival. Items can be dropped off at the front desk from 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. through May 15.

For information, call Tracy Klein at 888-995-8261 or email [kleint@diakon.org](mailto:kleint@diakon.org)

Strites Spring Open House is May 12

Strites Orchard is sponsoring its Spring Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday May 12.

Featured will be wagon rides and an ice cream stand. Penn State master gardeners will be on hand to answer questions.

For more information, call 717-564-3130 or visit [www.stritesorchard.com](http://www.stritesorchard.com).

New hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and closed Sunday.

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](mailto:aaphcentralpa@gmail.com) for details.

WMSS annual chicken barbecue is Saturday

WMSS 91.1FM, the Middletown Area School District’s student radio station, is sponsoring its annual chicken barbecue from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 12, behind the Middletown Area Middle School.

Dinners are a half-chicken, baked potato, applesauce and roll. Walk-ups are available while supplies last. Proceeds benefit the student radio station.

Annual Mother’s Day brunch and flower sale

The Middletown Home, 999 W. Harrisburg Pike, is sponsoring its annual Mother’s Day Brunch and Flower Sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 12, on the Middletown Home Grand Garden Terrace.

There will be a hanging basket sale, free brunch, live music and hand-dipped ice cream.

Spring fundraising book sale set at library

The Middletown Public Library, 20 N. Catherine St., is sponsoring its 2018 Spring Fundraising Book Sale from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 10, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12.

For more information, call 717-944-6412 or visit [www.middletownpubliclib.org](http://www.middletownpubliclib.org).

Customer Appreciation Days at Sharp Shopper

Customer Appreciation Days will be held at Sharp Shopper, Linden Center, 1577 W. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, on May, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

For more information, visit [www.sharppshopper.net](http://www.sharppshopper.net).

43rd annual Arts and Crafts Fair is June 9

The 43rd annual Arts and Crafts Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at Hoffer Park in Middletown.

Admission is free. Featured will be more than 100 arts and crafts vendors as well as food, entertainment, a magician, “Ride the Rails for Cancer” train rides, and the fourth Community Bake-Off Competition.

For information, visit [middletownareahistoricalsociety.org](http://middletownareahistoricalsociety.org).

Election Day spaghetti dinner to be held

Prince Edwin-Spring Creek Lodge No. 486, 131 W. Emaus St., Middletown, is sponsoring its All-You-Can-Eat Election Day Spaghetti Dinner from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 15.

Meals are for eat-in or takeout. Local delivery is available by calling 717-991-1157.

For more information, email [smatincheck@gmail.com](mailto:smatincheck@gmail.com).

OFFICE OF THE DAUPHIN COUNTY BUREAU OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Administration Building

2 South Second Street, First Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101

NOTICE OF THE GENERAL PRIMARY TO BE HELD MAY 15, 2018

In accordance with the provisions of the Election Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and amendments thereto: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NOMINATIONS are to be made for the following Offices at the ensuing General Primary to be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., prevailing time in various Election Districts in the City of Harrisburg and the County of Dauphin, Pennsylvania, viz:

THROUGHOUT THE STATE

- UNITED STATES SENATOR
- GOVERNOR
- LT. GOVERNOR

THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF DAUPHIN

- REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
- (10TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT)

- SENATOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
- (48TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT)

- REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(98TH, 103RD, 104TH, 105TH, 106TH AND 125TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS)

THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF DAUPHIN

- DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE

(5 Total: 2 Male, 2 Female and 1 Either)

- REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE

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(From each Election District)

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(From each Election District)

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(From each Election District)

BY ORDER OF THE  
DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Mike Pries, Commissioner, Chair

Jeffrey T. Haste, Commissioner

George P. Hartwick, III, Commissioner

Gerald D. Feaser, Jr., Director

RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VOTING ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED ACT (P.L. 98-435)

THE GENERAL PRIMARY IS MAY 15, 2018. IN THE PAST, THE STAFF AND CONCERNED CITIZENS OF DAUPHIN COUNTY, UNDER THE AUSPICE OF THE DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, HAVE SPENT EXTENSIVE TIME IN TRYING TO MAKE ALL POLLING PLACES IN DAUPHIN COUNTY ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED AND ELDERLY OR PEOPLE WITH CERTAIN PHYSICAL DISABILITIES. IF YOU FEEL YOU ARE ASSIGNED TO AN INACCESSIBLE POLLING SITE, CONTACT THE DAUPHIN COUNTY BUREAU OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS AT (717) 780-6360 ON HOW TO RECEIVE AN ALTERNATIVE BALLOT.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS DESIGNATED A TOLL FREE NUMBER FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DEAF OR HAVE IMPAIRED HEARING. THIS NUMBER IS FOR THESE VOTERS WHO MAY HAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE UPCOMING ELECTION. THE NUMBER IS 1-800-654-5984. THIS NUMBER CAN BE USED BY VOICE COMMUNICATION AND IS ALSO COMPATIBLE WITH TDD EQUIPMENT.

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2ND PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH 310 ELM AVE. HERSHEY PA 17033
3RD PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	FIRST CHURCH - HERSHEY 64 W. CHOCOLATE AVE. HERSHEY PA 17033
4TH PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	DERRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 248 E. DERRY RD. HERSHEY PA 17033
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3RD PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	GRACE CHAPEL CHURCH 2535 COLEBROOK RD. ELIZABETHTOWN PA 17022

LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP

1ST PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	LOWER SWATARA FIRE STATION 1350 FULLING MILL RD. MIDDLETOWN PA 17057
2ND PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP BUILDING 1499 SPRING GARDEN DR. MIDDLETOWN PA 17057
3RD PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE NISSLEY DR. & ROSEDALE AVE. MIDDLETOWN PA 17057
4TH PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	LOWER SWATARA FIRE STATION 1350 FULLING MILL RD. MIDDLETOWN PA 17057

MIDDLETOWN BOROUGH

1ST WARD 1ST PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	RESCUE FIREMAN'S HOME ASSOC. 600 S. UNION ST. MIDDLETOWN PA 17057
1ST WARD 2ND PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 121 N. SPRING ST. MIDDLETOWN PA 17057
2ND WARD 1ST PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	MIDDLETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WATER & UNION STS. MIDDLETOWN PA 17057
2ND WARD 2ND PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	LYALL J. FINK SCHOOL 150 RACE ST. (REAR LOBBY) MIDDLETOWN PA 17057
3RD WARD 1ST PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	FREY VILLAGE 1020 N. UNION ST. MIDDLETOWN PA 17057
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**A 63-year-old man died in a fire at 12 Lark St., Londonderry Township, on Thursday, May 3.**

# Man dies in fire; boy escapes

The man who died in Thursday's Londonderry Township fire was identified by Pennsylvania State Police on Friday as Robert Cosgrove, 63.

Cosgrove died in a residential mobile home fire at 12 Lark St. The cause of death is pending at this point, according to State Police.

State Police in Harrisburg were contacted at 12:59 p.m. Thursday. The residence is in Pine Manor Trailer Park.

A 6-year-old boy got out of the residence safely. He was treated at Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center for precautionary reasons and released.

No one else was home at the time. The State Police Fire Marshal conducted the investigation. It is being classified as accidental with a point of origin located in the living room.



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2 big wins for MAHS baseball, but 2 losses, too

By Larry Etter  
Press & Journal Staff

Despite a pair of humbling losses last week, the Middletown varsity baseball team picked up two big wins as well to keep their postseason hopes alive. The Blue Raiders stand at 9-8 and hold the No. 11 spot in the District III-AAAA power rankings. Because the top 10 teams make the district playoffs, the Raiders came into the week with the hopes of picking up a couple wins to qualify for the postseason tournament. On Monday, pitcher Blake Jacoby fired a shutout against Mid-Penn Conference Keystone Division power Palmyra (12-4 on

the season). The Blue Raiders won 2-0 as Jacoby gave up just two hits. Kyle Truesdale had a great defensive game at second base and went 2-for-2 at the plate. He also stole home for one of the Middletown runs. The Blue Raiders also registered a 6-1 victory over Camp Hill on Thursday. Their next game was Senior Night at home on Tuesday against Steel-High. They play at Trinity on Thursday. **Middletown 6, Camp Hill 1** Senior right-hander Blake Jacoby pitched a complete game on Thursday at home, the defense played a nearly flawless game and the bats came alive as the Blue

Raiders rolled to the 6-1 decision over the visiting Lions. The Raiders avenged an earlier loss at Camp Hill to record their eighth victory. While Jacoby recorded just three strikeouts, he had terrific command of his pitches. He was aided by eighth groundouts and nine flyouts or popouts while scattering seven hits. The defense made just one error. On offense, the Blue Raiders punched out nine hits, including a two-run homer by Adam Kell in the fifth inning. Jacoby had a double and single, and Scott Ash added two singles. Camp Hill struck first in the top of the opening inning, scoring the run on a fielder's choice ground

ball by Luke Newman that plated teammate Luke Goodyear. That turned out to be the Lions' only score. The Raiders tied the score in the bottom of the inning on Jacoby's RBI double to left that drove in Ash, who had led off with a walk. In the top of the second, Jacoby got out of trouble following a single and an error, getting Goodyear on a popout for the third out that ended the threat. In the home half, the Blue Raiders scored three times to take a 4-1 lead. Matt Schopf led off with a single up the middle, Wagner followed with a bunt single and Aaron McDevitt's blooper to shal-



SPECIAL TO THE PRESS & JOURNAL BY ROB ALCOCK  
The Middletown baseball team celebrates during Monday's win vs. Palmyra. Kyle Truesdale, smiling without a hat on the right, had a big game.

Please see **BASEBALL**, page B2

MAHS wrestling team celebrates season



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE PRESS & JOURNAL BY DEBBIE SPEAR

From left are Middletown wrestling coach Dan Riggs, Joey Spear, Luke Fegley, Zach Malay, Ryan Berstler, Nathan Brady, coach Earl Bright IV, and coach Tony Colemire. The team held its annual banquet on April 7 at the high school.

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The Middletown Area High School held its wrestling banquet Saturday, April 7, at the school. Recognized were the Blue Raiders' Mid-Penn Capital Division All-Stars: **First team:** Devin Martin, 145 pounds. **Second team:** Zach Malay, 113 pounds; Nathan Brady, 132 pounds. The seniors are Zach Souders, Zac Dailey, and Martin, as well as team manager Zoey Bright. For the high school wrestlers, Joey Spear won the Coaches Award. Luke Fegley was selected the Most Valuable Wrestler. Malay won the Iron Man Award. Ryan Berstler was picked as Most Improved Wrestler. Nathan Brady won the Earl Bright Jr. Perseverance Award. Also honored were several junior high school wrestlers. Rhakye Wise won the Earl Bright Jr. Perseverance Award. Jayden Benner won the Most Coachable Award. Vinnie Corradi was selected as the Most Valuable Wrestler.







# 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](http://www.eumch.org).

This week's worship assistants are as follows: Guest Pastor – Lee Ellenberger; Liturgist: Erich Schlicher; Organist – Don

Cowsert; Sr. Choir Director – Erich Schlicher; Children's Time – Lee Ellenberger; Audio Visual – Steve Moyer, Jamal Warren and Justin Hahn; Head Usher – John Burkholder; Greeters: Jan and Mike Hahn; Nursery Caregivers – Gloria Clouser, Vickie Hubbard and our Sr. Choir members.

This week's schedule of activities is as follows:

Wed., May 9: 6 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous Book Study Group; 6:30 p.m., Sr. Choir rehearsal in church sanctuary.

Sun., May 13: 9 a.m., Sunday school; 10:15 a.m., Sunday Worship Service; 11:30 a.m., Cookies and Fellowship.

Tues., May 15: 2 p.m., Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6 p.m., God's Kitchen at Wesley, meal provided by Wesley.

### Ebenezer United Methodist Church



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

We have several things happening at Ebenezer and all are welcome. There is a prayer time, "Partners in Prayer" that meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Through scripture, song, and meditation we experience the joy of God's presence.

Have a favorite board game? "Game Night" is every third Monday at 6:30 p.m. 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](mailto:ebenezerumc890@outlook.com).

### 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.

John Bidoli, Mary Mulka and Earl Peters. Children's church leaders for May 13: Jackie Rainal and Michelle Strohecker.

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.

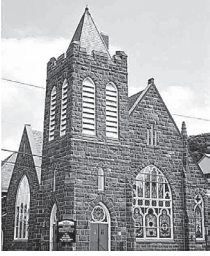
Our prayer garden in the rear of the yard has an 8-foot cross made out of nails and is illuminated at night. From spring to winter benches are provided to use to meditate or just enjoy the beauty and quietness along the Swatara Creek.

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](http://www.pennlive.com/wmss/audio). Check us out on our website at [www.newbeginningschurchmiddletownpa.com](http://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.

### Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown



The Presbyterian Congregation is located at 290 N. Union St. in downtown Middletown. We are a body of Christian people who reach out to others by sharing God's Word, love, and fellowship. Warm greetings to one and all as we seek to grow closer to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wed., May 9: 10:30 a.m., Mary's Circle.

Thurs., May 10: 6:30 p.m., Bells; 7:15 p.m., Choir.

Sun., May 13: Pastor Neubaum's First Sunday.

You are invited on Sunday, May 13 from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for our Adult Forum, an opportunity to learn more about the Bible and issues of concern to Christians! This week we discuss "Susannah and the Elders," presented by Susannah Gal. 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, May 13 at 10:30 a.m. as our Pastor Christian Neubaum 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.pcmdt.org](http://www.pcmdt.org)...click on "resources"... click on "newsletter." (These are PDF files should open with Adobe Acrobat). For further information, see our website [www.pcmdt.org](http://www.pcmdt.org), visit our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/PresbyterianCongregation](http://www.facebook.com/PresbyterianCongregation)), or call the office.

# MAMS releases honor rolls for third quarter

Middletown Area Middle School recently announced its distinguished honor roll and honor roll for the third period. Distinguished Honor Roll requires all "A's" or perfect marks. For the Honor Roll, a student must earn all "A's" and "B's."

### Distinguished Honor Roll

**Grade 8:** Rylee Barnes, Presley Carnes, Vincent Corradi, Sara Dintiman, Taylor Dunlap, Carly Dupes, Grant Garner, Skylar Garza, Sydney Garza, McKenzie Grimm, Alexandra Hess, Dagan Hughes, Nathaniel Kinsey, Camila Martinez, Karly Mather, Sarah Misceovich, Emma Mitchell, Lani Moore, Cynthia Ortiz-Sanchez, Caden Paul, Gabriela Przybylski, Benjamin Rine, Isaiah Rogers-Keeney, Marissa Romberger, Ian Sipe, James Smith, Ryan Souders, Mason Swartz, Matthew Wagner, Austin Wolf, and Madison Zettlemoyer.

**Grade 7:** Ryleigh Atticks, Amari Betha, Katherine Bolden, Emily Boyer, Cailey Campbell, Triniti Davis, Charlyze Dawkins, Aurora Demko, Praticchya Dhakal, Tristan Handley, Kaley Hileman, David Hinojosa, Amos Hnin, Peyton Hunt, Jaron Imler, Joseph Korsak, Jade Lesisko, Layna Lighty, Natalie Maneval, Bridget Muller, Miranda Nolen, Jasmine Peiffer, Dasani Ritter, Nathan Russo, Nolan Sessa, Aidan Shaffer, Kiley Stoltzfus, Aidan Torres, Ethan Witmyer, and Katherine Yoder.

**Grade 6:** Emma Adams, Alton Akakpo-Martin, Tillman Artell, Amelia Birtch, Neyshalie Bonilla Ruiz, Ella Brandt, Zoe Bretz, Ryan Coburn, Bipasha Devkota, Max Dupes, Kiley Etter, Anna Fox, Madeline Fox, Robert Gomboc, Stephanie Harvey, Payton Hershey, Alexis Hoffman, Chloe Kahler, Averie Kalonick, Michael Keating, Micah Krajsa, Charles Lawrence, Tyson Leach, Luke LeKites, Maliya Maldonado, Lilliana Mildner, Ava Miller, Claire Munnelly, Ryleigh Myers, Riya Patel, Lilianna Plaut, Chloe Ponnett, Jayden Rider, Samantha Rine, Sade Robinson, Rylie Teets, Layla Wall, Taylor Witmyer, and Sara Yeich.

### Honor Roll

**Grade 8:** Lavina Balliet, Chasey Baumbach, Lauryn Baylor, Taylor Brady, Lyndsay Carnes, Laila Deimler, Joshua Escalante, Marly Fox, Karissa Garrison, Misty Gejoff, Carter Headley, Hailey Herneisey, Maya Herneisey, Tamia Hill-Johnson, Stacey Hinojosa, Tate Leach, Abbey Leister, Tluang Lian, Khyra Little, Tatiana Marciano, Faith Matter, Aaron Mayersky, Kyleigh Mess-

ner, Alexander Monroig, Nyalah Parker, Tegan Rider, Jalen Rowley, Preetika Sahi, Antonio Sanchez, Annalise Spagnolo, Benjamin Staker, Jayson Stoner, Yarymar Tellado, Jonah Troup, Maya Wagner, Tessa Weigel, Keira Weise-Torres, Noah Wertz, Charnay Wesley, Madison White, Amber Witmer, Autumn Yingling, Doron Yospa, and Carly Zimmerman.

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**Grade 6:** Aaliyah Allensworth, Tyra Bateman, Talan Baxter, Jessica Brenner, Derek Brooks, Riley Buffington, Zachary Burkholder, Jordyn Clark, Terrance Clark, Nyah Courts, Isaiah Crosson, Ava David, Isabella Devaney, Zoe Dumez, Chase Eberly, Lorelei Elliott, Benjamin Engle, Makayla Gall, Gabriella Garisto, Brandon Gipe, Samantha Hardy, Robert Harrison, Hailey Hemperly, Kaden Hileman, Ian Hoffman, Morgan Judy, David Kemmerling, Trey Kephart, Aiden Klick, Aiden Kline, Troy Knoll, Melanie Langford, Jadyn Maple, Tania Marciano, Evan Mariano, Avalyna May, Xavier McClinton, Gabrielle Messner, Allison Michael, Mazy Miller, Mikael Monge Sanchez, Kylie Monroe, Dylan Moyer, Joe Myers, Donald Neidig, Mae Newman, Aaron Nordai, Eric Page, Mychaela Peters, Isabel Ramroop, Yariana Reyes-Sanchez, Isabella Ruiz, Isaiah Schafer, Ariana Serrano, Nevaeh Shafer, Dakota Shertzer, Dominic Singh, Nathaniel Skrinak, Cloe Smith, Olivia Stepp, Julia Templeton, Rachel Trefz, Anthony Weigel, Paige Weyant, Henna Windemaker, Olivia Yeich, Addisyn Yospa, and Ella Young.

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and July 5, 12, 19 and 26. Family members and caregivers also are invited to participate.

The course will be facilitated by two certified trainers. The workshops are offered at no charge and include the textbook "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions," and other materials.

People interested in more information or registration should call 800-621-6325.

### St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church



St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spring & Union Streets (121 N. Spring St), Middletown is a Reconciling In Christ Church. Please join us for worship. Our worship times are: Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages begins at 9 a.m.; Wednesday morning at 10 a.m.; Saturday evening at 5 p.m. Please enter the church through the parking lot door. Our Sunday worship service is broadcast at 11 a.m. on WMSS 91.1FM.

Church and Community Events:

Sat., May 12: 5 p.m., Holy Communion – Good Shepherd Chapel.

Sun., May 13: 9 a.m., Luther Hall Sunday (Sunday school). Discussion of the book "Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart," by Stephen Haug; 10 a.m., Worship, Holy Communion – Sanctuary Save The Date:

Family Fun Day, sponsored by Dauphin County. Hosted by St. Peter's Lutheran Church. A fun day for families at Hoffer Park on Sat., May 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy free food, games and crafts.

Mon., May 14: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Community Dinner featuring meatball stroganoff.

Sun., June 3: 10 a.m., Spirit and Trust Band will lead worship; 3 p.m., Harrisburg Mando-lin Ensemble. All are welcome, no tickets needed, (free will offering).

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Visit our website at [www.stpetersmiddletown.org](http://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 May 13: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19.

### Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church



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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.



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# VIEWPOINTS



SARA ROSE

## Pennsylvania boater fights against state intrusions

On a pleasant May evening in 2016, Fred Karash and four friends were enjoying a boat trip on Lake Erie when, without warning, they were stopped by law enforcement officers and detained for more than an hour while the officers searched his 23-foot cabin cruiser.

The officers, who admitted they had no reason to suspect the boaters had violated any law or regulation, claimed authority under state law to search any boat at any time on any Pennsylvania waterway to conduct a “safety inspection.”

But that sort of unfettered discretion violates the Fourth Amendment, which protects against unwarranted and even vindictive government incursions upon our privacy by requiring that authorities have probable cause to search someone’s home or property. That safeguard, as the Pennsylvania Supreme Court has recognized, “is second to none in its importance in delineating the dignity of the individual living in a free society.”

After an hour of tearing through Fred’s boat to check that he had all the required safety equipment, officers discovered he was short one required life jacket and issued him a \$75 fine. Rather than paying the citation, Fred challenged the search as unconstitutional and argued that the evidence of the missing life jacket should be suppressed. Fred represented himself through three levels of court proceedings until he won in front of the Pennsylvania Superior Court.

But the fight didn’t end there. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, alarmed that the Superior Court decision would curtail their unfettered discretion to search any boat on Pennsylvania’s waterways at any time, asked the entire Superior Court to hear the case. The court agreed, meaning that the original decision of the three-judge panel was vacated and a nine-judge panel of the court would hear the case.

When the nine-judge panel heard arguments in Fred’s case late last month, he was represented by the ACLU. We argued that the random, suspicionless search of Fred’s boat violated his rights under the U.S. and Pennsylvania Constitutions because it did not meet any of the recognized exceptions to the requirement that police have a warrant signed by a judge before conducting a search of a person, their home, or their property.

We pointed out that the Supreme Courts of the United States and Pennsylvania have long held that random, suspicionless stops of cars are unconstitutional, unless they have a public-safety purpose and are carried out in a systematic manner with pre-established guidelines. That is why drunken-driving checkpoints in which police stop all cars to check for evidence of impairment are constitutional but randomly pulling over drivers is not.

Although the Fish and Boat Commission argued that the power to conduct random, suspicionless searches is necessary to achieve its interest in boater safety, it failed to offer evidence that it could not meet its safety interests using means that are less intrusive on boater privacy, such as checkpoints.

The authority being asserted by the Fish and Boat Commission to search any boat, any time on any Pennsylvania waterway is unprecedented in its scope and undoubtedly arbitrary in its application. But it had also gone unchallenged until Fred came along.

As one judge noted, few people are going to hire a lawyer to fight a \$75 fine. Fred’s case conveys an important message: Protecting individual privacy against arbitrary intrusions by the state is important no matter the amount of money at stake. It is essential to liberty itself.

*Sara Rose, is a senior staff attorney for the ACLU of Pennsylvania.*

## EDITORIALVIEWS

# Be vigilant, keep children safe online

Many young people have an innate ability to understand and use technology.

It used to be evident in something as innocuous as video games, when teens and younger were able to adapt quickly as the “older generation” fumbled along.

Now, as technology grows at a maddening pace, it’s easy for young people to be tempted in other darker ways — predators using websites and smartphone apps.

We are happy to see that Middletown Area School District thinks this is a serious enough issue to ask Jerry Mitchell, an education and outreach specialist with the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General, to speak to elementary classes late last month.

Mitchell was alarmed — but we would guess not surprised — at the response of one student as to why they liked Snapchat. The application allows users to send pictures, videos and messages that can often only be viewed for a couple of seconds before disappearing.

It’s an app most parents don’t have, the girl told Mitchell.

“She knew that, and that arms her with the knowledge of, ‘If they’re not on it, this is something I can be on. So I don’t have to worry about them knowing what I’m doing,’” Mitchell said.

Think about that. This young girl is in elementary school.

It doesn’t mean she’s doing anything wrong. Snapchat, like any app or the internet as a whole, is a tool that can be used for many reasons.

But adults out there with bad intentions can take advantage of a youngster who wants to be accepted. Mitchell said that some predators, in addition to asking a youngster’s name, age, where they live and where they go to school, will ask if their parents argue. If there’s arguing in the household, Mitchell said that the child may feel as if they can’t confide in their parents but could confide in the stranger.

Mitchell advised parents to restrict devices so applications can’t be downloaded, monitor what they’re doing on the device and have frequent conversations on what the child is doing online. As kids get older and more mature, he said parents could loosen the restrictions.

Here are some other tips from the state attorney general.

### Control access

- Set limits on your child’s device of who can view their posts, profiles and communications.
- Install filtering, tracking, and blocking software to monitor what

your child is doing online.

- Adjust the parental controls offered by your Internet Service Provider (ISP) to limit your child’s access to inappropriate material.
- Check computer and mobile device internet history to see what sites your child visits.
- Monitor your child when they are online and set time limits.
- Monitor any social media apps your child has installed on their devices.
- Turn off electronic devices

### Prepare a plan

- Establish age-appropriate rules for internet use, ensure everyone understands them.
- Know your child’s passwords.
- Advise your child to never agree to meet face to face with someone they’ve met online, provide their name, phone number, address, school name, parent’s name, or any other personal information, transmit a compromising picture of themselves or others, or engage in cyberbullying by forwarding mean or inappropriate comments or photos.
- Teach your child age-appropriate use of online profiles on social networking sites and blogging, as the person at the other end is not always who they claim to be.

### Know the warning signs

- Your child might be at risk if he or she:
- Spends large amounts of time online, especially late at night.
  - Turns off the computer quickly when you come into the room or becomes upset when you ask to see what they are doing online.
  - Receives phone calls from adults you don’t know or is making long distance calls.
  - Receives mail or gifts from people you don’t know.
  - Uses an online account belonging to someone else.

If you are a parent, you don’t have to be an expert on every app. But you need to use common sense and communicate with your children. Get in front of the challenges with social media and the internet.

Mitchell said that since 2013, the attorney general’s child predator unit has arrested about 740 people. Unfortunately, there are still many, many more predators out there, and they are much smarter than the children. Threats still might come from strangers at the mall, but they also can come directly into your home via technology.

With the proper steps, however, you can protect your children from those technology threats, too.

## Rebuilding Pennsylvania’s rural infrastructure



CURT COCCODRILLI

Some people remember when many rural households didn’t have electricity or running water. Although those days are long gone for most, there’s still lots of room for improvement. In fact, our American infrastructure used to be the envy of the world, but now it’s in disrepair.

This is why President Trump has made it a priority to rebuild America’s infrastructure. He proposes to devote \$50 billion, which is 25 percent of new federal money, to improving infrastructure in rural America. This is an unprecedented commitment. His proposal will stimulate at least \$1.5 trillion in infrastructure investments over the next decade.

As Congress takes up the President’s infrastructure proposal, I am delighted to share with you some great news right now. Included in the FY 2018 budget bill that Congress just passed and President Trump signed in March is a robust investment of \$600 million in rural broadband. These funds will serve as a “down payment” on the President’s full, comprehensive infrastructure funding proposal that will be further deliberated over the coming months.

USDA will use these new rural broadband funds to administer a new program that will begin to meet the Administration’s goals of bringing reliable and

affordable broadband e-Connectivity to America’s rural towns, cities and tribal areas. Today, 80 percent of the 24 million American households that do not have 21st century high-speed internet are in rural areas, according to the Federal Communications Commission. That is unacceptable. America can do better for our rural citizens and for rural production sites that need e-Connectivity to continue to supply the nation and the world with food, fiber, minerals and manufactured products.

As we set up the new program, USDA will work diligently to ensure that the broadband e-Connectivity projects provide the most “bang for the buck” and improve access for as many rural American homes, businesses, farms, schools and health care centers as possible.

Every day, I see firsthand the tremendous difference USDA has made over the decades by investing in rural infrastructure. Here in Pennsylvania, for example, USDA helped North Coventry Township in Chester County with a Community Facilities (CF) loan of \$2,968,000 to fund the construction of a public works building and a salt shed in 2017. Now, the roughly 8,000 residents of North Coventry can rely on safer roads, bridges, and public spaces thanks to Rural Development’s commitment to improving infrastructure. More recently, USDA helped the Borough of Beaver Meadows in Carbon County with a CF loan and grant combination of \$245,400 and \$43,000 respectively to re-construct 950 feet of roadway in the borough. Not only will the roads in the

borough become safer, but base drains will also be installed along the curbs to prevent flooding and pooling.

These investments are the result of strong partnerships that USDA has formed over the years with local business and civic leaders.

In addition to providing infrastructure financing, USDA is addressing statutory changes, regulatory relief and cultural shifts to help improve the way the Federal government serves its citizens. This approach is consistent with the Secretary’s priorities: Infrastructure, Partnerships and Innovation. All three are needed to rebuild this great nation.

During the next few weeks and months – and throughout my term – I will be meeting with business owners, developers, elected officials and rural residents to learn about your infrastructure needs and concerns. I want to hear from you about what’s working – and what we can do better.

Here’s how you can help: Please contact me or our team of specialists in Harrisburg at 717-237-2299 to let us know of your community’s infrastructure needs.

Together, we can ensure that USDA investments in rural infrastructure will create jobs, expand economic opportunities and help ensure that rural communities continue to be great places to live, work, start a business and raise a family. It’s an honor to serve you.

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## State Civil Service Commission in dire need of modernization



MIKE FOLMER

The Senate State Government Committee, which I chair, recently held a public hearing on legislation introduced by Sen. Randy Vulakovich, R-Glenshaw, and me to modernize the Pennsylvania Civil Service Commission.

Vulakovich and I introduced this measure to further modernization plans we started two years ago when we initiated some modest changes in the law to:

- Allow applicants to be notified of job openings or tests by email.
- Expand the “Rule of Three” to create stronger pools of candidates to fill positions by permitting the commission to provide lists of more than three candidates.
- Bring “vacancy based hiring” to the Civil Service Commission by allowing them to post actual job vacancies rather

than general lists of job classifications.

The General Assembly also approved a number of other changes to the Civil Service law to:

- Prevent Civil Service commissioners from being politically active or working for another government entity.
- Establish a uniform method to apply for both civil service and non-civil service positions.
- Allow appointing authorities to select the type of exams the commission uses to develop lists of candidates for agency positions.

Our current legislation proposes further modernizations to better meet customer’s needs: those seeking employment with the commonwealth — especially veterans — and state government agencies needing to hire people.

Our legislation proposes to better meet these customers’ needs by moving hiring responsibilities from the Civil Service Commission to the Governor’s Office of Administration. These proposed changes include: merit-based hiring, civil service applications, certifica-

tions, examinations, and promotions.

Although our plan would move hiring from the Civil Service Commission to the Governor’s Office of Administration, merit-based hiring would not be affected as agencies would continue to hire people based upon their qualifications. Also, agencies and professions currently covered by merit hiring would continue to be subject to merit hiring. Our initiative would also retain the Civil Service Commission’s jurisdiction over appeals from employment decisions. This would include the commission’s authority to conduct hearings and render determinations, exempt positions from civil service, and audit commonwealth compliance with the Civil Service Act — the latter to provide checks and balances relating to the proposed transfer of merit-based hiring to the Office of Administration.

Most importantly, Senate Bill 1037 makes no changes to veterans’ preference, as those protections are provided in the Military Code.

Many of our recommended changes

are not new and have been offered in previous legislation sessions of the General Assembly. These changes are also consistent with the Office of Administration’s successful efforts to consolidate human resources and IT functions.

The Senate State Government Committee recently held a public hearing on these proposed changes and I was pleased to hear from the Civil Service commissioners; Office of Administration Secretary Sharon Minnich; Deputy Adjutant General Eric Weller; the director of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Department of Labor & Industry; the Pennsylvania War Veterans Council; members of the disabled community; and the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

This input will be invaluable as we work to bring these changes to Pennsylvania.

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