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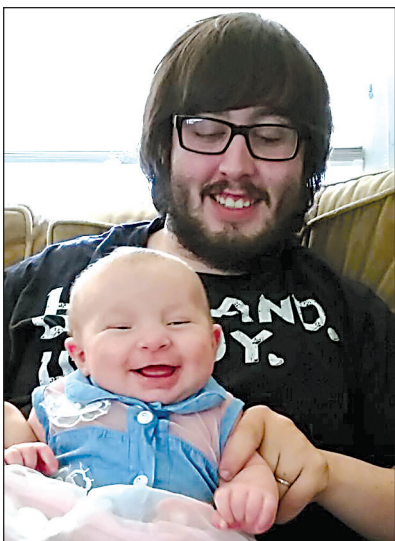
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Zachary Lybrand and his daughter, Elliana.

Crash
victims'
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files
lawsuit

Jessica Lybrand
sues trucker,
trucking company,
I-83 contractor

By Dan Miller
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A lawsuit seeking damages from truck driver Jack Satterfield III and the company he drove for has been filed by Jessica Lybrand of Middletown, whose 24-year-old husband and 16-month old daughter were killed in a fiery crash on Interstate 83 on Oct. 12.

Lybrand during an Oct. 31 press conference in Philadelphia



Satterfield

pledged to advocate for an end to drunken driving, and for stricter safety laws regarding truck drivers and enhanced safety precautions for construction zones on highways, according to an account posted by PennLive. "People need to stop drinking and driving like it's nothing. You had a drink, you had two drinks, you're over the legal limit. Don't drive. It took my entire world away from me," she said, according to the PennLive video.

The lawsuit filed Oct. 31 in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County also seeks damages from J.D. Eckman Inc. of Atglen, Pennsylvania, the company awarded the \$104.7 million contract for the I-83 construction project.

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Jessica Lybrand speaks at a press conference at her Philadelphia lawyer's office on Oct. 31.

MAHS grad dies serving in Alaska

Guckavan was specialist in Army, and an 'ideal soldier,' according to friend

By Jason Maddux
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A 2016 Middletown Area High School graduate who died Oct. 26 from a gunshot wound while stationed at Fort Wainwright in Alaska "was the ideal soldier that people would have wanted in the military protecting the country," a former Army buddy told the Press & Journal.

The Army Criminal Investigation Command is investigating the death of Spc. Mason James

Guckavan, 21, who died in the barracks there. There is no official determination as to whether the discharge of the firearm was intentional or accidental.

According to U.S. Army Alaska, Guckavan was an infantryman with the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, United States Army Alaska. He joined the Army from Middletown in August 2016. Following completion of training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he was assigned to the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division in December 2016.

Guckavan was the son of Barbara (Drury) Guckavan of Middletown and James F. Guckavan of Allegheny County.

Mason was an avid outdoorsman, who enjoyed hunting, hiking and skiing. He was an avid reader, and was a member of Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, Middletown.

In addition to his parents, sur-



Guckavan

vivors include his siblings, Ian Guckavan, Kiera Guckavan and Gavin Guckavan, all of Middletown.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at noon Thursday at Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, 280 N. Race St.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of Mass in the narthex of the church.

Burial with full military honors will be in Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery and will be private for family only.

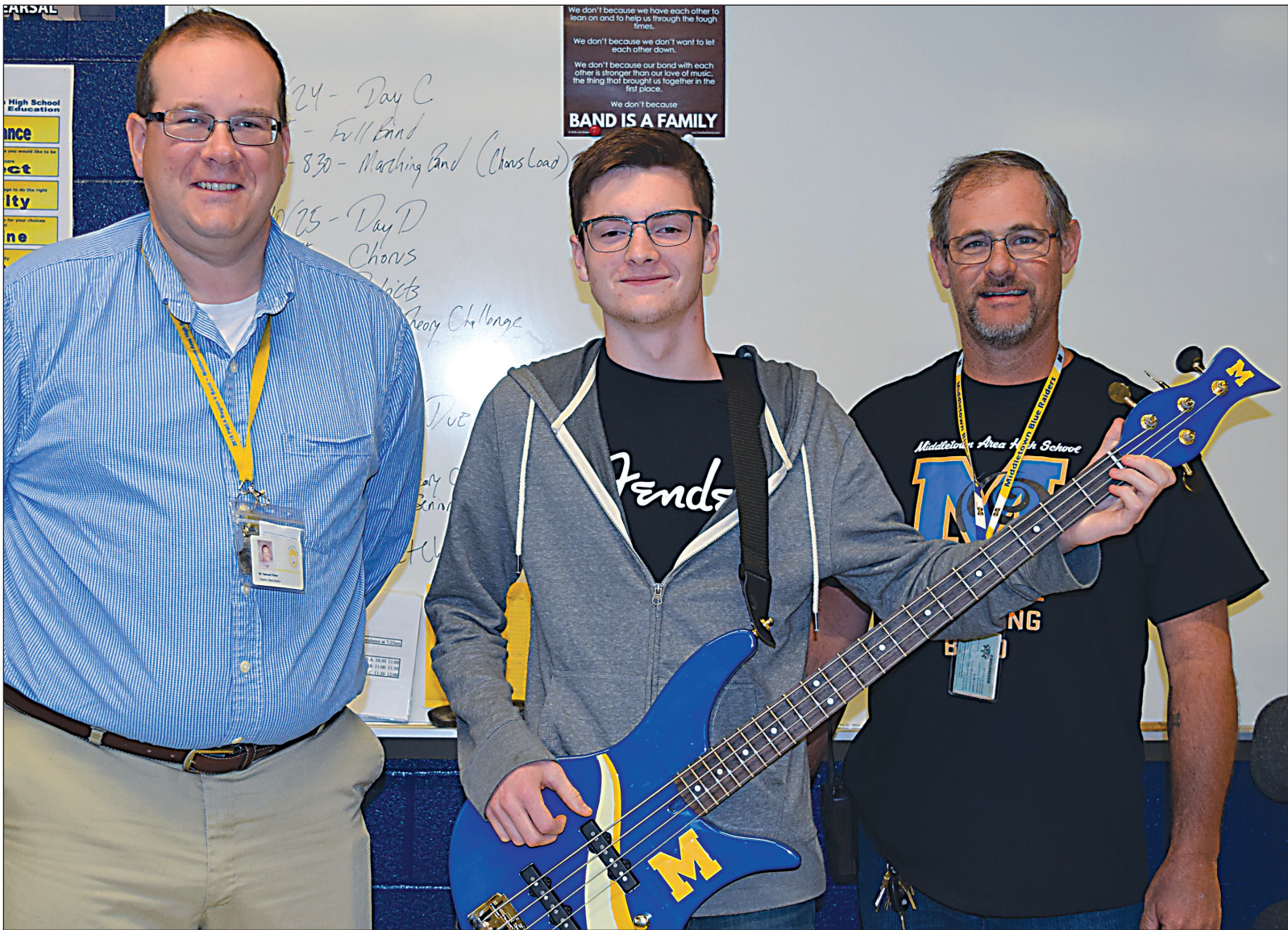
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Dedicated to the military

"He cared more about others than himself. He always put his job before anything else. He was dedicated to the military, and I don't doubt that he would have been in the military for quite a long time before he got out," said Jake Hares, who was in basic training with Guckavan at Fort Benning for 14 weeks.

There were times when other soldiers wanted to give up, and Guckavan wouldn't let them, Hares said.

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Above, Middletown Area High School Band Director Sam Fisher, left, helps show off a new guitar with high school bass player Daniel Brenner and Darryl Betts, who made it. Below, the guitar is made of wood from Middletown Lumber.

MASD mechanic hits right note as guitar maker

Betts has made instruments for people who live across the United States

By Dan Miller
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When not keeping Middletown Area School District rolling in his day job as a mechanic, Darryl Betts is building custom bass guitars at home in Carlisle.

Betts just finished making a four-string bass for the Middletown Area High School jazz band.

Adorned in Blue Raider blue and gold with the Middle-town logo, the bass guitar will be played in public for the first time by high school bassist Daniel Brenner during the high school Holiday Concert on Dec. 20.

There's actually a lot more of Middletown in the guitar than just its appearance.

Most of the wood for the guitar came from Middletown Lumber, except for some swamp ash that Betts said the company doesn't carry. Betts said he gets 75 percent of the wood he uses to make his custom basses from Middletown Lumber.

The decals and gold and white

wave on the guitar were provided by With Kidz in Mind on North Union Street.

The 52-year-old Betts has been into music and performing since he started singing in public as a 5-year-old.

Along the way he's been in school musicals and plays, sang in a 1950s doo-wop group for seven years, was in a barbershop quartet and sang in the Carlin-dian Chorus.

He started playing bass guitar in the late 1990s and early 2000s, initially performing a couple times a month in the worship team band at his church.

Betts has also always been into fixing things and making things — passions he got from one grandfather who was a mechanic and who owned his own welding shop, and from another grandfather who was "a do it all type of guy," Betts said.

After watching a video online of a guy building a bass guitar, Betts discovered a way to marry both passions — music and making things.

"I told my wife (Kris), 'I think I'm gonna build myself a bass guitar,'" Betts said. "She thought that was really funny. A month later I had my guitar made."

That was three years and 14

bass guitars ago. Besides the one for the jazz band, Betts has made custom bass guitars for people in Ireland and in California, Washington, D.C., and a few other states.

Here recently flew to Colorado to hand-deliver a custom bass guitar that Betts made for Andrew Irvine, a professional bassist who has toured with more than 25 artists nationally and who has played bass on more than 50 albums recorded by various musicians.

Betts had connected with Irvine online. At one point Irvine learned that Betts made custom bass guitars, and he asked Betts to make him one.

Betts made the guitar for Irvine in lieu of Irvine agreeing to promote Betts' brand for publicity purposes.

"I've been getting calls from people" as a result, Betts said. "I'm now making a bass for a guy in New York who called me. I've got like two or three basses in the works right now."

Betts came up with the idea of building a bass guitar for the high school jazz band. Betts had played bass in the school musical in 2017 and had gotten to know

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Man claims
\$45,000
stolen from
car's trunk

By Dan Miller
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If you are going to meet people who you met online to buy something from them, do it in a well-lit public place and don't do it alone.

Or you could end up like a New Cumberland man who on Oct. 23 was beaten by two women and robbed of \$45,000 in cash, after he arranged to meet them at an abandoned farmhouse in Lower Swatara Township to buy a \$50 watch, police say.

The \$45,000 was in the trunk of the man's car, police said. The women also stole a \$40 carton of cigarettes that the man had in his car, according to police.

The 44-year-old man met the women through OfferUp, a smart phone application that connects buyers and sellers, police say.

The victim had twice met the women at a gas station to buy items from them such as watches and cellphones — once on Oct. 21 and then on Oct. 22, township Police Detective Robert Appleby told the Press & Journal.

By then, the women had noticed the man getting cash out of his trunk to buy the items.

After the second transaction Oct. 22, the women contacted the man to meet again — but this time in a much less public place, near an abandoned farmhouse in the 400 block of Stoner Road at night.

The man agreed to meet them, but shortly after 8:30 p.m. as he was getting \$50 out of his trunk to buy a watch, the victim told police he was struck from behind by a hard object that hit him on the inside of his knee.

The man told police he was struck multiple times more, before he was hit on the head and lost consciousness. He did not seek medical treatment but reported the robbery to police the next day, Appleby said.

Appleby said police do not know

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Woman turns herself in over fatal OD

Heroin caused Lower Swatara death, police say

By Dan Miller
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A woman charged with providing the heroin that led to an overdose death March 27 turned herself in to Lower Swatara police Thursday.

Christine Marie Austin, 50, of the 100 block of Kristy Lane in Swatara Township, accompanied by her attorney, reported to police at 1:30 p.m., a few hours after police had announced that she had failed to respond to calls to turn herself in.

Austin took steps to conceal her involvement in the March 27 overdose of Hector “Tony” Romero, in the 100 block of Eby Lane, including wiping his phone of fingerprints and attempting to delete text messages between herself and the victim, according to the criminal complaint Lower Swatara police filed with District Judge Michael Smith on Oct. 31.

Austin allegedly called witnesses to the overdose to tell them not to speak to police. Instead of taking the victim for medical help before he died, according to the complaint, she put the victim in the shower to try to revive him.

Austin is charged with drug delivery resulting in death, which is a felony charge graded as murder of the third degree, according to arrest papers. She is also charged with criminal use of a communication facility, and tampering with/fabricating physical evidence.

Austin was arraigned shortly after 2 p.m. by District Judge Michael Smith, who set bail at \$50,000. Austin was not listed in Dauphin County Prison. Her preliminary hearing before Smith is set for Dec. 5.

According to police, Austin picked up Romero on March 26 after he punched out from work in Steelton, and took him to the Members 1st in Middletown, where he withdrew \$485.

Police recovered \$455 from Romero after he died, matching witness accounts that Austin used \$30 of Romero’s money to buy the heroin, according to the complaint.

Austin, who according to police did some of the heroin with Romero, was twice advised by two people who lived at the Eby Lane residence that Romero should be taken to the hospital.

Instead, Austin and another person put Romero in the shower to try and revive him. Austin then told the others that Romero “would be fine.”

Romero was put into bed and Austin left, according to police. Police were dispatched to the Eby Lane residence for a possible heroin overdose, but he was dead by the time police arrived at 3:24 a.m.

Police on May 5 interviewed a witness who described the incident and confirmed an account police had received that Austin had tampered with Romero’s phone to try and cover up her involvement.

Austin sought to delete the text messages, but 11 text messages from Austin to Romero on March 26 were recovered through call detail records police obtained from Austin’s cellphone carrier, police said.

Lower Swatara police on Nov. 1 obtained lab results from the Dauphin County Coroner’s office confirming that Romero died from fentanyl toxicity, Detective Ryan Gartland told the Press & Journal.



Austin

OBITUARIES



Mason Guckavan
MIDDLETOWN

Mason James Guckavan, 21, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Friday, October 26, 2018 in Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

He was born on September 28, 1997 in Upland, Pa. and was the son of Barbra (Drury) Guckavan of Middletown, Pa. and James F. Guckavan of Allegheny County, Pa.

Mason was a Specialist (E-4) in the United States Army where he was serving as an infantryman. He belonged to A Company 1st Battalion 5th Infantry Regiment of the 1st Brigade Combat Team. In addition, he was a Combat Lifesaver. He trained in Georgia, California, Alaska and South Korea.

Mason was an avid outdoorsman, who enjoyed hunting, hiking and skiing. He was an avid reader, who learned both from research and firsthand experience. He challenged himself to be better in all aspects of his life, as an outdoorsman, skier, brother, teammate, and friend. Mason was a member

of Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, Middletown.

In addition to his parents, Mason is survived by his siblings, Ian Guckavan, Kiera Guckavan and Gavin Guckavan, all of Middletown; maternal grandparents, Anthony R. and Mary Anne Drury; paternal grandmother, Eileen Fitzgerald; as well as several other uncles, aunts and cousins.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 12 p.m. at Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, 280 N. Race St., Middletown, with the Rev. Ted Keating as celebrant. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of Mass in the narthex of the church.

Burial with full military honors will be in Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery and will be private for family only.

In lieu of flowers or if you wish to send a memorial contribution in Mason’s name, the family has designated Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors Inc., 1117 Country Club Rd., Camp Hill, PA, 17011.

The family has entrusted the care of the Matinchek Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 260 E. Main St., Middletown, to handle the funeral arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online at www.matinchekfuneralhome.com.



Doris Messick
MIDDLETOWN

Doris M. Bricker Messick, 86, of Middletown, passed away Monday, October 29, 2018 in her home surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Elizabethtown on August 14, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Paul and Margie Ulrich Bricker.

Doris retired as a real estate broker and property manager for Mylin Messick Real Estate, and had been a secretary for the former Jones & Zink Insurance Company and an accounting manager for the former W. T. Grant’s Department Store, both of Elizabethtown. She was a 1950 graduate of Elizabethtown High School. Doris was a longtime member of Spring Creek Church of the Brethren, Hershey, and served as a Sunday school teacher for many years. She was past president of the Middletown Kiwanis Club, and a member of the American Business Women’s Association, Middletown, and the Order of the Eastern Star

Chapter 407, Elizabethtown. Doris loved reading and music, was an avid sports fan cheering for Penn State, the Steelers, and the Yankees, and enjoyed playing board games. However, it goes without saying that Doris loved nothing more than spending time with her family.

In addition to her parents, Doris was preceded in death by her loving husband, Mylin M. Messick, one sister, and four brothers.

She is survived by two daughters, Patricia L. Kuharic, wife of George M. and Sarah M. Runkle, wife of Douglas A., all of Middletown; two sons, Joseph M. Messick, husband of Dorothy D. of Middletown, and Michael D. Messick of Highspire; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

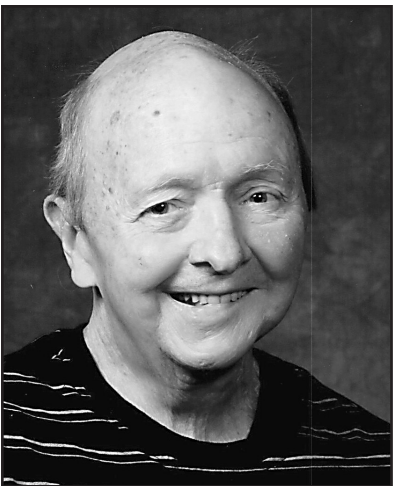
A memorial service was held Friday, November 2, 2018, at 2 p.m. at Spring Creek Church of the Brethren, 335 East Areba Avenue, Hershey, with The Rev. Dennis W. Garrison officiating. Family and friends were invited to visit with the family at the church from 1 p.m. until the time of the service.

A private interment was in Ebenezer Cemetery, Middletown.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be given in memory of Doris to her church, Spring Creek Church of the Brethren, 335 East Areba Avenue, Hershey, PA 17033 or to Hospice of Central PA, 1320 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

Trefz & Bowser Funeral Home, Inc., 114 West Main Street, Hummelstown, is handling the arrangements.

Online condolences may be shared on www.trefzandbowser.com.



Gerald Marx
MIDDLETOWN

Gerald S. Marx, 86, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Sunday, November 4, 2018 at

ManorCare, Lebanon.

A graveside service will be held for Gerald on Monday, November 12, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at Middletown Cemetery, 675 N. Spring St., Middletown, with the Rev. Kimberly Shifler officiating.

The family has entrusted the Matinchek Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 260 E. Main St., Middletown with the funeral arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online at www.matinchekfuneralhome.com.



Mae Allsup
MIDDLETOWN

Mae Y. Allsup, 81, of Middletown, fell asleep in death on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on May 27, 1937 in Middletown and was the daughter of the late Leo and Nellie Carrillo.

Mae was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses, Middletown for more than 50 years. She loved being a wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She enjoyed singing, cooking, baking, sewing, coloring and drawing, but her greatest joy came from preaching God’s word.

In addition to her parents, Mae was preceded in death by her son John Allsup Jr., three siblings, Robert Carrillo, Winfield Gantz, and Reba Romain, and a grandson, Guy Allsup Jr.

She is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, John C. Allsup Sr.; seven children, Kimberlee (Cecil) Scott of Philadelphia, Guy Allsup, Robin Allsup, Stephanie Allsup of Middletown, Leslie (Larry) Allsup-Kelly, Vincent (Tsani) Allsup, and Matthew (Nicole) Allsup of Harrisburg; a daughter-in-law, Charlene Forney of Elizabethtown; a brother, Harold Carrillo; a sister, June Eloisa; nine grandchildren, Taneisha Mitchell, Heather Allsup, Blake Allsup, Julian Allsup, Christine Gantz, Marcus Allsup, Shannon Mosley, Camille McCahan, and Vincent Allsup; 16 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 2 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses, 3235 Foxianna Road, Middletown, PA 17057.

Interment will be at the convenience of the family.

The family has entrusted the Matinchek Funeral Home, Middletown, with the funeral arrangements.

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Woman heads to court on charges she helped steal \$153,000 from elderly relative

By Dan Miller
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A woman is heading to Dauphin County Court on charges that she and her husband stole more than \$153,000 in money and assets from an elderly man in Lower Swatara Township from 2013 to 2017.

Kathy Alice Garman, 63, of the 6000 block of Hocker Drive in Swatara Township, was ordered bound over on charges of theft by unlawful taking and unauthorized access during an Oct. 31 preliminary hearing before District Judge Michael J. Smith.

She is to be arraigned on the charges in county court Dec. 7.

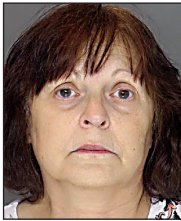
Her husband Chester R. Garman III, 54, is scheduled for a Nov. 8 preliminary hearing on the same charges before Smith.

According to police, the thefts began in January 2013 when the Garmans

made the victim — a family member, then 81 years old — sell his own home and move in with the Garmans, who at the time lived in the Willo-Farm trailer park in Lower Swatara.

The victim told police that the Garmans took over his bank accounts and his credit and debit cards, and denied him access to his own finances.

The Garman case is one of the largest cases of financial exploitation of a senior citizen in recent Dauphin County history, county officials have said.



Kathy Garman



Chester Garman

CRASH: No amount specified in suit

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According to the lawsuit, husband Zachary and daughter Elliana were stopped because of the construction project in traffic northbound on 83 near Union Deposit Road when the Volvo tractor-trailer driven by Satterfield slammed into the back of the Lybrand car.

The lawsuit alleges that the contractor “carelessly, negligently, and recklessly failed to protect drivers with adequate warnings of the alterations they had caused in traffic patterns” and that Eckman “created hazards that caused traffic (to) slow and/or stop suddenly and with inadequate warning.”

The lawsuit also refers to Satterfield having told State Police he drank five double-shot margaritas and had two or three beers earlier that same day at a Mexican restaurant in New Jersey.

Satterfield’s blood-alcohol level was “well over” the legal limit of 0.08 in Pennsylvania as he was speeding toward the stopped vehicles on the highway, according to the lawsuit filed by the Philadelphia law firm of Feldman, Shepherd, Wohlgelemer, Tanner, Weinstock & Dodig. The road was dry.

Satterfield took no evasive measures or even slowed down before colliding with the rear of Lybrand’s car. The crash “was so violent that it started a chain reaction of impacts involving a total of 12 vehicles,” the lawsuit says.

The Lybrand car caught fire with Zachary and Elliana trapped inside. Both “suffered in anguish” before they both died of smoke inhalation and thermal burns, according to the lawsuit.

The same accident also killed 22-year-old Messiah College senior Ethan Van Bochoven of Pompton Plains, New Jersey, who was in another car.

The lawsuit cites police accounts of how Satterfield left his cab after the crash and fled, crossing over the southbound lane on I-83 and running to the parking lot of a nearby hotel “where he watched the aftermath of the mayhem he had caused,” in the words of Lybrand’s lawyers.

Satterfield, 29, of McComb, Mississippi, was arrested Oct. 13 and is charged with three counts of homicide by vehicle, three counts of homicide by vehicle while driving under the influence, three counts of accidents involving death or personal injury, and three counts of accidents involving death or personal injury while not properly licensed. He is also charged with DUI-general impairment.

Satterfield was denied bail and is being held in Dauphin County Prison. He is scheduled for a Nov. 16 preliminary hearing before District Judge Joseph S. Lindsey.

The lawsuit notes Satterfield was driving without a valid commercial driver’s license. His license was suspended after Satterfield pleaded guilty in Mississippi to possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia.

Satterfield also at the time of the accident had an outstanding warrant out for his arrest filed in Cumberland County Court for a fare evasion traffic citation Satterfield received on April 14, according to the lawsuit.

Satterfield was under contract driving for Greentree Logistics, a company in Lakeville, Minnesota, that is also a defendant in the lawsuit filed by Lybrand.

Greentree “knew or should have known of (Satterfield’s) record of irresponsible behavior, unsafe driving and the suspended status of his CDL before employing or contracting with Defendant Satterfield to haul

cargo for Defendant Greentree,” the lawsuit says.

The lawsuit notes that the Colonial Park Fire Department has seen an 80 percent increase in accidents requiring an emergency response along this corridor of I-83 since the construction project began. The finding is backed up by Pennsylvania Department of Transportation data, the lawsuit says.

Weaved throughout the complaint is Jessica Lybrand telling how she and Zachary were planning their first night away from Elliana, to celebrate Jessica’s 21st birthday on the day of the crash.

It would be the longest period that Jessica had ever spent away from Elliana, because Jessica had not returned to work after giving birth to Elliana, the couple’s first and only child.

“My 16-1/2-month-old baby lived for 527 days and that’s it, that’s it,” she said during the press conference, fighting back tears, in the video posted by PennLive.

Elliana would be spending the night at her grandmother’s — Zachary’s mother.

Jessica and Zachary were worried that Elliana would not be able to sleep apart from her parents, so Jessica spent part of Oct. 11 preparing “all the things” that Elliana would need during her first night away from her parents, including “washing her favorite blankets and pajamas, packing her diaper bag and stuffed animals, and cleaning her pillow, which had also been Zach’s childhood pillow,” the lawsuit says.

As the day wore on Oct. 12, it became clear that Jessica and Zachary were running behind schedule in getting ready for the evening.

So Jessica could be ready on time, Zachary agreed to take Elliana to his mother’s house while Jessica stayed home to shower and get dressed.

At about that same time, Satterfield was downing drinks at the Mexican restaurant in New Jersey, the lawsuit says.

Shortly after 7:45 p.m., Jessica kissed her daughter goodbye and told Zachary she loved him.

It would be the last time she ever saw them alive, the lawsuit said.

“I wasn’t in that car and I didn’t help and I’m going to have to live with that,” she said.

The lawsuit seeks “all lawful damages” from the defendants to be awarded to Jessica Lybrand and to Zachary’s mother and father, Marcia Lybrand of Enola and Jeffrey Lybrand of Gardners. The lawsuit does not mention specific dollar amounts being sought.

The next steps in the lawsuit include a process of “aggressive discovery” by which the law firm will seek to identify any other parties that should be held accountable, in addition to the defendants already named, said James P. Faunes, one of the lawyers with the Philadelphia firm who is handling the lawsuit for the Lybrands.

The firm will investigate what Greentree Logistics knew and did not know regarding Satterfield’s driving record and history, and what “procedures and protocols they followed or did not follow” regarding Satterfield, Faunes said.

Finally, the firm will investigate the overall uptick in crashes that has occurred in the I-83 corridor where the accident happened, since the start of the construction project.

Faunes could not say how long it will take for the lawsuit to be resolved. He referred to a comment from Mark Tanner, another lawyer with the firm handling the case, who said during the press conference that 18 months is a typical timeframe for this kind of litigation.



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Raiders to face Wyomissing at home Friday in playoffs

The Blue Raiders football team will face a familiar foe as it starts its drive toward a state title.

No. 2 seed Middletown had a bye in the first round of the PIAA District III 3A championship and will face No. 3 seed Wyomissing (9-2) at 7 p.m. Friday at War Memorial Field.

The Spartans defeated No. 6 seed Littlestown, 27-9, on Friday at Wyomissing Area High School.

Middletown (9-1) beat Wyomissing in the district title game 48-20 in 2016 and 49-0 in 2017.

Wyomissing was led in Friday's win by Tim Kowalski's

123 rushing yards. The Spartan defense forced six turnovers.

The other semifinal pits No. 1 seed Lancaster Catholic (10-0), who also had a bye, vs. No. 5 seed Bermudian Springs (8-3), who beat No. 4 seed Annville-Cleona 14-7 on Friday. They play at 7 p.m. Friday at Lancaster Catholic.

The Raiders went 14-0 in 2016 and 2017 to reach the state title game both years, only to lose at Hersheypark both times.

Tickets are available from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the school lobby for \$6 (adults). Students can buy them at lunch those days (\$4).



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The Middletown volleyball team huddles during its district matchup with York Catholic on Oct. 30.

MAHS volleyball ends season with its first trip to districts

By Jason Maddux
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Blue Raider volleyball coach Lisa Huber says she has seen a change in her program during the last several years.

"Middletown volleyball used to be a hobby sport, where it was something for the girls to go out and do and enjoy, and there was nothing wrong with that. But the philosophy has recently changed. The girls want to win. The girls want to be competitive. They want to go to districts," she said.

They reached that goal this season. The squad made the PIAA District III Class 2A playoffs this season for the first time this year, falling in three sets Oct. 30 to No. 1 seed York Catholic, 25-9, 25-16 and 25-17.

This season, she had more players on the varsity and junior varsity than ever before — 22. The feeder program she started for middle school players when she took over the MAHS program six years ago has grown from seven players to three teams.

"I think word is getting out about Middletown volleyball, and people want to come and play," she said.

While the Raiders finished the season with an overall record of 8-10, the team split the Mid-Penn



Huber

Conference Colonial Division title with Milton Hershey with a 7-1 mark.

Huber said she was "very proud" of their first district match, which was played on the road.

"York Catholic is a very reputable program, well-polished program," she said. "I think nerves got to them, never being in this position before. Once they settled in and realized this is just another game, they played pretty well."

The team will lose six seniors — Alexis Harmon, Alex Kennedy, Katie Knaub, Hannah Wilsbach, Abbey Spagnolo and Adriene Funk.

"This is probably the best senior class that I've ever had come through, from a leadership standpoint," she said. "They were all on the same page. There was never any drama, any arguments. They knew what their goal was and they brought the rest of the group along with them."

Losing them will mean making adjustments, she said, but she is confident her program is on the right track.

"We did postseason meetings as to what the girls want to do next year and they're already talking about, we want to do this, we want to do that. So I've got a very level-headed, strong group of girls who want to follow in those footsteps that were set this year," she said.

"Every year, we can improve upon what we've just done," she added.



Courtney Shaffer drives the ball in Middletown's match vs. York Catholic.



Kendall Stiffler tips the ball over the net.

2018 MAHS volleyball statistics

	Aces	Kills	Blocks	Digs	Assists
Cassie Ebersole	30	104	6	19	
Natalie Krupilis	5	34	4	2	
Kendall Stiffler	2	21	1	2	
Lani Moore	17	49	0	55	
Alexis Harmon	38	78	1	98	
Alex Kennedy	0	17	5	1	4
Courtney Shaffer	27	47	5	90	101
Katie Knaub	36	18	0	88	131
Carly Dupes	11	49	2	31	99
Hannah Wilsbach	15	13	0	183	
Abbey Spagnolo	29	8	0	124	

Three Seven Sorrows teams set for CFA semifinals

The Seven Sorrows Peewee football team won its first-round game Saturday to advance to the semifinals, joining the Pony and Midget squads.

Both Middletown teams lost Saturday to wrap up their season.

At Northern Lebanon High School, the No. 3-seed Seven Sorrows Peewees beat Greenwood, 26-6. They will play No. 2 seed Dover at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Bishop McDevitt High School.

The Seven Sorrows Pony and Midget squads both went 8-0 and are No. 1 seeds in the Liberty Conference. They had first-round byes, and will play in the semifinals this weekend as well.

The Pony team will play No. 4

seed Dover at 1 p.m. Saturday at Bishop McDevitt. The Midget team plays No. 4 seed Greenwood at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Susquehanna High School.

Seven Sorrows 26, Greenwood 6

The Buffaloes received the opening kickoff and moved the ball steadily down the field, converting several third-downs, before the Eagles defense held on fourth down and took over with only three seconds left in the quarter.

On third and long from their own 14, quarterback Christian Ribic broke free for an 86-yard touchdown run. Andrew McCorkel ran in the extra point, and the Eagles led 7-0.

On their next possession, after

a 35-yard run by Donte Howard, Javon Mosley scored on a 35-yard run. Howard added the extra point, and the Eagles led 14-0.

The Buffaloes returned the kickoff to the Eagles 9 yard line, and on fourth and 1, they were able to push through for a touchdown with 8 seconds left in the half.

The extra point attempt failed, and the Eagles took a 14-6 lead to halftime.

The Eagles defense yielded few yards after the opening drive. Howard, Mosley, McCorkel, Adrian Serrano and Joshua Stains led the defensive effort.

Howard added a 56-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, and Mosley scored on a 25-yard run in the fourth to cap the scoring.

Middletown wrap-up

Two of the three Middletown teams made the National Conference playoffs, but both lost over the weekend.

The Middletown Peewees were the No. 6 seed and played the No. 3 seed Carlisle Herd on Saturday at West Perry High School. Carlisle came away with a 31-0 win, and Middletown ended the season 4-5.

The Middletown Midgets entered the playoffs at 2-6 as a No. 7 seed. They played No. 2 seed Red Land Patriots on Saturday at Red Land Midget Football Field and fell 38-6.

The Middletown Pony team, with a record of 1-7, did not advance to the playoffs.

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Cash Bash Bingo will be held at the Middletown Fire Hall, 10 Adelia St., on Sunday, Nov. 18. Doors open at noon, and bingo starts 4 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Middletown Youth Club.

For tickets, call Tom at 717-574-1412.

Lower Dauphin Craft Fair is Nov. 10

The 35th annual Lower Dauphin Craft Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Lower Dauphin High School, 201 S. Hanover St., Hummelstown. More than 150 vendors will be featured. Concessions will be available. Admission is free.

Kielbasa, perohi sale at St. Ann Byzantine

St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church, 5408 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, will hold a kielbasa and perohi sale from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14; 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 8; and 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12.

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

Londonderry Fire schedules Bingo Mania

Londonderry Fire Company, 2655 Foxianna Road, will hold its Bingo Mania on Sunday, Nov. 11. Doors and the kitchen open at noon, and bingo will start at 2 p.m.

Fall book sale at Middletown Library

The Middletown Public Library, 20 N. Catherine St., Middletown, will hold its fall book sale this month. Hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10; 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, and Thursday, Nov. 15; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17.

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NEWS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD | LAVONNE ACKERMAN

November used to be 9th month

Welcome, November! Are you a fan? Is this month anyone's favorite? Novembris mensis in Latin means ninth month. It was the ninth month of the ancient Roman calendar until the powers that be added two months to the calendar. November has 30 days, and usually we have an opportunity to see meteor showers. So, keep an eye out. Of course, we have Election Day, Veterans Day and Thanks-giving. Not to rush anyone, but there are less than seven weeks until Christmas. Have a wonderful week, and don't forget to share your news with me, and your neighbors.

Birthdays

Wishing a wonderful 11th birthday to beautiful **Nathaly Mondragon** of Middletown on Wednesday, Nov. 7. May your day be as sweet as you, Nathaly! God bless you. Happy streamers-and-cupcake day to **Paula Alcock** of Lower Swatara on Wednesday, Nov. 7. Wishing you a wonderful day, Paula! Fine young man **Ben Seiders** of Middletown marks his 11th cake day on Thursday, Nov. 8. Have a super-duper cake day, and God bless you! Happy Sweet 16 birthday to **Anthony Hannan** of Lower Swatara on Thursday, Nov. 8. I hope your honk-honk-beep day is the best yet! Be safe. Happy birthday balloons will be flying for **Judy Hurlock** of Lower Swatara on Saturday, Nov. 10. Just enjoy your day all weekend long, Judy! **Gabby Frost** of Royalton will blow out 15 candles atop her birthday cake on Sunday, Nov. 11. Wishing you a blessed day full of everything that makes you smile, Gabby! Happy landmark 21st cake day to **Angelina Spagnolo** of Lower Swatara on Monday, Nov. 12.

Congrats and best wishes to you! **Ian Sipe** of Royalton marks his 15th confetti-popping day on Monday, Nov. 12. Have a blast, Ian! Best wishes to **Eric Belles** of Lower Swatara on Tuesday, Nov. 13, as he celebrates his landmark 21st cake-and-ice cream day! Congrats to you, Eric. Here is a birthday shout to **Edward Flowers** of Lower Swatara! He gets to hear the birthday song on Tuesday, Nov. 13. I hope it is a sweet sound to your ears, Ed!

Anniversary

Happy wedding anniversary to **Charles and Deb Turner** of Lower Swatara on Nov. 9. They mark 33 years together on Friday. Enjoy the celebration!

Traditions

"The History of Christmas Traditions Throughout the World," with an emphasis on what we do in the Western world, will be presented by Eleanor Isaacson at the Londonderry Lionettes meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Londonderry Elementary School. She has been an inspirational speaker for more than 40 years throughout the United States. She was Speaker for the Year in 2015, 2016 and 2017 in Lancaster County. She was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Lancaster Bible College in 2017. She is an accomplished lecturer and member of the Susquehanna Speakers Bureau. Eleanor is also an artist, fashion designer, fashion model and home decorator, as well as author of "Dancing From Darkness," the story of her life. For more information, call Louise at 717-944-6518.

Mississippi Pot Roast

This recipe has been submitted by Susan Wagner. Thank you, Susan. I love the easy ones! 1 (4 lb.) chuck roast 1 ranch dressing mix packet

1 au jus gravy mix packet 1/4 cup butter 4-5 pepperoncini peppers Place the roast in a slow cooker and sprinkle the top with ranch dressing and au jus mixes. Place peppers on top of that and add butter. Cook over low heat for 8 hours. Serve with noodles, rice or mashed potatoes. Enjoy leftovers as sandwiches!

Dean's list

Congratulations to Ariana E. Iantosca of Hummelstown, who was recently named to the summer semester dean's list at DeSales University in Center Valley.

Quote of the Week

"How much a man prays will tell you more about him than how much a man preaches." — Paul Washer, author.

Question of the Week

Who is your favorite historical person? Why? "Helen Keller. It's interesting to learn about her." — **Emma Tearney**, 8, Etters. "Jesus, because he loves us!" — **Lucy Williams**, 6, Lower Swatara. "John F. Kennedy. I love presidents, and he was the youngest!" — **Rachael Symonies**, 8, Lower Swatara. "George Washington. He was born before Mimi and Pappy and he was the first president!" — **Ian Shaffer**, 8, Lower Swatara. "Abraham Lincoln, because he freed the slaves." — **Charles Lawrence**, 12, Lower Swatara. "Johnny Appleseed. He planted apple seeds!" — **Henry Lawrence**, 7, Lower Swatara.

Proverb of the Week

The violence of the wicked will drag them away, for they refuse to do what is right (21:7). *Reach LaVonne Ackerman at 717-649-7366 or by email at LaVonneAck@comcast.net.*

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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 – Ed Naugle; Organist – Don Cowsert; Choir Director – Erich Schlicher; Chil-

dren's Time – Lee Ellenberger; Audio Visual – Steve Moyer; Jamal Warren and Justin Hahn; Head Usher – Lori Keller; Greeters – Evan children and youth; Nursery Caregivers – Gloria Clouser and Vickie Hubbard.

This week's schedule of activities is as follows:

Wed., Nov. 7: 6 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous Group Book Study; 6:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal.

Thurs., Nov. 8: 6:30 p.m., Nominations Committee, Room #1.

Sun., Nov. 11: 9 a.m., Sunday school and Confirmation class; 10:15 a.m., Worship Service with Communion; 11 a.m., Cookies and Fellowship.

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

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 resur-

rection for sinners we will be forgiven and saved from God's wrath. Please join us each Sunday to hear the Gospel. Learn more at: www.calvaryopc.com.

Our worship 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 worship 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 and prayer meeting each Wednesday at

7 p.m. We are studying the power of prayer on Wednesday nights.

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: Children's choir rehearsal Sundays at 10 a.m.; Youth Fellowship meets 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 2nd Thursdays of the month at 9 a.m.; Intercessory Prayer meets at 6 p.m., followed by Bible Study at 7 p.m.

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

November ushers: Paul and

John Bidoli, Mary Mulka and Earl Peters. Greeter is Bonnie Harper. Children's church leaders for Nov. 11: Danielle and Jodi Brinser.

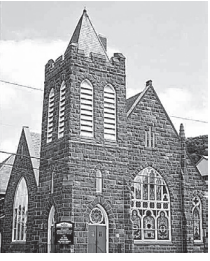
Collection for Harvest Home of boxes of food for families in need is Nov. 11 and 18.

Our prayer garden in the rear of the yard has an 8-foot cross that is 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." 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.

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.

Thurs., Nov. 8: 7:15 p.m., Choir.

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Nov. 15: Newsletter deadline.

Please join us on Sun., Nov. 11 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!

You are invited on Sundays from 9:15 to 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. 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. This week we will discuss "Reclaiming Jesus: A Theologian's Perspective." Dr. Lee Barrett, theology professor at Lancaster Theological Seminary, will address such questions as: What does the Confession say? Why is it needed now during our current crisis of moral and political leadership? As Christians what are we called to do?

Our electronic newsletter can be accessed anytime at www.pcmmdt.org...click on "resources"...click on "newsletter." (These are PDF files should open with Adobe Acrobat). For further information, see our website www.pcmmdt.org, visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PresbyterianCongregation), or call the office.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church



St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spring & Union Streets (121 N. Spring St), Middletown.

We are a Reconciling In Christ Church. Visit our website at www.stpetersmiddletown.org.

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., Good Shepherd Chapel; Saturday evening at 5 p.m., Good Shepherd Chapel. Please enter the church through the parking lot door. Our Sunday worship service is broadcast at 11 a.m. on WMSS 91.1FM.

Church: Sat., Nov. 10: 5 p.m., Holy Communion – Good Shepherd Chapel – Everyone is welcome.

Sun., Nov. 11: 10 a.m., Holy Communion – everyone is welcome.

Wed., Nov. 14: 10 a.m., Holy Communion – Good Shepherd Chapel - everyone is welcome.

Free Little Library: St. Peter's has a Free Little Library located at the entrance door by the parking lot. This Free Little Library belongs to everyone. Anyone may use it. The books are always free. It is not necessary to give a book to take a book. Come take a look, read a book!

Interfaith Area Council of Caring - November. Please donate to your church, synagogue or directly to the Middletown Food Pantry during this month of Thanksgiving to help those in this community in need. See needs below in Food Pantry News or monetary donations can be mailed to Middletown Interfaith Council, P.O. Box 207, Middletown, PA 17057.

Save the date: Nov. 24: Christmas Bazaar and Indoor Yard Sale; December 2: 4 p.m., Kierch Carol Sing, High and Union Sts.;

December 9: Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus, Winter/Christmas Concert. No tickets required. Free will donation. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

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 p.m. 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 November 4 (the first Sunday of each month).

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Scripture for the weekend: 1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146: Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.

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.

LOWER SWATARA POLICE ROUNDUP

Police: Woman rented car, then failed to return it

A charge of theft by deception has been filed against Christal Butler, 45, of 600 block of Mallard Road, Camp Hill, on allegations she failed to return a vehicle she rented.

Police report Butler rented a 2018 Hyundai Tucson from the Payless Car Rental in the township for Sept. 18-23 but failed to return the vehicle per a lease agreement.

Reportedly, the rental company sent a certified letter to her stipulating the car was to be returned by Oct. 4 or charges would be filed. Payless contacted police Oct. 26 to pursue the case.

Charged with DUI

Rosella Davenport, 43, of Rudy Road, Harrisburg, has been charged with DUI and driving with a blood-alcohol content of 0.02 or greater with a suspended license, district court records noted.

The charges stem from Davenport's arrest following a traffic stop at 12:55 a.m. Oct. 1 in the 800 block of South Eisenhower Boulevard. Police said Davenport was driving a 2013 Chevrolet Equinox that struck a median in the center of the road when exiting the Wendy's restaurant. Police said they smelled a strong odor of alcohol coming from the vehicle.

A subsequent interview turned into a DUI investigation with Davenport taken to the Dauphin County Judicial Center. She reportedly refused to provide police with a blood sample to test for the presence of intoxicants.

Davenport is scheduled to appear before District Judge Michael Smith on Nov. 29 for a preliminary hearing.

Teenagers charged

Two Middletown Area Middle School students were charged following their involvement in a fight at the school at 7:38 a.m. Oct. 26.

Police said juvenile charges of simple assault and terror-

istic threats were filed against a 14-year-old student while a charge of simple assault was filed against a 13-year-old student. Police said a verbal confrontation escalated into a fight. No injuries were reported.

Drug-related charges

Travis Teague, 18, of the 10 block of Berkley Drive, Lower Swatara Township, has been charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia following a traffic stop at 8:09 a.m. Oct. 24, district court records noted.

Police said he was in a 2016 Chrysler 200 that was stopped for failing to use a turn signal in the area of Heatherwood Road at Greenwood Drive. The investigating officer said he smelled an odor of burnt marijuana coming from the car and subsequently found marijuana and drug paraphernalia in the vehicle.

Teague is scheduled to appear before District Judge Michael Smith on Nov. 28 for a preliminary hearing.

Drug, false ID charges

Charges of possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, false identification to a law enforcement officer and restriction on alcoholic beverages were filed against Tamiya Story Jones-Stevens, 26, of the 2000 block of Second Avenue, New York, district court records noted.

Jones-Stevens was a passenger in a vehicle that was stopped at 12:54 a.m. Oct. 23 in the 100 block of Richardson Road after failing to properly signal, police noted. The officer noted he smelled an odor of burnt marijuana coming from the 2005 GMC Envoy.

Jones-Stevens is scheduled to appear before District Judge Michael Smith on Nov. 14 for a preliminary hearing.

The investigation of the incident is continuing related to the driver of the vehicle.

Man gets up to 26 years for Middletown home invasion

A Mechanicsburg man was sentenced to up to 26 years in state prison after being convicted by a jury of a July 2017 home invasion robbery of an apartment in the first block of South Union Street in Middletown.



Schell

According to arrest papers filed by borough police, Timothy Aaron Schell, now 41, of the first block of West Simpson Street, was standing in the living room of the victim's apartment when the man came home after work.

Schell pushed the victim to a sofa, held a knife to his throat and demanded money. After

taking \$380 from the victim and demanding more money, Schell took the man's cellphone and the keys to his apartment and fled, according to police.

On Aug. 30, a Dauphin County jury convicted Schell on all counts, including robbery, conspiracy to commit burglary, burglary, criminal trespass, theft by unlawful taking, terroristic threats, and simple assault.

On Oct. 31, Judge William Tully sentenced Schell to 10 to 20 years in state prison for robbery, with him getting credit for having been in county prison from Aug. 8, 2017, through Oct. 31. Schell was ordered to make restitution to the victim.

Tully also sentenced Schell to 3 to 6 years in state prison for conspiracy to commit burglary.

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D&H makes case for being good neighbor at Jednota

By Laura Hayes
laurahayes@pressandjournal.com

People voiced their support and aired concerns about a proposed D&H Distributing distribution hub on 276 acres of the Jednota property during a meeting at the Lower Swatara firehouse on Nov. 1.

“We know the impact; we’re not naive,” said D&H Co-President Dan Schwab. “We’re not trying to dress this up. We’re being very upfront and direct and transparent to say, ‘We’d like to do this, but we want to do it in the very best possible way we can.’”

The 300-acre site known as the Jednota property is owned by the First Catholic Slovak Union, a fraternal insurance company based in Ohio. D&H plans to purchase 275.87 acres, and the union intends to retain 21.39 acres to the west of the Airport Connector Road and their memorial along Rosedale Avenue.

D&H Distributing is a technology distributor based in Harrisburg, and Schwab said they had more than \$4 billion in revenue in 2018. Schwab said they sell products such as computers and Xboxes to college bookstores and retailers such as Walmart.

D&H’s Mid-Atlantic distribution hub is located on Katie Court in Harrisburg, and Schwab said the current facility is stretched beyond its limits.

The Harrisburg hub, which has 203 employees during peak season, would be consolidated into a new hub in Lower Swatara Township. Schwab said they planned to add 150 additional jobs over five years.

“We don’t want to leave Dauphin County. We don’t want to move down toward Allentown or down toward Carlisle, but that’s our next option because we’ve not been able to find enough land for the facility that we need to build,” Schwab said.

D&H’s plans

D&H hopes to be at their new site for at least 25 years. Their purchase of the property is contingent on rezoning a majority of the land to industrial park, according to Schwab.

D&H submitted a zoning amendment application to the township. The application is on the agenda for the Lower Swatara Board of Commissioners’ meeting for Nov. 7. According to township Planning and Zoning Coordinator Ann Hursh, the board could forward it to the township planning commission, who would review it at their Nov. 15 meeting.

D&H plans to build two distribution facilities.

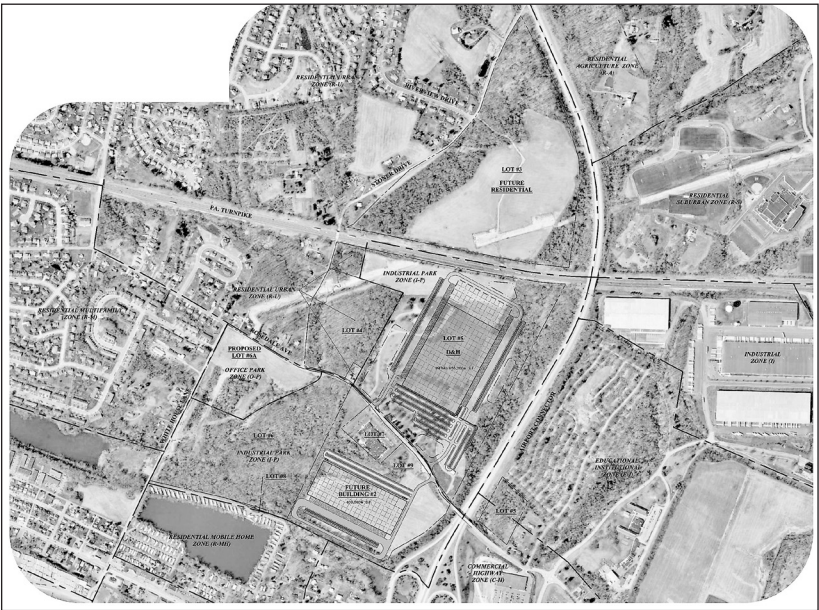
One would be west of the Airport Connector Road and north of Rosedale Avenue would be approximately 655,200 square feet, and the second south of Rosedale Avenue.

D&H Director of Sales Operations Jason Wilhelm said in an email that the second building would be completed several months after the first.

Wilhelm said they plan to demolish the former printery located north of Rosedale.

“It is not possible to maintain this older building while accommodating the proposed D&H building to the north of Rosedale Avenue,” Wilhelm said.

The size of the second facility depends on whether D&H can get a long-term tenant in an office building, occupied by American Airlines, Piedmont Airlines, PSA



This draft plan shows what the site could look like if the office building remained and two distribution facilities were constructed.

Airlines and Oneworld airline alliance, and Conduent, a business process services company.

D&H’s attorney Charles Courtney said they have a short-term lease, and D&H might decide to keep the office building if they can find a long-term tenant. Wilhelm said a long-term office lease is at least five years but usually 10.

If the office building stays, D&H may lease the second warehouse, which is about 400,000-square feet and to the south of the office building, to a third party until they need it. However, if the office building is demolished, a larger warehouse, about 551,000 square feet, might be built.

Wilhelm said they plan to construct the second building sooner rather than later so that they can use income from the lease for the site acquisition and development expenses.

“What this plan does for D&H is it provides all of the flexibility in the world to make a long-term commitment to this site,” Courtney said.

Courtney said they estimate the project could add \$2.2 million in additional tax revenue, and \$1.1 million in business for local restaurants, gas stations and hotels.

D&H isn’t planning on rezoning the entire 276 acres. About 18 acres

to the north of Rosedale and east of Stoner Drive and 73 acres north of the turnpike would remain zoned residential urban, and part of the land south of Rosedale and east of White House Lane would remain zoned office park, according to Courtney.

Wilhelm said over time, D&H would like to find a residential developer for the 73 acres north of the turnpike.

“This is probably the last pristine, beautiful part of Lower Swatara that we have left. ... We’re becoming a warehouse community. They’re all over the place,” said attendee Lynda Bosnyak.

Other attendees disagreed. Scott Cooper said the land could be developed under the current zoning. He said it would be worse if D&H moved to a different county, resulting in lost jobs and tax revenue, and instead a large chain store or company would buy the land.

Scott said he would rather have a local company.

Schwab said they are not maximizing the developmental potential of the site and instead positioning the property so there is a buffer along Rosedale.

Stormwater, truck traffic

Courtney said they knew there were several issues they had to

address, including managing stormwater and flooding, particularly in the Lisa Lake area, and truck traffic.

D&H’s traffic engineer Craig Mellott, of Traffic Planning and Design, said the company chose to do a traffic impact study.

According to Schwab, a majority of the trucks come between 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. About 35 trucks come in and out of the hub every day, although he noted that it increases to 42 during the peak season. While the hub operates 24 hours a day, Schwab said the night shift’s duty is mostly to get products ready for the next day.

According to Courtney, the 655,200-square-foot building would be accessed through Rosedale. Mellott said the truck drivers would go eastbound on Rosedale toward the intersection of Meade Avenue/University Drive and Rosedale and turn on Route 230. A majority of the drivers would use the Airport Connector to head to Route 283, although some may stay on Route 230.

D&H is proposing to have trucks not go west on Rosedale Avenue, Mellott said. He said they intend to have signs along the side of the road and overhead prohibiting trucks from west of the facility and along White House Lane. However, if a truck does drive west on Rosedale, Mellott said they proposed to have an area — similar to a cul-de-sac — where trucks can turn around.

Additionally, Mellott said D&H suggests the township adopt a law or ordinance prohibiting trucks on these roads.

D&H is also interested in improving the roads. Mellott said the traffic study recommended widening and reconstructing Rosedale Avenue along the front of the building and adding turn lanes. He also suggested widening Rosedale from the Airport Connector Road overpass to the Meade Avenue intersection, which would also be reconstructed.

In the future and depending on traffic after the hub is built, traffic lights may be desired at the intersection of Rosedale and

Meade avenues and the Airport Connector Road and Route 230.

Courtney said the company would pay for the improvements.

Some residents expressed concern about truck traffic and the safety of children getting on and off the bus. Jill Linta, Democratic candidate for the state House District 106, said she talked to residents who live near hubs, such as FedEx on Fulling Mill Road.

“They’re afraid to get their mail from their mailbox because the trucks are zooming past. There’s too much traffic. It’s not safe,” Linta said.

“Company I want in the township”

Several attendees voiced their support of the project.

Joe Trojcek, who owns Progressive Enterprises Sound Studios in Elizabethtown, said he went to school at the Jednota Home and Immaculate Conception School on the Jednota property, which closed in 1969. He said he smiled when he heard D&H wanted to buy the land. It’s been sad to see the land fade, he said.

“What I’ve seen today and just knowing of your company, I’m feeling like this is a good direction to go,” he said.

Kacey Crown recalled how D&H supported one of her friends while she battled cancer.

“D&H being in existence in our county for decades and decades — to me, that’s a neighbor I want in the township. That’s a company I want in the township,” Crown said.

Some employees attended the meeting, including business development manager Chris Rigas.

“When I came back from Iraq, my disabilities led me to believe I was never going to be able to work again,” he said.

The person who hired him worked with him and coached him, and Rigas said D&H stood beside him when his health degraded.

“Is there really going to be a better company that can come in to your area and benefit your community? Because with my personal experiences, I’m not going to work anywhere else, and I wouldn’t want to,” Rigas said.

FROM THE VAULT

will return at a later date

PUZZLES AND HOROSCOPE

WORD SEARCH | ANSWERS ON B2

Aviation word search	Arrival	Flight	Payload
	Ceiling	Fuselage	Pilot
	Cockpit	Ground control	Position
Aileron	Commutter	Helicopter	Range
Aircraft	Compass	Indicator	Route
Airfoil	Departure	Instruments	Speed
Airspace	Dirigible	Knot	Strut
Altimeter	Drag	Lift	Traffic
Altitude	Elevon	Navigation	Turbine
Approach	Engine	Passengers	

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Guess Who? answer: David Guetta

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

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

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GUESS WHO? (answer below Word Search)

I am a DJ born in Paris on Nov. 7, 1967. I released my debut album in 2002. I have had a string of hits and was voted the No. 1 DJ in the DJ Mag Top 100 DJs fan poll in 2011. I’ve collaborated with a number of artists, including Sia, Nicki Minaj, Usher and Rhianna.

CROSSWORD | ANSWERS ON B2

ACROSS

- Boat structure
- Affirmatives
- From end to end
- Ancient Syrian city
- Plant parts
- Anatomical feature of worms
- Invests in little enterprises
- Cuts the skin off
- Noted child psychiatrist
- Satisfies
- Take by sips
- Matched
- It changed the world
- U.S. Founding Father Adams
- Father
- Swiss river
- They hold music
- Spoke
- Used to write
- Cold wind
- More competent
- Test for high schoolers
- Mild analgesic

- Indian industrial city
- Fellas
- Short-tailed martens
- No seats available
- Golf score
- A way to sink
- Type of investment account
- Songs
- Type of sword
- King Cole, musician
- Type of vaccine
- Site of the Taj Mahal
- Languished
- Ethnic group in South China
- Prevent from seeing
- Word of farewell
- Charity given to the poor
- Chops
- Swiss capital
- One point east of southeast

DOWN

- Type of hall
- Swedish rock age
- Long, narrow cut
- Indicating silence
- Talk at length
- Wiped away
- Sweet substance (alt. sp.)
- Babar is one
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- French avant-garde composer
- Commoner
- Swiss river
- A single-minded expert
- Passover feast and ceremony
- Indie record label (abbr.)
- Fellow
- Strong tree
- Drenches
- Spindle
- North Dravidian language
- Lounges about
- Preamble
- Essential for
- nachos
- Afternoon beverage
- 007’s creator
- Founder of Babism
- Music played in open air
- Profoundly wise men
- Disfigure
- Unhappy
- Prefix denoting “in a”
- Cotton fabric; satiny finish
- Closes tightly
- The lowest point
- Semitic sun god
- Grads wear one
- Phil __, former CIA
- Fermented rather than distilled
- Aids digestion
- Unstressed-stressed
- Body part
- Wonderful
- Expected at a certain time

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HOROSCOPE | WEEK OF NOV. 7

ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20
This is a great week to give that special someone in your life extra love and attention. Your workloads have lightened, so go the extra mile.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21
Taurus, all eyes are on you and all attention is focused in your direction. Stay grounded as much as possible as you become the center of attention.

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21
Keep a watchful eye on your domestic responsibilities. It’s easy for the scales to tip in other directions, but nothing is more important than life at home.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22
Distant shores are beckoning. Now could be the time to start planning a getaway you have always dreamed of. Enjoy this exciting trip.

LEO JULY 23-AUG. 23
Romance may not be in the stars for you, as you are too distracted by work. Make some time to come up for air and then focus on relationships.

VIRGO AUG. 24-SEPT. 22
Someone special to you may shower you with love and affection if you just find the time to connect. Clear your schedule for the rest of the week.

LIBRA SEPT. 23-OCT. 23

If you play your cards right, you will look back on this week with nothing but smiles. Things will soon get sorted out, and this week will mark a turning point.

SCORPIO OCT. 24-NOV. 22
Things may not have been easy for you over the last couple of weeks, but your courage and stamina know no bounds. Keep forging ahead.

SAGITTARIUS NOV. 23-DEC. 21
Sagittarius, your career is in a perfect place right now, so you can devote some of your attention to personal matters — even your love life. Start focusing on your feelings.

CAPRICORN DEC. 22-JAN. 20
You notice a definite boost in your energy level and drive this week. It’s almost as if you’ve rediscovered a passion you tucked away for a while.

AQUARIUS JAN. 21-FEB. 18
Cosmic dust will settle mid-week and you will feel as if you have your power back, Aquarius. If you’ve been holding off on projects, now is the time to charge ahead.

PISCES FEB. 19-MARCH 20
Pisces, make a list of your priorities so you can focus your energy efficiently. You don’t want to waver when trying to get things done.

VIEWPOINTS



STEVE
KLINGER

Give us not our daily Trump ...

The media seem to be impaled on the horns of a dilemma: Cover Donald Trump and, if they do so with a shred of integrity and concern for the truth, their reportage will inevitably be negative.

Trump and his minions then say it's fake news and throw the resulting red meat right to the base, dividing the country ever more deeply. The media refuse to change, and so does Trump. We spiral downward into a rabbit hole whose surprises we dread to encounter. More frightening yet — we may be closer to the beginning than the end.

Here's a thought: What if the media just stopped covering Trump on a daily basis? Why must they dutifully replay every infuriating word from every canned, rigged, reality-TV campaign rally and faux news conference and then bemoan his total narcissism, his complete lack of empathy, his wedge-driving failure of leadership, his dog whistles for racists, his winks and nods to neo-Nazis, his total and unrelenting lack of human decency?

In a world in which Trump has driven normal out the window, why must journalists play along and keep sliding down the slippery slope of trying to cover Trump like a normal president? For one thing, it isn't working; it feeds directly into his egomaniacal dreams. Just imagine how it would infuriate him if no one covered him in West Virginia and Montana and North Dakota or even on the White House heliport.

Oh, Fox would be there, of course, but there's nothing much to be done about Fox anyway, at least until Sean Hannity faces his curiously absent me-too moment.

But in the meantime, stop enabling Trump and stonewall him instead. It will make his head explode like an over-ripe Sunkist navel. He might have to shoot someone on Fifth Avenue just for the attention. And the rest of us will get a respite from our nightly fix of masochism from MSNBC and CNN.

Talk instead about climate change, island nations slowly sinking, the U.S.-fueled drug trade, the fundamental forces driving mass migration, the truth about our unfair, propped-up economy, where families really can afford the newest Xbox if everyone works the three minimum-wage jobs they can now get; the extortionist pharmaceutical industry that keeps so many of us on the edge of bankruptcy while its alter-ego, agribusiness, fills our bodies with addictive sugars that send us to the drugmakers in a cycle of profiteering that rivals war and the armaments industry.

Talk about the new American slavery, a for-profit prison industry that siphons hope from minorities while providing a constant supply of all-but-free labor. Talk about education, where the profit-driven companies and evangelicals scheme to bleed the public school system into penury so they can complain about the results of public education.

Talk about a civilized world devolving before our eyes, where our primitive brains are nurtured and fed with paranoia, our amygdalas pampered and cultivated with scapegoating and fearmongering, fanned with horrific prophecies of the globalist Jew-bankrolled caravan that's coming to steal their stuff and vote for Beto O'Rourke — all of it the fiendish work of that money-dripping Satan, George Soros, and his Semitic soulmates, Janet Yellen and Lloyd Blankfein. Lock. Them. Up.

Talk about the Philippines and Hungary, an increasing portion of Europe, and now Brazil turning hard to the right, making a mockery of humanistic progress while the planet counts down like an oven timer, and we can watch the poorest among us cook first on the shelves just above our own slowly roasting middle-class butts.

Talk about journalists covering each other not covering Trump.

Talk about anything — Kanye West, Mama June, the Red Sox, the Kardashians, Michael Avenatti, Joe Biden, Roseanne Barr.

But at least, dear media mavens, grant us one small wish and give us not our daily Trump.

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EDITORIALVIEWS

Keep up great work, local students

The Middletown football team continued its amazing success this year, and we wish it the best as it tries to grab the one thing that's eluded it in the previous two seasons — a state title.

Its quest will start Friday against Wyomissing at War Memorial Field. See more details on page B1.

But we also want to praise the volleyball team for making the district playoffs for the first time. Coach Lisa Huber appears to have that program on the right track as well, building with younger players so they are ready when they reach the varsity level.

Some MAHS programs are still trying to find their footing, but a lack of wins on the field or court doesn't mean that athletics aren't key in helping young people become responsible and successful adults.

Of course, most of school life

isn't about athletics. We hear of many success stories in the schools, and we can only touch on some of them in the pages of the Press & Journal.

What is going on with Stacey Miller and her eighth-grade art students at Middletown Area Middle School is a big deal, however. We profiled the class in last week's edition.

Out of all their peers across the state, Miller's eighth-grade art students were picked to decorate 24 ornaments to hang on the tree that represents Pennsylvania as part of the 2018 National Christmas Tree exhibit in Washington, D.C. Students from only one school from each of the 56 states, territories and D.C. were chosen to decorate the ornaments to represent their respective tree.

She believes her class was chosen based largely on the exposure she has been able to get for the art

work done by her students, due to the special projects Miller has done for PDE over the years.

It's a great honor and shows the hard work that the art students put in.

"I always get comments like, 'That's eighth-grade work? That's a middle-schooler doing that? They do great work,'" Miller told the Press & Journal. "I'm lucky. I get surrounded by great artists all the day."

If you are in the nation's capital for the holidays, make sure to check it out.

If you want holiday spirit closer to home, Middletown Area School District students are busy making 800 ornaments for the Governor's Mansion.

Students from all three elementary and the high school are working together to make the ornaments, which will decorate every room of the Governor's Mansion.

Holiday tours of the Governor's Mansion will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19.

This year's annual Holiday Open House at the mansion will be 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9.

Lower Dauphin High School just completed it's fall play, "She Kills Monsters," last weekend. The effort a high school play takes is very high, and we congratulate all who made it possible.

If you can, get out and support your school activities, even if you don't know anyone taking part. Full seats at a football game or a play is a wonderful sight to see.

Extracurricular activities form lasting memories. Projects such as creating holiday decorations for both Harrisburg and Washington is a memory the students will never forget.

Congratulations to everyone! Keep up the good work.

Are evangelicals the American Taliban?



BOB
TOPPER

If you believe in the separation of church and state, then you probably think that evangelicals exert far too much influence on American life, our politics and culture.

When I remarked to a friend that evangelicals are the America's answer to the Taliban, he thought the comparison was too harsh. After all, he said, "Evangelicals don't go around killing people."

Maybe not, but the beliefs they hold and the positions they take can have deadly consequences. Take the evangelical position on abortion, which has had a major effect on national foreign policy. The Helms Amendment, first enacted in 1973, provides that no U.S. funds "may be used to pay for the performance of abortions as a method of family planning or to motivate or coerce any person to practice abortions." What a strange dichotomy. Abortion is legal in the United States and available to all our citizens, yet we will not allow its practice in developing countries. And what is the consequence? According to Sneha Barot of the Guttmacher Institute, every year, millions of women suffer serious injuries from unsafe abortions, and 47,000 of them die — almost all in the Global South.

I don't know anyone who likes the idea of abortion, but most objections to it seem based on a religious belief that the soul enters the body at conception, something for which there is simply no proof. And because there is no evidence, it should have no bearing on our laws or national policy. People everywhere must be free to make their own decisions on abortion, decisions based on personal beliefs. If one's religious convictions tell her or him that abortion is wrong, then it is clearly wrong

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for that person, but it does not follow that it is wrong for anyone else.

Evangelicals have a right to think abortion is wrong and to try to persuade others. But if we live in a society that is truly free, that belief cannot be imposed on others, including non-believers. Doing so necessarily infringes on others' rights. We have lived in a culture that encourages honest debate. Perhaps through debate, the pro-life faction can convince the pro-choice side that they are right, and abortion clinics will cease to exist for lack of interest, or perhaps not, but our laws need to be silent, structured to neither require nor prevent abortion. Yet today evangelicals rejoice at placing Brett Kavanaugh on our Supreme Court, trusting that Roe vs. Wade will at long last be overturned, while others fear that personal freedom will become constrained by a religious belief.

Evangelicals claim that the constitution was inspired by Christ, and is based on Judeo-Christian principles. But not all of the Founding Fathers were Christian. Many, like Thomas Jefferson, were deists, and some, like Ben Franklin, appear to have been atheists. But all of the Founding Fathers realized and understood the dangers posed by both monarchy and theocracy and wisely chose to separate religious belief from our government and to base our laws on reason, not scripture. The words Christ and Christian do not appear in our founding documents.

Nonetheless, theocratic government is an area where evangelicals and the

Taliban have something in common. For the Taliban government and religion are one and the same. While here in the United States they are separated, there are many in our government who would set aside the Constitution in favor of biblical teaching. Most recently, Attorney General Jeff Sessions quoted from the Bible to justify separating children from their parents, and Judge Roy Moore was sanctioned twice by our court system for basing judgments on the Ten Commandments and displaying the commandments in his courthouse. No, we are not a theocracy, but can anyone doubt that if the Judge Roy Moores had their way, we would become a Christian theocracy?

Roy Moore is not an aberration. Our equally extreme evangelical vice president, Mike Pence, also believes our laws should be based on the Bible. And he opposes abortion, Planned Parenthood, gay rights and stem cell research. Moreover, he denies climate change, and promotes the false equivalence of creationism and evolution. Religious belief blinds him to the mountains of evidence that have shown us how truly fascinating and marvelous our real world is. A closed mind one step away from the presidency is truly alarming.

Evangelicals believe the Bible, as the Taliban believe the Koran, to be the true word of their one god. And evangelicals point to the fulfillment of the biblical prophecies and miracles as proof, a circular logic that could not meet any scientific standard. And while there is no scientific proof of ancient miracles, the ancient writers would consider many things that are commonplace today as miraculous — cancer cures by radiation or chemotherapy for example. Far more "miracles" have been produced by modern science and medicine than were ever conceived in the Bible or produced by prayer.

What is certain is that the rejection of science in favor of ancient scrip-

ture already inhibits research and the development of new drugs and medical procedures, which have dire consequences, as it has in the Islamic states.

The philosopher Spinoza, one of the most brilliant minds of the 17th century, was raised in the Jewish faith. He recognized inconsistencies in the Bible, and became a critic of Judaism, and in fact all organized religions, for which he was labeled a heretic. Nonetheless, he believed in a god and that the one true, consistent and important message of the Bible was "love thy neighbor."

Spinoza also understood the danger posed by theocracy and explained that theocratic governments fail because their leaders are motivated by personal interpretations of scripture, rather than doing what is in the public interest. Such subjectivity inevitably leads to disagreement. The thousand-year violent and bloody struggle between the Sunnis and Shiites is the most glaring example, but there are many examples of similar conflict between Christian sects, the Church of England and the Catholic Church during the reign of Henry the Eighth for instance.

Spinoza also believed that a democratic society, with laws based on reason and evidence, like the society we enjoy in the United States, offers the greatest potential to serve the public good. But we live in a time when our democracy is threatened. Evangelical support of national leaders who choose to ignore evidence, refuse to reason and attack our democratic institutions should alarm every American.

Blind adherence to the Bible promises to be as damaging to our way of life as the Taliban's blind adherence to the Koran has devastated Afghanistan's once thriving culture. The vision of Spinoza and our inspired American way of life are at stake.

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State legislators are destroying lifelines for small businesses



RUSTY
WEISS

Running a business is a blood sport. Just half survive their first five years. Only one in three makes it to year 10.

When disaster strikes — sales dip, equipment breaks — most small businesses have no choice but to close. They're running on razor-thin profit margins as it is — and most have little savings.

Thankfully, there are new service providers catering to small businesses. These providers offer "merchant capital" — essentially, cash advances on future earnings. The advances have helped thousands of small firms in times of need.

But across the country, some powerful lawmakers are campaigning to

squash this industry. Their efforts would destroy this lifeline.

Banks have always been wary of small businesses. Such loans tend to be much riskier than loans to larger companies. The 2008 financial crisis made banks even more risk averse: bank loans to small businesses are down about 20 percent since the crash.

Most small businesses are in a financially precarious position. Even if they're making a profit, few have enough savings to absorb unexpected costs. Say a food truck's broiler breaks or a small law practice loses a major client. To whom can these owners turn for cash?

Enter merchant capital. Here's how it works: the provider evaluates the business's expected revenues to determine the size of the advance.

Most merchant capital firms don't consider credit history. For many small businesses, that would be a deal-killer; they had to load up on debt in

their early growth stages. Providers don't require collateral, just a "performance guarantee" legally committing the owner to try his or her best to pay back the advance.

Merchant advances are repaid through automatic deductions from a firm's sales. Providers tie repayments to performance — they're lower when sales are down and higher when sales are up.

Since merchant capital firms are exposing themselves to the possibility that the small business won't hit its revenue projections, advances come with higher prices than traditional loans.

But most businesses are glad to pay them. The quick cash is a godsend.

Some state lawmakers have failed to appreciate this calculus and remain convinced that merchant capital is too expensive. Several are trying to squash the industry entirely.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, for

example, silently slipped a provision into his newest budget proposal ratcheting up controls on merchant capital firms, including expensive licensing requirements. The California state Legislature just passed untested rules restricting industry marketing.

These bills would saddle merchant capital providers with excessive costs and drive many out of business.

Small businesses are the backbone of the economy, employing nearly half the private sector workforce and creating about two in three new jobs.

But these businesses are also fragile. They need options for quick cash. These misguided regulations would doom them to bankruptcy.

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Saying so long to a successful senior class

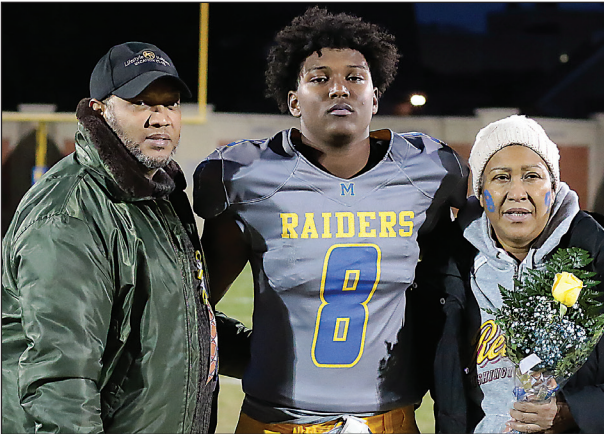
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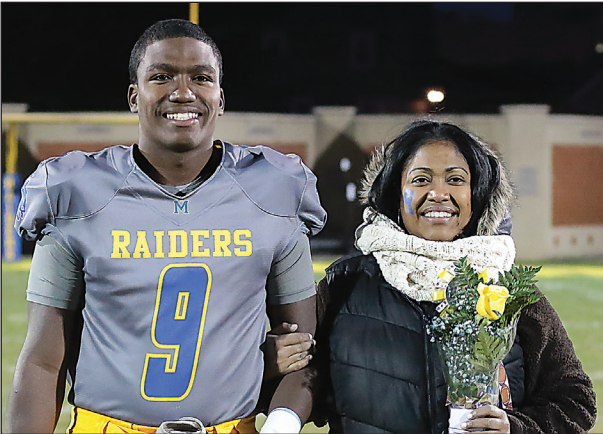
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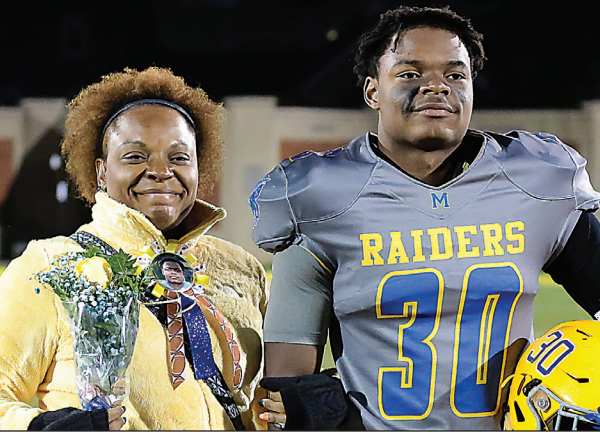
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Remains found in Londonderry those of Lower Swatara man

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The skeletal remains found near Swatara Creek Road in Londonderry Township on Oct. 18 have been confirmed to be those of an area man who has been missing since July 31.

Forensic testing by the Dauphin County Coroner's Office confirmed the remains are those of Kory Zimmer of the 100 block of Eby Lane in Lower Swatara Township, township Detective Robert Appleby told the Press & Journal.

Zimmer would be 48 now. He was 47 when he went missing.

Zimmer had a history of seizures and did not have his medication on him when he was last seen at 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, Lower Swatara police posted on the township's Crimewatch site when the missing person alert regarding Zimmer was first made public Aug. 2.

Deer hunters discovered the remains in a remote, swampy wooded area off of Vine Street, described as being far off the beaten path.

The remains were reported to State Police at about 9 p.m. Oct. 18. Zimmer lived just north of the turnpike bridge, within walk-

ing distance of where he was found.

There were times in the past when Zimmer would have a seizure and then get confused and wander off, Appleby said.

The area where Zimmer lived, not far from Swatara Creek, was still swollen July 31 from heavy rains that had brought on flooding the week before.

One theory is that Zimmer might have gotten caught up in the high water that still remained.

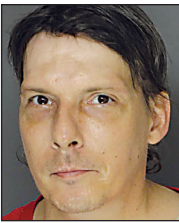
But Appleby said he doesn't know what happened,

and "we may never know what actually happened."

The detective described Zimmer as "a nice guy who kept to himself. He didn't bother anybody."

The first clues to police that the remains were Zimmer were clothes found near the remains matching what Zimmer was wearing the last time he was seen.

Appleby said the remains were confirmed as Zimmer's through dental records police obtained from a dentist who did a procedure on him in 2014.



Zimmer