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Middletown property tax increase likely

Would be first since 2008; 1 mill hike would cost \$100 more for property worth \$100,000

By Dan Miller
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An increase in the borough property tax — the first since 2008 — appears likely for Middletown residents in 2019.

Borough council has asked staff for options of what a 2019 general fund budget would look like, based on a tax increase ranging from 1 mill to 2.25 mills.

A 1 mill hike would increase the

tax bill by \$100 for someone in the borough with property assessed at \$100,000. A two-mill hike would increase that tax bill by \$200.

Each 1 mill increase is projected to bring in \$248,000 in new revenue.

Council has made no decisions and won't before Saturday, when council during a public meeting starting at 9 a.m. in the Municipal Building could act to approve a preliminary general fund budget for 2019.

A preliminary budget must be publicly advertised for at least 10 days before Dec. 31, when council by law is to have an approved balanced budget in place for 2019.

Borough residents narrowly avoided a tax increase last year, when council voted for a 0.5 mill increase, only to reverse itself a month later and reject the tax hike when giving final approval to a \$6.1 million general fund budget for 2018.

This time, the thinking appears to be that last year's reversal was a mistake, and because the tax did not go up at all last year a larger increase is needed now.

Arguments for a hike

Most vocal in advocating for a tax increase has been Mayor James H. Curry III. Curry doesn't have a vote — unless called on to break a council tie. Council will have only six members at Satur-

day's meeting, because Damon Suglia's resignation will take effect Friday.

Curry has referred to comments made by former borough council President Ben Kapenstein — who resigned from council in May — that council each year should be increasing the property tax by an amount equal to the rate of inflation.

"If four years ago we had been slowly picking away at the tax

rate, we would be ahead," Curry said during the Nov. 1 council budget meeting. "We'd be in a position right now where we would be ahead of where we are...how much has inflation gone up in the last 11 years?"

"Dawn and I didn't have the votes last year," the mayor continued, referring to Councilor Dawn Knoll, who was the only councilor

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Stormwater fee could be around \$9 a month

Lower Swatara still talking about how to assess different types of properties

By Laura Hayes
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Lower Swatara Township residents might pay anywhere from \$8.40 to \$9.70 a month for a stormwater utility fee, according to three different proposed rate models.

Lower Swatara Board of Commissioners and members of the township Municipal Authority met Oct. 30 to discuss the potential of implementing a fee to fund a stormwater program.

Some municipalities across the state, including Lower Swatara, are required to manage their stormwater.

The township's engineering firm HRG presented three different models — one flat fee, one tiered flat fee and one fee based on impervious area. According to HRG's numbers, fees for the average single family residence fell at \$9.30 a month under a flat fee, \$9.70 a month under a flat tiered fee and \$8.40 a month under a fee based on impervious surface, or parts of a property where the run off water can't be absorbed such as parking lots and buildings.

In the past, HRG staff has suggested that the fee could be implemented between January and March 2019, although some township leaders have expressed interest in ensuring the fee was fair versus hitting a deadline.

Requirements of the federal Clean Water Act are administered under Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection's MS4 (municipal separate storm sewer system) Program.

Besides tightening environmental requirements — such as reducing solids entering waterways — HRG's Adrienne Vicari said the township is facing other stormwater challenges such as polluted streams, more development in the township and aging infrastructure.

According to Vicari, some of the township's storm sewer system was constructed by developers and dedicated to the township. Lower Swatara has 23 miles of pipe, including 1,200 inlets and 236 outfalls into channels and streams.

"But now it's reaching the end of its useful life, and a significant amount will need to be

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Paying tribute to a fallen comrade



STAFF PHOTO BY LAURA HAYES

Soldiers walk out of Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Middletown following the funeral of Spc. Mason James Guckavan on Thursday. Guckavan, a 2016 Middletown Area High School graduate, died of a gunshot wound on Oct. 26 while stationed at Fort Wainwright in Alaska. Burial with full military honors was held at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery and was private for family only. 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. See more photos at www.pressandjournal.com.



MAMS honors those who served for Veterans Day

By Laura Hayes
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Middletown Area Middle School honored veterans at its annual Veterans Appreciation Ceremony on Nov. 9.

During the event, the band and color guard performed. Three students read essays on why they honor the American flag.

Sixth-grader Aman Azim said the flag represented the blood, sweat and tears to raise the United States.

"By honoring the American flag, we show respect to every race, religion and gender who sacrifice their lives for the freedom of this nation," Azim said. "Many wars are fought. Many lives are lost, but at the end, this flag is what unites us."

All veterans were recognized,

but the ceremony paid a special tribute to Vietnam War veterans, showing CBS footage of the war from 1970.

The guest speaker was Lou Braasch, who has lived in Lower Swatara since 1976 and had a 45-year career in radio. He is better known as Dan Steele.

Braasch is a Navy veteran and served during the Vietnam War. After failing his physical to enlist in the Marine Corps, Braasch enlisted in the Navy.

"My twin brother Larry and I were raised to believe that serving your country to defend the freedom we enjoy was the honorable thing to do," he said.

Braasch served on the aircraft carrier the USS Forrestal as an aircraft hydraulic mechanic and a crewman on a C-1A cargo plane.

He was onboard the Forrestal during the 1967 fire which killed 134 of his shipmates and injured 161.

Braasch said the fire affected him for the rest of his life.



Braasch



Christine Miller, Geno Corradi, Mario Corradi, Dominic Corradi, Adrian Corradi and Enzo Corradi eat breakfast at MAMS as part of the Veterans Day Program on Friday.



STAFF PHOTOS BY LAURA HAYES

Stewart Robinson tips his hat as Navy veterans are recognized during MAMS Veterans Day Program on Friday. See more photos at www.pressandjournal.com.



Zoe Bretz serves Jeffrey Roberts during the MAMS Veterans Day breakfast.

Borough Christmas tree gets new home

By Dan Miller
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Middletown's annual Christmas tree-lighting ceremony will be at a new location this year — the historic St. Peter's Kierchat North Union and West High streets.

The tree lighting will take place at 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, Mayor James H. Curry III announced during borough council's Nov. 7 meeting.

The tree lighting will be preceded by holiday festivities from 5 to 8 p.m., including horse-and-carriage rides.

In each of the past two years, several downtown businesses and restaurants have supported the event by providing food and other services to those who attend.

Curry has said he expects more vendors to participate in this year's event than in the previous two years.

In the past two years the tree-lighting ceremony has been held downtown, with the tree being erected in the front lawn of the McNair House property at North Union and East Emaus streets.

In November 2017, the McNair House property was sold by the Middletown Industrial and Commercial Development Authority for \$90,000 to private investors Virginia and Adam Germak of Middletown.

The authority planned to obtain an easement from the Germaks allowing the borough to use the front lawn for the annual Christmas tree lighting and for other public events.

However, the Germaks in May sued the ICDA in Dauphin County Court over the deal.

The Germaks in the lawsuit accused the authority of fraud and of making misrepresentations regarding the property before the sale. The lawsuit is pending in county court.

Curry said that because of the lawsuit, the borough needed to

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Public notices in this week's Press & Journal

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- **ROYALTON:** Availability of Proposed Budget. **A4**
- **LOWER PAXTON TWP:** Estate of Livia Harrell. **A4**



OURCOMMUNITY



Middletown couple celebrates 70th wedding anniversary

Richard and Nancy Huber celebrated their 70th anniversary on October 22, 2018. They wed each other on October 22, 1948 in Harrisburg, Pa. They currently reside at The Middletown Home, where they celebrated this milestone anniversary, surrounded by family.



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ATTENTION

LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Leaf Collection Schedule

STARTING OCTOBER 22ND

- Please have your leaves out prior to the scheduled day
- Once the trucks have moved through an area they may not return until the next scheduled pickup
- If time and weather permit we may return to areas with heavy leaves as necessary

Mondays & Tuesdays

**Shope Gardens Area,
Greenwood Hills, Woodridge**

Wednesdays

**Bryn Gweld, Green Plains, Jednota
Flats, Rosedale Areas, Twelve Oaks**

Thursdays & Fridays

Longview Acres & Old Reliance Farms

This schedule will be followed each week through mid December 2018.
Holidays and periods when leaves fall rapidly may cause temporary disruption in schedule.

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PLEASE TRY TO KEEP IT CLEARED. LIMBS, BRANCHES, STICKS,
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**Thanksgiving Holiday
Collection Schedule**
Thursday 11/22/18

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS:

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, all regular Penn Waste trash and recycling collections will be delayed one (1) day. Thursday customers will be collected on Friday. Friday customers will be collected on Saturday. All collections on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be picked up on the regularly scheduled day.

Please visit our web site at www.pennwaste.com for specific municipality information.

Sign Up for our E-News Updates to receive collection updates sent directly to your e-mail inbox!

Penn Waste wishes all of our customers a safe and happy holiday!

NEWS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD | LAVONNE ACKERMAN

What big things happened Nov. 14?

Hi, folks!
What is so exciting about Nov. 14? This date is rich in history. If you are like me, you might be interested in investigating dates through the years.
Did you know that the power plant at Niagara Falls began operation on Nov. 14, 1896?
Only 110 years ago, theoretical physicist Albert Einstein presented his quantum theory of light.
The first airplane flight from the deck of a ship occurred in Norfolk, Virginia, on Nov. 14, 1910. This is interesting to me as my dad was a Navy pilot who flew airplanes from aircraft carriers from 1955 to his death in 1963.

Charles H. Kruse Jr., my dad, flew an F4U Corsair onto the deck of carrier USS Lake Champlain (CVA-39) for the first time on June 21, 1955.
This is when he was doing aircraft carrier qualifications. Later on, he joined the VC-4 Nightcappers Squadron out of Atlantic City, New Jersey. Eventually he flew Vigilantes off of the USS Enterprise aircraft carrier. This man loved to fly. It was his passion.
Please have a wonderful week, and don't forget to share your news!

Birthdays
Kyle Brennan of Lower Swatara celebrates his big-deal 21st cake-and-ice cream day on Wednesday, Nov. 14. Wishing you a week of joy and happiness, Kyle. Congrats!
Best wishes to **Alyssa Ebersole** of Middletown on Wednesday, Nov. 14, as she observes her landmark 21st birthday. Congrats and enjoy your legal-eagle day!
Devin Martin of Royalton marks his last teener 19th birthday on Nov. 14. If you see him out and about on Wednesday, be sure to give him a loud and happy greeting!
Joe Hile of Lower Swatara will celebrate his party day on Thursday, Nov. 15. May your day be full of smiles and sunshine, Joe! Enjoy.

Happy 24th cake day to **Alexander Gipe** on Nov. 15. Hoping your Thursday is thrilling and you have a beautiful day, Alex!
Happy landmark 21st happy birthday to **Kassidy Deibler** of Lower Swatara on Thursday, Nov. 15. Wishing you the best birthday yet as you celebrate this very special day, Kassidy!
Morgan Baumbach of Middletown celebrates cake day No. 21 on Nov. 16. Have a fantastic time on Friday. Enjoy your super-duper day all week long, Morgan. Congrats!

Leandra Cruz of Middletown marks her 20th birthday on Friday, Nov. 16. Welcome to the 20s, Leandra! I hope your day is super-fine.
The birthday song will be sung on Friday, Nov. 16 for **Cliff Meifert** of Lower Swatara. May it be a sweet sound to your ears, Cliff! Have a wonderful weekend with lots of cake, I hope!
Brenda Chesney of Lower Swatara observes another frosty-filled cake day on Saturday, Nov. 17. Wishing you an autumn birthday full of beauty and love!

Carly Zimmerman of Lower Swatara marks her 15th confetti-popping day on Sunday, Nov. 18. Enjoy your day with lots of fun and family and friends!
Happy 15th birthday to **Camila Martinez** of Lower Swatara. My, haven't the years gone by so quickly? Hoping this Nov. 18, Sunday cake day is the best day, Camila!

Ed Nagy of Lower Swatara celebrates his snappy-happy birthday on Monday, Nov. 19. Many blessings are sent to you during your birthday week, Ed!
Hey, **Alex Monroig** of Lower Swatara! Happy birthday to you on Monday, Nov. 19, as you turn 15. Make the most of these young years!
Many blessings and lots of love are sent to **Harmonei Zerbe** of Middletown on Monday, Nov. 19. I hope your 11th birthday is as special and beautiful as you!

Anniversaries
A huge happy 26th anniversary greeting is sent out to **Ray**

and **Lisa Shaver** of Lower Swatara on Wednesday, Nov. 14. Have a wonderful week, kids!
Best wishes for a super-duper wedding anniversary to **Gilbert and Stephenie Flowers** of Lower Swatara on Friday, Nov. 16. Enjoy candy, flowers and hearts!
John and Lori Abbott of Lower Swatara observe their romantic holiday on Tuesday, Nov. 20. Happy 36th anniversary to you both. Congrats!

Elementary kids
If your child (first through fifth grade) attends Fink, Kunkel or Reid elementary schools, then they are invited to attend Child Evangelism Fellowship Good News Clubs.
All clubs are after school: Kunkel on Mondays; Reid on Wednesdays; and Fink on Thursdays. Students may pick up permission slips in their school office. The students enjoy lessons from the Bible, songs, games, challenges and treats!
Call CEF for more information at 717-652-0372. This group is not sponsored by Middletown Area School District.

Movie time
All are invited to the showing of "It's A Wonderful Life" at Highspire United Methodist Church, 170 2nd St., Highspire, on Saturday, Dec. 1.
The movie starts at 4:30 p.m. Free popcorn and a drink will be provided.
After the movie, the group will proceed to the Highspire tree lighting ceremony at the former bank on the corner. The group will then go on to the firehouse to meet Santa.
Come out and enjoy some Christmas cheer!

Thanksgiving dinner for vets
A free Thanksgiving dinner for veterans and their families and the public will be offered at the American Legion Post 594 from noon to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 22.
The post, 137 E. High St., is playing host to the dinner along with Middletown Moose Lodge 410.

The Legion needs volunteers to help serve the dinner.

Recipe
From Susan Wagner — thank you!
Crockpot Tomato Basil Chicken with Baby Spinach

Yields: 3 servings per pound of meat
5 oz. bag fresh baby spinach
30 oz. tomato sauce
2 Tbsp. olive oil
2 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar
1 packet of McCormick Grill Mates "Tomato, Garlic & Basil" marinade
1-2 lbs. boneless, skinless chicken breasts
Add all ingredients into a crock pot. Cook on low for 4 hours. Serve with spaghetti.

Quote of the Week
"Because God's promises are unbreakable, our hope is unshakable!" — Max Lucado, author.

Question of the Week
What is your favorite season, why?
"Summer, it's warm and we get to go on vacation to the beach." — **Annaveh Gordon**, 8, Lower Swatara.
"Fall, because of football!" — **Tim Wagner**, 16, Lower Swatara.
"Summer. We can go swimming. Swimming is one of my favorite things to do." — **Vanessa Adams**, 11, Lower Swatara.
"Winter. I like the cold!" — **Alex Kelly**, 9, Swatara.
"Summer. We get off school and we can play all day!" — **Victoria Kelly**, Swatara.
"Winter, because of basketball!" — **Matt Wagner**, 15, Lower Swatara.

Proverb for the Week
A gift given in secret soothes anger, and a bribe concealed in the cloak pacifies great wrath (21:14).

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

MAHS announces honor roll for first quarter

Middletown Area High School recently announced its distinguished honor roll and honor roll for the first 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 12: Hayli Akakpo-Martin, Melissa Cabrera Gonzalez, Marie Chambers, Devon Finsterbush, Alexis Fischer, Benjamin Knisely, Aayushi Patel, Natchaya Srisai, Jesse Van Eik, and Lynnsey Woodley.
Grade 11: Dylan Bakaric, Daniel Brenner, Tristan Cassidy, Zackery Dunlap, Dane Ebersole, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Cayla Garman, Caroline Gill, Alexis Habbershon, Madalynne McGovern, Vidhi Patel, Angelina Torres, and Raymond Truntz.
Grade 10: Jayden Benner, Nathan Burkholder, Levi Ettu, Morgan Klingeman, Emma Lovell, Alia Mendez, Ayden Miller, and Dylon Zettlemoyer.
Grade 9: Christian Burke-Bowman, Lucia Caretti, Chloe Cleland, Sara Dintiman, Skylar Garza, Cynthia Ortiz-Sanchez, Gabriela Przybylski, and Matthew Wagner.

Honor Roll
Grade 12: Tanner Albright, Scott Ash, Ryan Berstler, Anna Buffington, Joshua Burrows, Brandon Coble, Brayden Erickson, Stephanie Finsterbush, Alexandria Fish, Adriene Funck, Mason Garza, Celeste Grob, Joseph Gusler, Connor Guyette, Alexis Harmon, Terrance Jefferson, Kayla Jorich, Sierra Kamara, Alexandria Kennedy, Smruti Khasakia, Kaitlyn Knaub, Jocilyn Koser, Anthony LaVia, Ceajay Lawrence, Edgar Lopez, Alexis Manfred, Shelby Miller, Timothy Nevil, Cameron Parkhill, Anthony Paul, Genesis Ramirez Cruz, Cole Senior, Jade Senior, Jaxson Senior, Aiden Sessa, Braden Shetter, Gabrielle Smallwood, Adonis Taveras, Clayton Wagner, Avery

Williams, Hannah Wilsbach, Abigail Wisniewski, Nathan Witmer, and Lexi Zimmer.
Grade 11: Cassidy Anderson, Macy Appleby, Jacob Buffington, William Cleland, Cameron Deimler, Bankshita Devkota, Larraye Donicker, Jordyn Dupes, Cassandra Ebersole, Casandra Eckert, Luke Fegley, Leilani Fulmer, Lily Gingrich, Destiny Gutshall, Kayla Gutshall, Danautya Harris, Hailey Hockenberry, Jace Imler, Jenna Jerome, Jonathan Jumper, Camden Kell, Bethany Keyser, Connor Leiby, Victoria Lopez, Jose Lopez-Quinones, Daniel Lugo, Zachary Malay, Alyssa Martz, Griffin Meyer, Haven Miller, Jaden Miller, Miranda Molander, Robert Nies, Kaden O'Rourke, Makenna Redline, Quincy Reinagel, Grady Ritchey, Andrea Rivas, Kiley Roy, Camryn Russ, Krea Scheaffer, Courtney Shaffer, Matthew Spangler, Joseph Spear, Caleb Springer, Sebastian Steen, Kendall Stiffler, Isabella Stillo, China Williams, Matthew Wynkoop, Justin Yohn, and Noelle Zimmerman.

Grade 10: Jenna Alford, Mahnoor Azim, Angelina Black, William Brown, Alyssa Bush, Quinn Dworchak, Gray Gamble, Abigail Grimland, Gavin Hickoff, Ruth Hoffman, Alexis Jefferson, Jordan Knaub, Antonio Koser, Amanda Lee, Janelle Leggore, Caden Prisbe, Belinda Schroll, Collin Shaffer, Isha Shah, Kaden Sweeney, Timothy Wagner, Derek Wall, Katie Weese, Damien Weigel, Conner Witmer, and Haley Yingling.
Grade 9: Presley Carnes, Vincent Corradi, Taylor Dunlap, Carly Dupes, Ashley Gamble, Sydney Garza, Megan Gipe, Hailey Herneisey, Maya Herneisey, Alexandra Hess, Tamia Hill-Johnson, Camila Martinez, Karly Mather, Aaron Mayersky, Patrick McHugh, Sarah Misceovich, Emma Mitchell, Lani Moore, Caden Paul, Benjamin Rine, Keeney Rogers, Marissa Romberger, Jalen Rowley, Kennedy Sharon, Madison Sieber, Ian Sipe, Dominic Smallwood, Mason Swartz, Maya Wagner, Keira Weise-Torres, Charnay Wesley, Austin Wolf, and Doron Yospa.

TOWN TOPICS

Cash Bash Bingo at Middletown Fire Hall

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.

2 days left for book sale at Middletown Library

The Middletown Public Library, 20 N. Catherine St., Middletown, will hold its final two days of the fall book sale. Hours are from 4 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 15; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17.

Chicken, waffles dinner at Londonderry Fire

Londonderry Fire Company, 2655 Foxianna Road, will hold its Chicken and Waffles Dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18.
Delivery is available by calling 717-944-2175.

Thanksgiving holiday trash collection slated

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, all regular Penn Waste trash and recycling collections

will be delayed one day. Thursday customers will be collected on Friday. Friday customers will be collected on Saturday. All collections on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be picked up on the regularly scheduled day.
Visit www.pennwaste.com for municipality information.

Leaf collection schedule set for Lower Swatara

Lower Swatara Township leaf collection will run through mid-December.
Collection on Mondays and Tuesdays will cover the Shope Gardens area, Greenwood Hills,

and Woodridge.
Collection on Wednesdays will cover Bryn Gweld, Green Plains, Jednota Flats, Rosedale Areas, and Twelve Oaks.
Collection on Thursdays and Fridays will cover Longview Acres and Old Reliance Farms.

Kielbasa, perohi sale at St. Ann Byzantine

St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church, 5408 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, will hold a kielbasa and perohi sale from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 8; and 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12.
For information, call 717-652-0545 or visit www.stannbyz.org.

No tax increase planned for Lower Swatara

By Laura Hayes
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Lower Swatara Township is proposing a balanced budget for 2019 with no tax increases, although township expenses and incoming revenue are projected to increase.

Proposed new expenses include two new police officers, an MS4 coordinator, new computer software and a new salt shed.

The board unanimously authorized advertising the intent to adopt the 2019 budget and tax ordinance and make the draft budget available for public inspection during its Nov. 7 meeting.

The draft budget will be posted for at least 20 days; it is available at lowerswatara.org and at the township office.

According to township manager Betsy McBride, the last tax increase was in 2013.

Commissioner Michael Davies, who leads the township budget and finance committee, presented the budget.

The township anticipates a \$404,119 increase in revenue, including increases in funds coming from real estate taxes, licenses and permits, interest, rentals of pavilions and soccer fields at Greenfield Park, grants, township services, pension state aid and health care reimbursements.

A majority of revenue comes from real estate taxes. In total, the township is projecting bringing in \$7,202,428 in 2019.

Lower Swatara is anticipating an increase in its expenses, too. Davies said public safety is the largest area of expenses.

Overall, public safety expenses are budgeted to increase by 14 percent to \$3,052,463, including spending \$384,769 more in the police department.

Davies said they budgeted to hire a new police officer for 2019 and anticipated hiring another officer by the end of 2018.

Increases in the police budget are in a number of areas, including salaries and benefits, overtime, retirement and costs for attorneys and arbitrators. Davies said they anticipate buying new radios for police vehicles, which are estimated to cost \$50,900.

The township also anticipates

adding another position in the public works department, to spend part of their time as the assistant public works director and the other part as the MS4 coordinator.

Township leaders are discussing creation of a fee to fund a stormwater program. An MS4 coordinator would help run it.

President Jon Wilt said it wasn't an "automatic given" that new personnel would be hired just because it is in the budget.

Lower Swatara is budgeting \$10,000 more for its legal services and \$40,000 more for its engineering services compared to the 2018 budget.

Davies said the township intends to purchase new software for its staff for \$160,000.

"We've been handicapped in the past by different departments using different software and not able to appropriately communicate and transfer information back and forth as a result of it," Davies said.

Davies said the township needs to replace the salt storage shed behind the old firehouse.

"It's literally falling apart, and we need to replace it with something that's modern and a little bit larger so that we can buy a little more salt at one time," Davies said.

Lower Swatara has budgeted \$162,000 for highway maintenance equipment — which includes both the shed and possibly a large plow.

The township is estimating it will spend \$596,056 less on culture and recreation. According to Davies, last year, the township spent money repairing playground equipment at township parks and projects at Shope Gardens and Old Reliance parks. However, the township anticipates spending \$32,000 to replace bleachers at Little Hollywood.

The draft budget calls for cuts to expenditures. Some major decreases include \$40,000 less for major equipment at government buildings; \$18,000 less for materials to repair and maintain township roads, highways and bridges; \$179,000 less on MS4 expenses including for the annual permit and engineering; \$200,700 less for special recreation projects; and \$58,740 less for major recreation purchases.

Community Thanksgiving Service no longer will be held

By Dan Miller
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After 30 years, the Community Thanksgiving Service is not being held this year, Middletown Area Interfaith Council has announced.

The council sees the move not as an end, but as a beginning toward how the council can better meet the needs of the Middletown community. Council President Pastor J. Richard Eckert told the Press & Journal.

"Participation in the service by both lay and clergy has been in consistent decline for many years and no longer functions to bring us together," Eckert said in a prepared statement issued on behalf of the council.

Eckert recalls that when he arrived in Middletown in 1992, every seat was filled for the Thanksgiving service when it was held in the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish.

But steadily over time attendance at the service has dwindled to where only about 30 people have shown up in recent years.

That could reflect the overall decline in church attendance nationally, Eckert said. With so many competing activities, people are being pulled in more and more directions.

He also shared a sense that while Middletown has become more diverse over the years, the service has failed to evolve to reflect the diversity.

The council is embarking on a process of "renewal and visioning" to determine how best to meet the needs of the community going forward, Eckert said.

That process will kick off with "Polka with Purpose," a special event being held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 121 N. Spring St.

There will be food, refreshments, and live music by the Heidelberg Brass Band.

The council will share information about the ministries and services that the council provides, such as Middletown Area Food Pantry, the Human Needs Fund, and the Care-A-Van service that provides rides to senior citizens who lack transportation.

The council is inviting the community to this event, in order to hear from people about what the council should be doing, Eckert said.

In place of the service, the council is urging greater support of the food pantry and Human Needs Fund.

The pantry serves 165 to 175 households a month on average. Donations of nonperishable food items can be dropped off at the food pantry at 201 Wyoming St. in Royaltown.

Pantry hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday and Fridays. The pantry can be reached by calling 717-944-5668.

The Human Needs Fund provides grants of money to assist people having trouble paying for rent, utilities, and other services. Donations to the fund can be sent to Middletown Interfaith Council, Box 207, Middletown, Pa. 17057.

To learn more about the fund, contact the Community Action Commission at the food pantry at 717-616-8443.

OBITUARIES



Carl Helm
MIDDLETOWN

Carl B. Helm, 93, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at Frey Village Nursing Center, Middletown. He was born on August 19, 1925 in Shippensburg and was the loving son of the late Ellsworth and Bertha (Brubaker) Helm.

Carl served in the United States Navy during World War II and was a proud veteran. He and his wife owned Helms Grocery Store in Middletown for 30+ years. Carl was a member of the former Londonderry Lions Club and the Lancaster Research and Recovery Club.

In addition to his parents, Carl was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley (Sundy) Helm and his sister JoAnn Reyes.

Carl is survived by his son, Thomas C. (Dorothy) Helm of Allentown; daughter, Diana L. (Thomas) DuMond of Lower Swatara; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister Geraldine Espenshade.

A graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Carl's name to the Humane Society of Harrisburg Area, Inc., 7790 Grayson Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17111.

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

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



John Root
MIDDLETOWN

John "Jack" A. Root, 62, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Friday, November 9, 2018 at Select Specialty Hospital, Harrisburg.

A tribute to Jack's life will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Matinchek Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 260 East Main St., Middletown, with the Rev. Ted Keating officiating. There will be a visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Wednesday. Masonic Rights will be held 15 minutes prior to service.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in John's name to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 15829, Arlington, VA 22215.

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



Miriam Rutter
MIDDLETOWN

Miriam M. Rutter, 95, of Middletown, entered into rest on Saturday, November 10, 2018, at Frey Village Nursing Home, Middletown.

She was born on October 22, 1923, in Elizabethtown and was the loving daughter of the late Walter and Mary (Fry) Daveler.

Miriam was a part of the Ladies Society & Rachael Circle of WUMC Sunday school class.

Miriam enjoyed cooking, canning and gardening but her greatest love was her family and babysitting her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents Miriam was preceded in death by her husband, Earl W. Rutter Sr.; daughter, Barbara Heisey; sister, Martha Keller; brothers, Claude, Ralph and James Daveler.

Miriam is survived by her children, Gloria Rutter of Middletown, Earl Rutter Jr. (Janet) of Middletown, Patricia Rider (Paul) of Elizabethtown, Kathy Hipple of Middletown, and Nancy Shoffner (Thomas) of Lewisberry; 12 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and sister Evelyn Walters Balmer of Lititz.

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

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Miriam's name to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or New Beginnings Church, 630 S. Union St., Middletown, PA 17057.

The family has entrusted the Matinchek Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 260 East Main St., Middletown, Pa.

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



Geraldine Stouffer
MIDDLETOWN

Geraldine J. Stouffer, 65, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at Kinkora Pythian Home, Duncannon, Pa.

She was born on January 1, 1953 in Harrisburg, Pa. the daughter of the late Curtis and Alice (Knouse) Hershman.

Geraldine is survived by her companion, Barry R. Smith; her children, Joseph, Robert, Kevin and Keith Stouffer and Dorothy Holliday and Mary Ann Stouffer; her brother, James Hershman; her sisters, Mary Trimarco, Kathleen Gish and Margaret Fulton; 21 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14 at the Matinchek Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Inc., at 260 East Main St., Middletown, Pa. Viewing will be from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the funeral home.

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Loretta Rusatsky
FORMERLY OF MIDDLETOWN

Loretta Rusatsky, M. Ed., age 65, of Campbellsburg, Ky., passed away on Sunday, October 21, 2018. She was a native of Middletown and was a graduate of Middletown Area High School.

She attended Millersville State College and earned her bachelors degree of education in three short years. She received her master's degree with honors from the University of Louisville. She retired from Henry County School District with 31 years.

She was fond of playing her accordion and guitar. She loved her pets, traveling abroad and visiting

Churchill Downs, especially during Derby Week.

She was preceded in death by her father, Eugene.

She is survived by her mother, Eleanor of Mechanicsburg, brother Gene (Robin), and her nephew Tony and fiancée Jada, all of Mechanicsburg.

This was her life's motto: God grant me the serenity to accept the things that I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Memorial services to be set at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to Family Resource Center (payable to Henry County Schools, 326 S. Main St., New Castle, KY 40050).

Daniel Kreiser
HIGHSPIRE

Daniel Joseph Kreiser Jr., 57, of Highspire, passed away Sunday, November 4, 2018. Danny was born November 26, 1960 and raised in Middletown. He is the youngest of nine siblings to his late parents Daniel Joseph Kreiser Sr. and Dorothy Mae Kreiser.

He leaves behind is beloved wife Ellen Kreiser.

Danny was always a hardworking man, who would go out of his way to help those who asked. He

loved fishing and generally just being outdoors. He could grill just about anything, at any time of the year. He always loved growing his own vegetables in his gardens.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by five of his sisters. Danny has two daughters, Jennie Ondeck and Jonie Buggy; two sons, Michael Ondeck and Joseph Daniel Kreiser; along with two stepchildren Troy Hamilton and Jodi Henderson; and many grandchildren.

Arrangements for cremation have been made. At this time a memorial service has not been scheduled.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Lower Swatara, Dauphin County, intends to consider at its regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Township building located at 1499 Spring Garden Drive, Middletown, PA 17057, the two following ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO. AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, DURING FISCAL YEAR 2019.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the Board of Commissioners of Lower Swatara Township, County of Dauphin, Pennsylvania:

SECTION 1. That for the expenses for the fiscal year 2019 the following amounts are hereby appropriated from the revenue available for the current year for the specific purposes set forth below, which amounts are more fully itemized in the Budget Form:

GENERAL FUND		
SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS		
300	Taxes	\$4,532,185
320	Licenses & Permits	370,475
330	Fines & Forfeits	58,000
340	Interest & Rents	21,150
350	Intergovernmental Revenues & Grants	228,955
360	Charges for Service	522,650
380	Miscellaneous Revenues	338,236
390	Other Financing Sources	1,130,777
TOTAL ESTIMATED OPERATING RECEIPTS		
AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION		\$7,202,428

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS			
	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	CAPITAL OUTLAY	TOTAL
400 General Government	\$ 959,305	\$ 92,100	\$ 1,051,405
410 Public Safety (Protection to persons & property)	3,572,690	50,900	3,623,590
420 Health & Welfare	21,500	-0-	21,500
430 Public Works	1,090,290	221,000	1,311,290
446 NPDES MS4	288,500	-0-	288,500
450 Culture – Recreation	190,584	32,000	222,584
470-80 Miscellaneous	683,559	-0-	683,559
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND (ALL OPERATIONS)	\$6,806,428	\$396,000	\$7,202,428

FROM GENERAL FUND (ALL OPERATIONS)
The Ordinance further provides a listing of Estimated Receipts and Appropriations for specialized areas as follows:

STREET LIGHT FUND		
Estimated Beginning Cash		163,441
Total Receipts		73,375
Total Expenditures		57,665
Estimated Cash, Ending		169,151

HYDRANT FUND		
Estimated Beginning Cash		251,300
Total Receipts		58,225
Total Expenditures		72,810
Estimated Cash, Ending		236,715

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND		
Estimated Beginning Cash		2,040,419
Total Receipts		520,448
Total Expenditures		732,321
Estimated Cash, Ending		1,828,546

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND		
Estimated Beginning Cash		878,404
Total Receipts		85,000
Total Expenditures		0
Estimated Cash, Ending		963,404

HIGHWAY AID FUND		
Estimated Beginning Cash		626,252
Total Receipts		302,911
Total Expenditures		600,000
Estimated Cash Ending		329,163

RECREATION DEVELOPMENT FUND		
Estimated Beginning Cash		292,897
Total Receipts		3,630
Total Expenditures		32,000
Estimated Cash, Ending		264,527

POST RETIREMENT HEALTH CARE FUND		
Estimated Beginning Cash		46,991
Total Receipts		20,700
Total Expenditures		59,456
Estimated Cash, Ending		8,235

SECTION 2. An estimate of the specific items comprising the amounts appropriated to the respective departments is on file in the Municipal Building of the Township of Lower Swatara, 1499 Spring Garden Drive, Middletown, Pennsylvania.
SECTION 3. That any ordinance, or part of any ordinance, conflicting with this Ordinance is and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

ENACTED this 19th day of December 2018.
LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
By: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary

AN ORDINANCE OF LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING APPLICABLE TAX RATES FOR THE YEAR 2019.

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners of Lower Swatara Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania as follows:

SECTION 1. That a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all property and occupations within Lower Swatara Township subject to taxation for Township purposes for the fiscal year 2019 as follows:

The tax rate for General Township purposes, the rate of .325 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of .325 cents on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation.

The tax rate for Capital Improvement purposes, the rate of .54 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of .054 cents on each one hundred dollar (\$100) of assessed valuation.

The tax rate for Fire Protection purposes, the rate of .49 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of .049 cents on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation.

The tax rate for Fire Hydrant purposes, the rate of .096 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of .0096 cents on each one hundred (\$100) dollars of assessed valuation.

The sum being summarized in tabular form as follows:	
Mills on Each Dollar Of Assessed Valuation	Cents on Each One Hundred Dollars of Assessed Valuation
Tax Rate for General Township purposes	3.25
Tax Rate for Capital Improvements	.54
Tax Rate for Fire Protection Purposes	.49
Tax Rate for Fire Hydrant Purposes	.096
TOTAL	4.376

SECTION 2. The assessment rate for Street Light purposes shall be one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per lineal front footage.

SECTION 3. That any ordinance, or part of any ordinance, conflicting with this Ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

ENACTED this 19th day of December 2018.
LOWERSWATARA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BY: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary

Copies of the proposed ordinance and budget are available for copying at the Township building during regular business hours for a fee not greater than the cost thereof.

M. Elizabeth McBride
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UPS hub work likely will start next year

Several concerns still need to be addressed after board approval

By Laura Hayes

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With plans for a 775,033-square-foot parcel distribution hub approved by the Lower Swatara Board of Commissioners at its Nov. 7 meeting, UPS can start construction.

However, the plan had conditions, including outstanding concerns from township staff and engineers, a developer's and community benefit agreement, and the sanitary sewer design.

Once conditions are met and the plan is recorded, work can begin, although UPS attorney Mark Stanley said they didn't plan to break ground on the hub until spring or summer next year.

Prior to the vote, Marjie Hartz, who would live next to the hub, asked the commissioners to think about the plan, which she said would change the township and residents' lives.

"I don't know if a little bit of money is worth what you're going to do to our township," Hartz said.

The plan calls for a 775,033-square-foot parcel distribution hub on the 2100 block of North Union Street. It would sit on 192.19 acres and include two fuel stations, guard shacks, 1,500 employee parking spaces, a place to store snow equipment and a salt shed. Just off North Union Street would be a 3,467-square-foot retail center where people can drop off and collect packages.

During the meeting, some of the commissioners had questions about plans for North Union Street and the Route 283 interchange and reconstructing a pump station on North Union Street for the township.

UPS also plans to reconstruct North Union Street up to the hub entrance, including widening North Union Street to 17-foot lanes, including 5-foot-wide shoulders and bike lanes.

UPS East Region Project Manager Ovidio Irizarry told the Press & Journal that they are also proposing improvements to the intersection of North Union Street and Fulling Mill Road and the Route 283 interchange. He said it could include restriping, adding an additional lane, widening the lanes or a combination of the three.

During the meeting, engineer Ron Secary said UPS' traffic engineer submitted a traffic study to PennDOT and they are awaiting their comments.

Irizarry said the existing pump station about half a mile north of Fulling Mill Road on North Union Street doesn't support the usage needs. Stanley said they have committed to construct a new pump station at their cost.

Irizarry said they would build the pump station where the township's sewer authority determines it should be, and it would have additional capacity in the future.

Commissioner Chris DeHart abstained from the vote as he works for UPS.

D&H application for Jednota heads to planning stage

By Laura Hayes

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D&H Distributing's application to rezone part of the Jednota property was forwarded to planning commissions by the Lower Swatara Board of Commissioners on Nov. 7.

The company is asking to rezone part of the property to industrial park.

"Procedurally since they filed it, the next step is you need to refer it to the planning commission and the county planning commission for review," township solicitor Peter Henninger said.

Both planning commissions need at least 30 days to review it before a public hearing can be scheduled.

Located to the west of the Airport Connector Road, D&H is interested in building two distribution facilities on a portion of what is known as the Jednota property. D&H plans to purchase 275.87 acres of the nearly 300-acre site.

The land that D&H intends to develop is north and south of Rosedale Avenue. North of Rosedale is zoned residential urban, and south of Rosedale is zoned industrial park limited.

During a recent presentation at the Lower Swatara firehouse, D&H officials proposed one 655,200-square-foot distribution facility north of Rosedale and a second facility south of Rosedale which would be leased to a third party until D&H needs it. The second facility could be either 400,000 or 551,000 square feet depending on whether a current office building remains.

Although the zoning amendment is on Lower Swatara's planning commission agenda for its Nov. 15 meeting, Henninger said they may not act until the Dauphin County Planning Commission makes a recommendation.

D&H's attorney Charles Courtney said they would plan to have a hearing on the amendment after the new year.

Rep. Mehaffie keeps House seat

Press & Journal Staff

State Rep. Tom Mehaffie won a second term in the Pennsylvania House on Tuesday, defeating Democratic challenger Jill Linta 14,494-12,048 in final, unofficial results from Dauphin County.

The 106th District includes Middletown, Royalton, Lower Swatara Township, Hummelstown, Derry Township, Conewago Township and parts of Swatara Township.

Both Mehaffie and Linta are Lower Swatara residents.

“Serving in this position is an incredible honor and one that I take very seriously. I have been, and will remain committed to the principle that first and foremost, I represent the residents of the 106th District. I am unapologetic in fighting for what is in the best interest of our district and will continue that fight in my years to come in the Legislature,” Mehaffie said in a statement to the Press & Journal.

“I remain committed to bringing as many state resources as possible back to our district,” he said. “Over the next few years, we are going to see lots of discus-

sion about our large job producers in our region, from the growth of the Hershey Medical Center to the future of Three Mile Island, I am committed to making sure all of the employers in our district remain strong and that the men and women of our district have family-sustaining jobs to go to every day.”

Mehaffie, before getting elected to the state House, served as a township commissioner in Lower Swatara. He was elected to the board in 2010 and became president of the board in 2014, a position he held until resigning after getting elected to the House in 2016.

Mehaffie serves on the Local Government, Gaming Oversight, and Game and Fisheries committees in the House. He is secretary of the Gaming Oversight Committee.

Mehaffie is also on the Nuclear Energy Caucus, which state lawmakers created in March 2017 with the goal of preserving nu-



Mehaffie



Linta

clear energy in Pennsylvania. He has been outspoken in his support of Three Mile Island.

Mehaffie owns Breski Beverage Distributor, which he acquired and grew as a small business over 20 years. He is a past president of the Malt Beverage Distributors Association of Pennsylvania.

Mehaffie’s wife, Linda, is a real estate agent who is president of the Middletown Area School Board. Linta is a Middletown Area High School and Penn State University graduate who has been a community volunteer for almost two decades. She is chairwoman of the Gov. Pinchot Group of the Sierra Club.

She is also a trained member of the Dauphin County Animal Response Team who assisted with sheltering pets affected by the 2011 flooding, and with rescuing dogs from puppy mills.

Linta is a legal observer and coordinator with the National

Voters return Folmer to state Senate

Press & Journal Staff

Sen. Mike Folmer will return to the Pennsylvania Legislature for a fourth term, representing the 48th District, after defeating Democratic challenger Lois Herr on Tuesday.

The 48th District covers Lebanon County and parts of Dauphin and York counties, including Middletown, Royalton, Highspire and Steelton as well as Lower Swatara and Londonderry townships.

Reports put the total at 60,134 votes throughout the district for Folmer and 35,370 votes for Herr.

Folmer, of Lebanon, was elected supporting term limits at 12 years for state elected officials, as part of his “Promise to Pennsylvania.” Winning the seat again on Tuesday means he would serve 16 years.

“Marijuana Mike” was the prime sponsor of Act 16 of 2016, which allows the use of medical cannabis in Pennsylvania for

certain medical conditions, and he decided to run again because he said there are issues that still need to be resolved with dispensaries.

“It’s my baby, and I want to make sure my baby gets out of the incubator and is able to be sustainable on its own two feet,” he told the Lebanon Daily News on Tuesday.

Herr is chairwoman of the Lebanon County Democratic Committee and as a member of Mount Gretna Borough Council. She previously worked for Bell Telephone Laboratories, AT&T, New York Telephone, and NYNEX in marketing, operations, finance, corporate planning, and publications.

She ran for Congress in 2004, 2006 and 2010.

“Thanks to everyone who sup-



Folmer



Herr

ported me in the fight for the 48th state Senate seat. And special thanks to my campaign team for running a good race,” Herr said on her Facebook page. “It was great to know so many of the Democratic candidates in Central PA who tried hard to swim against the red tide. Hope all of you stay involved and keep fighting to give Democrats a voice. You certainly gave them candidates they could be proud of this time.”

Middletown

Herr won two precincts in Middletown, but Folmer won in the borough overall, 1,467-1,279.

1st Ward, 1st Precinct: 138-132 for Herr.

1st Ward, 2nd Precinct: 248-219 for Folmer.

Lawyers Guild of Central Pennsylvania, and has been a poll watcher in every presidential election since 2004.

Middletown

Linta won two precincts in Middletown, but Mehaffie won in the borough overall, 1,486-1,278.

1st Ward, 1st Precinct: 137-132 for Linta.

1st Ward, 2nd Precinct: 247-226 for Mehaffie.

2nd Ward, 1st Precinct: 320-260 for Mehaffie.

2nd Ward, 2nd Precinct: 331-266 for Linta.

3rd Ward, 1st Precinct: 233-145 for Mehaffie.

3rd Ward, 2nd Precinct: 288-179 for Mehaffie.

Lower Swatara Township

Mehaffie won with strong margins. He won the 1st Precinct, 730-439; the 2nd Precinct, 520-300; the 3rd Precinct, 497-436; and the 4th Precinct, 430-238.

Royalton

Mehaffie easily won both wards, 88-42 in the 1st and 203-117 in the 2nd.

2nd Ward, 1st Precinct: 312-258 for Folmer.

2nd Ward, 2nd Precinct: 330-265 for Herr.

3rd Ward, 1st Precinct: 223-150 for Folmer.

3rd Ward, 2nd Precinct: 287-184 for Folmer.

Royalton

Folmer won both wards, 87-42 in the 1st and 202-118 in the 2nd.

Londonderry Township

Folmer easily won every precinct in Londonderry, taking the 1st Precinct, 593-219, the 2nd Precinct, 621-225, and the 3rd Precinct, 318-110.

Lower Swatara Township

Folmer had some wins with wide margins in the township. He won the 1st Precinct, 779-377; the 2nd Precinct, 519-298; the 3rd Precinct, 501-423; and the 4th Precinct, 430-239.

2nd Ward, 1st Precinct: 312-272 for Perry.

2nd Ward, 2nd Precinct: 341-257 for Scott.

3rd Ward, 1st Precinct: 207-167 for Perry.

3rd Ward, 2nd Precinct: 263-210 for Perry.

Lower Swatara Township

Perry had some narrow margins of victory in Lower Swatara Township but overall saw strong support. He won the 1st Precinct, 749-413; the 2nd Precinct, 507-322; the 3rd Precinct, 470-462; and the 4th Precinct, 409-267.

Londonderry Township

Perry ran very well in Londonderry, taking the 1st Precinct, 556-261, the 2nd Precinct, 604-244, and the 3rd Precinct, 305-126.

Royalton

Perry easily won both wards, 87-45 in the 1st and 186-133 in the 2nd.

Perry will represent Dauphin County in U.S. House

Press & Journal Staff

Southern Dauphin County will have a new representative in Congress.

In a tightly contested race in the new 10th Congressional District, U.S. Rep. Scott Perry defeated Democrat George Scott on Tuesday. With 99 percent of votes counted, the totals were 148,790 for Perry and 140,956 for Scott, of Franklin Township, York County.

Perry, a Republican, currently represents the 4th Congressional District, but new election maps put all of Dauphin County in one district starting Jan. 1, 2019. He served three terms as a state representative before winning in the 4th Congressional District in 2013.

“I feel great, but we have a lot of work to do, so tomorrow we will start working,” Perry told WGAL. “This is what we ran for, and we are just so thrilled about the campaign that we ran, the volunteers, the

support from Dauphin, York and Cumberland County.” The area was going to have new representation in the U.S. House regardless of the new district.

U.S. Rep. Lou Barletta ran for U.S. Senate, losing to incumbent Bob Casey. Barletta’s 11th District covers part of Dauphin County, including Lower Swatara Township, until the change in January. The rest of Dauphin County, including Middletown, is part of the 15th Congressional District until January. That seat was held since 2005 by Republican Charlie Dent, until Dent stepped down in May.

The new 10th Congressional District was created after a state Supreme Court decision rejected as unconstitutional the districts that



Perry



Scott

were drawn in 2011. “We made it farther than anyone expected. Thank you to everyone who was a part of this movement,” Scott posted on his campaign Facebook page early Wednesday. “We have put South Central Pennsylvania on the map, and what we have done will never be forgotten.”

Middletown

Perry barely won within Middletown. Scott won two of the six precincts, and lost by just 9 votes in a third. Perry had 1,402 votes overall in the borough, and Scott had 1,378.

1st Ward, 1st Precinct: 146-121 for Scott.

1st Ward, 2nd Precinct: 242-233 for Perry.

Gov. Wolf, Sen. Casey win, but not in some local areas

Press & Journal Staff

Here is a rundown of other races of Nov. 6 that affect the area.

Governor

Democrat Tom Wolf easily kept the governor’s seat for a second term, defeating Republican Scott Wagner, York County businessman and former state lawmaker.

In final, unofficial statewide results, Wolf had 2,850,210 votes to 2,015,266 for Wagner.

Wolf won every precinct in Middletown.

- 1st Ward, 1st Precinct: 165-102.
- 1st Ward, 2nd Precinct: 267-199.
- 2nd Ward, 1st Precinct 306-261.
- 2nd Ward, 2nd Precinct: 371-212.
- 3rd Ward, 1st Precinct: 199-172.
- 3rd Ward, 2nd Precinct: 240-220.

Wagner won both wards in Royalton, 72-57 in the First and 161-156 in the Second.

Wagner won all three precincts

in Londonderry Township, 495-303 in the First, 529-299 in the Second, and 280-147 in the Third.

In Lower Swatara Township, Wagner won three of four precincts: 628-521 in the First, 412-405 in the Second, and 343-308 in the Fourth. Wolf won the Third Precinct, 505-401.

U.S. Senate

Democrat Bob Casey will go back to the U.S. Senate for a third term after beating U.S. Rep. Lou Barletta of Hazelton, who did not run for another term in Congress to instead take on Casey.

In final, unofficial statewide results, Casey had 2,745,018 votes to 2,109,023 for Barletta.

Barletta won one precinct in Middletown, the 3rd Ward, 2nd Precinct, 244-218. Casey won the rest.

- 1st Ward, 1st Precinct: 150-112.
- 1st Ward, 2nd Precinct: 242-216.

- 2nd Ward, 1st Precinct 289-280.
- 2nd Ward, 2nd Precinct: 346-236.
- 3rd Ward, 1st Precinct: 188-177.

Barletta won both wards in Royalton, 77-51 in the First and 182-137 in the Second.

Barletta won all three precincts in Londonderry Township, 536-261 in the First, 580-251 in the Second, and 295-134 in the Third.

In Lower Swatara, Barletta won three of four precincts: 715-435 in the First, 473-346 in the Second, and 383-271 in the Fourth. Casey won the Third Precinct, 470-443.

Other races

In the 98th House District, which includes Londonderry Township, Republican David Hickernell won re-election. He was first elected in 2002.

He was opposed by Democrat Mary Auker-Endres. Overall, Hickernell won 15,552 to 8,065. In Londonderry Township, he easily

won each precinct: 594-207 in the First, 627-203 in the Second, and 318-106 in the Third.

In the 103rd House District, which includes Highspire and Steelton, Democrat Patty Kim, who has held the seat since 2013, defeated Republican Anthony Thomas Harrell, 15,392-2,933.

Voters in part of Lower Dauphin School District — South Hanover Township — picked a new representative in the 105th House District to replace Republican Ron Marsico, who stepped down after holding the seat since 1989.

According to unofficial vote totals, Republican Andrew Lewis beat Democrat Eric Epstein, 15,771-15,259.

The 104th House District race, which includes East Hanover Township pit Republican incumbent Sue Helm, elected in 2006, vs. Democratic challenger Patty Smith. Helm won, 15,325-12,834.

HIA adding flights to Sarasota/Bradenton

Direct flights from Harrisburg International Airport to Sarasota Bradenton International Airport in Florida will be offered twice a week starting on April 3, HIA and Allegiant Air announced Tuesday.

Allegiant also will offer daily nonstop flights from HIA to Orlando from Feb. 13 into May 2019, the airport has announced.

Allegiant will increase service at HIA by 26 percent in the first three months of 2019, compared to the same period in 2018.

The airline in early 2019 will increase flights to four times a week from HIA to Punta Gorda/Fort Myers in Florida, and three times a week to St. Petersburg/Clearwater.

The number of passengers using HIA through September was 8 percent higher than for the first nine months of 2017, with summer being the busiest summer for the airport since 2014.

HIA is projecting a 4 percent increase in use this Thanksgiving compared to 2017.

TREE: Kierch will be 2018 site

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find “an alternative spot that was suitable” for the tree-lighting.

Among other locations considered was the Ferry House property at South Union and Ann streets, and Hoffer Park.

Curry said there was a concern that the Ferry House would not attract enough traffic for “a tree of this magnitude.”

In 2015 the Middletown Area Historical Society had a Christmas tree lighting at the Ferry House property, but only a small crowd showed up.

Similar concerns were expressed regarding Hoffer Park. There also will be people driving through Hoffer Park to see Christmas decorations lit up at night for the holidays.

St. Peter’s Kierch was considered as a location when the borough revived the tree-lighting ceremony in 2016, Curry told council.

“I think it’s going to be beautiful,” Curry said. “It’s one of the oldest buildings in town, and it is on the National Register of Historic Places.”

The cornerstone of the kierch was laid in 1767. The congregation outgrew the building and in 1879 began holding services in the new St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church at Spring and Union streets.

Council approved an agreement 5-0 between the borough and St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, providing for the 2018 Christmas tree lighting to be held at the kierch.

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Three Seven Sorrows teams to play for title

Three Seven Sorrows Eagles teams will play for their conference championship on Saturday in CFA Youth Football League action on Super Bowl weekend. The three games are at the Lower Dauphin Middle School Sports Complex, 251 Quarry Road, Hummelstown.

At noon, the Pee wee Eagles (8-2) will face the undefeated Northern Lebanon Vikings (9-0). The Pony kickoff is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. with the Eagles (9-0) battling the Gettysburg Warriors (9-1). The Eagle Midgets (9-0) play the Susquenita Blackhawks (7-2) at 3 p.m.

Pee wees
Seven Sorrows 7, Dover 0

In a scoreless defensive battle at Bishop McDevitt High School on Saturday, the No. 3 seed Eagles recovered a fumble at the Dover 20 late in the fourth quarter. A few plays later, Adrian Serrano plunged into the end zone

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Middletown's Joey Gusler and Morgan Billman converge on the Wyomissing ball carrier Friday in the District III Class 3A semifinals, a 41-6 Raider victory.

Weather no problem for Raiders in 41-6 victory

Middletown beats Wyomissing for third straight year in muddy mess

By Larry Etter
Press & Journal Staff

Neither rain, nor mud, nor gloom of night could keep the Blue Raiders from completing their mission. As it turned out, neither could Wyomissing.

In weather not suited for common man, Jose Lopez scored five touchdowns and the Blue Raiders were in pure beast mode in a 41-6 rout of the Spartans on Friday night, setting themselves up for a shot at a third straight District III 3A championship.

Middletown (10-1) will take on No. 5 seed Bermudian Springs (9-3), who upset undefeated No. 1 seed Lancaster Catholic, at 7 p.m. Friday at Cedar Crest High School in Lebanon County. In 2016 and 2017, Middletown beat Wyomissing for the championship.

Tickets for Friday are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Pre-sale tickets will be available from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the high school lobby.

On Friday night, at soggy, rain-drenched War Memorial Field, the

Blue Raiders' defense shut down Wyomissing's running game while the offense played as if the field were dry. The Raiders rolled up nearly 500 yards of offense (302 on the ground and 192 in the air) in the runaway victory. Lopez, who had eclipsed the 1,000-yard barrier three weeks prior, led the way with 206 yards on 20 carries and four rushing touchdowns. He also scored on a 51-yard screen pass from quarterback Scott Ash.

Backfield mate Richie Sykes added 80 yards on just seven runs. He, too, went over the 1,000-yard mark for the season.

"They are truly humble, hard-working kids," head coach Brett Myers said of his two running backs.

Ash's 7-of-14 pass completions also pushed him over 1,000 passing yards for the year. And, keyed by the dominance of Middletown's front five of Joey Gusler, Cole Senior, Morgan Billman, Ethan Miller and Colin Heffner, the Raiders had a surprisingly easy time against the shocked Spartans.



Chris Joseph tries to stiff-arm a Wyomissing tackler Friday in the District III Class 3A semifinals.

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WOODS & WATERS | TOM SHANK



Keep a journal and enjoy outdoors for years

Keeping and maintaining an outdoor journal is a way to look back at your Woods and Waters experiences. Reading entries that range from many years ago to the present allows the reader to experience those special moments. Journals are history of the fondest memories that we have in the great outdoors.

The first cabin journal I recall reading was from the camp my father hunted from. The Rosedale Camp was in north-central Pennsylvania, not far from my hunting cabin of the present. The Rosedale Cabin journal was kept as a continuing record of the cabin successes and high-lights.

As a young hunter, I loved to read about the entries during the deer season. The stories of deer harvested and the unique literary style of the person writing the entries made me laugh

and smile.

Being mentioned in the journal was of course a great honor, if it resulted in a harvest or incident worth bragging about. Finding yourself in the journal as a result of a miss or blunder brought out laughter and smiles, not to mention the tradition of getting your shirt-tail cut off. This was a reminder to all that the deer got the better of you.

The Rosedale Camp had its share of cut-off shirt-tails, including yours truly.

Cabin journals should be written throughout the year, especially during the spring months of trout fishing. Such entries can provide useful information on productive fishing spots. Summer months of deer and bear sightings shouldn't be overlooked, either. Areas of concentrated wildlife might be in that area as hunting season rolls around.

As the years went by, I found

myself at my own cabin. Keeping tradition alive, a cabin journal was started and goes back to the late 1970s, recording the exploits of the Whispering Pines gang.

Entries were made especially during the deer season along with photographs. To page through the early journal entries and look at the pictures of that time era is priceless. We were all young hunters back then wearing the traditional red Woolrich or green wool hunting pants.

Deer would be hung proudly on the meat pole and would be taken home on the roof of our vehicles. This has changed, and when announcing a deer harvest nowadays, it is best to be as stealth as possible. Hunting isn't viewed now, as it was back then.

Keeping a written journal along with photographs may be "old school," but I consider it a record of greatest value for any

hunter, fisherman or outdoor enthusiast.

You never have to worry about losing your data on a computer. The paper and words written can't "crash." The art of writing down your experiences and keeping photographs within an outdoor journal can provide a continued insight into your outdoor experiences past and present.

Good luck writing!

Tom Shank has been writing Woods and Waters for the Press & Journal for about 10 years. His expertise has been gained through more than 50 years hunting, fishing, trapping and exploring the full gamut of nature. The Susquehanna River and his cabin in Lycoming County are his true loves. Woods and Waters is his playground in life, and to write about it for the Press & Journal is a dream come true.



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Former MP new police officer in Middletown

By Dan Miller
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A former military policeman in the U.S. Marine Corps has been hired as Middletown Police Department's newest full-time officer.

Robert Schmidt, 27, of Enola, has been a police officer for three years, most recently with the Capitol Police Department in Harrisburg, interim Middletown Police Chief Sgt. Dennis Morris said in introducing Schmidt to borough council Nov. 7.

Schmidt was a military police



Schmidt

officer in the Marine Corps for six years, Morris said. Schmidt has been dating his girlfriend for eight years.

"Sounds like it's time for a ring," observed Mayor James H. Curry III before administering the oath of office to Schmidt, moments after council approved his hiring by a 5-0 vote.

Schmidt was hired based upon his score in exams given by the Middletown Civil Service Commission.

He replaces Officer Blake Bilbrey, who was hired full-time in February but resigned from the force in August.

The department now has 12 full-time officers, including Morris, and six part-time officers.

Schmidt's base starting salary is \$54,370.

Thanksgiving dinners to come via RaiderPacks

Middletown's Human Relations Commission and Communities That Care are partnering to provide Thanksgiving dinners through RaiderPacks.

The commission, a body appointed by borough council, on Nov. 7 received council approval to spend \$1,100 from the commission's 2018 budget to buy meat for the dinners.

RaiderPacks is an initiative launched in late 2017 by two Middletown Area School District teachers to address hunger throughout the Middletown Area School District.

RaiderPacks provides food

to more than 200 families and nearly 350 students throughout the school district each week, said Council Vice President Mike Woodworth. He is the one who requested approval to spend the \$1,100 as a member of the commission.

RaiderPacks is now receiving donations of dry goods for the Thanksgiving dinners, Woodworth said.

To learn more about RaiderPacks or how to help, go to <http://www.raiderweb.org/blog/2017/09/29/raiderpacks-nourishing-minds-bodies/>.

— Dan Miller



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Director of MARA, which replaced Olmsted Rec Board, is on the job

There is still time to sign up for youth basketball program

By Phyllis Zimmerman
Special to the Press & Journal
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The newly established Middletown Area Recreation Alliance now has a leader.

On Oct. 22, the Middletown Area School Board hired William Foster as MARA's first recreations program supervisor at an annual salary of \$51,150. His employment became effective Oct. 23.

"I'm actually really excited about it because there's so much opportunity for this area," Foster said in an interview with the Press & Journal on Oct. 31.

"I really want to be able to bring the community together," Foster said.

MARA was formed to replace the Olmsted Regional Recreation Board and will include representatives from Middletown Area School District, Lower Swatara Township, and Middletown and Royalton boroughs. All four parties signed off on creating the alliance and its bylaws earlier this year.

Foster grew up in Milford. At first he planned to study psychology and human services in college, but after teaching outdoor education at a YMCA camp in the Poconos, he discovered a passion and ended up changing his major.

Now, at the helm of MARA, Foster is picking up some of the projects, including the youth basketball program.

Foster said the program, which is open to children in kindergarten through sixth grade, will focus more on developing skills instead of competition.

MARA Basketball Director Chris Hughes said children in fourth grade and older will play more games than the younger students.

"The goal is for them to love the sport so much to want to continue it at a higher level and be good enough to do so," Foster said.



STAFF PHOTO BY LAURA HAYES

Will Foster has been hired as the recreations program supervisor for MARA.

Registration is open and can be found at www.raiderweb.org/for-community/middletown-area-recreation-alliance.

According to Hughes, the league will run from December to the end of February. He plans to have high school players and coaches, former players, parents and Penn State Harrisburg students help out with the league, forming a bond between older and younger players.

"We want Little Raiders to become Big Raiders eventually," Hughes said.

The travel league is open to boys and girls in fifth and sixth grade. Practice will be more frequent, and team members will play in travel leagues and tournaments. Hughes said the travel league will be part of a central Pennsylvania travel league, and the other teams may play against other area teams.

The deadline to register for the travel league is Nov. 16 and for other divisions is Nov. 30.

In the past, Foster worked as a school-aged child care and camp director for YWCA York, and he had interned with Mechanicsburg Area School District as a parks and recreation intern.

His supervisor in Mechanicsburg was Tonya Brown, who studied recreation needs in the area. Brown wrote in her study that some of the individuals interviewed felt that the community lacked recreation opportunities

for all ages and wanted a year-round program.

"I think the big takeaway from the report is there's a big need for an entity like this and for it to do very mindful activities," Foster said.

His goal is to offer diverse programs — for both adults and children and people with special needs.

Foster wants to offer adaptive programs, such as wheelchair basketball. He has a number of ideas such as "mommy and me" activities, athletic pickup leagues for adults, different types of yoga, aerobics, walking clubs and self-guided tours of the area, more festivals, cooking classes, golden oldies dances, day trips and a karaoke league.

Foster called the arts a "missed opportunity" and predicts that there will be a demand for it. He wants to bring arts — such as a theater troupe such as the Olmsted Players or plays in the park — to the community.

"I'm excited about all of it," Foster said.

Last month, the Lower Swatara Township Board of Commissioners voted to submit a grant that would be used to fund a supervisor for MARA. The grant request was submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for \$57,500. School District Superintendent Lori Suski said Oct. 22 that officials

still are awaiting word about the DCNR's decision regarding the grant.

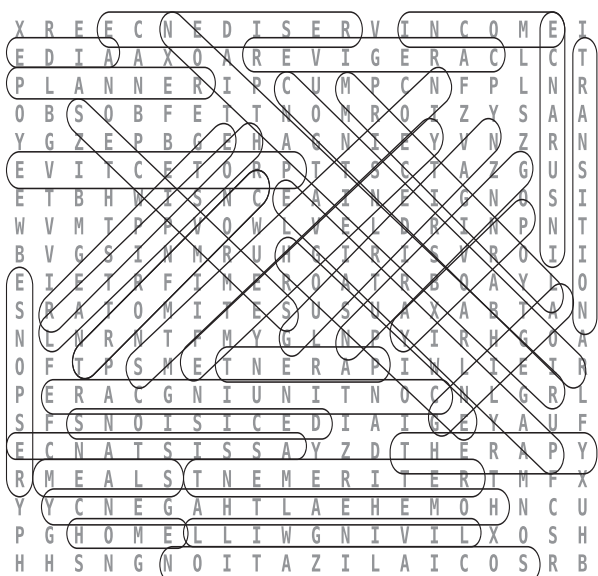
In a related matter, the school board tabled a discussion on Oct. 22 that was continued from the board's Oct. 2 meeting about the school district possibly contributing up to \$1,000 toward termination costs of Olmsted Regional Recreation Board. School board member Christopher A. Lupp suggested sending the matter for further review by the district's finance committee.

Board approves goals

Also on Oct. 22, the school board approved a list of several district goals for the 2018-19 school year. Approved goals include:

- Developing the district's new comprehensive plan for the period of July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2023. Submission deadline to the state Department of Education is Nov. 30, 2019.
- Increase K-12 student achievement as defined by multiple measures of the Future Ready PA Index.
- Conduct an elementary feasibility study to review options for the best delivery of services for elementary students at Fink, Kunkel and Reid elementary schools based on the need for more instructional space and programs for special populations. Suski said the school board heard a presentation about all potential costs for the endeavor on Nov. 6.
- Implement three new initiatives to address student mental health behavior and wellness, Middletown Area Therapeutic Elementary Support, or MATES program, School-wide Positive Behavior Intervention Support or SA/PBIS, and Positive Action.
- Implement increased safety and security measures district-wide as recommended by risk and vulnerability assessment reports.
- Implement recommendation of the athletic field master plan within budgetary constraints and available capital reserve funds.
- Negotiate a new agreement with the Middletown Area Education Support Personnel Association before June 30, 2019 expiration date of current agreement.

ANSWERS | PUZZLES ON B4



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MAHS presents murder mystery this weekend

The Middletown Area High School Performing Arts group is presenting "The Crimson House Murder," a murder-mystery comedy that spoofs private eye shows of the past, at 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students with ID and seniors.

For general admission seating, doors open 30 minutes before the show at the MAHS auditorium.

The play was written by Tim Kelly.

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CHURCHNEWS

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.

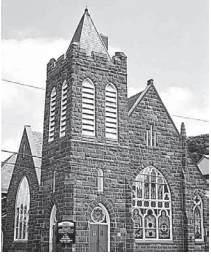
Collection for Harvest Home of boxes of food for families in need is Nov. 18.

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.newbeginningschurch-middletownpa.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.

November 22-23: Office closed.

Please join us on Sun., Nov. 18 at 10:30 a.m. as 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 discuss “Faith in Action: Heeding God’s Call to End Gun Violence.” Rev. Ron Tilley, director of Harrisburg chapter of Heeding God’s Call to End Gun Violence returns to update us on the important and inspiring work of HGC.

Our electronic newsletter can be accessed anytime at 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, visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PresbyterianCongregation), or call the office.

Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church



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

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. 17: 5 p.m., Holy Communion – Good Shepherd Chapel – Everyone is welcome.

Sun., Nov. 18: 10 a.m., Holy Communion – everyone is welcome.

Wed., Nov. 21: 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, Royaltown. Individuals may also take items directly to the food pantry, which is open Tuesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 pm. The Community Action Commission office is open Tuesdays and Fridays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the same location. Food Pantry Sunday is November 4 (the first Sunday of each month).

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 the weekend: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8.

Ebenezer United Methodist Church



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

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

presence. Have a favorite board game? “Game Night” is every third Monday at 6:30 p.m. 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.

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 un-baptized) 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 – Erich Schlicher; Organist – Don Cowsert; Choir Director – Erich

Schlicher; Children’s Time – Cathy Woodring; Audio Visual – Steve Moyer, Jamal Warren and Justin Hahn; Head Usher – Lori Keller; Greeters – Evan children and youth; Nursery Caregivers – Deb Lidle and Joyce Moyer.

This week’s schedule of activities is as follows:

Wed., Nov. 14: 6 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous Group Book Study; 6:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal.

Sun., Nov. 18: 9 a.m., Sunday school and Confirmation class; 10:15 a.m., Worship Service; 11:30 p.m., Charge Conference; 4 p.m., Youth Fellowship at Presbyterian Congregation.

Tues., Nov.20: 8:30 a.m., Mission Central; 2 p.m., Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6 p.m., God’s Kitchen at Wesley, meal provided by Evan; 7 p.m., Trustees meeting.

LOWER SWATARA POLICE ROUNDUP

Traffic stop leads to drug, gun charges vs. Harrisburg man

A traffic stop Nov. 5 led to the discovery of three warrants out for the driver of the car and new charges against him that include possession of heroin and marijuana and failing to have a license to carry a firearm.

Jerome T. Coleman Jr., 26, of the 600 block of Camp Street, Harrisburg, was arrested following a traffic stop at 12:57 a.m. in the area of Richardson Road and South Eisenhower Boulevard. Police said they stopped Coleman when he failed to properly signal while driving a 2011 Nissan Sentra. A background check showed three warrants for three traffic cases had been issued calling for his arrest.

During a search of his car, police said they found plastic bags containing heroin, marijuana, drug paraphernalia and a .380 caliber Diamondback semiautomatic pistol. The weapon was in the car’s glove-box; it was not noted whether the handgun was loaded.

Police learned that Coleman did not have a license to carry the handgun and that his driver’s license had been suspended.

District court records noted Coleman has been charged with possession of prohibited firearm, receiving stolen property, possession of a firearm without a license, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving with a suspended license, failure to have an emission inspection, operating a vehicle without a valid inspection and signaling improperly.

During a preliminary arraignment Nov. 5, District Judge Michael Smith set cash bail of \$100,000. Coleman was placed in Dauphin County Prison after failing to post bail. He is scheduled to appear before Smith for a preliminary hearing Nov. 21.

Teen charged in officer’s assault

A Harrisburg teenager is charged with assaulting a township police officer.

Officers were called to a home in the 1000 block of Lakeside Drive at 6:18 p.m. Oct. 25 to investigate a report of trespassing. Police said a

17-year-old Harrisburg resident became embroiled in a confrontation with police and reportedly assaulted one of the officers. The incident report notes the police officer suffered a sprained thumb while taking the teenager into custody. Allegations of aggravated assault on a police officer (two counts) were filed against the teenager, police said.

Police noted the incident involved a dispute between a man and a woman. Officers noted Robert Curry, 34, of 1000 block of Lakeside Drive, Lower Swatara Township, was taken into custody and subsequently charged with defiant trespass and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Curry pleaded guilty to the drug paraphernalia charge during a Nov. 8 preliminary hearing before District Judge Michael Smith. The defiant trespass charge was withdrawn. He is scheduled for another hearing before Smith on Dec. 10, according to online court records.

Teenagers egged building

Citations for defiant trespass were filed against four Middletown teenagers who threw numerous eggs at an empty building at Jednota Estates, Rosedale Ave.

Cited were Brayden Erickson, 18, of the 700 block of Fulling Mill Road, Middletown, and three 17-year-old Middletown residents, police said.

The investigating officer reported the incident took place after midnight Nov. 4. Reportedly the four teenagers were made to clean the building.

Cellphone reportedly thrown

Charges were filed against a Lower Swatara Township resident following a disturbance in which a man was struck in the face by a cellphone allegedly thrown at him by Stephanie Amey, 21, of the 200 block of Brookside Drive.

Amey has been charged with simple assault and harassment following the incident at 9:02 p.m. Oct. 30. The man suffered a cut to his face and was treated at the scene by emergency medical services, police noted.

Amey is scheduled to appear before District Judge Smith on Dec. 19 for a hearing on the charges.

Low-cost vaccine clinic for cats, dogs is set for Sunday

PAWS and The Dogs’ Den will hold a low-cost vaccine clinic for cats and dogs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, at PAWS, 9803 Jonestown Road, Grantville.

Dr. Kate Papp will provide distemper and rabies vaccinations for cats and dogs; for a three-year rabies vaccination, owners must provide proof of previous rabies vaccination.

There is a cost for most vaccines; microchips also will be available for a price that includes

registration.

This is a first-come, first-served clinic. Breeders will not be serviced. Cash and check will be accepted as payment.

All cats must be in secure carriers, and all dogs must be leashed. For more information, call The Dogs’ Den at 717-469-7325 or email doggieden@aol.com.

PAWS is a 35-year-old, local nonprofit, all-volunteer organization active in eight counties in south central Pennsylvania.

DIRECTORY OF CHURCH SERVICES



Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church
10 Spruce Street, Middletown • 717-944-5835
Sunday School - 9 am • Morning Worship 10:15 am
Evening Worship - 6 pm
www.calvaryopc.com



Ebenezer United Methodist Church
"Love God, Love People, Make Disciples"
890 Ebenezer Road, Middletown
(Corner of 441 & Ebenezer Road)
Phone 717-939-0766
Sunday Worship:
Traditional - 8:45 am • Contemporary - 10:45 am
Christian Education (All Ages) - 10 am
Christian Child Care - 717-985-1650
BRAD GILBERT, Pastor
www.ebenezerumc.net



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



Geyers United Methodist Church
1605 South Geyers Church Road, Middletown
717-944-6426
PASTOR STEVAN ATANASOFF
Worship - 9 am - Followed by Coffee Fellowship
Sunday School - 10:30 am



New Beginnings Church
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630 South Union St., Middletown • 717-388-1641
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PASTOR BRITT STROHECKER
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Union & Water Sts., Middletown • 717-944-4322
Church School - 9:15 am • Worship - 10:30 am



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



Seven Sorrows BVM Parish
280 North Race St., Middletown
Parish Office 717-944-3133
REV. TED KEATING, JR., Pastor
Saturday Evening Vigil - 5:30 pm
Sunday Masses - 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 6:00 pm
Confessions: Saturday - 7:30-7:50 am, 4:30-5:15 pm



Wesley United Methodist Church
64 Ann Street, Middletown
PASTOR NAYLO HOPKINS
Phone 717-944-6242
Sunday Worship - 9:15 am
Small Groups - 10:30 am

To list your church service here, call 717-944-4628 or email info@pressandjournal.com for more information.

FROM THE VAULT

News from the Friday, Nov. 9, 1945, edition of the Press & Journal

Child shot by sister near Waltonville

Arlene Gragon, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Gragon, Waltonville, Hummelstown Route 1, was seriously injured Saturday evening when accidentally wounded by a shot from a .22 caliber rifle.

The child was taken to the Harrisburg Hospital and was admitted with a bullet wound of the lower chest.

State Police investigated the accident and said the girl was accidentally shot by her older sister in the bathroom of their home. Hospital attendants gave the following account of the shooting, which they said was told to them by the injured girl's brother.

"Arlene and her older sister were in the bathroom having a friendly argument about who was going to get in the tub to take a bath. The older girl ran to her father's room, picked up a rifle, believed to be unloaded, ran back to the bathroom and jokingly said: 'I'll shoot you if you don't let me in the tub first.' With that, she pulled the trigger and the gun exploded, wounding Arlene."

State Police reported that of Grogan's 10 children, Eleanor, 12, Marian, 9, Janice, 8, and Arlene were engaged in the argument.

A physician at the hospital said the bullet entered the right arm, passed through the back and came out near the right side of the spine. She is paralyzed from the waist down as the result of the wound.

The bullet later was found on the bed, police said.

No charges were preferred against the sister, who did the shooting, police said.

Sweating it out



Editor's note: This cartoon appeared on the front page of the Press & Journal, expressing the sentiments of many U.S. soldiers around the globe as World War II was coming to a close.

Other headlines

- Cpl. "Cy" Cohen breaks javelin record in Turkey
- Boy struck by auto on East Main Street
- Boys throw bricks through a window

Hot buys

- 35 head of cows and heifers at private sale. Canadians, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania cows. Extra special: five fine Holstein heifers. C.S. Erb and Co., Middletown. Phone: 469M
- Pyrex "Flavor Saver" pie plate, 45 cents. Pyrex deep pie dishes, 10 cents. Pyrex bowl set, 95 cents. Smith Hardware, 22 E. Main St., Hummelstown.
- Sundial school shoes, most children's styles and sizes, \$2.50 to \$5.50. Hauer's, on the square in Hummelstown.

Aderholt defeats Rhen in tax collector fight; Sunday movies defeated

In one of the most spirited elections held in many years for local offices, Middletown voters marched to the polls in record numbers for an off-year election to cast their vote.

Crossing party lines in support of William Aderholt, Navy veteran, the newly organized nonpartisan league and the local Democratic organization teamed up in a bitterly fought contest to win by a margin of 60 votes over his opponent for tax collector, David J. Rhen, incumbent. The vote was 1,184 to 1,124.

The heavy vote caused election boards to work into the early hours of the morning, and the board at the Liberty band hall called in outside help to straighten out the confusion of the many split ballots.

Reports that the voting machine referendum which was defeated locally in 1940 by a close vote will be considered here at the earliest opportunity was discussed by party leaders.

Interest also centered on the contest for the election of school director in which Robert Houser and Dr. Earl Grim, county coroner, defeated John R. Brinser and E.C. Leber. The vote was Houser 1,218, Grim 1,181, Brinser 1,106, and Leber 626.

The Sunday movie referendum which was bitterly opposed by the organized churches of town, was defeated by a large majority. Opponents of the referendum made a house-to-house canvass against the measure. The vote was 1,624 to 702.

All five Republican candidates were elected to their posts on the borough council. In the first ward, Joseph Schaeffer and Aaron Shaffner; second ward, Solomon Swartz and Al Legosa; third ward, Simon Blecher.

Harold V. McNair was re-elected Burgess of Middletown, having won the Republican and Democratic nomination in the primary election.

Large majorities were recorded for the Republican organization party ticket.

Thousands expected for V-J, Armistice Day Parade

At a meeting of the committee in charge of the V-J and Armistice Day Parade to be held in Middletown this Saturday at 2 p.m., final arrangements have been made. A large crowd is anticipated. Organizations and bands will be in line from Lebanon, Hershey, Hanover, Elizabethtown, Hummelstown, Highspire, Harrisburg and other communities.

The Liberty Fire Company will be headed by the White Hill Band, and the Rescue Hose Company will have the Liberty Band, of town.

The committee requests folk decorate with patriotic displays.

The judges stand will be at the Legion Home, and winner announcements will be made from Arnold's Electric Store.

Five crew members and passengers unhurt in C-54 crash at Olmsted

When a C-54 bomber crashed on its nose after landing at Olmsted Field, Middletown Air Technical Service Command, Sunday afternoon, five crew members and 11 passengers, including three Pennsylvania soldiers, escaped injury. The accident occurred when the nose wheels collapsed after the runway. The passengers were thrown forward in the plane but none was injured.

PUZZLES AND HOROSCOPE

WORD SEARCH | ANSWERS ON B2

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Guess Who? answer: Leonardo DiCaprio

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Level: Advanced

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 an actor born in California on Nov. 11, 1974. I began my acting career as a child in commercials and educational films under the name Lenny Williams. I rose to prominence in several 1990's films, including a titanic hit.

CROSSWORD | ANSWERS ON B2

- ACROSS**
 - Type of toast
 - Peter Griffin's daughter
 - A group
 - Ancient Greek unit of weight
 - Small amounts
 - Ready and ___
 - Right
 - Asian antelope
 - Cambodian mon-etary unit
 - Type of leather
 - Secret clique
 - Cabbage and cole are two
 - Burmese ethnic group
 - Empire State
 - Be in debt
 - Italian monk's title
 - Asian plants
 - Everyone has one
 - One who can't sleep
 - "Glengarry, Glen Ross" playwright
 - Shock therapy
- Cavalry sword
 - A must-have
 - Type of fabric
 - French composer
 - A type of pen
 - Snout
 - One of the six noble gases
 - Married woman
 - Register formally (Brit.)
 - Greek sorceress
 - Depository library
 - A tightknit group
 - Ancient units of measurement
 - He was Batman
 - Dry or withered
 - Margosa tree
 - Tables (Span.)
 - Large jug
 - Make a mistake
 - Puerto Rican genre of music "La ___"
- DOWN**
 - Insect drawn to flame
- A Spanish river
 - Reduce (Brit. sp.)
 - Wish well
 - Robots are an example
 - Young women
 - The tip
 - Young women's association
 - One who is suspi-cious
 - A child's apron
 - Not dirty
 - Fightin' Irish foot-ball coach
 - Cereal plants
 - People from Taiwan
 - Harry Belafonte's daughter
 - Santa's helper
 - Cereal plants
 - Respectful ad-dress
 - Unit of electrical resistance
 - Used to managing without
 - Type of chair
 - London foot-ballers
- Vaccine developer
 - 10 meters
 - Type of story: ___ fi
 - Covering on birds' beaks
 - Small freshwater fish
 - Confederate soldier
 - Female sibling
 - Belgian city
 - An electrically charged atom
 - A way to entertain
 - Regenerate
 - Highly flammable liquid
 - Mark
 - Not good
 - Eloquent Roman orator
 - Absence of dif-ficulty
 - Kazakhstan district
 - Plateau
 - Midway between northeast and east
 - Military police-man

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HOROSCOPE | WEEK OF NOV. 14

ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Aries, communication from a business partner or friend is highly positive and gets the gears in your head turning. As enthusiasm builds, try to bring in some key players.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21
This may be a good week to ask for a raise or think of other ways to increase income. Others will be receptive to re-quests and grant what you ask.

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21
You may draw admiring glances from those around you. You are exuding confidence, and it translates in various ways, including in regard to personal

relationships.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22
It may be best if you plan some quiet evenings at home to catch up with your family. This will be invaluable time spent with one another.

LEO JULY 23-AUG. 23
You have never been one to indulge in gossip. Leo. Take the high road and stay silent so you can continue to pride your-self on staying above the fray.

VIRGO AUG. 24-SEPT. 22
Virgo, if your mind has been going a thousand miles an hour, find a way to slow down so you can straighten things out. Direct your focus into

something productive.

LIBRA SEPT. 23-OCT. 23
There's too much going on for you to slow down just yet. Find that second wind and keep the pedal to the metal. This will be worth it when results unfold.

SCORPIO OCT. 24-Nov. 22
Strange dreams and intuition are not out of the ordinary. Hone in on what these mes-sages are trying to tell you. Good news could be around the corner.

SAGITTARIUS NOV. 23-DEC. 21
This week you are feeling friendly toward everyone and striking up new friendships

rather easily. Expect the party invitations to roll in soon.

CAPRICORN DEC. 22-JAN. 20
Take nothing at face value over the next few days. Before you invest time or money, do your fair share of detective work to see if things measure up.

AQUARIUS JAN. 21-FEB. 18
New information that will set your mind into orbit comes your way. This is news you had not expected, so enjoy the surprise.

PISCES FEB. 19-MARCH 20
Newfound inspiration for creative projects, such as redecorating or improving your home, is headed your way.

VIEWPOINTS

READERVIEW

‘I’m not going to help you put the Press & Journal out of business’

EDITOR’S NOTE: *The following open letter to Middletown Borough Council was published in the Nov. 8 edition of The Sun newspaper and is being reprinted here with permission.*

Dear council members,

I’d love to put the Middletown Press & Journal out of business. After all, as managing partner here at The Sun, part of my job is to put all of our competitors out of business. But I’m not going to help you put the Press & Journal out of business.

Your borough manager contacted us a few days ago, asking us for information about placing public notices in The Sun. This comes after you pulled your public notices from the Press & Journal and started putting them in the Patriot-News. Why did you pull your legals from the P&J? To me, it’s clear: You don’t like the way the P&J has covered borough council.

In fact, you went so far as to suggest that the P&J would get your business again if Publisher Joe Sukle and his writers would be good lapdogs. (The quote was, “Should the Press and Journal

demonstrate reliability to professionally and responsibly report on the actions and statements of Borough Council and Management, as well critiquing us from a founded and balanced position, we will be happy to patron your newspaper again.”)

Well, folks, it doesn’t work that way. When you take a public position, you get public scrutiny. If Joe lies about you, sue him. Otherwise, you get what you get. The First Amendment doesn’t just guarantee it, it demands it.

By placing your public notices in the Patriot-News or in some other overpriced, out-of-town newspaper, you only punish the citizens of Middletown by spending too much of their money and by making it harder for them to get the news they need.

So, would I like your money? Sure, I thought about it. After all, making money is part of my job. But my bigger job, our greater responsibility, is to that First Amendment, to the freedom of the press that all of us are pledged to defend.

David Buffington
managing partner, The Sun, Hummelstown

Looking forward to 2019: We need discussions, not more confrontations



MIKE FOLMER

Thank you to the voters of the 48th Senate District for re-electing me! I’m honored to have received your overwhelming support, and I look forward to again representing you in the Pennsylvania General Assembly for four more years.

I will continue to fulfill my oath of office to “support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.”

I also remain steadfast in my ongoing efforts to advance meaningful government reforms, such as redistricting changes and election and ethics law amendments. I will pursue these goals with my well established values of civility and consensus.

I won’t be close-minded. I’ll seek information on issues — both pro and con. I know there are many sides to be considered and rarely just one answer to resolve any given matter.

I won’t shut people out, shout them down, or be dismissive of their ideas. I’ll respectfully listen — including those with whom I disagree.

I won’t consider my opinions and beliefs to be morally superior or proven truths. I recognize the perspectives of others rest upon their presuppositional philosophical worldviews. Hopefully, we can all agree to disagree without being disagreeable. We’re all human.

The Founding Fathers were human as well. They too disagreed with one another. Some signed the Declaration of Independence; some didn’t. Those who wouldn’t endorse the Constitution fought against its ratification and became “Anti-Federalists.”

However, the Founders did agree on some basic doctrines — beginning with John Locke’s tenet that all power comes from the people. It’s why the U.S. Constitution begins with “We the people.”

This is also a key provision of the Pennsylvania Constitution — Article I, Section 2: “All power is inherent in the people,

and all free governments are founded on their authority and instituted for their peace, safety and happiness. For the advancement of these ends they have at all times an inalienable and indefeasible right to alter, reform or abolish their government in such manner as they may think proper.”

Our constitutions were written to protect people from government overreach. That’s why power is divided among three branches with each checking the other two.

National authority also was designed to be checked by the states; the federal government was granted specific delineated powers only.

Our constitutional republic protects the rights of minority opinions — unlike a pure democracy where the majority can disregard the minority. James Madison said an unrestrained majority would terrorize minority opinions and devolve into mob rule where expressions of ideas are suppressed, dissent is quashed, and liberties are trampled.

The majority isn’t always right, and the minority isn’t always wrong. Demands for conformity are intolerant of other views and too often preserve the status quo. The more minority opinion is ignored, the louder the silence becomes.

I’ll fight for my core values: respect for life, respect for the Constitution, personal responsibility, and less government. However, I’ll also heed my mother’s admonition: God gave us two ears and one mouth because it’s more important to listen.

I’m sure we’ll all agree: there needs to be more civility in our public discussions. Respect comes from each and every one of us.

I don’t believe those who disagree with me are my enemies or evil. If my arguments aren’t successful, I won’t accuse anyone of racism, sexism or fascism. I simply do not believe vile personal attacks do anyone any good and run the risk of spiraling into violence. We need discussions, not confrontations.

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

EDITORIALVIEWS

We would like answers on missing \$1.1 million, sale of Elks Theatre

With state and national elections, Donald Trump news, and other events making headlines locally, it’s easy to forget all that has happened this year in Middletown.

We want to draw your attention to two issues directly related to the borough’s finances, to which we would like some answers.

The first is “The Case of the Missing Money.”

In June, it came to the attention of the Middletown Borough Council that \$1.1 million is “missing.”

On Dec. 30, 2015, council transferred \$1.3 million to a borough authority that no longer exists — the Middletown Borough Authority. It owned and operated the borough water and sewer systems until Jan. 1 2015, when responsibility for the systems was turned over to Suez under terms of a 50-year lease that council and the former authority approved in September 2014. Only about \$240,000 is accounted for.

More than four months ago, we said in an editorial that residents and businesses of Middletown should be outraged at the apparent loss of \$1.1 million, and that they should be deeply concerned about reports of shredded

documents and missing meeting minutes related to the Middletown Borough Authority from that same time frame.

We urged Middletown Borough Council and all the employees of the borough to do everything they can to find out what happened to that money, and to ensure it never happens again.

We still believe it is unlikely that someone walked off with more than \$1 million in their pocket. But where did it go?

Emily A. Bomberger is a certified public accountant with the Business Consulting Services Group of RKL, a Lancaster-based accounting firm that completed the forensic audit that found the discrepancy.

She told council June 19 that the borough might be able to get information on all checks that were written by the authority, or by the borough, during the time period in question by contacting the bank.

Has anyone done so? Council has not discussed the issue in months, despite the fact that then-Council President Damon Suglia and council member Mike Woodworth recommended going to the bank to ask them for check copies. Mayor James

H. Curry III was so worked up about the missing money that he requested Bomberger read word for word into the public record June 19 the conclusion of the forensic report.

Residents deserve an update. If the issue has been resolved, then tell us. If it is still being worked on, then share that with us. But don’t leave us in the dark for more than five months. We certainly hope that if the issue was resolved, it was done so above board and without further issues being found.

We also await word about the long-discussed Elks Theatre sale.

In August, the Middletown Industrial and Commercial Development Authority approved a motion to sell the 107-year-old downtown theater on West Emaus Street. The authority closed the theater for renovations in April 2015 and the theater has not reopened.

The authority in May voted to put the theater up for sale, after an agreement could not be reached between the authority and Friends of the Elks Theatre, a nonprofit group, to transfer ownership of the theater to the Friends group for \$1. The Friends group had submitted a proposal to the

authority to transform the Elks Theatre into a performing arts center.

The August agreement with RSR Realtors called for RSR to receive a 7 percent commission upon sale of the theater.

The motion to hire RSR was also conditional on the authority approving a listing agreement between the ICDA and RSR.

So what happened? There is no sale sign up on the theater. The property is not listed on the RSR website.

If the theater is to be sold, then what is the hold-up? Is it with the agreement with the real estate agent or something else?

We realize the borough council is going through a change in leadership, with the resignation of Suglia and the selection of Angela Lloyd as the new president.

On behalf of the residents of Middletown, we request that Lloyd provide updates on these key issues at a future borough council meeting.

Your views are welcome

We want to hear from you. Send your letters to: letters@pressandjournal.com, or 20 S. Union St., Middletown, Pa. 17057. Letters may be edited for accuracy, clarity and length.

A month to be thankful for community assets



SUSANNAH GAL

This is a month of giving thanks — to our veterans for their service to our country on Nov. 11 and to the abundance of our harvest on Thanksgiving Day.

I would like to echo those sentiments and add that I’m thankful for our community. I know I’ve said before (and will probably say it again), I love living in Middletown. I wanted to reiterate a few additional things I’ve learned in the last few weeks that add to my love of our community.

On Saturday, Nov. 3, St. Peter’s Lutheran Church hosted a free Community Health Fair. Several local groups had displays about healthy eating and ways to monitor your health, such as blood pressure screening, managing your stress and exercise. I tested my blood pressure and did some international dancing lead by good friends I know through the contra dance group. I heard about ways to manage stress and other healthy attributes from students at Penn State Harrisburg’s kinesiology and human development and family studies programs.

There were also members of the Middletown Borough Council and Human Relations Commission talking about fair housing and resources in our community to support that. I also met a group from Wesley United Methodist Church on Ann Street which sponsors Threads of Hope, which offers free clothing, bedding and towels to families in need. They are happy to accept donations if you have things like this that families could use in our community. There were members from Caring Heart Pet Therapy and the food pantry along with others from our community.

Besides learning about all of these great resources in our community, St. Peter’s Lutheran Church provided and served a free meal (a healthy one, of course) to all participants. The event was a collaboration between Dr. Patty Aguilera’s Human Development and Family Studies class at Penn State Harrisburg and the Communities That Care group lead by my friend Ellen Willenbecher. Dancing, learning and free healthy food — you can’t beat that! Hopefully this group will do a repeat performance again next year!

Another new free gift in the community



The Sharing Pantry is in the front of the Middletown Police Department.

is a “Little Free Library” outside of St. Peter’s Lutheran Church. This is a small little hut that holds books for people to borrow and read, all on the honor system.

Apparently, this was something started in Wisconsin in 2009 by Todd Bol, who wanted to honor his mother’s memory as a school teacher and avid reader. The first one he ever built was shaped like a one-room schoolhouse, complete with a bell-tower.

The Little Free Library organization’s mantra is “Take a book, share a book.” The organization hopes to inspire a love of reading, build community, and foster neighborhood book exchanges around the world.

I saw my first “Little Free Library” hut a couple of years ago when we were traveling in Indiana. There I picked up a wonderful book called “Blush” by Shirley Hershey Showalter about a Mennonite girl from Lancaster County and her exposure to the “outside” world.

While we do have a wonderful public library in Middletown, which is free to residents of the borough, the Little Free Library we now have in town is open 24/7, and you don’t have to return the books you take.

Another free gift I’m thankful for in

our community, which I found kind of by accident on one of my walks recently, was the sharing pantry in front of the Middletown Police Department. This is like the food pantry, although it’s “open” 24/7 and has not only food, but also soaps and other toiletries.

The cabinet that holds the goods says, “Take what you need, give what you can.” On a recent morning, I found several cans of food and some pasta as well as soap, shampoo and toothpaste. This sharing pantry is another lovely way for our community to support one another.

We are also, of course, honoring our veterans this month, those men and women who put their lives in harm’s way to protect our ideals and those of others around the world. My father served in Korea; my husband’s father in the Pacific in World War II. Many, many gave the ultimate sacrifice, leaving lasting impressions on their families and communities.

Some veterans are continuing to give in different ways this year. I heard a story on National Public Radio recently about U. S. Marine Corps veteran Scott Cooper and his initiative for veterans to interact at the community level and bridge political divides. Mr. Cooper described how he planned to post flags at a cemetery with recently resettled refugees in an effort to do some community service with them.

In the interview he stated his concern about our current political differences.

“I look around my communities, though, and I’m hopeful. I see communities that come together, that don’t ask what tribe you belong to but need to get busy knowing your neighbor and helping your neighbor.”

His organization is called “Vets for American Ideals” and hopes that by uniting in community service we can overcome some of the things that divide our country. I think that’s a great inspiration for us all in our region of the world.

So besides thanking our families, friends, and our veterans this season, let’s also thank each other for our wonderful, supportive community. I hope we can continue to make this a welcoming and happy place to live.

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Jose Lopez runs away from Wyomissing defenders as he scores Friday in the District III Class 3A semifinals.

RAIDERS: Bermudian Springs up next for MAHS

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On the flip side, the defense, led by Senior, Gage Radabaugh, Gusler, Miller, Billman and others, held Wyomissing to less than 20 yards of total offense, shutting down the strength of the Spartans' power game that made the expected clash a no-contest.

Defensive coordinator J.J. Ortiz said the team worked hard all week and played hard in the game.

"Our coaches put in a lot of hard work and time, and we practiced this week in the rain, so we were ready for the weather," Myers said.

Getting the ball first on Friday, the Raiders scored just five plays into the game on a 48-yard run by Lopez, who darted through a gap on the right side and used his speed to outrun the Spartans' defensive backs to the end zone at the 9:37 mark. Anthony LaVia, who made 5 of 6 extra point kicks in the game, made it a 7-0 lead.

Following a 3-and-out by the Spartans, the home team nearly scored again after Ash hooked up with Tim Wagner on a 74-yard pass play that ended at the Wyomissing 4 yard line.

While that opportunity to score came up empty, the Raiders went ahead 14-0 on their next possession.

Following a short punt by Wyomissing, the Middletown offense was back on the field at the visitors' 36. Keyed by an Ash-to-Chris Joseph pass connection of 27 yards, Lopez ran in from 5 yards out with 2:14 left in the opening quarter. Three plays later, Joseph intercepted a Ben Terefenko pass with less than a minute remaining. But that opportunity also went unrewarded as Wyomissing's defense turned away the threat.

The 14-0 score remained unchanged through most of the second quarter as the rain abated. The Spartans recovered a Middletown fumble with 2:18 left in the first half, giving the appearance that the score would stand at the break. But that changed after the Raiders forced another three-and-out with time winding down.

Taking over at their own 48 with just 22 seconds left, the Raiders called a timeout with just 3 ticks left following a short run by Lopez. When play resumed, Ash flipped a screen pass to Lopez on the right side and the connection resulted in a 51-yard touchdown as the clock hit :00. The Raiders owned a 21-0 advantage at the intermission because of it.

The opening kickoff to start the second half was negated by a Middletown penalty, forcing a re-kick. And, rather than hurt the Raiders, the miscue worked in their favor when Avery Williams' new kick was muffed by the Spartans and Evan Grogan recovered for the Middletown side at the Wyomissing 46.

Lopez carried four times for

"Our coaches put in a lot of hard work and time, and we practiced this week in the rain, so we were ready for the weather."

Coach Brett Myers



Richie Sykes takes off for a touchdown Friday against Wyomissing in the District III Class 3A semifinals.



Middletown's Tim Wagner snares a pass from Scott Ash on Friday in the District III Class 3A semifinals.

27 yards, Sykes caught a pass from Ash for 21 yards, and Lopez powered into the end zone from the two to give the Blue Raiders a 28-0 lead with 8:08 left in the third quarter. That score seemed to take the heart out of the Spartans.

Before the third was over, the Raiders would score twice more. The first came on a 71-yard run by Sykes; the second came on an 80-yard dash by Lopez with 2:04 left that set the mercy clock in motion.

The Spartans finally scored with

3:37 left in the game following a 7-play, 45-yard drive against the Middletown reserves. The Spartans took advantage of a Raider fumble to spark the scoring march.

A win Friday against Bermudian Springs would put the Blue Raiders in the PIAA Class 3A state playoff quarterfinals at a regional site on Nov. 23 or Nov. 24. The last two seasons, the Blue Raiders have reached the state title game with 14-0 records, only to lose at Hersheypark Stadium.

Hassan's new child care center has roots in necessity, tragedy

Husband's death by drowning helped inspire creation of borough business

By Dan Miller
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Jennifer Hassan says she started a new child care center out of necessity, because she couldn't find a before- and after-school day care program for her three children.

Patchwork Kids also was born out of tragedy. Hassan and her husband, Hany Mohamed, were at the beach in Wildwood, New Jersey, on Sept. 3, 2017, when Mohamed drowned in the ocean while saving one of the couple's three children, Quamari.

Hany's sudden death led to many life changes for Jennifer, and was the inspiration to start her business, which is the fulfillment of a lifelong dream.

"From the time I was little I walked around telling people I wanted to be a babysitter," Hassan said.

A need for care

Hassan has capacity for up to 24 children at the child care center in the small strip mall on Brown Street. She has six children enrolled full-time and another four enrolled part-time. Seven school-age children attend her before and/or after school program. She is still enrolling children of all ages.

Hassan wanted to open before the start of the school year. Instead, she opened the first week of September, but by then many parents had arrangements in place for the school year.

Still, Hassan said the need exists for more child care. She points to a Middletown Area School District parent who recently brought concerns to the school board about a lack of available options in the district. The big windows at Patchwork Kids allow a lot of natural light to stream in. The glass doors and large windows have become a palette for colorful artwork done by the children. The artwork draws attention and advertises the center to people going by.

The previous tenants were a physical therapy business, and United Cerebral Palsy, so the space was already set up with much of what she needed. The large room UCP used for its high-risk clients has just one electric outlet high off the floor, providing a safe indoor play area for children younger than 3.

The landlord makes a washer and dryer available to Hassan, so parents bringing their children don't have to bring their own bedding.

"I had two kids in day care. I know what it's like to walk in with three sleeping bags and your diaper bags," Hassan said. "You are feeling like Santa Claus trying to get three kids in the door at 7 o'clock on a Monday morning. Nobody wants to do that. It's torture. So as much as we can minimize that we are trying to do that."

Patchwork Kids opens at 6 a.m. In doing marketing research before opening her center, Hassan learned that many parents want



STAFF PHOTO BY DAN MILLER

Jennifer Hassan stands at one of the large windows decorated with the help of her children at the new Patchwork Kids child care center on Brown Street in Middletown.

a center with an earlier drop-off time, because the parents commute a distance to get to work.

Untimely death

Jennifer likes to say that Hany made Patchwork Kids possible. After he died, Jennifer received money from a life insurance policy through his employer, UPMC Pinnacle, that she didn't know existed. That enabled her to pay cash for a \$25,000 minivan for her family.

When she decided to start the day care, she funded it by taking a loan out on the van.

"He was always pushing me to open my own day care," Jennifer said. "It was on my to-do list, but it kept getting pushed off. With the situation like it was, it was finally time to bite it and see if I could get it off the ground. Here we are."

She was director of a day care for the YMCA in Harrisburg when tragedy struck last September. Jennifer and Hany had been married since Feb. 5, 2013, when they tied the knot four days after Jennifer flew to Hany's native Egypt to meet him for the first time. They had met over the Internet and developed a relationship.

Their two sons, Quamari and Anyis, were adopted from foster care. The couple's third child, Makenzie, was Jennifer's biological daughter from a previous marriage.

Jennifer and Hany didn't need child care because they had opposite work schedules. Someone was always home with the kids. They were both in school. Hassan was pursuing a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. She had earned an associate's degree in the field in 2009.

Hany was working full-time for UPMC Pinnacle and pursuing his nursing degree.

"We had this plan," Hassan said. "Buying the big Cape Cod. I always wanted one with a walk-out basement where I could put an in-home day care with like 12 kids and have my own kids."

That all changed with Hany's death. Hassan had to find a before- and after-school program, and pay for it with an income half what it once was.

She obtained funding for child care assistance, but she

couldn't find the child care. She got through the last school year with help from family, but needed a long-term solution.

"I started looking at other options. I can stay where I am and have the same fight this school year, or go gung-ho" toward opening her own center in Middletown, close to schools where her children attend.

Plenty of activities

Hassan said she likes that her location is in the middle of Middletown, surrounded by activities that children enjoy.

They can walk to parks, the police station and a firehouse, a railroad, restaurants and other small businesses, grocery stores, a senior citizen complex, and more.

Hassan can take her kids on a field trip to the Let's Pretend imaginary play house, without leaving the parking lot.

Hassan recently took her children out to watch the water moving in Swatara Creek. The kids were mesmerized by the planes flying in and out of Harrisburg International Airport.

They like going to the Amtrak train station. They know that the bell means the train is about to move.

The Middletown and Hummelstown Railroad tracks pass right in front of her building on Brown Street. The kids are "glued to the window" when a train passes by, Hassan said. "We have our own built-in entertainment without going anywhere."

She plans to use the Sharing Pantry at the entrance to the police station as a service project. The kids can bring in cans of food once a month and put them in the wooden cabinet that houses the pantry.

She sees the potential for intergenerational activities with the elderly folks who live a block away at the Interfaith Senior Housing apartment complex.

"They sit outside when they know we are coming," Hassan said of the residents.

To learn more or to contact Patchwork Kids, go to www.facebook.com/pkmmiddletown; call 717-546-2656; or email patchworkkids@yahoo.com.

YOUTH: Three Seven Sorrows teams advance

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to score the winning touchdown. Donte Howard added the extra point.

Howard and Serrano also led an impressive defensive effort.

Braydon Nye, Christian Ribic, Javon Mosley and James Buckner made big plays on defense.

Ponies Seven Sorrows 32, Dover 7

Caleb Einzig and Jamar McKinney each scored twice in the first half at Bishop McDevitt High School on Saturday as the No. 1 seed Eagles cruised to a 25-0 halftime lead.

Tillman Artell ran in a couple of extra points, and Maurice Mehallick added a second-half touchdown.

Gabriel Graham, Demaj Jalloh, Devon Reid and Mason Gratkowski were among the defensive leaders, yielding very few yards and only one second-half touchdown.

Midgets Seven Sorrows 36, Greenwood 0

Quarterback Mikey Barilla led the Eagles to a 28-0 halftime lead Sunday at Susquehanna High School, and the defense did the rest.

Barilla scored on a 69-yard

touchdown run in the first quarter, and threw a 43-yard touchdown pass to Amari Betha right before halftime.

Maurice Collins rushed for two first-half touchdowns, and Bland Grant broke several tackles on his way to a 53-yard scoring run in the second half.

Nolan Sessa kicked 3 PATs.

The Buffaloes were struggling to get anything going offensively against the No. 1 seed Eagles' defensive line of Marquis Beasley, Chad Sipe, Shawn Eden and Collin Minto. Those four plus Michael Carr opened the holes for Barilla, Collins and Grant to each go over 75 yards rushing.