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Landlord George Crist organized a vigil for Marvin Caddell, Nightflower Staats and their 7-year-old son on Wednesday night outside of 134 South Union Street. The Rev. Catharine Senft Geib of the Tree of Life Lutheran Church in Harrisburg led the vigil.

NU WUKE PAIN, AND NO MORE TEARS'

Community gathers at vigil for double murder-suicide victims

By Dan Miller

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It was too way windy for candles. But Wednesday's bitter cold didn't keep about 60 people from coming together in downtown Middletown, to remember the three people who died in a murdersuicide last week — Marvin Caddell, Nightflower Staats, and their 7-year-old son, Joaquim.

The front steps of the apartment building at 134 S. Union St. where the family lived was covered with stuffed animals. Balloons of differ-

ent colors were tied to the stair rail. Allen Thomas taped to the front door of the building a handwritten sign he had made on large green fluorescent poster board,

reading, "RIP Marvin & Family stood in small groups close to one You Need to Know You Were Loved ... Big Al."

Middletown police discovered the three bodies inside their apartment on Saturday night, Jan. 5. Police had been dispatched to the apartment shortly after 8 p.m., after being requested to check on the family by a pastor who was concerned over them not having been seen for several days.

Caddell, 48, is suspected of killing the two before turning the gun on himself, authorities say. The double homicide-suicide took place "approximately" on Wednesday, Jan. 2, according to a press release from Dauphin County Coroner Graham Hetrick.

On Wednesday night, people

another, talking and mingling on the sidewalk in front of the building, and in the street.

Middletown police parked their cruisers with lights flashing to block traffic on both ends of the

A number of borough police officers were standing by throughout the event. Officers handed out to children stuffed animals, many of which were placed on the stairs of the front entrance where 7-yearold Joaquim had lived just a short time ago.

George Crist, who owns the apartment building, came up with the idea to hold the vigil, and

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Bawi Thang adjusts the stuffed animals on the stoop of 134 S. Union St. after a vigil on Jan. 9 for the victims of a double murder-suicide — Marvin Caddell, Nightflower Staats and their 7-year-old son, Joaquim.



Marvin Caddell in 2009 or 2010.



Nightflower Staats in 2011.

Caddell's sister: Don't make him out to be a 'monster'

By Dan Miller danmiller@pressandjournal.com

Bibles on the coffee table was one of the first things Rhonda Howard noticed when she walked into the third-floor apartment where her brother Marvin Caddell had lived at 134 S. Union St. in Middletown.

At least five Bibles were sitting there, maybe more. Reading glasses sat nearby.

where Caddell had hand-written an entry in blue ink. He wrote of uncertainty over the future of his relationship with his wife, Nightflower Staats, from whom Caddell was separated. He wrote of reaching out to God.

The entry was from October. No others follow.

Howard also noticed that Caddell had installed five secu-

On the same table was a journal rity cameras in the two-bedroom apartment not much larger than a two-car garage.

One of the cameras was pointed into the bedroom of Joaquim, the 7-year-old son of Marvin and Nightflower.

Rhonda, who lives in Philadelphia where Marvin is originally from, came to Middletown with a

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Jednota rezoning hearing is Feb. 20

D&H Distributing wants warehouses at 300-acre Lower Swatara location

By Laura Hayes

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The Lower Swatara Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing about the potential rezoning of most of the Jednota property that would help clear the way for D&H Distributing to build two warehouses.

The hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 20 at the township building at 1499 Spring Garden Drive.

D&H Distributing is proposing to build two distribution facilities on the 300-acre Jednota property along Rosedale Avenue, which is owned by the First Catholic Slovak Union.

D&H plans to purchase 275.87 acres to the west of the Airport Connector Road and north and south of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

One D&H hub would be 655,200 square feet and located to the north of Rosedale. The second hub would be located to the south, and could be either 400,000 or 551,000 square feet depending on whether the company retains an office building on the site. The second hub would be leased to a third party until D&H needs it.

D&H is a technology distributor based in Harrisburg with more than \$4 billion in revenue in 2018, and their Mid-Atlantic distribution hub is located on Katie Court. At the Lower **Swatara Planning Commission** meeting in December, D&H Co-President Michael Schwab said the company has outgrown its Katie Court hub.

D&H wants to rezone land south of the turnpike to industrial park from residential urban and industrial park limited land. The land is currently a mix of zoning — residential urban, industrial park limited and office park.

Additionally, 73.17 acres to the north of the turnpike which D&H is not proposing to develop as part of this project would remain zoned residential urban. Also, about 50 acres on the west side of the property would remain zoned office park and residential urban.

The planning commission recommended for approval the amendment to the commissioners at its meeting Dec. 20. Only three residents attended the December planning commission meeting, and no one spoke, said Township Planning and Zoning Coordinator Ann Hursh.

Public notices in this week's Press & Journal

- HIGHSPIRE: Borough Authority Special Meeting Notice.
- ROYALTON: Estate of Karla Ann Wingert. A4
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TOWN TOPICS

Blue & Gold Club to hold dinner dance

The Blue & Gold Club fund-

raiser dinner dance will be held

from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan.

19, at the American Legion Post

594, 137 E. High St., Middletown.

or information, call Larry Etter

Area School District Athletic Di-

rector Cliff Smith at 717-948-3333.

The event supports student

programs in the school district.

2019 Middletown Swim

Club meeting is Jan. 21

The 2019 Middletown Swim

6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, at the

Middletown Fire Hall, 10 Adelia

Club meeting will be held at

at 717-944-3123 or Middletown

For advance ticket purchases

OURCOMMUNITY

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Harmon

Nevil and Harmon honored by MAHS

Middletown Area High School seniors Alexis Harmon and Timothy **Nevil recently** were selected as December's Students

of the Month. Alexisisthe daughter of **Brad Harmon** and Lisa Wolf.

She is a member of many clubs in the high school: Na-

tional Honor Society, Link Crew, Mini-THON, PRIDE Club, FCCLA, Key Club, and Prom Committee. Alexis also has an internship in the main office of the high school.

Nevil

Alexis was a varsity player for volleyball and was named a Mid-Penn Conference Volleyball All-Star and a member of the Mid-Penn Conference second team.

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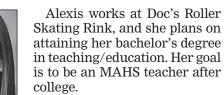
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Timothy is the son of Martyn R. and Julia L. Nevil.

Tim is a Mini-THON chairman, and is also a member of PRIDE Club and Link Crew. Tim is the sound technician for the school's musicals, and a reporter on the Raider Newscast "Tim & Tim." He is the WMSS station manager and sports director. Additionally, he has an internship for Penn State Health, Department of Public Health Services.

Tim is a member of the marching, concert and jazz bands and is the president of the Blue Wave Marching Band. He is also the president of Tri-M Honor Society, and was the recipient of a Tournament of Bands Scholarship.

He is employed at Klock Entertainment and The Hershey Story. After high school, he plans on majoring in infectious diseases and immunology in college.

Speaker Melanie Downey

of Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors, Inc.

This event is free & open to the community!

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NEWS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD LAVONNE ACKERMAN

Little snow doesn't hurt

Hi, people! It looks like we have been having some wintry weather, finally. What is winter for if we don't get some snow? Snow is beautiful, until you have to drive in it or shovel it!

I always look forward to a good snow so the kids can enjoy a snow day, go sledding, make snow angels, build an igloo, or roll a snowman.

What is your favorite snow activity? I like to look at it! There is something special about sitting under warm blankets and enjoying a snowstorm right outside your window.

We have nine more weeks of winter before spring begins March 20. I wonder how much snow we will get between now and then?

Have a wonderful week, and enjoy the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday on Monday.

Don't forget to share your news, email or call me!

Birthdays

Happy 14th cake-and-ice cream day to Faith Shonk of Londonderry Township on Wednesday, Jan. 16. I hope the sun peeks out for you on your day!

Tyna Brinser of Lower Swatara observes another confettipopping day on Thursday, Jan. 17. Make it your best birthday yet, Tyna!

Best wishes for a beautiful birthday to **Cathy Farr** of Lower Swatara on Jan. 17. Have a terrific Thursday.

Annalise Spagnolo of Lower Swatara celebrates her 15th balloon-flying day on Thursday, Jan. 17. Happy birthday to you!

Here is a shout-out to **Jim** Gallagher of Lower Swatara on Friday, Jan. 18. Have a superduper birthday, Jim!

Happy landmark big-deal birthday to **Garrett Deyle** of Lower Swatara on Friday, Jan. 18 as he turns 21.

Kaitlin Shartle marks her 25th quarter-of-a-century happy

birthday on Jan. 18. If you see her on Friday, be sure to give her a super-loud congrats greet-

Olivia Yeich of Lower Swatara joins the teener club on Friday, Jan. 18. I hope your 13th birthday is just beautiful!

Mike Brinser of Lower Swatara will hear the birthday song on Sunday, Jan. 20. I hope your day is full of happy, Mike!

Happy 21st cake day to Nicole Whittle of Middletown on Sunday, Jan. 20. Congrats and best wishes to you on this landmark day! Here is a shout-out to favorite

postal carrier **Cindy Bowers** of Lower Swatara on Jan. 22. Many good wishes are sent your way for a terrific birthday on Tuesday, Cindy!

Christian Nordai of Middletown marks his legal-beagle 21st cake day on Tuesday, Jan. 22. Enjoy it all week long, and congrats!

Happy landmark 18th birthday to Nathan Cheek of Middletown on Jan. 22. I hope your Tuesday is simply remarkable!

Anniversary

Happy wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Turns of Middletown. They celebrate their special day on Monday, Jan. 21. Congrats!

Super Easy Meatloaf

- 1 lb. lean ground beef 1/4 c. chili sauce or ketchup 1 egg
- 1/4 c. bread crumbs 1/4 tsp. thyme leaves
- 1/4 tsp. onion salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In large bowl, combine all ingredients and mix well. Press mixture firmly into ungreased 8-by-4-inch loaf pan.

Bake at 350 for 30 minutes. You can add an additional 3 Tbsp. of chili sauce or ketchup to the top and cook for 10 to 15 more minutes or until thor-

oughly cooked in the center. Meat thermometer: 160 degrees Fahrenheit. Let stand for 5 minutes then remove from pan. Serve with garlic mashed potatoes and a fresh salad, and French bread.

Dinner is served

All are welcome to a roast beef dinner with cheesy potatoes, glazed carrots, applesauce, roll, beverage and dessert from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, at Evangelical United Methodist Church, 157 E. Water St., Middletown.

Takeouts are available. A cost is involved. For more information, call 717-944-6181. The location is handicap-accessible.

Quote of the Week

"I have a great need for Christ and I have a great Christ for my need." — Charles Spurgeon, pastor and author, 1834-1892.

Question of the Week

What is your favorite winter dinner?

"Green beans and ham. I help make it!" — **Jameson Hoffman**, 6, Lower Paxton.

"Lentil soup." — **Terry** Brownell, Hummelstown.

"Macaroni and cheese with hot dogs." — Bill Seaton, Hummelstown.

"Pork, ham, mashed potatoes and green beans." — DJ Butler. 9, Middletown. "Roast turkey and all the fix-

ings, and mac and cheese!"— Ka'Nai Wallace, 8, Middletown. "Extra-cheese pizza!" —

Proverb of the Week

Anonymous.

My son, if your heart is wise, then my heart will be glad; my inmost being will rejoice when your lips speak what is right (23:15,16).

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

St., Middletown. Baseball and softball registration for LSTAA Lower Swatara Township Athletic Association will hold registration for youth baseball, girls softball and teener baseball at the Lower Swatara Municipal Building, 1499 Spring Garden

day, Jan. 19, and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26. Registration is open to children living in Lower Swatara

Drive, from 9 a.m. to noon Satur-

Township and Highspire. The online registration cutoff date is Feb. 3.

For questions, including cost and fundraiser options, as well as online registration, visit www.lstaa.org or call Jason Wagner at 717-574-0536.

MASD schools will be closed for MLK holiday

In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, there will be no school for Middletown Area School District students on Monday, Jan. 21.

This will be a staff development makeup day, if needed.

Wounded Warriors event to be held at the Moose

The women and men of the Middletown Moose, 100 Mill St., invite the community to a free event at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2 in the downstairs room.

Melanie Downey of Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors Inc., will be the guest speaker.

For more information, call Caroline Truax at 717-982-6762.

Frey Village Friends of the Arts slates concert

Frey Village Friends of the Arts is sponsoring a free concert from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25 in the chapel.

Matt and Carol Frigm, married best friends, will perform their songs about life and love, with bits of soft rock, country and jazz.

All music lovers are invited.

Roast beef at Lower Swatara Fire Company

Lower Swatara Volunteer Fire Company, 1350 Fulling Mill Road, is sponsoring a roast beef dinner from 11 a.m. until sold out Sunday, Jan. 20.

Eat-in or takeout is available.

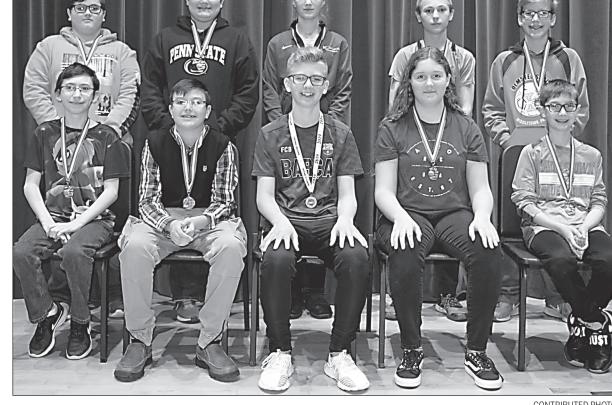
Little Round Top topic of Civil War roundtable

The Hershey Civil War Roundtable will meet at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 17 at Country Meadows, Main Building, 451 Sand Hill Road, Hershey.

The program will examine the role of the 15th Alabama in the attack on Little Round Top on July 2, 1863, which historians continue to study after 155 years.

The experiences of the everyday soldier, and the lasting impact of their efforts today will be discussed by Angie Atkinson, a supervisory park ranger at Gettysburg National Military Park. She manages the Licensed Battlefield Guide program.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Anyone interested in the history of Civil War is invited to attend.



Participants in the Middletown Area Middle School annual National Geographic Geography Bee were, back row, Aidan Amspacker (eighth grade), Joe Korsak (eighth grade), Madeline Fox (seventh grade), Aaron Nordai (seventh grade), and Luke LeKites (seventh grade); front row, John Bell (eighth grade), RJ Gomboc (seventh grade), Jordan Miller (eighth grade), Jade Lesisko (eighth grade), and Cameron Scully (sixth grade).

Miller wins MAMS geography bee

Eighth-grader Jordan Miller beat out nine other Middletown Area Middle School students in the annual National Geographic Geography Bee at the school

Jan. 8. The students were awarded a spot in the geography bee by placing in the top 10 scores on a geography test taken by the entire

student body.

Students answered questions regarding mountain ranges, bodies of water, capitol cities and more.

After seven students were eliminated, RJ Gomboc, Jade Lesisko and Jordan remained. Jade answered her next question incorrectly and was named the third-place winner.

RJandJordanenteredthehead-

to-head championship round, and the questions increased in difficulty.

Finally, several rounds in, a body of water stumped RJ and Jordan produced the correct answer to become champion. Jordan now will take a written

test in hopes of qualifying for additional competitions against area middle school students.

Library to hold special event for preschool kids

William H. & Marion C. Alexander Family Library in Hummelstown will celebrate "Me and My Home!" Week with special preschool story times featuring "Welcome Home, Bear" by Il Sung Na during the week of Feb. 3.

"Welcome Home, Bear" follows Bear as he explores the places his

friends call home and learns to appreciate everything he loves about his own home.

William H. & Marion C. Alexander Family Library, 200 W. 2nd St., Hummelstown, will hold its story time from 10:15 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5.

"Me and My Home!" Week pro-

grams are designed for children ages 3 to 5 years old, but families with children of all ages are invited, according to the library. Registration is required. For

more information on these programs or to register, visit dcls. org/preschool storytime or call 717-652-9380, ext. 1045.

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POLICE AND COURTS ROUNDUP

Man shot out windows with a BB gun, police say; stolen car found in Philly

Middletown police charged a borough man after determining he had damaged the window of a residence and two windows of a school bus using a BB gun.

Jesse Vencenzi Pasquini, 25, of the 100 block of East Main Street, is charged with criminal mischief, and a summary count of discharge of a weapon.

Police in arrest papers filed with District Judge David Judy said they were contacted by a resident in the 100 block of Hoffman Avenue who on Dec. 9 reported that his second-floor window had been shot and damaged by a BB gun.

On Dec. 10, officials with the First Student bus company reported to borough police that two windows had been shot out of a school bus that was parked in the company lot at 461 Spruce

Police estimated the damage of replacing the home window and the school bus windows at a combined \$300.

Pasquini is scheduled for a Feb. 4 preliminary hearing before Judy.

Search warrant leads to charges

A Middletown man was charged with DUI and drug offenses while borough police were executing a search warrant at a residence in the 700 block of North Spring Street shortly after 12:30 p.m. Nov. 29.

Police said that Ian Michael Cain, 27, of the North Spring Street address, whom police said was a target of the search warrant, was pulled over after he was seen trying to drive away, according to arrest papers police filed with District Judge David

Police said Cain showed signs of impairment. A large scale was found in his vehicle, police said, and they found on him a vape pen containing THC, the active ingredient of marijuana.

Police said they also found during a search of Cain's bedroom brass knuckles, marijuana and THC residue, and drug paraphernalia.

Cain had THC and fentanyl in his system at the time of his arrest, according to lab results of a blood draw reported by police.

Cain is charged with DUI of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, improper use of a turn signal, and make

repairs/sell/etcetera offensive weapons.

His preliminary hearing is scheduled for Feb. 19.

Two tire-slashing incidents

A tire of a 2010 tan Hyundai Sonata was reported slashed while the car was parked in the owner's driveway in the 400 block of East Emaus Street between 6 p.m. Jan. 7 and 9 a.m.

Damage was estimated at \$80 by Middletown police.

Police on Jan. 7 also received a report of the front left tire of a 2016 red Ford F-150 being slashed while the vehicle was parked in the 300 block of Elm

The tire had been stabbed three times, police said. Damage was estimated at \$200.

Car stolen here turns up in Philly

A car reported stolen from a Pineford resident in Middletown turned up in Philadelphia later the same day, borough police

The 2010 maroon Hyundai Sonata was stolen from a parking lot near the owner's residence in Holly Hall sometime between 7:30 p.m. Jan. 2 and 7:20 a.m. Jan. 3, police said.

Later the same evening of Jan. 3, the stolen car was discovered by Philadelphia police in the city's west side, Middletown police said.

Philadelphia police on Jan. 4 arrested the driver, Marquis Honay of Upper Darby. He is charged with receiving stolen property and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, and is scheduled for a Jan. 22 preliminary hearing in Philadelphia Municipal Court, according to online court records.

Water filters stolen from porch

A package was reported stolen from the porch of an apartment in the 300 block of Spring Street in Middletown.

The package containing a water filter for a kitchen sink valued at \$50 had been delivered at 2:45 p.m. Jan. 7, police said.

Items missing from residence

Jewelry including a watch and a ring, and some beer, were reported missing in a suspected burglary of an apartment in the Woodmere Building of Pineford in Middletown.

The owner told police that the items were taken sometime between Dec. 10 to Jan. 5.

Police, EMS, respond to overdose

A person said to have ingested 80 milligrams of OxyContin or oxycodone was treated for an overdose while at Midtown Pizza at Midtown Plaza in the 400 block of East Main Street in Middletown.

Borough police were dispatched to the scene at 8:36 p.m. Dec. 30. Police were about to administer Narcan to the individual when emergency medical service personnel arrived, police

EMS took the individual to the hospital, police said.

Damage to door at Dollar Tree

The door of the Dollar Tree store in Midtown Plaza was damaged on New Year's Day morning in an unsuccessful break-in attempt, Middletown police said.

Police believe the culprits were two "extremely intoxicated" men who had been kicked out of an Uber vehicle in the parking lot of the plaza in the 400 block of East Main Street.

Simple assault charges

Middletown police charged a borough man with simple assault following an incident in the first block of North Pine Street early on the morning of Jan. 1.

The victim told police that Luther C. Gilbert III, 34, of the North Pine Street address, punched a woman with a closed fist in the arm several times. Gilbert was intoxicated, the victim told police.

Gilbert was arraigned before District Judge Lowell A. Witmer and also charged with harassment. Bail was set at \$10,000 unsecured; Gilbert is not listed as being in Dauphin County Prison. His preliminary hearing is set for Jan. 28.

Thrown road cone breaks window

Glass at Nissley Auto Center in the 400 block of Spruce Street was reported broken by someone throwing a road cone through a window, Middletown police said.

Surveillance video shows three white males believed to be teenagers who were at the scene at the time, police said. The incident was reported to police

at 6:14 p.m. Dec. 27.

Man stole scrap, police say

A Harrisburg man was charged with theft after admitting to police that he had crawled through the fence of Royalton Recycling to steal steel piping with copper ends and four hydraulic hoses with steel ends.

The items allegedly taken Jan. 6 by David George Koshko III, 35, of the 1900 block of Regina Street, had a total value of \$310, according to arrest papers Royalton police filed with District Judge David Judy.

Koshko has a preliminary hearing set for Feb. 4.

Man charged in incident

Police charged a Middletown man following a dispute in the 100 block of East Emaus Street shortly before 11:30 p.m. Jan. 4.

A woman told police that she and Theodore Albe Verbinski, 30, of the East Emaus Street address, had been arguing during the day and that Verbinski had been drinking, according to arrest papers borough police filed with District Judge David Judy.

The victim told police that Verbinski broke her furniture and several other items belonging to her, and that he then climbed on top of her without her consent.

Verbinski is charged with simple assault and indecent assault. He is awaiting setting of a preliminary hearing.

Expired registration leads to DUI

Middletown police charged a borough man with DUI after pulling him over for having an expired registration in the area of North Union Street and Oak Hill Drive at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 30.

Police detected an odor of marijuana during the traffic stop. The driver, Eliezer Jordan Jimenez, 23, of the 100 block of Elmwood Drive, told police he had smoked pot about 15 minutes earlier, according to arrest papers police filed with District Judge David Judy.

A search of Jimenez and the 1998 Honda Accord yielded drug paraphernalia and brass knuckles, police said.

Jimenez was taken to the booking center and charged with DUI and use/possession of drug paraphernalia. His preliminary hearing is set for Feb. 19.

board chairwoman and Michael

Geyer to be the vice chairman at

meeting, was the board chairman

in 2018, and Dale was the vice

Dale has been on the board since

Mel Hershey, who was not at the

the Jan. 7 meeting.

chairwoman.

OBITUARIES

Carlyn Bitner

MIDDLETOWN

Carlyn L. Bitner, 88, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at Hershey Medical Center.

She was born on April 21, 1930 in Middletown and was the loving daughter of the late Paul T. and Beulah (Judy) Leicht.

Carlyn was a member of the Evangelical United Methodist Church, Middletown. Carlyn was a graduate of Middletown High School, class of 1948. She retired as a secretary from Penn State Harrisburg after many years of service.

Carlyn was a lifelong resident of Middletown. She is well known in Middletown as a loving friend and volunteer to many. She was a member of the Middletown Women's Club and enjoyed all sports including Middletown athletics. She was a dedicated volunteer and did work for Middletown Care-A-Van. CONTACT of Harrisburg and the Interfaith Board.

She was the devoted wife of Robert K. Bitner for 59 years and his caretaker at the end of his life.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband Robert Bitner; sisters, BeatriceLenker, Ethel Lyter; and brother, Paul Leicht.

Carlyn is survived by her daughters, Elizabeth "Beth" Maurer and her husband Mark of Boiling Springs, and Jennifer Bitner of San Francisco; grandchildren, Mitchell Maurer, Lily Maurer, Kai Souzis; and several nieces and nephews.

There will be a tribute to Carlyn's life on Friday, January 18, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Matinchek Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 260 E. Main St., Middletown, Pa., with the Rev. Lee Ellenberger officiating. There will be a visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Friday. Interment will be at Middletown Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to a charity of your choice in Carlyn's name.

Condolences may be sent at www.matinchekfuneralhome. com.







LOOK FOR **OUR NEXT** DINNER IN THE FEB. 13TH PRESS & JOURNAL

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Londonderry officials to go to state about sewer lines

By Laura Hayes

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Londonderry Township leaders say they plan to meet with a state authority to get more information about funding public sewer lines in several areas that currently lack them, including Londonderry

Residents of that development raised concerns during a Nov. 5 board meeting, and the issue came up again at the board of supervisors meeting Jan. 7.

"We know we're on DEP's radar," township manager Steve Letavic told the Press & Journal after the meeting.

Londonderry's Sewage Facilities Act report, called the Act 537 plan, proposed public sewer systems in Londonderry Estates and

Sewer Districts No. 2 and 3.

The Londonderry Estates system was supposed to be operational five years after the plan was approved by DEP. The plan was submitted in

spring 2016, and Letavic estimated they were already in year two. The plan estimated that the

project would cost \$1.5 million. Letavic said during the Jan. 7 meeting that they intended to get the help of partners to put in public

sewer systems in the township so that the cost wouldn't fall solely on the residents. "Because if we don't find a way to partner and develop and share these costs with developers when

we will just have to pay for it,' Letavic said.

DEP forces us to put sewer in,

with Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority, or PENNVEST, to look at two township projects — public sewer in Londonderry Estates and along Route 230.

Letavic said they planned to ask for advice on the best approach for funding, if the projects should be combined, what PENNVEST program they should apply for and if grant funding is available.

Some Londonderry Estates residents in November voiced concerns about replacing their old septic systems — at a cost of \$20,000 to \$30,000, one said — if public sewer lines were coming to the area in the near future.

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Gas prices steady, increases on horizon

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per gallon vs. last week to \$2.24.

Average prices Jan. 14 in Har-

risburg have ranged widely over

ing \$2.38 a gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of This compares with the national average that increased 0.5 cents the last five years: \$2.75 in 2018, \$2.58 in 2017, \$2.04 in 2016, \$2.25 in

lower than a year ago and are 17.5 cents lower than a month ago. The U.S. average dropped 14.1 cents in the last month and are 28.4 cents lower than a year ago.

Areas near Harrisburg and their

current gas price climate: Lancaster: \$2.39, up 0.7 cents.

"With oil prices back over \$50 per barrel, it looks like gas prices in more areas may soon bottom out and start to tick higher," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

LD students participate in LVC Honors Choir

Lower Dauphin students from the high school and middle school participated in the second annual Lebanon Valley College Honors Choir Festival on Jan. 11-12.

The vocalists from the high school included Sophia Ditty, Natasha Ebersole, Mauricette

Musser, Samantha Farace, Jacob Pegher, Brayden Harris, Cameron Snelbaker, and Donovan McDonald. They performed with students

from the area surrounding LVC and were directed by Dr. Matthew Erpelding.

Selected to participate from the middle school were Olivia Hulstein, Alex Raser, Ella Fields, Avery Alther, Kelly Bastian, Anna Schmidt, Chloe Haslup, Alysa Harbilas, Kayley Schell, Jolie Revenis, Brandon Bibb, Ace Turck, and Grayson Simpson.

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Generous people

By Laura Hayes laurahayes@pressandjournal.com

Barb Weaver met Jack outside of Subway on Second Street in Highspire.

She saw him sitting on a bench with a shopping cart. Jack was a big guy — around 6 feet, 7 inches tall, she estimated — in his 60s with a full beard.

"He was just sitting there. He wasn't bothering anybody," Weaver said.

She thought he might be hungry, so she ordered two meatball subs, two cups of coffee and two bags of chips. Weaver walked over and told him she bought him lunch.

Jack asked if she wanted crackers, pulling some out of his cart. She told him she had enough food, and he asked her if she would eat lunch with him.

Jack wasn't his real name, but that's what he told Weaver, who lives in Highspire, to call him. Jack didn't say much.

"But I knew the second he offered me crackers the kind of person he was. Never asked anyone for a dime. Never asked anyone for a cigarette. Never bothered anybody," Weaver said.

She didn't know that initial gesture in early November would lead to many more meetings, a friendship and eventually a tearful goodbye between the two.

Under the bridge

A week after the Subway meeting, Weaver saw Jack pushing his cart in the November rain toward Highspire on Route 230, not far from Sheetz. Jack had a small umbrella that

barely covered his head. She tried to turn around to offer her umbrella in her trunk, but he disappeared.

Nearby was the Airport Connector bridge. Weaver said she asked herself where she would go to get out of the rain, and she decided to pull to the side of the road.

She found him lying in a sleeping bag on top of a piece of cardboard under the bridge. She offered him her umbrella, 18hour hand warmers, a flashlight and a cup of coffee.

When she left, she was uneasy. "I knew what it was like," she

Years ago, Weaver had been in the same position. She was homeless for a few months and slept in her car.

All she wanted to do was make Jack more comfortable, and he was still unprotected from the elements. She gathered a tent, trundle bed and some of their other camping gear from her house because it was becoming cold.

Over the next several weeks, Weaver visited Jack every day. They had breakfast in the morning and in the evenings they played cards.

How Jack got here

Jack eventually told her his

Helived all over the country. He never had kids. He was trying to get to New York from California to visit a friend when he ended up in Middletown.

His bus wouldn't let him back on in Albuquerque, for reasons that were not clear, but a man who was driving from New Mexico to New Jersey offered him a ride.

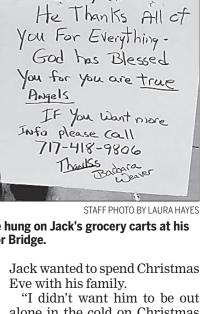
The man's car broke down on Route 283 just outside Middletown. They walked to Sheetz to get help. Jack went inside to use

ammunition,

and multiple other items from the victim who lives in Harborton Estates, ac-Williams cording to arrest papers

The car and most of the items were recovered.

However, Williams and Smith sold the gun for \$800 to another man, police said. The gun has not



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the Spring. (he has there!

Barb Weaver holds two signs that she hung on Jack's grocery carts at his campsite under the Airport Connector Bridge.



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Barb Weaver and Jack.

the restroom and get a drink. By the time he got outside, the man who was giving him a ride was gone along with all of his belongings inside the car.

Jack told Weaver that he didn't even know how to get back to the car. He waited to see if the man returned to Sheetz.

He never did.

That was in September.

Weaver didn't meet Jack until November. All he had was some money in his pocket. Jack told Weaver that he used to work as a carpenter. Weaver, who refurbishes antique furniture, paid

Jack to sand furniture. She picked him up at his campsite and brought him to her house. Jack took a shower, and Weaver washed his clothes. It was the first shower he had in two-and-a-half

"He felt like a new man when he came out," Weaver said.

But the tent drew attention. One police officer stopped by, but hedidn't make Jack leave. The officer received a complaint about the fire, worried that it would spread to the surrounding brush. He brought Jack a fire screen and asked if he needed anything else.

Other people helped, including Steven Rittner of Highspire, who stopped by after hearing about Jack on social media. "Some people said some not so

nice things, so I made a decision that I was going to do what I could to help," Rittner said.

Jack was never at his campsite when Rittner came by, but he dropped off fire supplies and tent stakes.

A tearful goodbye

Rittner went by the site to see if

alone in the cold on Christmas Eve," Rittner said. Weaver said Jack spent Christ-

Londonderry Township. Jack spent Christmas day with Weaver's family playing cards and dice. That night, Weaver of-

mas Eve at the Starlite Motel in

fered Jack her bed. "I wouldn't let him go back to the tent. I said, 'You sleep in my bed tonight,'" Weaver said.

The next morning, Weaver took him to the Harrisburg train station. She asked him where would he go. Atlanta, he said, where he

has friends and family. Weaver and her husband bought him a train ticket for Christmas. Jack got on the train with a bicycle that someone had dropped off at the campsite, and

his backpack. "I bawled the whole way home. I had to pull over in Steelton because I couldn't see to drive. I'm going to miss him," Weaver said.

After Jack left, Weaver went to clean up the campsite. Waiting there were wrapped meals filled with ham and potatoes, Christmas gifts, gift bags, cookies and Christmas cards. Weaver had no idea how many people were helping Jack out.

"It just filled my heart with joy to know so many people out there cared so much to help take care of him," Weaver said.

They took down the tent and packed up the site. Weaver put all of Jack's possessions and gifts into storage. All of the food was donated.

She placed two signs on Jack's grocery cart, explaining what happened to him and listing her phone number if they wanted more information.

Rittner was angry when he didn't see his tent, thinking the police made him leave. But once he saw Weaver's sign, he began crying tears of joy. He called her, but he could hardly talk.

"I wanted to help her in any way that I could," he said.

Jack said he wanted to come back in the spring, and Weaver hopes he does.

"It was definitely an experience. I enjoyed meeting him so much. We became friends," Weaver said.

Baltimore woman sought over stolen gun

Middletown police have firearm and charged two people — one of whom is still wanted — in connection with the theft of a car, a Beretta 9 mm semi-automatic pistol and ammunition from a borough man on Nov. 5.

Police are looking for Erma

Jane Williams, 43, of Baltimore,

who is charged with criminal

police was the victim's girlfriend

— and Brandon Martin Smith,

31, conspired to steal the car, the

borough police filed with District conspiracy theft by unlawful taking, and theft by unlawful taking, Judge David Judy. according to online court records. Williams — who according to

acy through Facebook messages between Williams and Smith that were obtained through a search warrant.

been recovered.

Smith, currently in Cambria County Prison, faces the same charges as Williams, plus prohibited possession of a firearm. Smith is a convicted felon, police said.

Police learned of the conspir-

Smith was to be arraigned before Judy on Jan. 14. He and Williams are both scheduled for a Feb. 19 preliminary hearing.

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SISTER: 'If you know your family is struggling with mental health issues, try to get them some help'

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U-Haul on Monday to remove Marvin's belongings from inside the apartment — where, Middletown police say, Marvin shot and killed his wife and son Wednesday, Jan. 2, before turning the gun on himself in an apparent murder-suicide.

Their bodies were not discovered until Jan. 5, after a local pastor who had gotten to know Marvin and his family through Wesley United Methodist Church on Ann Street requested police go to the apartment for a welfare check, because the pastor had not seen them for several days.

Outside of some residue from police tape on the door, there was little evidence of what happened in the apartment that day.

Howard said she doesn't understand what led Marvin to kill his wife and his son. But she said Marvin is not the "monster" that some are making him out to be, such as on social media posts.

She said he was a devoted father, who had spent every day with his son since the day Joaquim was born, Rhonda said.

Phone calls

Rhonda had last spoken to Marvin over the phone in early December.

Marvin didn't sound as good as when Rhonda had talked to him in November. Then, he talked of the problems he was having with Nightflower, but he seemed philosophical about it — saying if it doesn't work out, it doesn't

He had started a job at a local grocery store. He had started the process of enrolling Joaquim in Middletown Area School District. He was active in the Wesley church, even helping give away turkeys to needy families over the holidays.

But during that last conversation in December, Rhonda detected that things had become strained. She and Marvin didn't argue, but he hung up on her.

That was the last time Rhonda in prison, and Flower from being

ever heard Marvin's voice. The "The first thing that next she heard of hit my mind was her brother came from a pink slip complete disbelief. she got in her mail You cannot be talking at home from the 15th District of the about my brother, my Philadelphia Posister-in-law and my lice Department. The police gave her nephew. They're not a phone number dead." to call a detective with the Middletown Police De-

Rhonda Howard

"That's how I found out" what happened, Rhonda said. "Over the phone."

partment.

"The first thing that hit my mind was complete disbelief," she said. "You cannot be talking about my brother, my sister-in-law and my nephew. They're not dead."

Rhonda is a year younger than Marvin. On Sunday, while preparing for her drive to Middletown, she and her family celebrated in Philadelphia what would have been Marvin's 49th birthday.

Even though she was younger, Rhonda said she was "stronger" than Marvin, because she was raised in North Philadelphia and grew up on the streets.

Marvin grew up in the suburbs and wasn't a street kid. His biggest worry growing up was somebody stealing his bicycle out of his yard, Rhonda said.

She said Marvin wasn't a fighter or an angry person. She recalls him only ever getting into a fight once, when a guy hit Rhondain the back of her head with a basketball.

But she said Marvin got "caught up" with a group of friends who were doing the wrong thing. In 1994, he was found guilty of robbery and sentenced two to five years in state prison.

Prison changed him

He was 24, but still a kid, Rhonda said. He had to grow up in prison. It changed him, Rhonda said, and

not for better. "He came home, he wasn't the same," she said. "He was a little more questionable about people, a little more insecure. After awhile it turned into post-traumatic stress. He kind of isolated himself. He'd be around people he felt safe around, and other than that there was no meeting new people, meeting new friends.

About three months after getting out of prison, Marvin came to see Rhonda at her home. She had gotten him a job. She excused herself for a moment to go to the bathroom, and when she came back, Marvin was sobbing uncontrollably.



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Rhonda Howard of Philadelphia, who was Marvin Caddell's sister, speaks in his Middletown apartment on Monday. Nightflower Staats was her sister-in-law, and Joaquim Caddell was her nephew.

After several moments of her holding him and telling him to breath, Marvin looked at her and said, "Rhonda, you can't cry in prison."

Marvin was living in Rhonda's basement when Rhonda met a woman named Nightflower, who worked in the same building Rhonda did.

Nightflower — whom Rhonda calls by her nickname "Flower" -was from London, Ontario. But according to Rhonda, Flower's mother had disowned her for falling in love with a black boyfriend.

The boyfriend brought her to Philadelphia. One day the boyfriend came in to where Flower worked, dropped off a trash bag and laundry basket full of her clothes, and told her not to come

Rhonda had an empty bedroom and told Flower she could stay with her. That's how Marvin and Flower got together, in 2000.

Isolated from society

They both felt isolated from society for different reasons, Rhonda said—her brother from his years

disowned by her family. That gave them a connection to one another. They married in

Marvin had two children from previous marriages, but wanted a child with Flower. The first two times, Flower had miscarriages. Doctors told her she would never have

children. When Joaquim was born in 2011, "he was a miracle baby," Rhonda said.

Flower didn't have a GED or high school diploma, so Marvin talked her into furthering her education. She got her GED and became certified in a few things. She found work in collections and later in real estate, working with homes under foreclosure.

In most of their years together Flower was the breadwinner, Rhonda said. Marvin had a hard time finding steady work because of his conviction.

Often when he got a job he would lose it after a short while, sometimes because someone from his past in prison would show up and people would start talking, Rhondasaid. Around 2013, Marvin started getting Social Security due to a physical disability.

Rhonda doesn't know exactly when Marvin, Flower and Joaquim moved to Middletown, or exactly why. George Crist, who owns the apartment building where the family lived, told the Press & Journal that the family had lived there for less than a year before the murder-suicide.

Rhonda said that Flower separated from Marvin in July. She took Joaquim and moved elsewhere.

Nightflower later came back to Middletown with Joaquim -Rhonda doesn't know if by choice or if Marvin talked her into coming back. But the marital issues remained.

Marvin had not yet filed for divorce or for custody of his son, but he had filed paper work in Dauphin County to start getting child support from Flower, Rhonda said.

Nightflower, who didn't have a record, had also bought a gun and brought it into the apartment, which Rhonda said worried both her and her therapist, who was also Marvin's therapist.

"His therapist talked to him about it and he was like, 'Marvin, why do you two have this gun? You need to get rid of it.' (But) you can't make people listen to you,"



In this 2003 photo, Marvin Caddell and Nightflower Staats hold newborn Malani Wilson, who is Rhonda Howard's daughter.

Rhonda said.

Recalling Joaquim

She laughs when she is asked to recall Joaquim. He was sweet, very smart and inquisitive. "He was kind of mature for his age" and was close to Rhonda's son, Josiah, even though Josiah at 12 was 5 years older.

She remembers Joaquim calling Josiah on the phone every night for two and three weeks straight, sometimes as several as four or five times a night.

Marvin had not had a good relationship with his own father, and was "overprotective" of Joaquim, Rhonda said. But Rhonda said Marvin wouldn't lay a hand on Joaquim.

"I couldn't even yell at my nephew without him (Marvin) telling me, 'I'll chastise my child — you don't," Rhonda said.

To Rhonda, Flower choosing to again leave the apartment, but without taking Joaquim, was proof that Marvin was a good father who would never have meant his child any harm.

"Why would you leave your son with a man that was an animal? How would you be able to leave?" she said. "If my brother was a murderer or if my brother was a monster, why would she leave her son? How could she leave here if that's who he was? Whatever happened, something happened that made him snap and I don't know what it was, but something happened."

Fresh trouble with the law

While Marvin had found work at the grocery store, he had been fired from the job about a month

He hadn't been in prison for many years, but Marvin was having fresh trouble with the law.

According to public court documents, Caddell was to appear in Dauphin County Court on Jan. 9 on pending charges after being arrested in Susquehanna Township in May for possession of marijuana, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, and driving under suspension.

He had also pleaded guilty in Lancaster County Court on March 19 to a misdemeanor charge of theft by unlawful taking.

Rhonda had known for years that his brother had mental health issues. His paranoia was such that two years ago, when Marvin's younger brother died, Marvin didn't even go to his funeral.

"When a man does not show up to his own little brother's funeral and he grew up in the home with him, it says that there is something wrong," she said. "There was something psychologically going on with my brother — paranoia, the depression, the anxiety — but he wasn't a killer."

Despite signs that Marvin was getting it together — such as from the phone call in November -Rhonda still saw her brother as being too isolated. Today, she says she could have pushed him more about it, but wonders if she would not have just pushed him away.

"I didn't know what to do," she said, looking back. "You can't make a person talk to you. (But) if I knew what I know now, I would have looked longer, I would have reached out. It still doesn't make it any less painful."

She is convinced that his time in prison was at the root of his troubles, even though it had been years since he had seen the inside of a cell.

She compares it to a veteran coming home from a war with PTSD, even if the war was long

ago such as Vietnam. If the issues aren't addressed and treated, it just gets worse and worse until it blows up.

"Believe men when they tell you that prison can kill your spirit,"

she said. "Believe people when they tell you that prison does not reform men. It kills their spirit. It kills their souls. My brother went to jail a kid, and he came home a devastated man."

This photo of Joaquim Caddell

was on the wall of his bedroom in the apartment where he lived in Middletown.

She pleads with people today that they learn from what happened to Marvin, Flower and Joaquim. If you know your family is struggling—the way that Marvin and his family were — get them help, while there is still time.

"You think it won't happen to you, until you are sitting here and you are packing up your family's belongings and you can't talk to them anymore," Rhonda said. "If you know your family is struggling with mental health issues, try to get them some help."

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organized the event.

Standing in front of his building, he invited the cold bystanders to warm themselves with some free "famous chili" cooked up and served by his fiancee, Sara Fox.

Crist also had free hot chocolate and coffee, cornbread and soup for

all who had come out to remember the slain family.

The couple are getting married on Jan. 19. Crist said.

"The light beats out the darkness every time," he told those who came to the vigil. "We don't have the candles to show it, but we're here. It only needs to be present, like you guys are tonight."

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"This bad thing happened and we can't change that, but we can respond to it. We can respond to it by supporting one another, we can respond to it by being closer as a community," Crist said.

Crist had invited his pastor, the Rev. Catharine Senft Geib from the Tree of Life Lutheran Church in Harrisburg, to speak.

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Geib read some passages from the Bible and led the group in prayer, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

"We are here tonight to remember the lives of Marvin Caddell, his wife Nightflower and their 7-year-old son Joe," Geib said. "It is a terribly tragic case of three lives that are taken by a disease that we don't completely understand. While happiness seems far away at this time, nevertheless we can live in hope that wounds will be healed, and that these three individuals are now healed. No more pain, and no more tears.

The family had lived in Crist's building less than a year. They weren't from Middletown, but had made a number of friends during their short time here, many of whom came to the vigil.

At least half a dozen had worked with Nightflower at Guardian Transfer, a title search company in Shiremanstown. Nightflower had worked there for several months, said Christine Buffington, one of

"The light beats out the darkness every time. We don't have the candles to show it, but we're here. It only needs to be present, like you guys are tonight."

building owner George Christ

the co-workers at the vigil.

"We came out in support for her and her son," Buffington said. "Every last one of us were in shock. We felt deeply saddened for her and her family.

Thomas, who brought the sign, worked at the same grocery store as Marvin. He was "a good friend, a very good friend. Do anything for anybody.'

"Who am I to judge" about what happened, Thomas said. "I can't judge nobody. The only one who judges is God."

"It could happen to me, it could happen to anybody ... he had a lot on his mind," Thomas said of Caddell. "He was a good guy. I didn't want to see him go out like that,

but who am I to judge?" Steven Glessner said he grew up in the same apartment building in the apartment next to where the

family lived and died. As he looked up at the building, he struggled to comprehend what had happened, so close to where he had grown up, and why. He searched for answers, but had

Glessner had moved back to Middletown about a vear ago. He works at Karns.

"I knew them as customers," Glessner said of Caddell and his family. "I would see them a couple times every week, at least once a week. Going from seeing them to then reading about it in the news

.. it just hits home. It's hard to believe in my eyes something like this could happen, especially when there is a young kid involved. It's iust hard to believe something like this could happen."



People lingered outside 134 S. Union St. after a vigil Jan. 9 for the victims of a double murder-suicide — Marvin Caddell, Nightflower Staats and their 7-year-old son, Joaquim.

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Allen Thomas placed a sign on the door to 134 S. Union St. after the vigil.



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"It could happen to me, it could happen to anybody ... he had a lot on his mind. He was a good guy. I didn't want to see him go out like that, but who am I to judge?"

Allen Thomas



Family friend and mentor Eddie McCrary speaks after the vigil on

"I would see them a couple times every week, at least once a week. Going from seeing them to then reading about it in the news it just hits home. It's hard to believe in my eyes something like this could happen, especially when there is a young kid involved. It's just hard to believe something like this could happen."







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Fitzpatrick reaches 1,000 points as Blue Raiders roll

Junior scores 33 in big win vs. Milton Hershey

By Jason Maddux

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Junior standout Katie Fitzpatrick scored her 1,000th career point Friday in a huge win for the Raiders at Milton Hershey.

Needing 16 points to reach the milestone, Fitzpatrick scored on a breakaway layup via an assist from Joci Koser to reach the mark in the first quarter of the 47-13 victory that moved the team to 5-7 on the season.

"I was so excited and I was praying it went in. I realized I did it, I accomplished one of my dreams,' she told the Press & Journal via email. "I'm not one to get overly emotional, so I wasn't quite sure how to act. Once I saw my team and coaches faces, it hit home."

She is the eighth Blue Raider girls player to reach 1,000 points. Ja'Lynn Burton-Jones, who graduated in 2016, leads the way at 1,586. That mark will be within Fitzpatrick's reach next year. Fitzpatrick has 263 points through 12 games this season, for a 21.9 average.

Fitzpatrick on Friday scored 33 points, including 3 of 3 from the 3-point line, with 2 assists and 8 steals. She had 22 points in the first quarter and 29 by halftime.

"She was extremely ready to play that night," head coach Ron Pelletier told the Press & Journal. "I could just feel the fact that she was going to do it that night. I just didn't know she was going to do it

"She really came out on fire," he added. "Most of her points were from her being aggressive defensively."

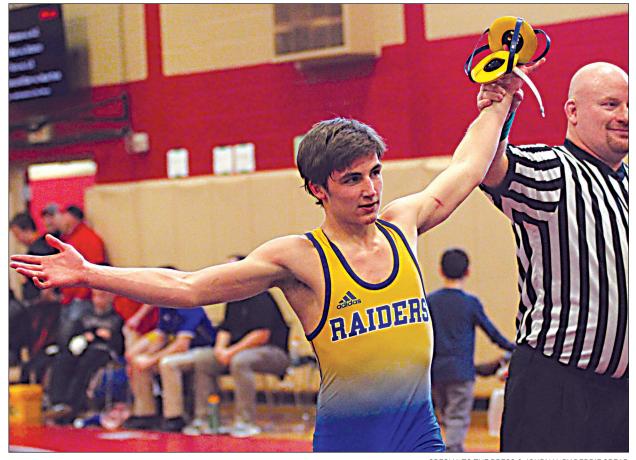
Fitzpatrick said support from

Please see **THOUSAND**, page **B6** game on the season.



SPECIAL TO THE PRESS & JOURNAL BY BILL DARRAH

Raider wrestlers go 4-3; Berstler wins 100th



SPECIAL TO THE PRESS & JOURNAL BY DEBBIE SPEAR

Middletown's Ryan Berstler celebrates his 100th career varsity win Saturday, outscoring his Annville-Cleona opponent 18-1 for the technical fall at 132 pounds at the Dutchman Duals.

are battling through a gauntlet of tough matches in hopes of reaching the PIAA District 3 AA tournament.

The Raider wrestling squad was 4-3 on the week after hosting Trinity last Tuesday and visiting Milton Hershey on Thursday, followed by the Dutchman Duals on Saturday.

The highlight of the week was Ryan Berstler's 100th career varsity win at the Dutchman Duals, the eighth Raider to reach that number.

The Raiders are now 7-5 on the season, keeping hope alive for a postseason run. They stand at No. 10 in the AA power rankings, with the top 12 qualifying.

The Blue Raiders were also in action Monday, Jan 14 at Bishop McDevitt. Upcoming events include a home match against Palmyra on Jan. 17 (7 p.m.), a tournament in New Oxford on Jan. 18-19, and a match at Susquehanna Township on Jan. 21 (7 p.m.).

Middletown 40, Trinity 33

The Blue Raider wrestlers got

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Lower Swatara Twp. Athletic Association YOUTH BASEBALL, GIRLS' SOFTBALL & TEENER BASEBALL LSTAA Baseball and Softball registration for the 2019 season will be held at the Lower Swatara Municipal Building: 1499 Spring Garden Dr., Middletown

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Raider boys' losing streak reaches 11

By Larry Etter Press & Journal Staff

Chris Bradford's young varsity basketball team is still looking to break out of its long winless streak following another pair of losses last week that ran their losing streak to 11 games.

The Blue Raiders (1-11) fell to visiting Milton Hershey on Friday and then came up short at Manheim Central on Saturday.

While at times the team shows progress, it's the youthful mistakes that have led to inconsistency as victories continue to elude the Middletown squad. Now, at the halfway point of the season, the Blue Raiders hope to find some positives in the remaining weeks.

If there is any consolation to the Raiders' woes, it can be noted that the teams they have lost to so far have a combined 89 wins with just three of their opponents owning losing records. Simply put, the

competition has been very good. The team was scheduled to go on the road to face always-dangerous

Steelton-Highspire on Tuesday and East Pennsboro, the only team they beat, on Friday. Saturday, they play South Western at a tournament in Gettysburg, and they travel to Camp Hill next Tuesday.

Milton Hershey 76, Middletown 41

Tyler Petroski, Middletown's lone senior on the squad, was forced to sit out the entire second half due to a hip injury suffered against Milton Hershey on Friday

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WRESTLERS: Busy week for Raiders nets wins vs. Northeastern, CD East, Annville-Cleona, Trinity

From page B1

off to a slow start Jan 8, spotting the Shamrocks a 15-point lead through the first three matches. Junior Case Woodley (170) sparked some Raider momentum with a 5-2 decision over Zach Scherr. Damion Williams kept the drive going with a 4-1 decision at 182 pounds.

The Shamrocks earned a couple wins by fall at 195 and 285, but the Raiders' Quincy Reinnagel scored a pin of his own in just 58 seconds at 220 pounds.

With the team score tilted 27-12 in favor of the Shamrocks, the match entered the final six lightweight matches.

Middletown's Krea Schaeffer picked up a win by forfeit and 6 team points at 106. Junior Luke Fegley (113) and Senior Nate Brady (120) each made quick work of 36 and 39 seconds.

The Raiders would surrender a forfeit to PIAA state runner-up Patrick Demark at 126 pounds, and Raider lightweights surged to

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RAIDER WRESTLERS, 100 WINS

	Wins	Class
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Chris Kochinsky	134	2008
Bo Candelaria	130	2010
Bryce Killian	128	2013
Shane Miller	121	2011
Kyler Killian	117	2008
Can Nauman	110	2003
Ryan Berstler	101	2019
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bumped Senior Ryan Berstler up to 132 to score an 11-0 major decision over Alex Bachman.

Junior Joey Spear capped the evening with a win by forfeit to earn the Raiders the 40-33 victory.

Milton Hershey 45, Middletown 32

Thursday evening started very similar to the matchup against the Shamrocks, with the Raiders spotting the Spartans a 15-point lead through the first three matches.

Quincy Reinnagel earned the their opponents, scoring pins in first Raider team points with a win by forfeit in the 285-pound weight class.

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After giving up a pin at 106, the

a lead. Junior Zach Malay (113) started the streak with an 8-3 decision over Joshua Minners. Luke Fegley scored a pin and 6 Raider team points at 120. Nate Brady racked up 16 points, earning the technical fall and 5 team points at 126. Ryan Berstler (132) pinned Tim Burge in 1 minute 32 seconds. Joey Spear (138) dispatched JaysonDoddsinjust40seconds, giving the Raiders a 32-21 lead entering the final four matches.

The Spartan upperweights proved too much for the Blue Raiders, scoring pins in each of the last four bouts and handing the Raiders a 45-32 loss.

Middletown 65, Northeastern 12

Middletown kicked off a busy Saturday of action with a decisive 65-12 win over a depleted Northeastern squad.

The Bobcats only managed to secure one win by fall at 220 and a win by forfeit at 126. Otherwise. this match was all Raiders.

Quincy Reinnagel dominated Tyler Webb, securing the pin in just 1 minute 6 seconds in the 285-pound class. Luke Fegley (113) scored a 14-2 major decision over Thomas Gradwell. Nate Brady (120) followed with an 8-5 decision over Cole Perry. Joey Spear earned a 9-0 major decision at 138 pounds. Senior Kenny Britcher looked impressive, earning the Raiders 6 more team points with a pin at 145 pounds.

Junior Case Woodley also locked up 6 Raider team points with a pin at 182 pounds.

The Raiders also received 6 wins by forfeit: Krea Scheaffer (106), Ryan Berstler (132), Chris Joseph (152), Vinny Corradi (160), Ayden Miller (170) and Matthew Mitchell (195).

Middletown 51, CD East 24

The second match of the day began with Middletown senior Ivan Henderson earning a win by forfeit at 220 pounds. Quincy Reinnagel was once again bumped up to 285 pounds, and managed to hold Yonnie Harvey to a 7-4 decision.

The Panthers earned the pin at 106. Luke Fegley (113) kicked off a seven-match win streak for the Raiders with a 39-second pin over Hoang Nguyen.

Zach Malay earned the win by

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PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE PRESS & JOURNAL BY DEBBIE SPEAR

Joey Spear locked up a pin over Solanco's Joseph Vandergriff at 138 pounds during Saturday's Dutchman Duals.

Kenny Britcher was in action vs. Trinity on Jan. 8.

forfeit at 120. Nathan Brady seized a first period pin over Max Reilly at 126. Ryan Berstler scored an 11-1 major decision over Michael Dunleavy at 132. Joey Spear (138) locked up a first period pin and another 6 Raider team points. Kenny Britcher (145) secured his second pin of the day in just 59 seconds.

Chris Joseph capped the sevenmatch run with another first period pin at 152 pounds.

The Panthers kept the match respectable with wins at 160, 170 and 182 pounds. Middletown sophomore Matthew Mitchell closed out the match with a win by forfeit at 195 pounds.

Solanco 42, Middletown 31

The Raiders faced off against a talented Solanco team for match 3 of the day.

The Mules jumped out to an early 12-0 lead with pins at 285 and 106. Luke Fegley (113) earned a hard fought 5-1 decision over Jackson Houghton to get the Raiders on the board. The Raider's Zach Malay came up on the short end of an 8-5 decision at 120. Nate Brady hustled for an 13-5 major decision and 4 team points at 126.

Ryan Berstler picked up another win by forfeit at 132 pounds and Joey Spear locked up an impressive pin over Joseph Vandergriff at 138, giving the Raiders a 19-15 lead.

The Raiders and the Mules traded pins at 145 and 152. Solanco's Ronnie Fulton earned the pin at 145, and Middletown's Chris Joseph locked up the cradle and the pin at 152. Freshman Vinnie Corradi earned the Raiders' last team points of the match with a win by forfeit at 160 pounds.

The Mules won the last four weight classes (170, 182, 195 and 220) to hand the Raiders their first loss of the day.

Middletown 58, Annville-Cleona 18

The Raiders bounced back in impressive fashion against the hosting Dutchman squad.

Zach Malay kicked off the action with an 8-6 decision over Ethan Missimer at 113. Luke Fegley followed with a close 6-4 decision over Matthew Inman at 120. Nate Brady racked up 18 points en route to a win by technical fall in the 126-pound bout.

Ryan Berstler brought the crowdto its feet, celebrating his 100th career varsity win, outscoring his opponent 18-1 for the technical fall.

The Raiders awarded a forfeit to Dutchman standout Hayden Funck at 138, while Joey Spear bumped up to get the Raiders a pin and 6 team points at 145.

Kenny Britcher earned his third win of the day by forfeit at 152 pounds, and Chris Joseph earned his fourth win of the day with a pin end well for the Raiders, this dual

over Evan Heilman at 160.

the Dutchman Duals.

The Dutchmen picked up a pin at 170 pounds before Middletown sophomore Troy Stein managed a fantastic defensive pin at 182, which brought Raider fans to their feet for the second time in the match.

Quincy Reinnagel takes on his Lampeter-Strasburg foe on Saturday during

The Raiders ended by winning three of the last four matches. Matthew Mitchell (195) and Ivan Henderson (285) each earned wins by forfeit, and Quincy Reinnagel locked up a first-period pin at 220 pounds.

Lampeter-Strasburg 48, Middletown 24

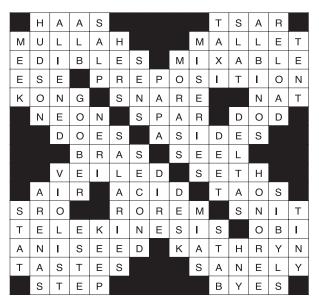
With a superb 3-1 performance to start the Dutchman Duals, the Raiders earned the right to wrestle AAA powerhouse Lampeter-Strasburg in their final match. Although the team score did not offered the fans some exciting individual matches.

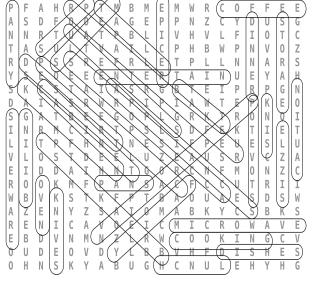
The first few matches pitted the Raider standouts against the Pioneer standouts. Luke Fegley needed triple overtime to secure a 9-6 decision, and his 20th win of the season. Nate Brady avoided catastrophe at 126 pounds. After getting caught on his back early in the first period, Brady battled back to earn a 9-8 decision over Riley Eckman.

Ryan Berstler was a perfect 5-0 on his 100th-win day, fending off a scrappy Andrew Bliss for the 4-2 decision. Joey Spear (138) and Chris Joseph (152) were also a perfect 5-0 on the day, earning their final wins by fall.

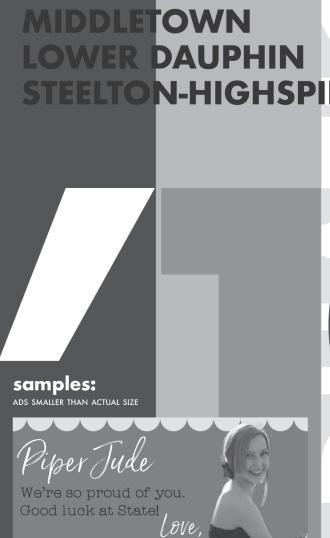
After the team suffered seven straight losses, Zach Malay was able to end the match on a positive note for the Raiders with a 2-1 decision over Hunter Erb.

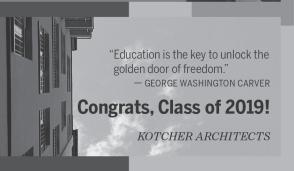
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We are handicap accessible via ramp at back door. For additional church information call 717-944-9595. For security purposes our back and side doors will be locked every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the start of worship. The only door for entry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

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our church life. January ushers: Pat and Harvey Givler, Bonnie and Joel Guzzo. Greeter: Paul Thompson. Children's Church leaders for Sunday, January 20: Randi Bloes and Liz Hicks.

community is invited to partici-

pate in these important areas of

Our prayer garden in the rear of the yard has an 8-foot cross that is made out of nails. From spring to winter benches are just enjoy the beauty and quiet-

ness along the Swatara Creek. Pastor Britt writes a daily devotional on the Facebook page "Pastor Britt Strohecker."

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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.

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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 schedule of activities is as follows: Wed., Jan. 16: 6 p.m., Alcohol-

ics Anonymous Group Book Study; 6:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal. Thurs., Jan. 17: 6 p.m., God's

Kitchen at Wesley. Sun., Jan. 20: 9 a.m., Sunday school and Confirmation Class;

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empathetic reflective listening, which has to do with simply being present and providing a safe space for others to share their burdens. The theme for January is "May the Peace of Christ Be With You."

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Several projects in Hummelstown get honors from county

The Dauphin County commissioners and Planning Commission on Thursday presented the seventh annual Premier Project Awards during a luncheon ceremony at the Dixon University Center in Harrisburg.

Several projects related to Hummelstown were honored.

The awards program acknowledges and encourages planning excellence in Dauphin County, recognizing projects that meet the community, environmental and economic goals of the county's Comprehensive Plan, according to a press release.

Individuals, organizations, municipalities, public authorities, developers and public/private partnerships were asked to submit projects within Dauphin County for which they were principally involved in design, development or implementation.

The 2018 award winners include the following categories, winners and projects:

· Growing Our Communities: RGS Associates - "VERDE Apartments." The goal was to create a housing development in Hummelstown that would replace blighted buildings and revitalize a neighborhood that was otherwise deteriorating and vacant.

• Growing Our Economy: Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. "Duke Street Bridge Replacement Project." The goal was to replace a bridge over the Swatara Creek between Hummelstown and South Hanover Township that had been built in 1910 and was deemed in poor condition.

• Growing Within Our Environment: Middle Paxton Township-"Middle Paxton Township Solar Panel Project." The goal was to install a solar array on the roof of the township administration building, saving taxpayer dollars and supporting the environment.

• Small Project Award: MillersburgBorough-"Millersburg Borough Zoning Ordinance.' The goal was to create the borough's first form-based zoning ordinance to solve the problem of uneven development and offer clear standards for new construction.

• The Timothy P. Reardon Excellence in Planning Award: Monarch Development Group, LLC — "Sunflower Fields." The goal was to create an affordable workforce housing development in Susquehanna Township with 35 single-family detached homes available for rent.

"This awards program doesn't just recognize excellence in planning, we're also acknowledging the folks who are leading our community into the future. There's tremendous work happening at the local level, and we're happy to give these winners the recognition they deserve and to encourage others to follow their lead," said Steve Deck, executive director of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

There were 11 entries this year. The five winners of the 2018 Premier Project Awards bring the program's total number of awards since 2011 to 32.

Pennsylvania Turnpike tolls go up by 6 percent

Tolls on the Pennsylvania Turnpike went up 6 percent for cash, E-ZPass and Pennsylvania Turnpike Toll By Plate users at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 6.

The increase, approved by commissioners last July, is required to meet the Pennsylvania Turnpike's legislatively mandated funding obligation to support the commonwealth's public-transportation systems as well as to maintain and improve the 552-mile turnpike, according to the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

The most-common toll for a passenger vehicle will increase for E-ZPass customers from \$1.30 to \$1.40 and 20 cents for cash customers from \$2.10 to \$2.30.

"Parts of our roadway are 78 years old, and we owe it to customers, who pay a premium to travel, to invest in our road and make it safer, smoother and wider," turnpike commission CEO Mark Compton said in a press release. "This year, about 84 percent of our \$552 million capital budget is focused on renewing, rebuilding and widening our highway which carried more than 200 million vehicles last year."

The commission has reconstructed more than 140 miles of its system, with another 11 miles of road now being rebuilt and widened and more than 82 miles "Parts of our roadway are 78 years old, and we owe it to customers, who pay a premium to travel, to invest in our road and make it safer, smoother and wider."

turnpike commission CEO Mark Compton

in planning and design phases. The turnpike does not receive tax appropriations to operate and maintain its road, according to the press release. Additionally, the turnpike

delivered more than \$6 billion in toll-backed funding to PennDOT in the last decade. The turnpike commission's annual payments of \$450 million — mandated by Act 44 of 2007—are to be reduced to\$50millionayearin2022under Act 89 of 2013. This 6 percent toll increase

will apply to all Pennsylvania Turnpike sections and extensions, including the westbound Delaware River Bridge cashless tolling point (No. 359) in Bucks County, where tolls have not changed since January 2016. About 80 percent of Pennsyl-

vania Turnpike travelers pay with E-ZPass.

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FROMTHEVAULT

News from the Thursday, Jan. 18, 1962, edition of the Press & Journal

Knights of Columbus Home hit by extensive fire damage

Seven companies battle \$15,000 blaze for two hours

termined origin destroyed completely the interior of the Knights of Columbus Home, located along Route 230 between Middletown and Elizabethtown, on Wednesday.

Fire Chief Donald Ryan said damage will amount to \$15,000. The fire spread quickly through the 21/2-story frame building and brick addition and flames engulfed the entire roof by the time firemen

Ryan said the fire was reported from the home of Fred Auch, who lives adjacent to the building, at 6:45 a.m. Firemen from seven

An early morning fire of undecompanies battled the blaze for and set up a shuttle service for two hours before it was brought under control.

There were no injuries from the fire, although the Rescue Ambulance crew was on standby service as the water spray formed an icy coating around the building and on the highway.

In addition to the Liberty, Rescue and Union Companies, firemen from Lower Swatara Township, Elizabethtown, Mount Joy and Olmsted Base responded to the call.

Tank trucks from the latter three companies furnished water additional water from local fire hydrants.

The lodge purchased the building in 1954, and two years ago a brick addition was added to the front of the building. It was remodeled for a bar, kitchen, dining room, two meeting rooms and offices.

Officials said the building was closed following a meeting at 11:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Ryan said he would confer with the State Fire Marshal today to determine the cause of the fire. The building is covered by insurance.



the rear of the building were on ladders pouring water into the second floor.

More than 100 firemen battled the early-morning fire at the Knights of Columbus Home yesterday. Firefighters at

Youth killed when struck by car in Hawaii

Glenn Weidner, 9-year-old son of tysburg National Cemetery. The Capt. and Mrs. Charles S. Weidner, was killed when he was struck by an automobile in Hawaii last week.

Word of the tragedy was received here by Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Weidner of 17 Girard Ave., the youth's grandparents. According to the report, the driver was operating under a suspended

Interment will be made in Get-

funeral is in charge of the U.S. Air Force.

Weidner, his wife, Ruth and two other children, Gary, 15 and Lee, 11, recently transferred to Hawaii and were there less than two weeks. He was stationed at Wheeler APB, where he assumed duty as the commander of HQ Squadron, a unit of the Air Force Communications Service.

Hot buys

• Fancy young hen turkeys, 35 cents a pound. Steaks, 79 cents a pound. Key Super Market, Route 230 between Middletown and

• \$1 now 50 cents; \$2 jewelry now \$1. Klahr's, 25 S. Union St., Middletown.

Other headlines

 Outdoor ice skating rink awaits freezing weather

· Borough opens new year in good financial conditions

Early morning accident



Robert Bowers Jr. of Bellevue Road, Harrisburg, was injured early this morning when the Volkswagen bus he was driving rolled over completely and then righted itself. Bowers complained of chest injuries and was taken to Harrisburg Hospital in the Liberty Ambulance. He said he was blinded by an oncoming car and lost control of his vehicle. The bus is the property of Town and Country Day School, of Harrisburg. The accident happened shortly after 7 o'clock on Route 441 near Ebenezer Church.

Raiders swamp Palms, 70-38

Middletown met Palmyra High on different terms this week. Unlike the grid stalemate they encountered last November, Russ Trimmer's basketball Blue Raiders met easy pickings against the Palms as they salted away their fifth straight Capital Area Conference test, 70-38.

With only two games remaining in the first-half round, there doesn't appear anything on the horizon to check the Trimmermen. Since the Carlisle loss, the Raiders have maintained a lusty offense and have been held to less than 59 points in just one game — that one being the close 45-43 triumph they achieved over West York in the holiday tournament.

Frank Snavely gave the Trimmermen a terrific boost in the opening period of Tuesday night's game as he bucketed eight field

goals for 16 of the 25 points they

Middletown's second period was somewhat of a hisser and they managed to hit for just eight points while the Palms had their best show of the night with 15. Of this total, however, the Palms tallied nine from the foul line.

The Raiders snapped out of this lethargy in the third with a big 21-point spread while holding Palmyra to just one foul conversion. They kept it moving in the last quarter by outpointing the visitors, 16-12, thanks to the bal $anced \, scoring \, efforts \, on \, the \, part \, of \,$ Saputo, Booser, Kirkman, Howell and Colston.

Snavely's 20 points paced the winning Trimmermen while Saputo and Howell both produced 12 points. Ron Kinsey came up with nine.

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28. Wages

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26. Geological forma-

30. Insect repellent

32. Unit of time

34. Musician

35. Not good

38. Structures

37. Esteemed one

40. Where workers sit

42. Women who fore-

tell the future

PUZZLES AND HOROSCOPE

WORD SEARCH | ANSWERS ON B2

Kitchen cook word search
Accessories
Appliances
Bake
Boiling
Breakfast
Cabinet
Caution

Coffee Cooking Countertop Dessert Dinner Dishes Entertain Family Kitchen

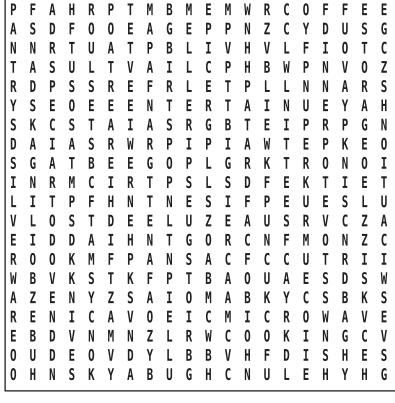
Knives

Lunch Microwave Oven Pans **Pantry** Pots Preparation

Recipe

Refrigerator

Silverware Sizzle Storage Stovetop Table Utensils



Guess Who? answer: Kevin Costner

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Level: Beginner

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 Jan. 18, 1955. I was inspired to act after seeing a film at age 7. I have appeared in many notable films; two about baseball. I won two Academy Awards for work on a film about Native Americans.

HOROSCOPE WEEK OF JAN. 16

ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20 You may experience a few complications in regard to some big plans that you have been working on. Don't let these derail your efforts. Things will work out.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21 A newfound energy can sweep you off of your feet and really jump-start goals. Go with the flow until you need a break; otherwise, you'll tire out.

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21 Unfortunately some people you were counting on may suddenly pull out of a plan. Make sure you have backups so that you can follow through.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

An extra boost of confidence is propelling you to embrace some changes. That means potentially jumping into a challenging project. Run with this. **LEO** JULY 23-AUG. 23 Seek others' counsel on an

important issue. Another's perspective or insight can help you make an informed decision. Once you're comfortable going forward, do so.

VIRGO Aug. 24-Sept. 22 It is not a good idea to try to mold people into what you would like them to be. You may become frustrated if they resist your efforts. Embrace

LIBRA SEPT. 23-OCT. 23 Knowledge is power. Do all you can to improve your knowledge. This is important as you try to navigate financial waters. SCORPIO Oct. 24-Nov. 22

others for who they are.

Others may not take much notice of your emotions unless you exaggerate them. If you need a person to talk to, seek them out.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Don't begin a conversation if you are not willing to see it through to the end, Sagittarius. This will only make things more difficult for the relationships you keep.

CAPRICORN DEC. 22-JAN. 20 Expect to encounter someone who is difficult to deal with this week. The cosmic forces are at play. Be patient and wait for better times ahead.

AQUARIUS JAN. 21-FEB. 18 Make a concerted effort to work with a colleague with whom you might not see eye to eye. Your efforts to communicate will not go unnoticed.

PISCES FEB. 19-MARCH 20 Don't tie yourself in knots trying to sort through things you cannot control. There are too many matters for you to handle them alone.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS ON B2

ACROSS

- CEO 5. Emperor of Russia 9. Islamic theology
- scholar
- 11. Hammer with a large, wooden head
- 13. Food
- 15. Can be combined
- 16. Midway between
- east and southeast 17. Governs a noun or
- 19. Gorilla 21. Type of trap

pronoun

- 22. "Unforgettable"
- singer
- 23. Atomic #10
- 25. Practice fight
- 29. Remarks meant for the audience

31. Undergarments

- 26. US gov't branch 27. Female deer

- 34. Masked 36. "A Suitable Boy"
- novelist
- 38. Invisible gaseous substance
- 39. Sour 41. County in New
- Mexico
- 43. No seats available
- 44. Pulitzer-winning composer 46. Fit or irritation
- 48. The ability to move objects
- through thought 52. Skywalker mentor
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- seed
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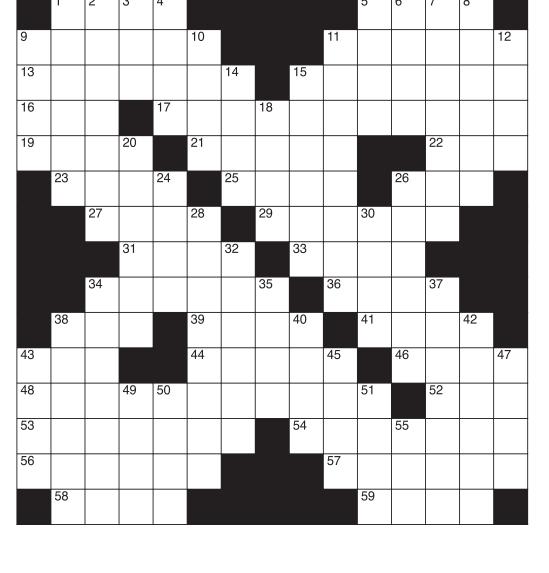
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- 4. Free-swimming marine inverte-
- brate 5. Cab
- 6. Thin piece of wood 7. Persons without
- pigment in their
- skin
- 8. Fill again 9. Submissive
- 10. His and ___
- 11. Sources of stress
- 12. Shelter

15. Boggy ground

18. Old man

- 14. French commune
- 43. Quantitative fact 45. Missing soldiers 47. Diminutive 49. This (Spanish)
- 50. Hold on to 51. Thrust a knife into
 - 55. Hengyang Bajialing Airport



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EDITORIALVIEW

Stay safe on our snowy roads

We certainly avoided snowy weather for a huge chunk of the winter, but that has come to an end.

Forecasts call for snow late this week, including what could be quite a bit over the weekend.

That means driving will be an

We urge you to be safe out there. We might catch a break because the bulk of the snow will be on Saturday and Sunday, meaning that we won't be rushing to work on rough roads. If you don't have to travel in bad weather, then don't!

However, we all know that snowy roads, and the salting and plowing that follow, can quickly raise the hackles of impatient drivers who feel inconvenienced by the change in conditions but lack the foresight to plan ahead and leave more time to arrive at their destination.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and local municipalities tasked with clearing roads bear the brunt of the anger. They

do not have an easy task, because everyone wants their road cleared

PennDOT has some excellent information on its website about how it goes about maintaining nearly 96,000 snow-lane miles using 2,200 trucks, plows and salt spreaders.

During a storm, PennDOT will plow and salt major highways first before moving to the less-traveled rural roads, according to its web-

PennDOT also points out the simple math of plowing roads. Plow trucks often take two hours or more to complete a route and get back to the starting point.

That means, if snow is falling at 1 inch per hour, and a truck takes three hours to get back to the beginning of its route, 3 inches of snow will have fallen since it was last plowed.

Also, if you are concerned that you don't see trucks out salting roads, PennDOT points out that salt is more effective on roads that have more traffic and in temperatures above 25 degrees, and that crews generally will not pretreat with salt brine when a storm is forecast to start as rain, because it will get washed away.

And if you're concerned about having snow pushed back into your driveways by plows, use this simple trick. Shovel snow to the right side of the driveway, as you are facing the road.

That way, the plow can't push it back in front. It will simply push it farther up the road.

Here are a few more basics from PennDOT:

- Carry a winter emergency travel kit.
- · Listen to weather and travel advisories, but if you don't have to travel in bad weather, don't.
- · Keep your gas tank at least half full.
- Slow down and increase following distance.

- · Carry a cellphone.
- Do not use cruise control while driving on snow-covered roads.
- Remove ice and snow from windows, mirrors and all vehicle lights before you drive and as often as needed, as well as from the hood and roof of your vehicle. State law states that if snow or ice from your vehicle strikes a vehicle or person and causes death or injury, you can be ticketed.
- If you do become stranded, it's better to stay with your vehicle until help arrives. Run the engine every hour or so, but make sure the tailpipe is clear and keep the downwind window cracked open.

Simple precautions can keep you and your family safe. Understand why your road might not be plowed. Allow more time if you have to drive. Be patient.

While none of us like to drive in snow, these simple tips will help prevent this weekend from being a deadly one on our roads.

Picture what you want to do and get it done in 2019



SUSANNAH

What are your "great expectations" for 2019? I am talking about your resolutions or plans, although I write it this way because I think we have power to make things happen if we set our minds

As I've written in the past, while we can't change what others do, we can certainly control our response and our actions that either work for us and the things we want to accomplish or work against them.

There was a book called "The Secret" that received lots of buzz a few years ago. This 2006 best-selling self-help book by Rhonda Byrne is based on the belief of the law of attraction, which claims that thoughts can change a person's life directly. This book and others claim that visualizing what your goals are can help you achieve that goal. I really believe that viewpoint.

So what do you intend for this New Year? Is it to complete a project or learn something new?

In an effort to help members of the PieceMakers' Quilt guild, a committee set up an Unfinished Objects challenge. For a modest sum, you entered the challenge and showed the group the one or two (or maybe more) projects you planned to finish in the upcoming months. I put in for two projects and expect to finish them both before the meeting this month, which is the deadline.

The example of intention to finish something is certainly embodied by Tom and Judy Librandi completing that amazing 9,000-piece puzzle described in an early January Press & Journal article. What drive to spend more than 600

hours on such a project! Kudos to them. If learning something new is in your plan, consider the options in your community. Maybe it's to help someone learn better English. The Fun with English conversation group for international students at Penn State Harrisburg will start up again in February on Monday evenings. If you want more information, let me know.

There are also open lectures with visitors to our campus. These include coach Ken Carter who is a coach, author, educator and inspiration for the film "Coach Carter." He will speak at Penn State Harrisburg on Jan. 24.

Also on campus will be Eric Thomas, a world-renowned motivational speaker, educator and pastor, on Feb. 20. And The Fitzgeralds, a Celtic fiddling and step dancing family from the Ottawa Valley, Canada, will perform Feb. 28.

Also in February, there's an opportunity for those of you who have a cool idea that you want to turn into a business. The Idea TestLab Entrepreneur Bootcamp is a free four-week training event in Harrisburg sponsored by our Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (harrisburg.psu.edu/invent). Check out the Penn State calendar at harrisburg2.vmhost.psu.edu/calendar for these and other activities on our campus this coming semester.

Maybe your goal is to improve your health or exercise more, or maybe it's to renew some old friendships that have waned in the last year or so. As most of you know, I am pretty consistent about exercising as a means of maintaining my health. I also do contra and English dancing in the community, which I love. In terms of renewing friendships, that's been hard for me. I don't make time always to keep up with friends far away or even close by. I know that it takes effort, and I am not always good at making the time for this.

Maybe you have the goal of being

As I've written in the past, while we can't change what others do, we can certainly control our response and our actions that either work for us and the things we want to accomplish or work against them.

more active in your community. If you're interested in learning more how some local groups are acting on their mission to improve our region, come to a series of lectures at the Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Sundays.

On Jan. 20, we will play host to Kelsey O'Brien, who serves as staff chaplain at Penn State Hershey Medical Center. She will talk about empathetic listening as a way for others to share their burdens.

On Jan. 27, Chris Fitz from Advoz in Lancaster will show how this group carries out its mission of building community and resolving conflict through face-to-face dialogue.

In February, we have several from other faith communities coming to describe how they work to support those in the region. On Feb. 10, Ellen Willenbecher will talk about the Middletown Area Communities that Care, and on Feb. 24, we will have people discussing the Middletown Area Food Bank. On Feb. 3. Samia Malik from Steelton will talk about the Council on American-Islamic Relations and its goal to challenge stereotypes of Islam and Muslims. And on Feb. 17, Saima Muntaz from the Hadee Mosque Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Harrisburg will talk about the Community Responders Network, a grassroots coalition committed to confronting and preventing incidents of bias in central Pennsylvania.

Also in February: Guion Bluford Jr., the first African-American U.S. astronaut, will speak at 7 p.m. Feb. 7 in the Mukund Kulkarni Theatre on campus. He will address his space shuttle flights and the future of manned space flight, as well as the difficulties he faced as a minority in the STEM field. The event is free and open to the public, but tickets are limited. Email Nicole Hill at nkh5122@psu.edu or Jennifer DeBord at jld91@psu.edu for more information.

So you might wonder what I'm hoping to accomplish this year. I'll mention just two. I am planning to finish a graduate certificate in Institutional Research that I've been working on for two years now. That's an area that provides data for colleges and universities so they can make decisions about curriculum, hiring or programs. Also, my family is planning our first trip to Alaska in July to celebrate our younger daughter's graduation from college in May. We've got a one-week cruise planned for part of the trip and the rest is still up in the air.

If you have suggestions for what we should see or do, let me know. I am looking forward to exploring a new part of our country during that visit.

So my suggestion is to set your intentions for the New Year so you can achieve your goals. If appropriate, find or create a picture that represents what you hope to accomplish this coming year. I hope that I'll see you at one of the campus events or community discussions. Have a great start to your New Year.

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I will continue my fight on medical cannabis, property taxes, voting



After a productive 2017-2018 session, I'm optimistic about 2019.

Last session, I advanced a host of initiatives — including the breaking of a logiam on how election lines would be drawn by a to-be-created independent citizens' commission. I'm reintroducing my recommended changes previously approved with overwhelming Senate support and I look forward to continued bipartisan — discussions.

I also hope to build on successful initiatives to improve the stewardship of taxpayers' money while ensuring quality service for state government customers. The former was strengthened by expanding the role of the commonwealth's inspector general. The latter

was advanced through modernization of the Pennsylvania Civil Service Com-

These changes provide better oversight for the expenditure of taxpayer money and ensure more competition in the commonwealth's efforts to recruit, promote and maintain a qualified professional workforce through merit employment.

I was also pleased to bring some modest but nonetheless important changes involving the confiscation of property of people suspected of crimes. Drug arrests are the most common examples of civil asset seizures by law enforcement: cash, cars and sometimes homes.

The changes I was able to secure establish higher burdens of proof, protections for third-party owners, and improved transparency in the use, auditing and reporting of forfeited property. Continued attention will be needed to protect property rights.

That's why I'm going to continue the

fight to eliminate school property taxes. Those of us who are committed to this much needed and long-overdue goal want to build upon the constitutional amendment approved by voters for a "homestead exemption" for primary residences. More will follow on these ongoing efforts.

I also was pleased to address a court action delaying an important component of Pennsylvania's medical cannabis program: research.

When medical cannabis came to Pennsylvania three years ago, one of the key provisions making our commonwealth unique was the so-called "Chapter 20" provision for research. Of course, the devil is always in the details and there were (and continue to be) many issues related to cannabis research.

Successful implementation of the medical cannabis law I advocated in 2016 is a primary reason why I ran for a fourth term. This program is simply too

important to too many people to not get it right.

After serving as chairman of the Senate State Government Committee the last four years, I also wanted another four years as chair to advance other reforms. In addition to continued deliberations on redistricting, I'd like to discuss possible election and ethics laws changes.

Few government functions are more important than election security and integrity. We need to ensure every vote

is both protected and counted. Statewide, all county election machines are being decertified and must be replaced prior to the 2020 presidential elections — elections that will surely see high turnout and be extremely contentious.

There are many questions that need to be answered — including who and how to pay for these multi-million dollar replacement costs.

I do not believe the commonwealth

should move forward to replace voting machines until these questions are fully answered.

We also need to look at ways to make it easier to vote — things like voting by absentee or mail ballot, early voting, and voting methods used in other

Like Pennsylvania's election law, our ethics law has had few changes since its passage decades ago. The key to these deliberations will be ensuring that reform proposals actually work.

Simple solutions may not be the best. We need to do our due diligence to ensure whatever changes we make will have an impact and not just be window dressing.

I look forward to these important and needed discussions.

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

Burton-Jones still sits atop all-time Raider girls scoring list

If Katie Fitzpatrick keeps up this year's scoring average of 21.9 points per game, she will challenge the alltime scoring record in Middletown Area High School girls basketball history in her senior season next year.

The all-time leading girls scorer for the Blue Raiders is Ja'Lynn Burton-Jones, who graduated in 2016. According to Middletown Area High School records, she totaled 1,586 points. She is now a sophomore at Central Penn College averaging 31.3 points per game and 10.1 rebounds in 11 games this season playing guard.

Bianca Jasper was the last Raider for the girls team to reach 1,000 points, which she did as a senior in December 2016. She finished her Blue Raider career with 1,224 points.

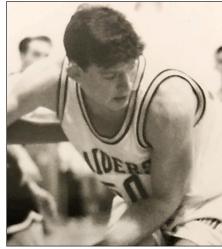
Jasperis now a sophomore at California (Pa.). This season, she has started all 14 games for the Vulcans, averaging 5.8 points per game at guard along with 3rebounds and 1.6 steals. She leads the team in assists, averaging 4.6 a game. Here are the all-time leading girls

- scorers in Middletown history. • Ja'Lynn Burton-Jones: 1,586
- Kris Smith: 1,295 • Amy Holman: 1,232
- · Bianca Jasper: 1,224
- · Alicia Hall: 1,159
- Amanda Jones: 1,073
- Kelly Guenther: 1,040
- Katie Fitzpatrick: 1,017

Ryan Hughes reached the 1,000-point mark for the boys team in the 2016-17 season when he was a junior. He is now a freshman at Ursinus College, where he has started 8 of 15 games and averages 7.9 points per game.

He averaged 21.6 points per game as a Raider senior and was named to the Class 4A Pennsylvania Sports Writers All-State Boys Basketball second team.

Hughes closed out his scholastic career with 1,838 total points, according to statistics from MAHS, second on the all-time scoring record at Middletown.



Dave Grabuloff is Middletown's all-time leading scorer for boys or girls, with 2,000 points.

Dave Grabul of fistheall-time leadingscorer for boys or girls in Middletown history. He scored 2,000 points in the 1990s and went on to play at Florida State and William & Mary, averaging 6.9 points in his college career.

Dave Twardzik is third on the boys list at 1,069 points. He was the starting point guard on the 1968 MAHS team that won the Class B state championship. He was a Division II All-American at Old Dominion University, and then a member of the Portland Trailblazers team that won the NBA championship in 1977, along with superstar center Bill Walton. The Trailblazers retired Twardzik's No. 13 jersey.

After he finished playing, Twardzik began an NBA coaching and front office career with Portland, Indiana, Detroit, Charlotte, the Los Angeles Clippers, Golden State, and Denver.

In 2003, he became director of player personnel for the Orlando Magic and was promoted to assistant general manager in 2005, a position he held until 2012. In late 2013 Twardzik returned to Old Dominion to do color commentary for the radio broadcasting team.



Ja'Lynn Burton-Jones, who graduated in 2016, is Middletown's all-time leading scorer for girls.

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at home, and his absence was obvious as the Blue Raiders managed to score just 17 second-half points in the loss to the Spartans.

While the home team did register 24 points in the first half, the athletic Spartans collected 54 in the first two periods to earn a 30-point cushion by halftime. From there it was just a matter of the visitors maintaining the pace to insure the victory.

Jules Nester scored 11 of his team-high 15 points in the first half and freshman Tajae Broadie collected 10 of his 11 after the break, but the Spartans used their defensive and rebounding dominance throughout to key the win.

Following that first-half explosion of points, the Spartans were held to just 22 in the second half as the Raiders tried to get back in it. But it was Milton Hershey's depth and experience that took its toll on the young Raiders.

The Raiders trailed by just five, 25-20, following a pair of free throws by Petroski with 6:23 left in the second quarter. But the Raiders faltered after that and, hurt by turnovers and missed shots, the game got away from them.

The Spartans went on to outscore the Middletown squad 29-4 in the last 5:45 of the half to blow out to a 54-24 halftime lead.

A scoreless streak that carried into the second half finally was broken by a foul shot by Tony Powell with 5:23 left in the third quarter.

Manheim Central 60, Middletown 34

In the day-long Lancaster-

Lebanon League vs. Mid-Penn Conference Showcase on Saturday evening, the Blue Raiders faced host Manheim Central in the finale. And, once again, the Blue Raiders were able to make things interesting through the first two and a half periods before hitting the wall in the third as they fell to yet another loss.

Central got off to a good start as Colton Book scored the game's first 6 points. Petroski, playing through the discomfort of his ailing hip, broke the string with a trey at the 5:30 mark and closed out the scoring with a bucket with 31 ticks left to keep the Raiders close at 11-7.

A 13-9 scoring edge by the Barons in the second period gave the hosts a 24-15 advantage at halftime. Broadie sank two foul shots 15 seconds into the second half and scored again off a Nester assist following a triple by Central's Cameron Sell to keep the Raiders in the hunt, down 27-20.

But any hopes of a rally for the lead fell apart as the Blue Raiders made just two points, on a short jumper by Jarrod Pugh, through the balance of the quarter. During the same span, the Barons scored 13 points and jumped out to a 40-22 lead.

The scoring woes, along with a rash of turnovers, haunted the Raiders in the final 8 minutes as the Barons outscored their guests 20-12 to win going away. Ten of their points came from

the free throw line. Two foul shots by Brock Welsh closed out the scoring for the Raiders in the late going.

Petroski finished with 9 points, Broadie had 8 and Powell had 7 in the loss. Book had a game-high 20 points for the winners.

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS & JOURNAL BY BILL DARRAH

Katie Fitzpatrick is the center of attention after Friday night's game at Milton Hershey in which she scored her 1,000th career point.

THOUSAND: Raiders split a pair

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past and present coaches, family and friends overwhelmed her.

"I have always said I have the most amazing support system around me, and I believe that's why I reached my goal," she said. "My team is amazing. They are my extended family. I love them all and $could\,never\,have\,done\,this\,without$ them all, past and present."

Pelletier said she was relieved to get her 1,000th point.

"I don't know if she heard me, but I said that I was proud of her. It was pretty loud because she had a lot of fans there," Pelletier said. "That's a heck of an accomplishment, to get a thousand points that early in your career."

Fitzpatrick said she wants to play her best each game, and be a good friend and leader to her teammates.

"She is probably the best team player that I know even though everybody knows her for scoring,' Pelletier said. "She does an excellent job of passing and getting us into our offense when we're struggling, getting the ball up the court, playing good defense and helping her teammates out. She does it all for us. But the best thing she does is just her leadership on the court.

"Her leadership is probably better than her scoring. And her scoring is pretty good," he added.

Fitzpatrick said she was inspired to play basketball because her brother and two older cousins always played and she wanted to be just like them.

"My parents and my brother are my biggest fans, and they know just what to say to keep me motivated," she said.

Her inspiration to become good at the sport and her love of the game came from her first coach, Brian Hofsass.

"He and I have an unbreakable bond until this day," she said. "He taught me to master each part of the game not just scoring. He taught me you must have all the fundamentals mastered. Most importantly, he taught me to respect the game, my teammates, the coaches and referees. Be loyal to those around you and always know there is someone bigger and better than you so keep working."

Fitzpatrick has four scholarship

offers already — East Stroudsburg, Millersville, Lock Haven and Shippensburg—as well as interest from some others.

"It's a dream come true to have this much interest," she said. "It's what I have been working for pretty much since the day I fell in love with this game."

She thanked everyone who has cheered her on, supported her and been so kind to her over the years, and a "huge shout-out" to her family.

"I wouldn't trade my teammates or coaches for anything in the world," she said. "You can't achieve something like this without all of them. It's a team sport. So many coaches over the years have allowed me to spend extra time in the gym or helped me when I was frustrated or struggling with my game, and I want to thank them.'

In Friday's game against Milton Hershey, Jae Keller added 2 points, 12 rebounds and 6 blocks against Milton Hershey. Koser had 2 points, 3 rebounds and 4 assists.

Caroline Gill scored 4 points with 10 rebounds. Tamia Hill-Johnson scored 4 points, and Ayanna Reeves added 2 points and 7 rebounds.

The Raiders fell 52-37 on Jan. 9 at home to Northern Lebanon. Fitzpatrick scored 20 points with 4 rebounds, 4 steals and 2 assists. She was knocked out of the game in the fourth quarter after she and another player collided, causing an injury and bleeding to the left side of her head.

Koser added 9 points and 5 rebounds. Keller had 6 rebounds and 3 blocks, with Reeves adding 4 points and 9 rebounds. Hill-Johnson scored 4 points.

"We're getting better skill-wise," Pelletier said. "We're getting better playing team basketball. Part of it was getting used to me and thingsthatIexpected.Ithinkwe're really starting to work much better together.

"We've just got to make those big plays, and I think we're one step away from doing that," he said.

The Raiders played host to Steelton-Highspire on Tuesday, and East Pennsboro comes to town on Friday before they play South Western on Saturday in a tournament at Gettysburg. They will play host to Camp Hill on Tuesday.



Katie Fitzpatrick goes toward the basket to score her 1,000th career point Friday at Milton Hershey.



Tamia Hill-Johnson looks to shoot Friday vs. Milton Hershey.

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