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Robert Reid stands in front of his home on Grant Street on July 19. It is within 300 yards of the house in which Reid grew up.

## Educator and mayor

Reid reflects on teaching style, Three Mile Island, and his legacy

By Dan Miller  
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Outside Middletown, Robert G. Reid is best known for his role as the borough's long-time mayor — and most of all, for being mayor during the accident at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant.

As locals know, TMI isn't in Middletown but several miles outside of town, in Londonderry Township.

But when a disaster has the potential to kill every man, woman and child in a five-mile radius, the plant itself not being in Middletown was irrelevant.

Reid remembers those scary and tense days in late March and early April 1979 like yesterday.

Thousands of people fled Middletown during the accident, including Reid's wife, Priscilla, although she left only after Reid pushed her to do so. "She said, 'You stay, I stay,'" Reid recalled. "I said, 'Look, I can't do my job down there worrying about you here.' So that Sunday she packed the kids up and they went to Connecticut with my brother."

Reid never left. Asked today if he was afraid, Reid only says he was "concerned" about having to leave the town he so loved. Where would he move? He would have to make new friends. He'd have to start over.

Whatever was going on inside, Reid said he couldn't allow that part of him to be seen by the residents he had been elected to lead, and who were depending on him.

He saw himself as "captain of the ship," the last to leave. If he had to leave, he'd be the one turning off the lights in Middletown.

"If I would have panicked, then they would have panicked," he said. "As long as they saw me with a level head, then yeah, they were concerned but they weren't overly concerned. Now if I had been running up the streets hollering and screaming — 'I'm getting out of here' — what would have happened to the town?"

He also knew there were many people in town, such as senior citizens, with no family, no friends, no car, and no way out. Someone had to take care of them. Reid figured it was



Mayor Robert Reid in 1979, in the aftermath of the Three Mile Island accident.

"I said, 'Shoot the damn looters, and save one for me so I can shoot his ass. Now that's what I said.'"

Robert Reid, in the wake of the TMI accident

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** As Robert G. Reid tells the *Press & Journal* that he will not run for re-election to the Middletown Borough Council this year, we are telling his story in the editions of Feb. 20 and today, detailing his days growing up in Middletown through his college and military life as well as his educational career and his time as an elected official. This is the second and final part. Last week's story covered his life up until November 1977, when he was elected mayor of Middletown, the first African-American ever elected mayor anywhere in Pennsylvania.

him. He remembers standing on a street corner, people around him fleeing the town in droves as if it was on fire.

"Mayor, watch the town, watch my house," they told him driving past, not knowing if or when they would return.

In some cases, doors were left wide open, with money and jewelry sitting on counters inside.

On March 30, 1979 — Reid said it was "Black Friday" because of reports that a hydrogen bubble in the plant was going to explode — the phone lines in his office in Borough Hall were lit up with calls from anxious residents worried about looting.

With media the world over camped out in his little town, Reid made the comment that put him on the front pages of newspapers all over the globe.

"I gave an order to the police — 'Looters will be shot,'" Reid said.

There was no Internet, no Facebook, no YouTube videos going viral. But in late March 1979, TMI and Middletown was the story, not just all over the United States, but all over the world.

As fast as information could spread around the globe nearly 40 years ago, that's how fast anything about TMI would spread. The calls started coming in from reporters from seemingly everywhere.

"What about due process?" they demanded. The small-

town mayor stood his ground.

"Whoa — let's talk about due process for the victim," Reid said. "No one has the right to come to this town and take from people things that they worked for all their life, because you're too damn lazy to get a job. You're gonna come in and take? I said, 'You ain't coming to my town and doing that. Your ass will be shot.'"

In one anecdote that sums up his defiant attitude during the crisis, Reid tells of being confronted by a Chicago Tribune reporter, one of the throngs who had descended upon his town.

"Mayor did you say that?" Reid said the woman asked, not believing that this folksy but deliberate man could have uttered such infamous words.

"I said, 'Lemme see — looters will be shot — no, that's not what I said.' She said, 'I didn't think so.'"

"I said, 'You know what I said?' She said 'what?' I said, 'Shoot the damn looters, and save one for me so I can shoot his ass. Now that's what I said.'"

Reid convulses with laughter as he brings the story to its climax, recalling the reporter's incredulous reaction. It's vintage Robert Reid.

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## Suez 11.5 percent surcharge still not resolved as rate hike takes effect

By Dan Miller  
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Middletown borough is awaiting a decision by an arbitration panel regarding the 11.5 percent surcharge that Suez added to the water and sewer bills of residents and businesses in April 2018.

Council President Angela Lloyd and Borough Manager Ken Klinepeter provided an update on the borough's legal dispute with Suez at council's Feb. 19 meeting, in response to a request for information by Councilor Dawn Knull.

Suez told the *Press & Journal* last year that the surcharge is increasing the average water and sewer bill by 20 cents per day, or by roughly \$72 a year.

"We are doing everything that we can on behalf of the residents right now to try to do something," Lloyd said. "The whole purpose of the lawsuit is to try to do something to help the situation for the residents, because all of council, we're all residents too, so we feel the same pain that you guys are feeling with the monthly bills."

The borough sued Suez in Dauphin County Court shortly after Suez imposed the surcharge last year. Suez said it was needed to recoup revenue lost from a water sales shortfall from 2015 through

2017.

In addition to the 11.5 percent surcharge, borough water and sewer bills went up by another 5.1 percent on Jan. 1, 2019 due to an annual rate increase that Suez is allowed to impose under terms of the lease. The 5.1 percent rate hike is not at issue in the ongoing litigation between the borough and the joint venture.

New Jersey-based Suez, a private company, is part of Middletown Water Joint Venture LLC, which in September 2014 was awarded a 50-year lease of Middletown's water and sewer systems by borough council and the former borough authority. The lease went into effect on Jan. 1, 2015.

The borough, in return for agreeing to the lease, received an upfront payment of \$43 million from the joint venture that the borough used to get out of debt. The agreement also provides for the joint venture to make annual payments to the borough during every year of the lease.

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PRESS & JOURNAL FILE PHOTO

Tattered Flag is seeking permission for outdoor drinking for a May 1 beer festival.

## Tattered Flag seeking OK for festival to allow Union Street drinking

By Dan Miller  
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Tattered Flag Brewery & Still Works expects to bring hundreds of people to downtown Middletown for its third annual "Little Little Beer" festival May 1.

For the past two years, Tattered Flag has hosted the event inside its headquarters at South Union and West Emaus streets.

But the event has grown to

where it is now too large to be held indoors, given fire capacity restrictions, Tattered Flag outside events coordinator Peter Toth told Middletown Borough Council on Feb. 19.

Tattered Flag is seeking permission to close South Union Street from Emaus Street south to Brown Street for the event, which is to take place from 5 to

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STAFF PHOTO BY LAURA HAYES

D&H Co-President Dan Schwab presents his company's plan during a hearing on Feb. 20 about rezoning part of the Jednota property.

# Vote on D&H request to rezone Jednota property could come on March 6

By Laura Hayes  
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Snow didn't stop Lower Swatara Township residents from attending Wednesday's public hearing regarding rezoning part of the Jednota property to allow D&H Distributing to build two warehouses.

About 20 people — including D&H staff and township residents — attended the hearing, though only four spoke.

D&H plans to purchase 275.87 acres of the Jednota property, which is located to the west of the Airport Connector Road and north and south of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

D&H is asking the commissioners to approve rezoning most — but not all — of the land to industrial park. The land has a mix of zoning — residential urban to the north of the turnpike and north of Rosedale Avenue, and a mixture of industrial park limited and office park to the south of Rosedale.

"I'm totally in favor of it," resident Scott Cooper said. "I think a family-owned business that's been here for 100 years with lighter truck traffic is excellent. I'm in favor of it."

There will be another chance to voice opinions on the proposed rezoning at 6 p.m. March 6 at 1499 Spring Garden Drive. According to Lower Swatara Planning & Zoning Coordinator Ann Hursh, the Lower Swatara Board of Commissioners could vote on the rezoning at its March 6 meeting.

D&H Co-President Dan Schwab said they have outgrown their distribution center on Katie Court in Susquehanna Township. D&H also recently announced that they were moving their headquarters to Lower Paxton Township.

According to Schwab, the company has about 200 employees in the warehouse on Katie Court. He said they anticipate adding another 50 employees in the first year, and growing to 350 to 400 employees by year five, with the Jednota move.

D&H's attorney Charles Courtney noted that the property is already zoned for "intense development."

"It's really not about whether the property gets developed intensely. The question really is, 'How does the property get developed?'" Courtney said.

D&H is proposing to rezone all but 52 acres south of the turnpike to industrial park and the land north of the turnpike.

The 52 acres that they are not planning on rezoning is located along Stoner Drive to the north of Rosedale currently zoned

residential urban and land along Whitehouse Lane to the south of Rosedale zoned office park. The land would act as a buffer on the western portion of the property. Courtney said they proposed to permanently deed-restrict the buffer so that it remains undeveloped.

Development would take place in the eastern part of the property near the Airport Connector.

According to D&H's engineer Ron Secary, the distribution facility to the north would be about 655,000 square feet with loading docks on either side of the building and room for a 182,000-square-foot expansion. The hub would be accessed through two driveways off Rosedale Avenue.

A second warehouse to the south of Rosedale would be about 400,000 square feet and access off Rosedale. Secary said the building could be leased to a third party until D&H needed it.

D&H had provided two draft plans for developing the land to the south of Rosedale, and the difference was whether they would keep the office building now occupied by Piedmont Airlines and Conduent, a business process services company.

Courtney said they recently got confirmation that both would make commitments "in the 10-year range" to the building. If they had demolished the office building, then the second warehouse would have been larger.

D&H also is proposing to improve Rosedale Avenue and address stormwater issues.

Of the four people who spoke, two were township residents who work at D&H.

One, Richard Woodhead, noted that with the company being loyal to the area for years, the township should be loyal in return. Resident and employee Kathy Drebot added that she was happy to work for D&H.

Resident Don Wagner asked how the company dealt with unscheduled trucks. Schwab said all of their trucks are scheduled, and there would be places for trucks to park if they arrive early or late.

"We really have a rare and unique opportunity to shape the development of this project to yield a result that is much better, I think, than you could get under current zoning," Courtney said. "When I say much better, I don't mean much better just for D&H — I mean for the township, for its taxpayers and for neighbors and residents in the area of the property."

D&H is a technology distributor with more than \$4 billion in revenue in 2018.

# Lower Swatara woman pleads guilty to prostitution charge

By Laura Hayes  
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A Lower Swatara woman faces several charges, including prostitution, following a traffic stop after 1 a.m. Feb. 16.

Christy Eileen Beaver, 43, has been charged with prostitution, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked and no rear lights.

According to the affidavit filed with District Judge Michael J. Smith, officers were on patrol near the intersection of South Eisenhower Boulevard and Route 283 when they saw a vehicle with a faulty brake light. Officers made contact with the driver, Beaver, in the parking lot of the Hollywood Motel.

Beaver told police she was at the motel to meet a man who paid her to have sex online, according to the affidavit.

Officers allegedly found drug paraphernalia in her purse and a crack pipe, drug paraphernalia and a black BB gun revolver replica in the vehicle.

Her preliminary arraignment was held before District Judge Hanif L. Johnson Sr., and her bail was set at \$100. Her preliminary hearing was Feb. 25. She pleaded guilty to all charges except for one prostitution count that was dropped.



Beaver

# OBITUARIES



## Christina Herneisey MIDDLETOWN

Christina E. Herneisey, 92, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at the Middletown Home.

She was born on December 25, 1926 in Horatio, Ark. and was the loving daughter of the late George and Iva (Stanley) Ennis.

Christina was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Middletown. She enjoyed many things like crocheting, reading and gardening. Her greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren.

## Virginia Lerew MIDDLETOWN

Virginia "Ginny" Bell Lerew, 82, of Frey Village Retirement Center, Middletown, and formerly of Mechanicsburg, passed away Tuesday, February 19, 2019, in the M. S. Hershey Medical Center.

Born in Enhaut on October 20, 1936, she was the daughter of the late Marlin N. Sr., and Sylvia Keim Bell.

Ginny retired in 1988 as a computer systems analyst from the Navy Supply Depot, Mechanicsburg, and worked in the clerk typing pool at the former Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown. She was a 1954 graduate of the former Highspire High School.

Ginny was a lifelong member of Swatara Church of God, Harrisburg, where she was a Sunday school teacher since her teens, currently teaching the Kingdom Seekers class, served as the coordinator of the GEMS Senior Ministry, and was the former organist and choir director. She was vice president of the Tower Council of Frey Village Retirement Center and an abider at the home. Ginny enjoyed music, traveling with her husband, taking pictures, playing Pinochle and Hand & Foot and was an avid sports and NASCAR fan.

Ginny was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn L. Lerew Sr. on January 5, 2002.

# Mehaffie bill on fiscal program heads to Senate

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives recently approved bipartisan legislation, sponsored by Rep. Tom Mehaffie, R-Lower Swatara Township, and Rep. Stephen Kinsey, D-Philadelphia, to rebrand a state program that offers financial planning assistance to local governments.

The Early Intervention Program, administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, assists local governments in developing comprehensive multi-year financial plans and establishing short- and long-term financial objectives.

The name, Mehaffie said, is misleading and has deterred municipalities from using resources to improve their fiscal position and potentially save taxpayer dollars.

"The name 'early intervention' implies fiscal distress, but the program is really a helpful strategic management tool for any municipality," he said. "We want more local officials to proactively take advantage of this great program so they can implement strategic plans and avoid fiscal distress."

Mehaffie said he was introduced to the program while a Lower Swatara Township commissioner.

House Bill 275 would change the name to the Strategic Management Planning Program. The bill awaits the Senate's consideration.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her grandson, Eric Dudick and three siblings.

Christina is survived by her husband of 72 years, Neal Herneisey; sons, Bradley Herneisey (Deborah) of Middletown, and George Herneisey (Lee Ann) of Middletown; daughter, Brenda Dudick of Middletown; and two grandchildren, Michele and Lauren Herneisey, both of Pittsburgh.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Christina's name to American Cancer Society, 125 Lucy Ave, Hummelstown, PA 17036 or Hospice of Central PA, 1320 Linglestown Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

The family has entrusted the Matinchek Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc. 260 East Main St., Middletown, PA 17057 with the funeral arrangements.



She is survived by one son, Glenn L. Lerew Jr., husband of Patti J. of Dillsburg; one grandson, Jordan T. Lerew, husband of Christina of Greensboro, N.C.; one great-granddaughter, Ryleen S. Lerew of Greensboro, N.C.; two brothers, The Rev. Robert L. Bell, husband of Paula of Harrisburg, and Marlin N. Bell Jr., husband of Vicki of Middletown; one sister, Betty Gardner, widow of David of Harrisburg; one stepsister, Catherine E. Eshenour, widow of Jack of Cortlandt Manor, N.Y.; one brother-in-law, Donald Lerew, husband of Joann of Dillsburg; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at 11 a.m. in Swatara Church of God, 4860 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, with Pastor Michael R. Nelson officiating. Friends were invited to visit with the family Tuesday in the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. Interment was in Woodlawn Memorial Gardens, Lower Paxton Township.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial contributions be made to Frey Village Retirement Center, 1020 North Union Street, Middletown, PA 17057.

Trefz & Bowser Funeral Home, Inc., 114 West Main Street, Hummelstown, is handling the arrangements. Online condolences may be shared at [www.trefzand-bowser.com](http://www.trefzand-bowser.com).

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Deborah L. Miller, Executor c/o Pannebaker & Mohr, P.C. 4000 Vine St, Suite 101 Middletown, PA 17057 or to: Kendra A. Mohr, Esq. Pannebaker & Mohr, P.C. 4000 Vine St, Suite 101 Middletown, PA 17057

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Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Daniel E. Webster, date of death November 21, 2014, late of Lower Swatara Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment and those having claims will present them for settlement to:

Marion L. Webster, Executor c/o Pannebaker & Mohr, P.C. 4000 Vine St, Suite 101 Middletown, PA 17057 or to: Kendra A. Mohr, Esq. Pannebaker & Mohr, P.C. 4000 Vine St, Suite 101 Middletown, PA 17057

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Debra J. Lick, Executor c/o Pannebaker & Mohr, P.C. 4000 Vine St, Suite 101 Middletown, PA 17057 or to: Kendra A. Mohr, Esq. Pannebaker & Mohr, P.C. 4000 Vine St, Suite 101 Middletown, PA 17057

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Deborah L. Miller, Executor c/o Pannebaker & Mohr, P.C. 4000 Vine St, Suite 101 Middletown, PA 17057 or to: Kendra A. Mohr, Esq. Pannebaker & Mohr, P.C. 4000 Vine St, Suite 101 Middletown, PA 17057

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Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Charles Elwood Beard, Jr., Deceased, late of the Borough of Middletown, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payments, and those having claims will present them for settlement to:

Sharon K. Beard, Executrix 104 North Union Street Middletown, PA 17057

OR TO:

John S. Davidson, Esquire Yost & Davidson 320 West Chocolate Avenue P.O. Box 437 Hershey, PA 17033

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NOTICE OF THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY

TO BE HELD MAY 21, 2019

In accordance with the provisions of the Election Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and amendments thereto: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NOMINATIONS are to be made for the following Offices at the ensuing Municipal Primary to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time in various Election Districts in the City of Harrisburg and the County of Dauphin, Pennsylvania, viz:

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BY ORDER OF THE DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS Honorable John McNally, Chairman Patricia Davies Frank Lynch Gerald D. Feaser, Jr., Director

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON AND PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER THE ENACTMENT OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER SWATARA, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CHAPTER 27 (ZONING) TO REZONE CERTAIN LAND FROM THE R-U RESIDENTIAL URBAN ZONING DISTRICT AND THE I-P INDUSTRIAL PARK LIMITED DISTRICT TO THE I-P INDUSTRIAL PARK DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Lower Swatara, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, will hold a public hearing on the within proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the Township of Lower Swatara, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania (the "Ordinance") on March 6, 2019, to commence at 6:00 p.m., prevailing time, at the Lower Swatara Township Municipal Building, 1499 Spring Garden Drive, Middletown, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania 17057. The Board of Commissioners, during the course of its regular legislative meeting scheduled for the same night, to commence at 7 p.m., prevailing time, immediately following such public hearing, at the Lower Swatara Township Municipal Building, 1499 Spring Garden Drive, Middletown, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania 17057, will consider for adoption and enactment and, if approved by formal action, adopt and enact the proposed ordinance.

The full text of the proposed ordinance is as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER SWATARA, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, NO. 448, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED, CHAPTER 27, ZONING TO REZONE CERTAIN LAND FROM THE R-U RESIDENTIAL URBAN ZONING DISTRICT AND THE I-P INDUSTRIAL PARK LIMITED DISTRICT TO THE I-P INDUSTRIAL PARK DISTRICT

AND NOW, be it ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners of Lower Swatara Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ORDAINED AND ENACTED as follows:

SECTION 1. The Code of Ordinances of the Township of Lower Swatara No. 448, as amended and supplemented, Chapter 27, Zoning, Part 3, Designation of Districts, Section 27- 302, Zoning Map, shall be amended so as to rezone from the I-P Industrial Park Limited District to the I-P Industrial Park District the properties that are located in Lower Swatara Township and identified as Dauphin County Property Identification Nos. 36-021-015, 36-023-021 and 36-023-032 and a portion of the property identified as Dauphin County Property Identification No. 36-021-014, as further described below and as depicted on Exhibit "A", which is attached to and made part of this Ordinance.

The area to be rezoned under this Section 1 is hereby intended and deemed to include the entire contiguous area, totaling approximately 90.9 acres, which is depicted on Exhibit "A" and bounded to the:

(i) North by the right-of-way of Rosedale Avenue, together with the portion of the right-of-way of Rosedale Avenue that adjoins the portion of the property identified as Dauphin County Property Identification No. 36-021-014 located to the east of the portion of such property that is located in the O-P Office-Park District that is not proposed to be rezoned by this Section 1, and that adjoins the properties identified as Dauphin County Property Identification Nos. 36-023-021 and 36-023-032, and is located to the south of the centerline of such right-of-way;

(ii) East by the right-of-way of the Airport Connector (SR 3032), together with the portion of the right-of-way of the Airport Connector that adjoins Dauphin County Property Identification No. 36-023-032 and is located to the west of the centerline of such right-of-way;

(iii) South by the properties and areas identified as Dauphin County Property Identification Nos. 36-022-158, 36-022-107, 36-022-097, 36-022-158, 36-022-070, 36-022-053, 36-022-050, 36-021-006 and 36-021-016;

(iv) West by the right-of-way of the White House Lane, together with the portion of the right-of-way of the White House Lane that adjoins Dauphin County Property Identification No. 36-021-014 and is located to the east of the centerline of such right-of-way; and

(v) North and northwest of the portion of the property identified as Dauphin County Property Identification No. 36-021-014 that is located in the O-P Office-Park District that is not proposed to be rezoned by this Section 1.

SECTION 2. The Code of Ordinances of the Township of Lower Swatara No. 448, as amended and supplemented, Chapter 27, Zoning, Part 3, Designation of Districts, Section 27- 302, Zoning Map, shall be amended so as to rezone from the R-U Residential-Urban District to the I-P Industrial Park District the portion of the property that is located in Lower Swatara Township and identified as Dauphin County Property Identification No. 36-023-016 that is located to the west of the centerline of the Airport Connector (SR 3032), as further described below and as depicted on Exhibit "A", which is attached to and made part of this Ordinance.

The area to be rezoned under this Section 2 is hereby intended and deemed to include the entire contiguous area, totaling approximately 95.7 acres, which is depicted on Exhibit "A" and bounded to the:

(i) North by the right-of-way of the Pennsylvania Turnpike (SR 0076), together with the portion of the right-of-way of the Pennsylvania Turnpike that adjoins Dauphin County Property Identification No. 36-023-016 and is located to the south of the centerline of such right-of-way;

(ii) East by the right-of-way of the Airport Connector (SR 3032), together with the portion of the right-of-way of the Airport Connector that adjoins Dauphin County Property Identification No. 36-023-016 and is located to the west of the centerline of such right-of-way;

(iii) South by the right-of-way of Rosedale Avenue, together with the portion of the right-of-way of Rosedale Avenue that adjoins Dauphin County Property Identification No. 36-023-016 and is located to the north of the centerline of such right-of-way;

(iv) West by the properties and areas identified as Dauphin County Property Identification Nos. 36-018-051 and 36-18-061;

(v) South by the property identified as Dauphin County Property Identification No. 36-18-061, a distance of approximately 498.44 feet; and

(vi) West by the portion of the property identified as Dauphin County Property Identification No. 36-23-016 that is located in the R-U Residential-Urban District and is not proposed to be rezoned by this Section 2, a distance of approximately 329 feet.

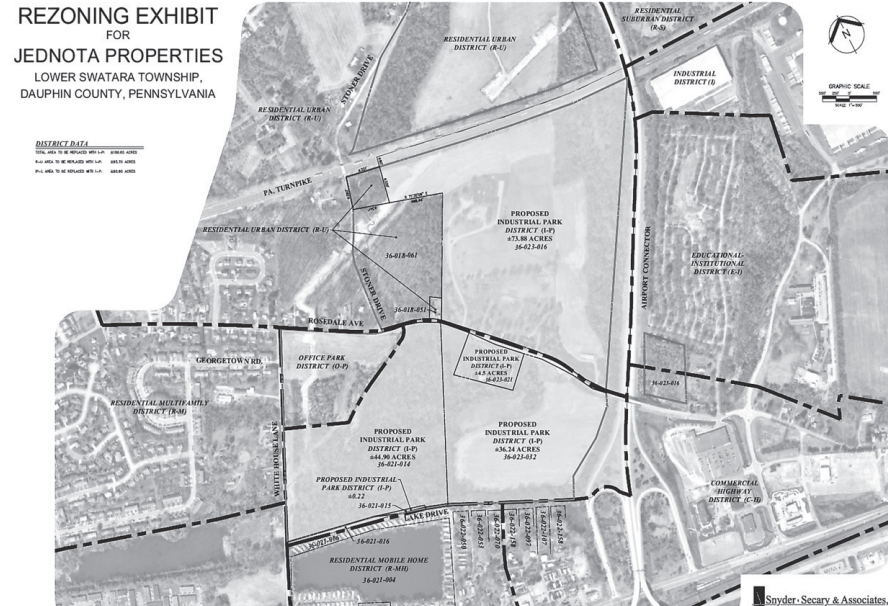
SECTION 3. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence, clause, section, or party thereof not been included herein.

SECTION 4. All other sections, parts and provisions of The Code of Ordinances of the Township of Lower Swatara No. 448, as amended and supplemented, shall remain in full force and effect as previously enacted and amended.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its enactment by the Board of Commissioners of Lower Swatara Township, County of Dauphin, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ENACTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 201\_\_.

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Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for public inspection and may be examined without charge at the Lower Swatara Township Municipal Building, 1499 Spring Garden Drive, Middletown, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania 17057, during Lower Swatara Township's normal business hours between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies of the proposed ordinance also may be obtained for a charge not greater than the cost thereof at the Lower Swatara Township Municipal Building.

This notice is given pursuant to Sections 609, 610 and 107 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, 53 P.S. § 10609, 53 P.S. § 10610 and 53 P.S. § 10107, Sections 110 and 1502.1 of The First Class Township Code, 53 P.S. §§ 55110, 56502.1 and Section 709 of the Sunshine Act, 65 Pa. C.S. § 709.

Lower Swatara Township Board of Commissioners  
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## SUEZ: Surcharge issues unresolved

From page A1

The borough — in its suit against Suez, which was transferred to federal court — sought to remove the 11.5 percent surcharge.

The borough also seeks to change the language in the lease agreement that is used to calculate whether a water sales shortfall exists, and if so, how much of a shortfall there is. The borough contends the current language is “unfair and unjust” in that it provides a financial windfall to the joint venture at the expense of water and sewer customers.

The last public filing by either the borough or the joint venture in the federal case occurred in September.

Klinepeter said that the borough and joint venture both made their case to the arbitration panel in a hearing that was held in November.

Klinepeter in an email to the Press & Journal added that the arbitration panel is also expected to rule regarding who is to be “financially responsible” for the annual replacement of 2,500 feet of underground pipe that is supposed to be

done each year that the lease is in effect.

According to Klinepeter, the joint venture demanded binding arbitration on the pipe replacement issue in 2018 after council rejected the joint venture’s five-year capital improvement plan.

Since the lease took effect in January 2015, the annual pipe replacement has been done only in 2015, when 2,500 feet of water line was replaced on Ann Street and Oak Hill Drive under a project initiated by a previous borough administration, Klinepeter said in the email.

The annual pipe replacement has not been done in 2016, 2017 or in 2018 because the borough and the joint venture were not able to agree on a capital improvement plan.

In a separate lawsuit in Dauphin County Court filed in June 2018, Middletown sued its former solicitor McNees Wallace & Nurick and former financial advisers Susquehanna Group Advisors over what the borough contends is faulty advice that both entities provided to the borough when it was considering the lease deal in 2014.

The suit is pending in county court.

## Hershey man drove into two parked cars while overdosing on heroin, police say

A Hershey man faces DUI and drug charges after Middletown police say he crashed into two parked vehicles while overdosing on heroin in the Village of Pineford shortly after 7:10 p.m. Feb. 17.

Police in arrest papers filed with District Judge David Judy said that Ronald A. Hatfield, 26, of the 300 block of Lamp Post Lane, was found slumped over in the driver’s seat holding a cut straw. A bag of

heroin was on the driver’s seat and the vehicle engine was running, police said.

Police gave Hatfield Narcan, the trade name for the opioid overdose-blocking drug naloxone. He regained consciousness and was taken to the hospital for a blood draw. Results were not reported.

Police said Hatfield was out on bail pending a DUI arrest involving drugs that occurred in September.

Hatfield was arraigned before District Judge Hanif L. Johnson Sr. on Feb. 18 and charged with DUI, DUI under a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, and reckless driving. Bail was set at \$5,000.

Hatfield is not listed as being in Dauphin County Prison. Results of a preliminary hearing Monday were not available.

## Lower Swatara man faces charges he tried to rob Harrisburg Subway

A Lower Swatara man is in custody after he allegedly displayed a handgun at a Subway restaurant in Harrisburg and told an employee to open the register.

Richard Albert Ciccocioppi, 27, of the first block of Nissley Drive, has been charged with two counts of robbery.

According to the affidavit filed with District Judge Barbara Pianka, at 9:15 a.m.

Feb. 11, Ciccocioppi entered Subway at 900 North Third Street in Harrisburg. After the employee asked what he wanted, Ciccocioppi allegedly pulled out a handgun and told the employee to open the register.

The employee said she was going to call the police. Ciccocioppi fled on Third Street, and nothing was taken, police said. Police executed a search warrant at his














residence Feb. 14. Ciccocioppi allegedly told police that he used a BB gun to commit the robbery and was taken into custody on an unrelated outstanding warrant.

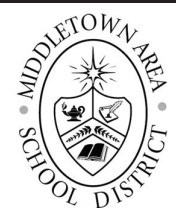
He was arraigned on robbery charges Feb. 14, and his bail was set at \$15,000. He is listed as being in Dauphin County Prison.

His preliminary hearing is scheduled for Feb. 27.

# MARCH CALENDAR

This month’s calendar is made possible by the community-minded businesses, local municipalities, county offices and educational institutions shown below.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH</b> 	<b>RED CROSS MONTH</b> 	<b>NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH</b> 	<b>NATIONAL PEANUT MONTH</b> 	<b>MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH</b> 	<b>EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY</b> 	<b>HARRISBURG</b> • Mardi Gras Slavic Style - 4-10 pm: St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church, 5408 Locust Ln.
<b>MIDDLETOWN</b> • Sons of Am. Legion – 5 pm  <b>3</b>	<b>LOWER SWATARA TWP.</b> • Fire Co. – 7:30 pm <b>MIDDLETOWN</b> • Red Rose Rebekah #586 – 1 pm • Library: STEM Club – 6 pm; Family Yoga – 6 pm  <b>4</b>	<b>MARDI GRAS</b> <b>MIDDLETOWN</b> • Odd Fellows #307 – 7:30 pm • School Board of Directors – 6 pm <b>ROYALTON</b> • Boro Council – 7 pm <b>HIGHSPIRE</b> • Planning Commission – 7 pm  <b>5</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <b>LOWER SWATARA TWP.</b> • Recreation Board – 6 pm • Bingo, Fire Hall – 7 pm • Twp. Commissioners – 7 pm <b>MIDDLETOWN</b> • Am. Legion Aux. – 7 pm <b>LONDONDERRY TWP.</b> • Londonderry Lionettes – 7 pm <b>DAUPHIN COUNTY</b> • Commissioners – 10 am  <b>6</b>	<b>LONDONDERRY TWP.</b> • Fire Co. – 8 pm • Senior Citizens – 1 pm <b>MIDDLETOWN</b> • Library: Book Club – 6 pm, LEGO® Jr. Maker Club – 6:30 pm <b>DAUPHIN COUNTY</b> • Conservation District – 11 am  <b>7</b>	<b>LONDONDERRY TWP.</b> • Londonderry Fire Co. Fish Fry – 5-8 pm  <b>8</b>	<b>PANIC DAY</b>   <b>9</b>
 <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS AT 2 A.M.</b> <b>LONDONDERRY TWP.</b> • Bingo: Open Noon, First Game – 2 pm, Fire Co.  <b>10</b>	<b>MIDDLETOWN</b> • Kiwanis – 6 pm • Am. Legion Board – 7 pm • Library: STEM Club – 6 pm, Family Yoga – 6 pm <b>LOWER SWATARA TWP.</b> • Fire Co. Aux. 7:30 pm  <b>11</b>	<b>MIDDLETOWN</b> • M-town Library Board – 6 pm • ABWA Olmsted Chapt. – 6 pm • Library: Story/Craft Time – 10:30 am, Family Yoga – noon, Tales with T.A.I.L.S. – 6 pm <b>HIGHSPIRE</b> • Boro Council – 7 pm  <b>12</b>	<b>LOWER SWATARA TWP.</b> • Bingo, Fire Hall – 7 pm <b>DAUPHIN COUNTY</b> • Commissioners – 10 am • Prison Board – 1:30 pm  <b>13</b>	<b>LOWER SWATARA TWP.</b> • Lions – 6:30 pm <b>MIDDLETOWN</b> • Library: LEGO® Jr. Maker Club – 6:30 pm <b>HIGHSPIRE</b> • Civil Service Comm. – 12 pm  <b>14</b>	<b>LONDONDERRY TWP.</b> • Londonderry Fire Co. Fish Fry – 5-8 pm  <b>15</b>	<b>EVERYTHING YOU DO IS RIGHT DAY</b>   <b>16</b>
<b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</b>   <b>17</b>	<b>MIDDLETOWN</b> • Red Rose Rebekah #586 – 1 pm • Alzheimer's Assoc. @ Frey Village – 6:30 pm • Library: Mystery Book Club – 6 pm, STEM Club – 6 pm, Family Yoga – 6 pm  <b>18</b>	<b>MIDDLETOWN</b> • Odd Fellows #307 – 7:30 pm • Library: Story Time- 10:30 am, Yoga – noon, T.A.I.L.S. – 6 pm • School Board General Business – 7 pm <b>HIGHSPIRE</b> • Boro Council – 6 pm • Environmental Advisory Board – 3 pm <b>ROYALTON</b> • Boro Planning Commission – 7 pm  <b>19</b>	<b>SPRING BEGINS</b> <b>LOWER SWATARA TWP.</b> • Bingo, Fire Hall – 7 pm • Board of Commissioners – 7 pm <b>DAUPHIN COUNTY</b> • Commissioners – 10 am; Followed By Retirement Board   <b>20</b>	<b>LONDONDERRY TWP.</b> • Senior Citizen's – 1 pm <b>MIDDLETOWN</b> • Library: LEGO® Jr. Maker Club – 6:30 pm <b>HIGHSPIRE</b> • Boro Authority – 7 pm  <b>21</b>	<b>MIDDLETOWN</b> • Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority Committee Meetings – 12 pm <b>LONDONDERRY TWP.</b> • Londonderry Fire Co. Fish Fry – 5-8 pm <b>DAUPHIN COUNTY</b> • Ag Land Preservation – 9 am  <b>22</b>	<b>NATIONAL PUPPY DAY</b>   <b>23</b>
<b>NATIONAL CHOCOLATE COVERED RAISIN DAY</b>   <b>24</b>	<b>MIDDLETOWN</b> • Kiwanis – 6 pm • Am. Legion – 7 pm • Library: STEM Club – 6 pm, Family Yoga – noon <b>LOWER SWATARA TWP.</b> • Municipal Authority – 7 pm <b>DAUPHIN COUNTY</b> • Conservation Ag Committee – 2 pm  <b>25</b>	<b>MIDDLETOWN</b> • Library: Story/Craft Time- 10:30 am, Family Yoga – noon, Tales with T.A.I.L.S. – 6 pm  <b>26</b>	<b>LOWER SWATARA TWP.</b> • Bingo, Fire Hall – 7 pm • Zoning Hearing Board – 7 pm <b>DAUPHIN COUNTY</b> • Commissioner – 10 am <b>MIDDLETOWN</b> • Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority – 8 am  <b>27</b>	<b>LOWER SWATARA TWP.</b> • Lions Club – 6:30 pm • Planning Commission – 7 pm <b>MIDDLETOWN</b> • Library: LEGO® Jr. Maker Club – 6:30 pm, Jewelry Club – 6 pm  <b>28</b>	<b>LONDONDERRY TWP.</b> • Londonderry Fire Co. Fish Fry – 5-8 pm  <b>29</b>	<b>HUMMELSTOWN</b> • Bingo Blast, Hummelstown Fire Co. Doors open 5 pm; First Game 7 pm  <b>30</b>



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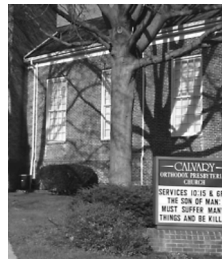
Ebenezer United Methodist Church and Child-care, 890 Ebenezer Road, Middletown invites everyone to join us for worship on Sunday mornings lead by Pastor Brad Gilbert. Our services are relaxed and casual. We offer a traditional service at 8:45 a.m. and a contemporary service with a band (electric guitars)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

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

Have a favorite board game? “Game Night” is every third Monday at 6:30 p.m. We also offer a variety of other groups including Bible studies.

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

## Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church



Calvary church has been a part of the Middletown Borough community since 1936. It has been our privilege to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ all these years and to do so knowing the good news has never changed in over 2000 years. We firmly hold to the Apostles’ Creed and the Westminster Confession of Faith and its Larger and Shorter Catechisms as clearly teaching what Scripture teaches. If we believe the Gospel of Christ, then by trusting in his death and resurrection for sinners we will be forgiven and saved from God’s wrath. Please join us each Sunday to hear the Gospel. Learn more at: [www.calvaryopc.com](http://www.calvaryopc.com).

Our worship services are at 10:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. We are located at the corner of Spruce and Emaus streets here in Middletown. We have a fellowship meal following the 10:15 a.m. morning worship service on the

first Sunday of every month, free to all who come. We also have Sunday school classes for all ages at 9 a.m. and a Bible Study and prayer meeting each Wednesday at 7 p.m. We are studying the power of prayer on Wed. nights.

## Evangelical United Methodist Church



Evangelical Church meets on the corner of Spruce and Water Streets at 157 E. Water St., Middletown, south of Main St., behind the Turkey Hill convenience store. We invite you to attend our Sunday morning activities: Sunday school is at 9 a.m. and worship is at 10:15 a.m. When you walk in the door, you will see people of all ages and walks of life, some dressed formally and others casually in jeans and sneakers. Come as you are.

Our greeters wear nametags, so they are easy to find and they will be happy to help you if you need any assistance or have a question. We celebrate communion the first Sunday of each month. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, and as a congregation in the United Methodist Church, we welcome all (baptized or unbaptized) to partake of the holy sacrament. We invite you to experience life at Evangelical UMC. Whether you are looking for a community, are lonely, searching for the meaning of life, or want to know more about Jesus, our doors are open for you. Check our website to learn more about us: [www.eumch.org](http://www.eumch.org).

This week’s worship assistants are as follows: Pastor – Lee Ellenberger; Liturgist – Jaden Miller; Organist – Don Cowsert;

Choir Director – Erich Schlicher; Audio Visual – Steve Moyer, Jamal Warren and Justin Hahn; Head Usher – Wendy Kauffman; Greeters – Joan Rudy, Mary Jane Rife and Forney Rife; Nursery Caregivers – Gloria Clouser and Vickie Hubbard.

This week’s schedule of activities is as follows:

Wed., Feb. 27: 6 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous Group Book Study; 6:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal.

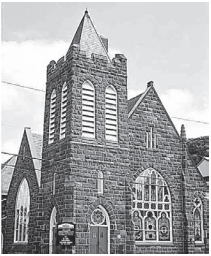
Thurs., Feb. 28: 6 p.m., SPRC meeting, Room 1.

Sun., March 3: 9 a.m., Sunday school; 10:15 a.m., Worship Service with Communion.

Mon., March 4: 6:30 p.m., Vision Team at Evan, Room 1.

Tues., March 5: 2 p.m., Prayer Shawl; 6 p.m., God’s Kitchen at Wesley, meal provided by Evan.

## Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown



The Presbyterian Congregation is located at 290 N. Union St. in downtown Middletown. We are a body of Christian people who reach out to others by sharing God’s Word, love, and fellowship. Warm greetings to one and all as we seek to grow closer to our Lord Jesus Christ. Please join us on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. as Pastor Christian Neubaum leads us in worship. Our sanctuary is air-conditioned and handicapped accessible, and there are also hearing devices for anyone wanting to use one. Nursery is available during the service, as well as Bible Listening bags for children to utilize during the service. Do join us!

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

critical issues of our time.

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

## New Beginnings Church of Middletown



We are an independent body of believers offering God’s invitation for a new beginning to all who seek it. We exist to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of all people through faith in Jesus Christ. We are a Safe Sanctuary congregation. New Beginnings Church invites you to worship with us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children’s church is provided. Our congregation meets at Riverside Chapel, 630 S. Union St., next to the Rescue Fire Company. Sunday School for all ages is at 9 a.m.

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

The community is invited to our new contemporary service on Monday evenings at

7 p.m. entitled “New Beginnings Unchained Worship Fellowship.” Persons who have no church affiliation or are seeking to grow in their faith in their relationship with God are invited. We invite you to come and check out our new service.

Sundays: Children’s choir rehearsal Sundays at 10 a.m.; Youth Fellowship meets Sunday evening from 5 to 7 p.m.

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

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

Thursdays: Blanket makers meet the 1st and 2nd Thursdays of the month at 9 a.m.; Intercessory Prayer meets at 6 p.m., followed by Bible Study at 7 p.m.

Saturdays: We clean the Middletown Food Bank the 3rd

Saturday every other month. The community is invited to participate in these important areas of our church life.

Join us on Wed., March 6 at 7 p.m. for our Ash Wednesday Communion Service as we begin the Lenten season.

Greeter for March: Bonnie Harper. Children’s Church leaders for Sun., March 3: Nancy Leister and Lisa Walak. March ushers: The Jeff and Dana Rhine family.

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 provided to use to meditate or just enjoy the beauty and quietness along the Swatara Creek.

Pastor Britt writes a daily devotional on the Facebook page “Pastor Britt Strohecker.”

Our Sunday worship service is broadcast on the MAHS radio station, WMSS 91.1 FM at 3 p.m. every Sunday afternoon. Listen on the radio or the Internet at [www.pennlive.com/wmss/audio](http://www.pennlive.com/wmss/audio). Check us out on our website at [www.newbeginningschurchmiddletownpa.com](http://www.newbeginningschurchmiddletownpa.com).

Pastor Britt’s parting words each Sunday: “Nothing in this world is more important than the love of Jesus Christ!” We invite you to come and experience this love.

## St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church



St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Spring & Union Streets (121 N. Spring St), Middletown. We are a Reconciling In Christ Church. Visit our website at [www.stpetersmiddletown.org](http://www.stpetersmiddletown.org). Please join us for worship. Our worship times are: Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. Sunday Church school for all ages begins at 9 a.m.; Wednesday morning at 10 a.m., Good Shepherd Chapel; Saturday evening at 5 p.m., Good Shepherd Chapel. Please enter the church through the parking lot door. Our Sunday worship service is broadcast at 11 a.m. on WMSS 91.1FM.

Church: Sat., March 2: 5 p.m., Holy Communion – Good Shepherd Chapel.

Sun., March 3: 10 a.m., Holy Communion.

Wed., March 6: Ash Wednesday - 10 a.m.; Chapel; 7 p.m., Sanctuary – Holy Communion/Imposition of Ashes.

CHRISTIANITY ON TAP – Come explore with us what it means to be a Christian in today’s world around a beverage of your choice. All experiences, beliefs, questions and doubts welcome. This is an open and relaxed environment for us to share our beliefs and understandings of the world with each other, to learn from each other. Follow us on Facebook @ChristianityonTapMiddletown. Every Sunday from noon to 2 p.m. at the Tattered Flag. Check our Facebook page for any change in time or cancellation.

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

Interfaith Area Council Month of Caring – February: Please donate to your church, synagogue, or directly to the Middle-

town Food Pantry to help those in this community in our need. See needs below in Food Pantry News or monetary donations can be mailed to Middletown Interfaith Council, P.O. Box 207, Middletown, PA 17057.

Food Pantry News: Especially needed are personal care/toiletry items: toilet tissue, deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoos, conditioners, cotton swabs, tissues, soap, paper towels, etc. Items collected are taken to the Middletown Area Interfaith Food Pantry located at 201 Wyoming Street, Royalton. Individuals may also take items directly to the food pantry, which is open Tuesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Community Action Commission office is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the same location. Food Pantry Sunday is March 3 (the first Sunday of each month).

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

Scripture readings for this week: Transfiguration of Our Lord – Exod. 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-43.

# Dixon, Young to receive Carnegie medals Thursday during ceremony

Two Middletown-area residents who saved the lives of two teenage boys by pulling them from the wreckage of a car that was on fire each will be presented with the Carnegie Medal during a public ceremony at the Lower Swatara Township Fire Hall at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28.

Jennifer Lynn Dixon of Middletown and Aaron Andrew Young of Lower Swatara Township will be presented with the medal by Carnegie Hero Fund President Eric P. Zahren.

Dixon and Young are the 10,054th and 10,055th persons to receive the Carnegie Medal since The Hero Fund was established by Andrew Carnegie in 1904.

The medal is presented to reward acts of outstanding heroism, defined by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission as acts of lifesaving done at extraordinary risk to the rescuer, according to a commission press release.

Grants totaling more than \$40 million have been given the awardees or their survivors and include scholarship aid, continuing assistance, and death benefits.

The acts for which Dixon and Young are being recognized took place shortly after 11 p.m. on Friday night, Nov. 25, 2016, when Scott Shaffer and Joey Keating,

both of Lower Swatara, had almost arrived home from seeing the Middletown Area High School Blue Raiders defeat Scranton Prep in the state football playoffs in Bethlehem.

Shaffer lost control of the car in the 300 block of Stoner Drive.

Dixon kicked out the window of the rear passenger-side door and assisted by her mother, Mavis, also of Middletown, pulled Keating out of the car and patted out the flames on his pants.

Young, who lived nearby, ran from his home and pulled Shaffer from out of the burning vehicle.

Dixon was hospitalized for treatment of smoke inhalation, shortness of breath, and burns to her hand.

Young was not injured. Keating and Shaffer both endured multiple surgeries while spending several weeks in the hospital, but both young men eventually recovered from their injuries.



Dixon



Young

# Gas prices take biggest jump in recent months

Gasoline prices in Harrisburg rose 6.5 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$2.55 Sunday, according to GasBuddy’s daily survey of 241 stations in Harrisburg.

This compares with the national average that increased 6.1 cents vs. last week to \$2.39, according to GasBuddy.

Average prices on Feb. 25 in Harrisburg have ranged widely over the last five years: \$2.73 in 2018, \$2.46 in 2017, \$1.87 in 2016, \$2.47 in 2015 and \$3.59 in 2014.

Prices Sunday were 18.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago and are 13.2 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average increased 11.6 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 10.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

Areas near Harrisburg and their current gas price climate: **Lancaster:** \$2.58, up 6.3 cents per

gallon from last week’s \$2.51. **Reading:** \$2.61, up 6.2 cents. **York:** \$2.57, up 5.4 cents.

“Gasoline prices saw their biggest weekly jump of 2019 with the national average now at its highest point since mid-December as oil prices continue to advance. While such jumps are in line with expectations, that doesn’t make them any easier to digest,” said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

“Unfortunately, we’re likely in store for a continued march higher into March and even April as seasonal trends kick into high gear, but there is some light at the end of the tunnel. Average gas prices should remain lower than their year ago levels for now and the annual spring surge we see at gas pumps will likely not be as bad as we’ve seen in years past,” he added.

# Library event gives families a hands-on tech opportunity

A “Hands on Tech” event will be held at the William H. & Marion C. Alexander Family Library, 200 W. 2nd St., Hummelstown, from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 14.

Families can play with robots of all shapes and sizes, learn how to create a circuit, explore

a variety of technology toys, and more.

Tech toys will be available for all ages and skill levels.

Families with children of all ages are welcome, but registration is required by visiting [dcls.org/specialevents](http://dcls.org/specialevents) or by calling 717-234-4961, option 6.

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64 Ann Street, Middletown  
PASTOR NAYLO HOPKINS  
Phone 717-944-6242  
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# VIEWPOINTS

## EDITORIALVIEW

# Lower Swatara livestreaming is a great idea

Cost and questions about whether the videos would be public records should not stop Lower Swatara Township from streaming its board of commissioners meetings.

Commissioner Chris DeHart brought up the idea during the board’s Jan. 2 meeting, noting that other bodies, such as Middletown Borough Council, do so.

“It may get more people involved and see what’s going on,” DeHart said.

We agree. The more people who can view what is going on, the better.

Would there be huge viewership of these meetings? Maybe not. But technology should help shine a light on how our government works.

Livestreaming meetings would help this immensely, especially for those people who aren’t able to attend.

Commissioner Michael Davies said that representatives from other municipalities to whom he spoke about livestreaming said some officials “performed” for the cameras.

“One of the things that they readily observed was cameras make people talk much longer about things, which is not always a bad thing,” Davies said.

We have not seen either of those concerns as an issue with Middletown meetings, however.

DeHart said it cost Middletown \$799 for the equipment and \$2,300 in annual charges.

During the board’s Jan. 16 meeting, township manager Betsy Mc-

**[T]echnology should help shine a light on how our government works. Livestreaming meetings would help this immensely, especially for those people who aren’t able to attend.**

Bride reported that one company would charge several thousand dollars to get such a system started — recording the meetings, putting them online, and storing them for six weeks — but it would cost more to have a staff member at the meeting to record it.

We are cognizant that the process would come with an actual financial cost. But we feel the cost would be worth it. We very much appreciate

what Middletown has done with livestreaming. The videos from the meetings remain on the borough’s website for review, and they are a wonderful resource not only to watch live, but to be able to go back to and watch later.

That’s why we are concerned with part of the discussion regarding potential Lower Swatara livestreaming. Instead of treating the archived videos as a resource for the community, they were discussed in terms of meeting the lowest threshold necessary to stay compliant with state Right-to-Know Laws.

Vice President Todd Truntz asked, in terms of the Right-to-Know Law, if the videos would become public records. Township

solicitor Peter Henninger said if the videos aren’t destroyed, then they could be subject to Right-to-Know requests.

“There are concerns that I would have as your solicitor that it be a system that you could wipe and [be] consistent with your policy of maintaining of that record. It can be done, no doubt about it,” Henninger said.

The system should maintain the meeting coverage, not wipe it clean, even if that means paying a bit more to store those videos.

We hope the township continues to discuss the possibility of livestreaming and that it does not let the few hurdles, which can be easily overcome, stand in the way of a more open government.

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# Rain, earthquakes and why Pennsylvania isn’t good



ED O’CONNOR

I’ve been housebound now for 13 days, and that’s not a lucky number.

It all happened after I was viciously attacked on Feb. 9. While walking along the Tomebamba River path at 2 a.m., all of a sudden I was accosted by an angry group of leftists upset about me wearing “The Hat.” They started to pummel me and pulled my TAMA (Tax America More Again) hat from my head and stomped it in the dirt, put the strap of a handbag around my neck, then doused me with fabric softener, all the while chanting, “This is Bernie country! This is Bernie country!”

They also called me a brute, a savage and other strange adjectives that I did not recognize. But before disappearing into the inky darkness, they gave me a new hat that read “TAMMA” (Tax America Much More Again).

I went to the nearby police station and filed a report. The cops went back with me to the scene of the incident and saw my ruined, muddy hat on the ground just as I described. I was given a ticket for littering.

So, I’m now recuperating from all the bruises. I never knew being hit by multiple purses could inflict this much damage. I had MK, Coach and Prada marks all over my body.

The only positive outcome of this harrowing experience is that Fox Sports is considering having me write a teleplay about the incident, but want me to change the location and other pertinent facts, for a new, upcoming TV series, “Umpire.”

Maybe you first saw this reported on FNN, PMSNBC or other MSM (main-slime media) outlets.

To be accurate, I am recovering from

a bout with pneumonia, but didn’t the above narrative capture your interest and imagination more than the truth? Nothing like that could ever happen in real life, especially in America, right?

**Swept away in the rain**

Rain! Wow! Did it rain! We have friends from Wisconsin that vacation here every January/February for five weeks. They were visiting us when a storm broke loose. We had 4.25 inches in 80 minutes.

There was flooding, and more than half the city lost either power, water or both. Luckily, we lost neither.

After two hours of the inundation, there was a slight break in the weather, so they ordered a cab and returned to their suite. Unfortunately, on the way back it started pouring again and their taxi was pulled over by the Coast Guard.

**A shaky morning**

“Shake, Rattle and Roll.” That’s what happened at 5:19 a.m. Feb. 22 when a 7.5 earthquake occurred on the Peruvian border about 175 miles from Cuenca.

One aftershock followed, plus another unrelated tremor with magnitudes in the 6 range. I had to get up and steady the television so it wouldn’t fall from the entertainment center. The glassware sounded like Tinker Bell was in the apartment.

Overall, it shook like a liberal taking communion.

**Going green could be great**

With St. Patrick’s Day swiftly approaching, and having heard about the Green New Deal, I was really looking forward to hearing about all the great things that would be done for the 35 million Irish-Americans. Imagine all the free stuff we would be getting: potatoes, cabbage, corned beef, Irish whisky and green beer! That lady had me in her corner — especially when I saw she had been a bartender.

Much to my chagrin, I saw her name.

Just a minute. I’ve been hoodwinked. My hopes and dreams were dashed. She’s not Irish. She’s as much Irish as that other woman is Native American. Ya just can’t trust those libtards.

**The fine state of Pennsylvania**

Since you all, or y’all, are too busy working or watching “Empire,” “Dancing With The Stars” or “The Big Bang Theory,” do not fret. I have done the research for you and compiled some interesting statistics, facts and figures for your consumption. Please don’t shoot the messenger.

- Of the 15 least-expensive states in which to live, Pennsylvania didn’t make the list. ([cheatsheet.com](http://cheatsheet.com))
- Of the most expensive states to get divorced, Pennsylvania is No. 11 with a cost of \$14,300. (24/7wallst.com)
- Of the best states for business, Pennsylvania was ranked No. 39. (24/7wallst.com)
- With a median salary of \$63,121, Pennsylvania teachers are the 12th highest paid in the United States. (24/7wallst.com)
- With a median salary of \$37,540, Pennsylvania workers are No. 21 in the USA (24/7wallst.com)
- With a per-pupil cost of \$15,291, Pennsylvania is the ninth-highest in the United States. (24/7wallst.com)
- Middletown’s per pupil expenditure is \$16,659. ([niche.com](http://niche.com))
- In Middletown, student reading proficiency is 62 percent and math proficiency is 48 percent. ([niche.com](http://niche.com))
- Of the literate states, Pennsylvania ranks No. 32. (24/7wallst.com)
- Of the states with the worst infrastructure, Pennsylvania is No. 4. (24/7wallst.com)
- Of the 25 safest cities in the United States with a population of 100,000 or more, none were in Pennsylvania. (24/7wallst.com)
- Of the best run states in the United States, Pennsylvania was ranked No. 36.

(24/7wallst.com)

- Pennsylvania is the 20th most expensive state in which to retire — to live comfortably a couple needs an annual income of \$42,754. (24/7wallst.com)
- Pennsylvania has the 12th highest property tax in the United States. (24/7wallst.com)

**Ready to race**

Feb. 17 was the Great American Race, the Daytona 500.

I have really developed into quite a car race aficionado. It was quite refreshing to watch a sporting event where there was prayer before the event ... the drivers, drivers’ families and crews stood during the National Anthem. There was no kneeling. The fans stood, removed their hats and held them over their hearts while the Star-Spangled Banner was played. There wasn’t a single social justice bedwetter to be seen.

**Stopped by immigration police**

Olga and I went to a local market (not supermarket) to get some fruits and vegetables. These markets are where the locals have individual stalls and sell their produce, meats, cheeses, seafood, etc.

As we were leaving, we were stopped by two immigration police. They asked to see our identification or passports. For the first time ever, Olga didn’t have hers in her purse. Now what? I produced my ID, which had her listed as my wife. They took my card and ran it through their hand-held computer. After they were convinced that we did not enter the country illegally, we were released with a mild warning.

Who says border walls don’t work? The Chinese built one more than 2,000 years ago and they don’t have any illegal Mexicans in their country.

Until the next full moon ... Eddy O

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## READERVIEW

# Bailing out nuclear energy to save TMI is horrible idea

The owner of Three Mile Island, Exelon, announced that it will close TMI in 2019 unless federal or state governments act to place nuclear power on a level playing field economically with other forms of energy. Exelon also pointed out that TMI has not been profitable for the last six years.

Nuclear power has been promoted by governments, business and special interests as being a safe and affordable source of electricity since my childhood. Living through the TMI accident almost 40 years ago I remember reading, “Not enough radiation escaped to cause any dose above background levels to local residents” or “no one was injured by TMI.” That is pie-in-the-sky to me.

In hope, I responded to the TMI nuclear accident by co-founding Concerned Mothers & Women. We need truth and justice to uphold and safeguard life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. As stated by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

My feet are on the ground trying to live with our reality. It is an inhumane and environmentally destructive reality. The health history and present conditions that exist in the lives of our neighbors

here in south-central Pennsylvania, Chernobyl and Fukushima cannot be diminished or ignored. Neither can the many witnesses, studies and research that were never acknowledged in the TMI “official report.”

Scientific evidence has been established linking thyroid disease to the TMI meltdown. However, research with respect to these links to thyroid disease and other diseases has been and still is insufficient. We do not have long-term, in-depth epidemiology studies to know how the radiation distributed by the TMI accident has affected the population. Also it is an undeniable fact that evacuating an at-risk population in a timely manner is neither feasible nor logical.

Further, there is the issue of lethal nuclear waste. It continues to be created. After all these years, there is still no true way to deal with it. Nuclear waste will sit in containers buried in the ground or stored at nuclear power sites, still lethal centuries after we are gone. Populations continue to be identified that have been seriously medically impacted by radiation and the burial of nuclear waste.

With respect to present government policy, the Pennsylvania Nuclear En-

ergy Caucus is working to put nuclear power on equal footing with zero-carbon emission energy sources. Three options identified by the organization intend to change laws to subsidize, i.e., “bail out,” nuclear power to sustain its long-term use.

There are attempts to classify nuclear power in positive terms, such as “green” or “carbon free,” but nuclear power is nowhere near environmentally friendly because uranium mining, radiation and nuclear waste are all part of nuclear energy.

Should citizens pay more tax money to subsidize Exelon’s production of power from nuclear energy when such production has not been profitable and does not look to be profitable for the foreseeable future? I say no. The benefits of nuclear power are significantly outweighed by the human, economic and environmental risk of nuclear meltdowns, radiation and nuclear waste.

I believe the correct action is to take no action. This will allow nuclear power to phase out in a safe manner. Nuclear companies can make their economic decisions for operation, decommissioning, dismantling, nuclear waste storage

protection, and research accordingly.

A government of the people, by the people, and for the people should be enabled to rely on safe, environmentally friendly energy sources. We are stewards of the Earth defending life and trying to do what is right. We should have the ability to exercise our responsibility to protect our children, our families, our neighbors, future generations and the environment and keep them safe and healthy.

Praise God for the sun, the wind, the water, the energy from the Earth, and the other sources of energy that we currently have identified, as well as the renewable sources of power generation that have not yet been discovered or harnessed.

May our government lead in exploring energy solutions that will promote life and the environment.

May the people respect God’s creation for the truth and justice of a safe and secure energy future.

May our love for God change the climate and our love for one another be the global warming people share.

Thank you for your consideration. God bless you, and God bless America!

**Linda Braasch**  
*Lower Swatara Township*



# REID: Mayor advocated for senior citizens, admired late Sen. Heinz

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the Senate Congressional Committee on TMI, Heinz told him “Mayor, you just made history. You just don’t realize what you have done as far as the state of Pennsylvania is concerned and the borough of Middletown.”

Reid recalls how whenever Heinz was in the Middletown area, he and Reid went to Kuppy’s to have cherry pie.

“If he hadn’t been killed in that plane accident, he would have been president of the United States. Now there was a guy. There’s a good Republican.”

The Republican Party back then was a good party, he said.

“The way it is now ... I didn’t leave the party, I’m still a Republican. The party left me,” he said. “The whole government in Washington to me is all screwed up. They can’t work together; they can’t get anything done.”

Reid says party politics used to be a big thing in Middletown, but it isn’t any more, and he thinks that’s a good thing.

“It used to be really tough in this town. Republicans and Democrats used to fight. I used to tell them, in a small town you can’t .... You’ve got to work together in a small town.”

## Reid’s legacy

Outside of TMI, Reid talks of his advocacy for senior citizens when asked what he is proudest of from during his time as mayor.

He helped establish the Essex House apartment complex for senior citizens on Market Street.

He recalled working with Edith Booser and the Middletown Area Interfaith Council to start the Care-A-Van ride service for senior citizens, which continues today.

“I think my greatest love as far as public office was concerned or is concerned was helping senior citizens,” Reid said. “These are the people that made this country. These are the people who came before us. Now they need help, and we should be there to help them. That’s the way I felt.”

Reid said his best advice for someone looking to hold public elected office today is be “true to your convictions.”



At the Mayoral Madness basketball game in March 2015, Robert Reid and Barbara Layne, then the Middletown Area School Board president, watch the game with Middletown Area School District Superintendent Lori Suski, rear.

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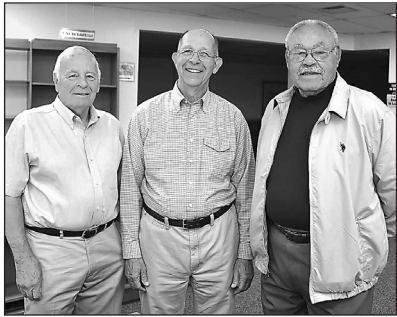
Robert Reid



Mayor James H. Curry III swears in Robert Reid to a seat on borough council in January 2016.

“Remember that you work for the people. The people don’t work for you. Be as honest as you can be. Work diligently for the people that elected you. Be an independent thinker.”

He still feels good about Middletown today, but the town isn’t the same place he grew up in. The borough is much more diverse now, which brings challenges — and opportunity.



Glenn Rodgers, Robert Kinsey and Robert Reid tour the old Middletown Area High School in April 2016.

“Back then you could walk down the street and you knew everybody. Now it’s like being in the city — you don’t even know your neighbor, and you don’t care about your neighbor,” Reid said. “Back when I was little you cared about one another. Today in Middletown it’s not that feeling of caring about one another, because you have so many people with different ideas living in Middletown now.”

## Unfinished work

Reid said the town needs to do more to welcome the growing number of international students coming to live in Middletown while enrolled at Penn State Harrisburg.

He supports efforts being led by the borough’s Human Relations Commission, a body appointed by borough council, to work in partnership with Penn State Harrisburg to recognize and celebrate diversity.

“When you look at these kids they are here away from their parents, some of the Asian students don’t even go back home. They are here for the four years,” Reid said. “When you look at some of them you can tell that they are lost. Let’s have some kind of program that we can include these kids from Penn State and make them part of Middletown, make them part of the area.”

He still wants to see Ann Street repaved, something he used to bring up regularly at council meetings. He said he thinks it will happen in 2019.

He also wants the borough to have a stabilization fund, a mechanism by which council by ordinance would be required to transfer any surplus at the end of the budget year to what Reid refers to as a “rainy day fund.”

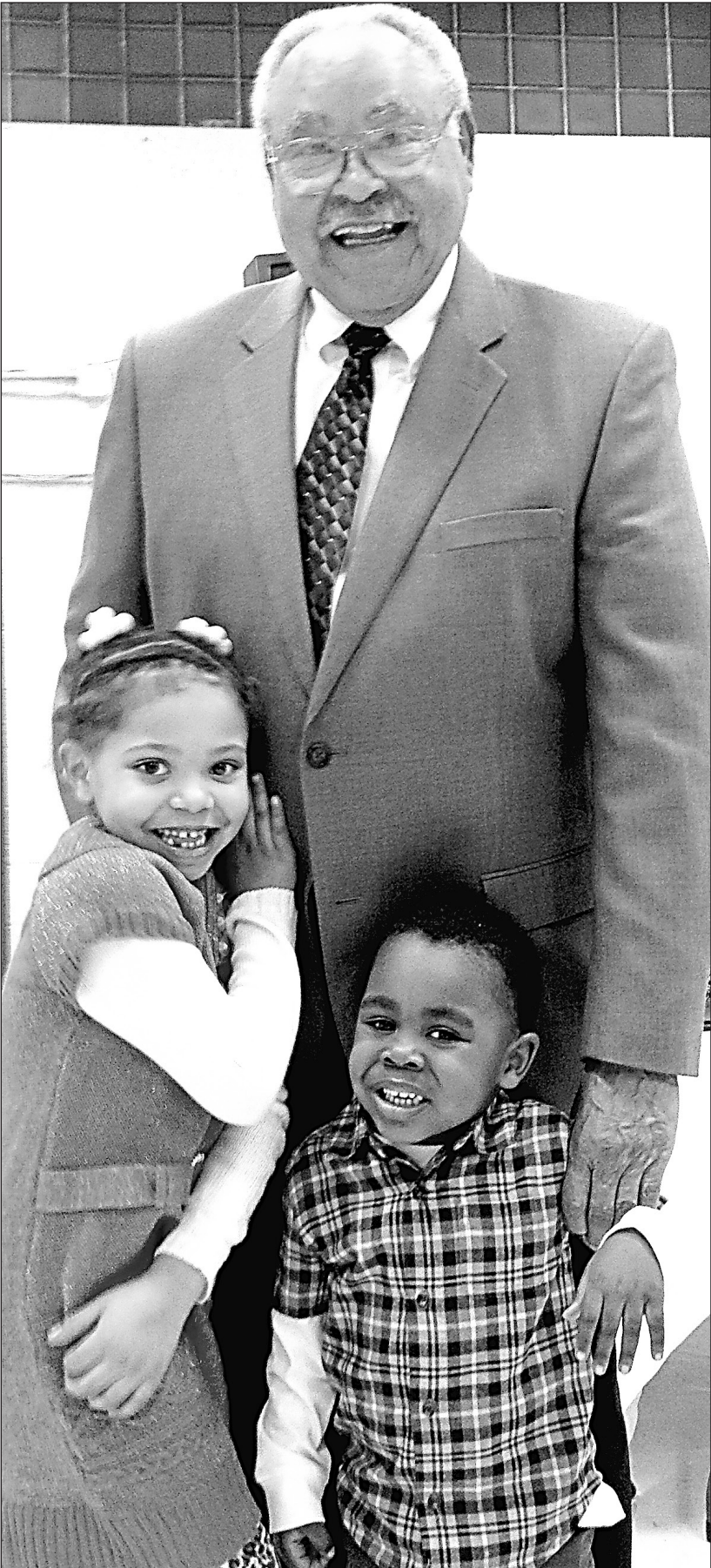
Reid said he has been talking about creating such a fund for years, so that when unexpected emergencies occur, or when council just wants to do something unbudgeted such as “downtown beautification,” the borough has a fund it can tap without having to take money out of the general fund, or having to raise taxes.

Past councils “used to laugh at me” about it, but it looks as though the present council is going to approve an ordinance to create the stabilization fund.

“I think we’re gonna do it,” he said.

It would be one more accomplishment for a public servant and educator whose career is nearly unrivaled in any small community in this country.

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Robert Reid celebrates with his great-grandchildren, Hannah, left, and T.J., at a “thank-you” party in January 2014. He had decided not to run again for mayor the previous year.

# PUZZLES AND HOROSCOPE

## WORD SEARCH | ANSWERS ON B2

<b>Manage time</b>	Blueprint	Estimation	Planning
<b>word search</b>	Business	Files	Prioritize
	Clean	Followup	Procrastinate
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Address	Cost	Meeting	Software
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Guess Who? answer: Emily Blunt

## SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

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

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## GUESS WHO? (answer below Word Search)

I am an actress born in England on Feb. 23, 1983. I garnered much acclaim on the British stage before coming to the United States. Since then, I've played everything from a fashion assistant to a queen.

## CROSSWORD | ANSWERS ON B2

### ACROSS

- Iranian village
- Duct
- Holds potatoes
- Plant of the goosefoot family
- Spoken in Cameroon
- Students' rights document (abbr.)
- Skin lesion
- Went over the airwaves
- Nestle malt drink
- Rockets' point guard
- Developed the polio vaccine
- Businessmen
- Animals have it
- Atomic number 58
- Cycles/second
- Japanese classical theater
- Slow nocturnal primate
- Used in a play
- One that breaks apart
- Yellow-fever mosquitoes

- Bag-like structure in a plant
- Simple wooden shoe
- Leeches
- Tide
- Fathers
- Decay
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- The Golden State (abbr.)
- Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
- Unique garments
- True firs
- One who's not on time
- Angry speech
- Young children
- About aviation
- This (Spanish)
- Earns a perfect score
- People of Ghana
- Founding member of The Grateful Dead
- Of she
- Genus of lichens

### DOWN

- Variety of pear
- Curved symmetrical structure
- A demon in some cultures
- Cricket frogs
- Atomic #45
- Abnormal bone joint
- Cain and \_\_
- Unhappy
- Dogooder
- Most babies need \_\_ when they eat
- Type of sword
- Genus of flowering plants
- Tendency to suffer from a particular condition
- Genus of flowering plants
- It comes up some days
- Koran chapters
- In support of
- One who crunches numbers
- A type of school
- Pops
- Tears
- Not influenced by drugs
- Forms a boundary
- Touch quickly and gently
- Stray
- A period between solar and lunar eclipses
- Third-party access
- A very large body of water
- Infections
- It might be due to nerves
- Hall of Fame ballplayer Rod
- Belittle
- Type of sword
- Makes very wet
- One-time Peruvian money
- A shoe typically has one
- Not nice
- Sea eagle
- Civil Rights figure
- Humbug
- A precious metal (abbr.)

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## HOROSCOPE | WEEK OF FEB. 27

**ARIES** MARCH 21-APRIL 20  
You have high hopes about everything that crosses your path this week. This includes your love life. You might be eager to step things up a notch in that area.

**TAURUS** APRIL 21-MAY 21  
Find comfort in the fact that your spouse or significant other and you share the same perspective about important topics. He or she also has integrity, which means a lot.

**GEMINI** MAY 22-JUNE 21  
Conversations this week will be on point. Everything you have to say will be unequivocal, and others will follow your instruc-

tions in every detail.

**CANCER** JUNE 22-JULY 22  
If you are single, it is possible you will meet someone this week you believe could be long-term relationship material. This person may be your complete opposite.

**LEO** JULY 23-AUG. 23  
Finding success in things that you want to do can take a few rough drafts. Do not be discouraged if a few attempts do not yield desired outcomes.

**VIRGO** AUG. 24-SEPT. 22  
Communication will come much easier to you. This hasn't always been the case, as you sometimes worry about how

your words will be received.

**LIBRA** SEPT. 23-OCT. 23  
An event may occur this week that fortifies financial stability at home, Libra. This may involve real estate or developing a new long-term financial plan.

**SCORPIO** OCT. 24-NOV. 22  
Scorpio, you will not need to work too hard to prove to someone who loves you just how amazing you are. These people understand that, and you're grateful for it.

**SAGITTARIUS** NOV. 23-DEC. 21  
As long as the people you surround yourself with are able to respect you and give you some breathing room, they're

healthy to be around.

**CAPRICORN** DEC. 22-JAN. 20  
Friends will not steer you wrong, especially if you are looking to them for advice on love. They may have some heartfelt words of wisdom.

**AQUARIUS** JAN. 21-FEB. 18  
Your love life and social life are intertwined this week. It is very likely that you will spend ample time with friends as well as that special person in your life.

**PISCES** FEB. 19-MARCH 20  
Pisces, many people set goals early in a new year, and you can try to follow suit. This may provide some guidance for you as the year progresses.



# TMI made Reid a worldwide celebrity

## He recalls meeting Walter Cronkite, and what he said that shocked the Japanese

By Dan Miller  
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After being sworn in as Middletown mayor in January 1978, Robert G. Reid said one of the first things he did was take on a group of kids who were driving through neighborhoods in town and raising “Cain all hours of the day and night.”

Reid was elected mayor in January 1977, the first African-American elected to that post in Pennsylvania. He took the post after serving on the Middletown Borough Council since 1968.

“They had a parade, I guess about 25 cars going through town, and I joined up in the parade. I was the last car in the parade,” Reid said. “They went all through the Second Ward and part of the First Ward and ended up at the Giant parking lot, and that’s where they all collected and I was right there with them.

“I walked up to the leader and I said, ‘This bulls\*\*\* is over. There’s a new sheriff in town,’” Reid told the Press & Journal in reflecting on his days as an elected official. The leader turned to his buddies and, according to Reid, said, “It looks like the parade is over.”

Reid said he wasn’t afraid to challenge the kids, because he knew them all and had taught them all at one time or another. Reid was a teacher with the Middletown Area School District for 33 years until he retired in 1993.

“They respected me because I respected them,” Reid said. “In the school I gave them all the respect I could give and they respected me, but they knew that I would slam their asses against the locker if they got out of line. They knew that. That’s when the school had a lot of discipline.”

### A different approach to teaching

Reid is downright politically incorrect when talking about his approach to discipline while a teacher.

The large wooden paddle hanging on the wall of his home as a memento was made for Reid by students in the industrial arts “shop” class.

“When I retired, it came with me,” Reid said of the paddle. “I used it, too. Can’t do that now. I paddled a lot. I see kids now, I mean they’re 50 years old — ‘Yeah, Mr. Reid, you paddled me.’ I had a lot of kids come up and tell me, ‘I had it coming ... you straightened me out.’”

Reid also described an unorthodox approach to education, where Reid said he basically ignored the curriculum he was supposed to teach.

As a high school social studies teacher — or “civics” as Reid calls it — he was supposed to teach his students state government half the year. The other half he was supposed to be teaching them about the geography and history of central and South America.

Instead, Reid would ask his students questions like, “Where do you live?” They always answered Middletown, but when they told him what street they lived on Reid would tell them they didn’t live in Middletown, but in Lower Swatara Township or Royalton. It bothered Reid that they didn’t know any better.

He’d ask the students to name the elected officials who represented them in the borough or township, in Dauphin County government, or the state or federal government. They seldom knew.

Reid thought it more important that his students know these things, than about life in an area of the world most of them would never see.

“I said, ‘These kids, they’re gonna live in Middletown in Pennsylvania. They have to know about their own area. They’re not gonna be down in South America,’” Reid said. “They don’t know anything about their county government, their own local government, the state government, the federal government. This is what these kids should be learning.”

Textbooks about central and South America sat in a pile in the classroom Reid shared with another teacher.

“I don’t teach that,” Reid recalls telling his colleague. Reid said he never took any flak from the district for not teaching what he was supposed to be teaching.

Reid said he wrote his own textbook about local government. He also came up with a board game to try and make learning about local government fun.

“I never had it copywritten,” he said of the game.

### Practical knowledge

Reid also thought it more important that his students know practical things



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Robert Reid holds a paddle made for him by his students. It is on display in a room in his home.

that they would need in life, like how to write checks and balance a checkbook.

He’d go get a bunch of old checkbooks from Jack Ulsh, a bank manager in town. He’d start each of his students with an account balance of \$500, and have them write practice checks to different places.

“It took us a whole week, but they learned how to write checks,” Reid recalls.

On Friday afternoon, when his students were done with everything for the week, Reid played music in his classroom — mostly jazz, but also some classical and even opera.

“I just wanted the kids to have to be diversified, not listen to the same kind of music all the time,” Reid said.

Outside his own classroom, Reid for many years ran a program at the high school that let seniors go to school half the day, then go to a job in the afternoon.

The program was started by Edward E. Brunner, the high school principal at the time. The program helped keep the drop out rate low, Reid said.

Reid led the program for 15 years. “At one time it seemed as though I had half the senior class,” he said. “I got some of the kids their first job. Some (of them) are still at those jobs. They come up to me and say that.”

Of the years Reid devoted to teaching in Middletown Area School District, he doesn’t recall a single day when he didn’t want to go to work.

“I had fun teaching,” he said. “The kids just kept me young. To me, they were always funny. You didn’t know what to expect from them. I had a good time.”

One of Reid’s accomplishments of which he is most proud came in 1984, when he was one of 10 finalists for Teacher of the Year in Pennsylvania. He cherishes the glass-blown apple he was awarded for the distinction.

After retiring from teaching, from 1994 to 2000, he was court administrator for the Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas. After that first six-year hiatus from elected office, Reid again ran for Middletown mayor and was elected in 2000. He held the position until choosing not to run again in 2013, stepping down until deciding to run for council in 2015.

### A school named for him

In 1994, when the school district opened a new elementary school near the high school in Lower Swatara Township, the school board named it the Robert G. Reid Elementary School.

Reid today says he has “no idea” why the board chose him.

“They figured I had done a lot for the kids in the community, being on council and being a teacher all those years. I guess all that.”

Gary Shank was Middletown district superintendent at the time.

The district had a tradition of naming



Press & Journal reporter Dan Miller interviews Robert Reid at his Grant Street home.



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President Jimmy Carter flew to Three Mile Island to investigate the situation in the wake of the March 1979 accident. Following his tour of the nuclear reactor, Carter held a news conference in the Middletown Community Building. To the right is Gov. Dick Thornburgh.

buildings after educators, sometimes while the educators were still alive.

Feaser Elementary School, later converted into a junior high school, was named after George W. Feaser while Feaser was still superintendent in the 1960s of what was then the Middletown Area School System.

Alice Demey Elementary School, built in 1953, was named after Alice Demey, who taught in the school for 50 years. Demey died in 2010 and the school was torn down in 2014.

Reid was among several people the school board considered naming the new school after, Shank recalls. He couldn’t recall any of the other names in the running.

The board discussed the issue over several meetings, before coming to the unanimous decision to name the building after Robert Reid.

“Number one, he was a teacher, but more than that he was a very good role model in the classroom, who showed the students exactly what civics was all about” through serving as mayor and on council, Shank said. “He was born and raised in Middletown. He had a lot of roots here, people knew of him for many, many years and he had a lot of respect due to that.”

Among Reid’s favored daily rituals is taking a drive through town, one that usually takes him past the school that bears his name.

“When I see the sign that says Robert G. Reid — knowing the way I was when I was little — I’d had never believed it,” Reid said with a laugh.

Even today, longtime friends who knew Reid as a young man “look at me sometimes and shake their heads,” he said. “You were the mayor, and a teacher, and

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Robert Reid

got a school named after you?” They just couldn’t believe it.”

### The TMI days

Reid has many other stories to tell from those heady days of the accident; of the visits from Gov. Dick Thornburgh and President Jimmy Carter, of nights spent in his office in Borough Hall when Reid would put his head down on his desk and wake up the next morning in the same place.

Or of the residents who turned to him during those dark days, like the barber-shop owner on Wood Street who came into Reid’s office crying, because his wife had just broken her leg and he didn’t know what to do.

“I said, ‘Dan just settle down, I’ll take care of things,’” Reid told him. He told him to pack up and head towards Bethlehem, away from how the wind was blowing. Reid started making calls and booked a hotel room on the first floor for the man and his wife, since she couldn’t get up the stairs.

Two days later Reid went into a panic of his own, when he got a call saying the couple had never checked in.

“I said, ‘Lord have mercy, maybe Dan went off the side of the road or something.’” The next day Reid got a call from a woman who was a nurse near Pittsburgh and who was related to Dan. They were staying with her and were all right.

In other respects, life went on as usual for the folks who stayed back during the accident. That same Black Friday night, Middletown police were called to a fight in a bar on Wilson Street, a place later known as the Pink Pussycat.

“Half of the town was evacuated and half of the town was dark,” Reid said. “I said, ‘We can’t take our time and run down here and settle fights.’ I told the chief, ‘You tell Dougie (the owner) that the next time I come down here we’re gonna close you up and you’re gonna stay closed until I decide that you open.’” The place didn’t give Reid any more trouble.

TMI changed Reid’s life forever by making him an international celebrity. Groups beat a path to Middletown from all over the world, wanting to talk to Reid about the accident. He was invited to speak in Italy, Germany and South Korea.

In Japan, where Reid was a guest of the Japan Atomic Industrial Forum, he went to Hiroshima and Nagasaki, where Reid was asked if he thought it was right that America dropped the Atomic Bomb.

Reid responded by bringing up Pearl Harbor.

“I said, ‘I hate to see it happen, but you have to remember, who dropped the first bomb?’ That shut them up right away — who dropped the first bomb.”

Reid and his wife were invited to Walter Cronkite’s birthday party, at Cronkite’s plush apartment in New York City.

The man known as America’s anchor-man spent more time talking to Reid than anyone else, Reid recalls.

“The man must have talked to me 45 minutes,” Reid said. “When the accident took place, he was scared half to death. You could tell when he was announcing.”

Reid has been going through archives and memorabilia of late, trying to get things organized.

The other day, he said, he came across 10 or 15 letters that were written by elementary school students in a school in New York and sent to Reid after the TMI incident. The letters thanked him for what he did. The school had no particular connection to Middletown or to TMI. Reid has saved many items such as this, some of which he had forgotten about.

Even today, nearly 40 years later, groups from all over the United States and from foreign countries still come to Middletown to learn about TMI and when they do, they still seek out Reid.

### Sen. Heinz

Reid, a lifelong Republican, had great affinity for John Heinz, a Republican from Pittsburgh who was in the U.S. House from 1971 to 1977, and then in the U.S. Senate from 1977 until he was killed in a plane crash in Lower Merion Township in 1991.

“I remember when Sen. Heinz used to tell me, ‘Mayor, you should be proud of yourself and your community, because (what) happened there just doesn’t happen, not in this day and age.’”

Reid notes how, after he testified before



Heinz

Robert Reid, on talking to Walter Cronkite at the newscaster’s birthday party

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