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Ruling backs Highspire in MASD push

There are many steps in process before Middletown would take on 276 students, however

By Dan Miller

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A six-year battle to transfer 276 students from the Steelton-Highspire School District to Middletown has new life from a Commonwealth Court ruling Monday.

The court ruled that the state secretary of education erred in January 2019 when he dismissed on financial grounds a petition from the Highspire Education Coalition seeking to transfer

students to the Middletown Area students would School District. The coalition says the students

will get a better education in the Middletown district than in Steelton-Highspire. The transfer petition has been

consistently opposed by both the Middletown and Steelton-Highspire school districts.

The ruling was included in a 19page opinion written by President Judge Mary Hannah Leavitt. The crux of the ruling is that despite acknowledging data that Highspire

perform better academically in Middletown than in Steelton-Highspire, Secretary of Education Pe-

Leavitt dro Rivera in his rejection of

the petition argued this "educational merit" was outweighed by the financial impact the transfer would have on Steelton-Highspire. "I cannot ignore that if granted,

this petition would punch a mate- ruling, so Rivera exceeded his immediately following release of rial hole in Steelton-Highspire's budget on account of a loss of revenue," Rivera said in his ruling. "There was no evidence of easy ways in which Steelton-Highspire would be able to save money as the result of the transfer of these students without cutting education programs to the students that remain."

But Rivera's mandate under the law is to be limited to determining whether the petition has educational merit, according to Leavitt's

authority in considering financial effects.

Adam C. Zei, a lawyer representing the coalition, said in a statement that the coalition appealed Rivera's initial denial of the petition "in an effort to have the review correctly focused on educational concerns and not financial matters."

'We're pleased with the opinion." coalition spokesman Ken Becker told the Press & Journal in a brief telephone interview

the Commonwealth Court ruling. "It definitely was what we were expecting and (it) overturned the ruling that we felt was inappropriate.'

"Ensuring the children of Highspire are receiving a high-quality education has always been our top priority," Becker said later in the prepared statement issued by Zei. "Today's decision recognizes that objective and brings us even closer

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Three Blue Raider wrestlers advance to state tournament



Improvements planned at borough's Oak Hill, **Elner Overdeer parks**

\$100,000 in Middletown budget, with matching funds possible from state grants

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Middletownisplanningimprovements to Oak Hill and Elner Overdeer parks as phase one of an effort to upgrade all public parks in the town.



SPECIAL TO THE PRESS & JOURNAL BY DEBBIE SPEAF

Quincy Reinnagel of Middletown, left, pinned Bishop McDevitt's Devyn Clair in just 57 seconds to secure third place at 220 pounds in the southeast regional wrestling tournament at Bethlehem Freedom High School over the weekend. Reinnagel and fellow seniors Joey Spear (145 pounds) and Luke Fegley (132 pounds) advance to the state tournament this week at the Giant Center. See more on page 6.

Borough council Feb. 18 approved applying to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for state grants to help pay for the improvements at the two parks.

The borough will have to cover 50 percent of the cost of the improvements, with the grant funds picking up the other half, Public Works Director Greg Wilsbach told the Press & Journal.

Council set aside \$100,000 in the 2020 budget to cover matching funds — the borough's share — for improvements to the two parks.

An estimate for what the improvements at each park will cost was not made avail-

STAFF PHOTO BY DAN MILLER

This playground at Oak Hill Park would be replaced with a "new and larger multiuse play structure" as part of planned improvements that also include a walking trail that would go throughout the park.

able by the borough.

Wilsbach said an emphasis of the planned improvements is making both

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\$5,250 in fines remain in place for 230 Diner owner

Press & Journal Staff

The owner of the former 230 Diner in Londonderry Township has been found guilty of property code violations, after appealing his case to the Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas.

The appeal hearing Monday was before Senior Judge Lawrence F. Clark Jr., who did not levy additional fines against the owner Essam Haggag, of Cleona.

That means fines levied in a summary trial before District Judge David H. Judy last August, when Haggag was found guilty of five citations and fined \$5,252.25,

will stand.

"Ijust want to fix it up and sell," Haggag said during his closing remarks. Haggag had no legal representation and told the judge he can't afford a lawyer because he has no income. He said he has declared bankruptcy.

As part of its evidence, Londonderry Township solicitor Mark Stewart submitted more than 50 pages of photographs of Haggag's property at 1125 East Harrisburg Pike.

Clark said the property was in a "de-

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Roads closures coming during Ann Street bridge work

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of Transportation recently announced that crews will close a section of Ann Street between Harrisburg Pike and Airport Drive to begin a project to rehabilitate the bridge over the Amtrak, Norfolk Southern, and Middletown & Hummelstown railroad lines.

Closures start Monday, March 16, and last for about 30 days.

The existing two-span prestressed concrete spread box beam bridge was built in 1996.

This portion of Ann Street and includes installing approach serves as the truck route for The Pennsylvania Department Route 441 through Middletown and averages more than 6,500 vehicles traveled daily. To avoid delays, travelers should allow for additional time in their plans or seek an alternate route, according to PennDOT.

Pedestrians will be directed around the closure by way of Wood Street, Nissley Street and Route 230 (West Main Street).

The \$531,403 contract was awarded in September to Clearwater Construction Inc. of Mercer, slabs for the structure over the railroad lines; replacing the damaged parapet; cleaning bridge joints; repairing the concrete deck; removing debris from the bridge deck and placing a 3/8-inch epoxy overlay; updating the traffic signal; replacing the existing structure-mounted fencing with standard anti-climb fencing; drainage improvements; curb cut work required by the Americans with Disabilities Act; sidewalk repairs; and new guiderail, signs and pavement markings.

Once the bulk of the bridge work is done and the detour is lifted afterabout 30 days, work will continue at the intersection of Ann Street and Route 230. Travel lanes will be open on Route 230 and Ann Street between 6 and 8:30 a.m. and between 3:30 and 6 p.m. During working hours, motorists might encounter periodic short-term single-lane restrictions with flaggers directing traffic through the work zone between Harrisburg Pike and Union Street.

Work is expected to be completed by the end of May.

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OURCOMMUNITY

Camp Cadet links teens with law enforcement

The Pennsylvania State Police will host Southcentral Camp Cadet from June 7 through June 12 at York College.

Southcentral Camp Cadet is a weeklong law enforcement program developed by and coordinated through the Pennsylvania State Police, Troop H. The goal of Camp Cadet is to establish a positive relationship between law enforcement and youth.

The camp week is structured like training at the police academy. All participants who attend Camp Cadet are addressed as "cadet" during the week. The camp focuses on discipline, selfesteem, teamwork, social media awareness, and other issues facing today's youth.

The Hershey Civil War Round-

table will meet at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 19, Country

Meadows, Main Building, 451

Lynn Heller will present "The

Horses of Gettysburg." More

than 3 million horses and mules

participated in the Civil War, and

it is estimated that 1.5 million

died as a result of their service.

Heller will discuss the impact

of the horses on the battles, the

She will look at the require-

Londondeřry fire co.

2655 Foxianna Road, Middletown

civilians and the soldiers.

Fish Fry

They are often forgotten, and

Sand Hill Road, Hershey.

Civil War Roundtable to

talk about horses and mules

Cadets will get an in-depth look at careers in law enforcement. All counselors are local and state law enforcement personnel.

Families and friends are encouraged to attend the graduation ceremony to recognize cadet commitment and dedication.

Applicants must reside in Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Perry or York county and be age 13 to 15 prior to camp.

For more information and to obtain an application, visit the Southcentral Camp Cadet website at www.southcentralcampcadet.org. Deadline for applications is April 18.

Contact Trooper Kelly Smith, 717-249-2121, or smkell@pa.gov, with any questions.

ments for the care, feeding and

training necessary to make them

battle-ready and the aftermath of

the battle that forced those left

behind after the armies departed

to deal with the thousands of

The meeting is free and open to

the public. Anyone interested in

the history of the Civil War are

For additional information,

contact Thomas Lehman at

tomjeanlehman@gmail.com or

hershey.civilwarroundtable@

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5-8 pm: March 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3, 10

invited to attend.

NEWS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Look how much can happen in a year

1 stick butter

2 Tbsp. water

cent rolls

muffin cup.

mixture.

Ladies brunch

2 packages refrigerated cres-

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees.

with Pam. Mix brown sugar, but-

ter and water in small saucepan.

Put 1 teaspoon mixture into each

Unroll crescent rolls, putting

rectangle with cinnamon-sugar

Roll up from small end and

cut each roll into 6 pieces. Put

1 piece in each cup. Bake for 15

minutes at 350 degrees. Turn

upside down onto wax paper.

All women are invited to

attend the "Let Us Entertain

You!" brunch buffet at Hershey

Hershey, from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Hershey Area Women's Connec-

Women's Clubs of America. The

musicians will be Sharon Jones,

violinist from Palmyra, and Mi-

Julie Henning of Souderton

will present "Rags to Riches."

and raised by author Pearl S.

Julie was born in South Korea

For brunch reservations, con-

tact Joy at 717-450-5400 or Mary

Congrats to these HACC fall

semester dean's list students, all

Chloe Buckwalter, Nathan

Zachary A. Dailey, Rhianna L.

Duplex, Ryan E. Favinger, Emily

C. Hatcher, Brittany D. Holskey,

Stephen J. Jones, Charles Kelly,

C. Check, Maygua I. Cotto,

Kaitlyn J. Knaub, Haden W.

at 717-533-3497 or email joyma-

clean8@comcast.net

of the Middletown area:

chael Carl from Dallastown.

The event is presented by

tion, affiliated with Christian

Wednesday, March 11.

Italian Lodge, 128 Hillcrest Road,

cinnamon-sugar mixture

Spray 2 to 4 mini-muffin pans

Bring to a boil while stirring.

2 triangles together to make

8 rectangles. Sprinkle each

This year is just marching along ... really! Who thinks this winter has whizzed by us? It's hard to believe that in two weeks, plus a couple of days, we will be welcoming glorious spring!

I know Pennsylvania weather is still crazy this time of the year. In fact, this marks the oneyear anniversary of when my husband and I decided to downsize out of our beloved house of 26 years.

It all began with the flu. I think I might have caught it at the dentist's office. This could be the second time that happened to me. Note to self: Stay clear of dental offices during the flu season!

Anyway, I was down for the count with aches and pains and a headache I still remember. Then Scott got laid low with bronchitis. That first weekend in March brought three days of snow! We could not handle it. We felt weak and vulnerable. Fortunately, we were blessed by great neighbors who dug us out.

As we verbalized the thought of possibly selling, something strange happened and all of a sudden it began. Soon it was time to say goodbye to our steep and wide driveway, time to leave our huge yard to younger folks. We had so many memories of the old neighborhood, and it was very sentimental remembering raising our three children, but the future was unfolding.

Isn't that like life? I marvel at all that has transpired in a year. One never knows what's around the corner. What's around your corner?

Have a great week, and don't forget to share your news!

Time change

Remember that daylightsaving time begins on Sunday, March 8. Don't forget to spring your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night before you go to bed!

Birthdays

Happy birthday to Dorothy Re-

ider of Lower Swatara Township on Thursday, March 5. Wishing you a beautiful day with warm breezes!

Garry Woodley marks his big-deal 25th birthday on Friday, March 6. I hope your day is fabulous!

Happy special 22nd cake day to Michael Cleland of Lower Swatara on Friday, March 6. Have a super-duper day!

Rosanna Tully of Lower Swatara marks her confetti-popping day March 6. Have a fantastic Friday!

Sending a beautiful happy birthday to John Fasnacht of Marysville. Have a wonderful weekend celebrating!

Morgan Kennedy of Lower Swatara observes her frostyfilled cupcake day Friday, March 6. Happy 20th to you!

Emily Bendgen of Lower Swatara marks her 23rd ice cream-and-cake Friday birthday on March 6. Enjoy!

Happy double birthday greetings to twins **Elliot and Bailey** Hill on Sunday, March 8. Congrats and best wishes to you both as you turn 25!

Noah Yeich of Lower Swatara celebrates his final teener birthday Monday, March 9. Have a happy 19th, Noah!

Bill Mattes of Lower Swatara celebrates 53 reasons to be glad on his fun-filled birthday on Monday, March 9. Enjoy it all week!

Wishing Brian Yeich of Lower Swatara a terrific Tuesday birthday March 10. Have a wonderful week, Brian!

Best wishes to Rose Michalek of Lower Swatara as she turns 93 on Tuesday, March 10! Congrats and have a great day!

Anniversaries

Happy 52nd wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Shafer Jr. of Middletown on Monday, March 9. Congrats and enjoy!

March Miniature Stickies

Landis, Alyssa Moore, Cameron From Donna Hughes J. Parkhill, Sharon Pauley, Ian 1 c. light brown sugar Pirkey, Lauren E. Rastovac, Star-

Buck.

Dean's list

lett V. Reason, Jaxon T. Senior, Rashawn M. Sherman, Peter C. Stoe, Kendra I. Valeris, Jesse Van Eik, Jennifer R. Weese, Brian D. Weiss, Sarah A. Wright, and Zachary T. Zimmerman.

Also, congrats to Hood College of Frederick, Maryland, dean's list student Derek Wyld, a Lower Dauphin High School graduate.

Quote of the Week

"To those who have had no agony Jesus says, 'I have nothing for you; stand on your own feet, square your own shoulders. I have come for the man who knows he has a bigger handful than he can cope with, who knows there are forces he cannot touch; I will do everything for him if he will let me. Only let a man grant he needs it, and I will do it for him."" — Oswald Chambers, evangelist, teacher.

Question of the Week

What do you like better, books or movies. Why?

"Movies, due to lack of patience with sitting still as long as a book takes!" — Jeff Denis, Palm Beach Shores, Florida.

"Books. I can read at my own pace, and when I'm in the mood. While with movies, you have to stay focused for a period of a time." — Neil Rondorf, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

"Movies, because you can just watch them!" — Ryan Benkovic, 6, Lower Paxton Township.

"Books, because they explain the events better!" — Ånna Benkovic, 10, Lower Paxton.

"Movies, because you don't have to read!" — Jon Benkovic, 9, Lower Paxton.

"Movies, because they are more entertaining and visually appealing." — Will Benkovic, 16, Lower Paxton.

Proverb for the Week

The sluggard does not plow in the autumn; he will seek at harvest and have nothing (20:4).

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





TOWN TOPICS

Chocolate Easter egg sale set at Ebenezer

Ebenezer UM Church and Childcare, 890 Ebenezer Road, is selling its homemade chocolate Easter eggs.

To order, call 717-944-6080 or 717-583-0502, or email nannyjean@gmail.com.

Youth Club Bingo scheduled for Thursdays

Youth Club Bingo will be held Thursday nights at the Middletown Volunteer Fire Department, 10 Adelia St. Doors open at 5 p.m., and bingo starts at 6:45 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Middletown Youth Club.

Fish fry at Londonderry **Fire Company scheduled**

Londonderry Fire Company, 2655 Foxianna Road, is sponsoring its fish fry from 5 to 8 p.m. on the following Fridays; March 6, 13, 20, 27; and April 3 and 10. Call 717-944-2175 for takeout.

Middletown Area School District slates events

Middletown Area School District March events include: • March 5: MAHS Musical "All

Shook Up," 7 p.m. • March 6: MAHS Mini-THON

Spaghetti Dinner, 5:30 to 7 p.m.; MAHS musical, 7 p.m. • March 7: MAHS musical, 7

p.m.

Blue and Gold Club sets dinner-dance fundraiser

The Blue and Gold Club

fundraiser dinner-dance will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday. March 28, at American Legion Post 594, 137 E. High St., Middletown.

Tickets are available in advance only. To purchase tickets, call Larry Etter at 717-944-3123; the MAHS office at 717-948-3333; or any board member.

The event supports student programs in the Middletown Area School District.

Star Barn topic of historical society event

The Lower Swatara Township **Historic Preservation Society** is sponsoring a presentation by David and Tierney Abel, the stewards of the Star Barn, at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the Lower Swatara Township Firehouse, 1350 Fulling Mill Road, Middletown.

The Abels will speak on the history of the 1877 Star Barn. The presentation and coffee are free.

Kielbasa and perohi sale at St. Ann is coming up

Kielbasa and perohi will be for sale at the St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church Parish Hall, 5408 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, through April 8.

Wednesday hours are 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. Saturdays hours are 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 717-652-1415 or visit stannbyz.org.

Swatara Church Of God to hold arts, crafts fair

Swatara Church Of God, 4860 Lindle Road, is holding its Indoor Arts and Crafts Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 28. There will be arts, crafts and food by local vendors.

For event and vendor information, contact Carol Keefer at 717-525-4434 or sissyk59@gmail. com.

Annual fish fry at Seven Sorrows coming up

Seven Sorrows Catholic Church, Race and Conewago streets, Middletown, is sponsoring its 23rd annual fish fry from 5 to 8 p.m. on the following Fridays: March 6, 13, 20, 27; and April 3.

Call 717-944-5488 after 4 p.m. for takeout. Visit ssbvm.org for a menu and specials.

Londonderry Fire to hold Bingo Mania

Londonderry Fire Company, 2655 Foxianna Road, will hold its Bingo Mania on Sunday, March 8.

Doors and kitchen open at noon. Bingo starts at 2 p.m. For information, call 717-944-2175.

A Night at the Races fundraiser is March 21

A Night at the Races fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 21, at the Lower Swatara Fire Hall.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and races start at 7 p.m. Attendees must be 21 years of age or older. For tickets, call 717-608-5990 or

visit foundation@raiderweb.org. Tickets are limited.

All proceeds benefit the Middletown Area Blue Raider Foundation.

Extension class set on healthy cooking

Penn State Extension will hold a session on how to manage your weight through healthy eating as part of its "Let's Cook with Penn State Extension" cooking class series.

"Let's Cook for Weight Management" will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on March 16 at the Lebanon County Penn State Extension Office, 2120 Cornwall Road, Suite 1, Lebanon.

The hands-on cooking class will teach participants how to use a variety of ingredients to make healthy meals to help manage weight, eating fewer calories while still feeling full.

There is a cost. To register, visit extension.psu.edu/letscook-weightor call 877-345-0691.

The "Let's Cook with Penn State Extension" classes address nutrition, healthy shopping, time saving tips and more, to help cooks of all skill levels navigate around the kitchen with confidence.

There are multiple "Let's Cook" classes, focusing on a range of subjects, including special diets, weight management, and cooking for one or two. All have been developed using science-based best practices, according to Penn State Extension.

To see all the cooking classes offered, visit extension.psu. edu/lets-cook.

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POLICE AND COURTS ROUNDUP Man charged with sexual assault; woman allegedly struck with cane

Middletown police have charged a borough man with sexually assaulting a woman he picked up in Harrisburg.

Police in arrest papers filed with District Judge David Judy say that Garrett Lamont Noon, 48. of the 400 block of North

Spring Street, found the victim, who police said was highly intoxicated, outside the

entrance to Noon Niko Pizza at 224 N. Second St. in Harrisburg

at 3:36 a.m. Feb. 2. Video surveillance shows Noon and the woman leaving in an Uber at 3:39 a.m. Another

video recovered in the area of Noon's residence in Middletown shows Noon later walking the woman to his house, according to police.

Police said the victim told them she awoke to find her clothing removed and that a man she did not know was sexually assaulting her. Surveillance video shows the woman getting into a taxi and leaving Noon's residence at about 7:35 a.m.

Noon on Feb. 27 was arraigned before Judy and charged with involuntary deviate sexual intercourse with an unconscious person, and sexual assault.

He was ordered held on \$25,000 cash bond. A preliminary hearing before Judy is set for March 18.

Man faces pot-dealing charge

Middletown police charged a Swatara Township man with drug dealing after police said they saw him driving suspiciously in the first block of Race Street at about 7:05 p.m. Feb. 26.

An officer approached Devin D. Lee, 19, of the 800 block of Gregs Drive, while he was parked in the lot of the Turkey Hill convenience store at 170 E. Main St., according to arrest records police filed with District Judge David Judy.

Police detected a strong odor of marijuana from inside the

of the 700 block of Macarthur Drive, fled the scene of the accident eastbound in a 2006 Honda Accord but was pulled over by police about 10 miles away on 283.

A witness told police she saw Hall pass her going close to 100 mph, and that he crossed the center line a few times before striking the rear of another vehicle.

Hall's car hit a guide rail on the right side of the road before fleeing the scene, according to the witness.

Police said that Hall's car had substantial damage to the front right engine area and that the airbags deployed on both the driver and passenger side.

Hall showed signs of being impaired from drinking alcohol and told police he had been drinking before the crash, according to police.

Hall is charged with DUI, accident involving damage to an attended vehicle/property, failing to stop and give information or render aid, and numerous summary citations including disregarding a single lane of traffic, careless driving, and reckless driving.

His preliminary hearing before Judy is set for April 1.

Man charged with fence damage

Middletown police charged a man after an investigation found he caused \$2,000 damage to fencing on the grounds of Nittany Place in the 600 block of Spring Street at about 7:46 a.m. Feb. 9.

Video provided to borough police by Penn State Harrisburg police shows two males running through plastic fencing surrounding Dumpsters at the apartment complex, according to arrest papers police filed with District Judge David Judy.

Police said Harrison Hefner. 18, who lives in the complex, admitted to police he ran through the fence due to "peer pressure."

Hefner is charged with criminal mischief — damage to property. A preliminary hearing before Judy is set for April 1.

Chase speeds hit 100, police say A Lancaster man faces nu-

impaired.

A preliminary breath test at the scene showed McPherson had a blood-alcohol content of 0.203 percent, according to police. The legal limit to drive is 0.08

McPherson consented to a blood draw at 11 p.m. at the Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. Results were not reported.

McPherson is charged with DUI, careless driving, and disregarding a single lane of traffic.

Her preliminary hearing before Judy is set for April 1.

Man said he would burn house

Middletown police charged a Harrisburg man after he allegedly threatened to burn down the house of a woman who lives in the borough.

Police in arrest papers filed with District Judge David Judy said that Richard Vincent Coy, 42, of the 8000 block of Shasta Drive, told the victim over the phone he would pour gasoline down her septic tank and set her house on fire.

Coy on Feb. 21 was arraigned before Judy and charged with making terroristic threats with the intention to terrorize another.

Cash bail was set at \$100,000. A preliminary hearing before Judy is set for March 4.

Police: Pregnant woman targeted

Middletown police charged a borough man following an incident in the Woodbury Building in Pineford shortly after 6:15 p.m. Feb. 20.

Police in arrest papers filed with District Judge David Judy said that Ryan Christopher Young, 21, of the Pineford address, snatched a plate of food from a woman and smashed it against the wall.

Young then threatened to assault another woman who was 5 months pregnant, according to police.

Young was arraigned Feb. 21 before Judy and charged with terroristic threats and harassment.

Bail was set at \$25,000 unsecured. A preliminary hearing before Judy is scheduled for

Folmer pleads guilty to 3 child pornography charges

By Dan Miller danmiller@pressandjournal.com

Former state Sen. Michael Folmer pleaded guilty on Feb. 27 in Lebanon County Court to three counts of possession of child pornography.

Folmer, who represented the 48th District, is to be sentenced May 26 before Judge Joseph C. Madenspacher, a Lancaster County judge who was assigned to handle the case. In the meantime, he is out on bail.

On Sept. 17, he was charged with six counts of possession of child pornography and two counts of criminal use of communication facility by the state attorney general's office, following an investigation by the AG's office in which authorities executing a search warrant found two images of apparent child pornography on Folmer's iPhone, according to the criminal complaint.

He also pleaded guilty Thursday to one count of criminal use of communication facility — using a cellphone or other electronic device in committing a crime. The charges are all felonies.

"I'm at the mercy of the court," Folmer told Madenspacher at one point during the proceedings, according to PennLive.

Folmeron Sept. 18 resigned from the 48th District state Senate seat he had held since January 2007. Folmer was first elected to the seat in 2006 and was re-elected in 2010, 2014, and in 2018.

In Dauphin County, the 48th includes Highspire, Londonderry Township, Middletown, Lower Swatara Township, Royalton and Steelton; as well as Conewago and Swatara townships and Paxtang. In a special election Jan. 14,

As census nears, officials warn about potential fraud

Department of Community and it is a scam. Economic Development Secretary Other tips include:

If you receive a survey or letter

in the mail, check that the return address is from Jeffersonville,

Indiana. • If you receive a phone call, you

Republican and former Lebanon County District Attorney David Arnold was chosen by voters to fill the vacant seat and Folmer

complete the remainder of Folmer's term. He defeated Democrat Michael J. Schroeder.

"The defendant was entrusted to represent and serve the commonwealth, but instead chose to participate in the sexual exploitation of children. No one is above the law. I will continue to work to protect children and hold those who abuse them accountable," Attorney General Josh Shapiro said on his office's website.

A spokesman for Shapiro declined further comment and would not say what type of penalty the office plans to recommend.

A call to Folmer's attorney, Brian Perry, was not returned.

The AG's investigation into Folmer began after officials received a "CyberTip" reporting that an electronic service provider, Tumblr, discovered that a user had uploaded an image of child pornography using their application.

That image was uploaded on Dec. 28, 2017, according to the criminal complaint. It was not until Feb. 5, 2019, that the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children received the complaint from Tumblr about the image, and authorities opened the case on March 4, 2019.

On Sept. 17, 2019, the Office of Attorney General's Child Predator Section, Lebanon City Police Department, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security



After his arrest, Folmer admitted that the Tumblr account associated with the CyberTip was his, along with the email address associated with the account, according to the complaint.

Folmer admitted to authorities that "he had been dealing with some personal problems/issues and that he had received child pornography through his Tumblr blog," according to the criminal complaint filed in the case.

Investigators found no evidence that Folmer had participated in the creation of child pornography, or that he had actively engaged in distributing it, PennLive reported. The images were all on personal devices, not on Folmer's stateissued phone.

Folmer was widely known as 'Marijuana Mike" for his push to legalize medical marijuana in the state. He first was elected to office in 1986, on the Lebanon City Council. His family owned a fruit and produce store in Lebanon.

Folmer won't be getting a state pension because he was not a member of the Pennsylvania State Employees' Retirement System, SERS spokeswoman Pamela Hile told the Press & Journal.

Most state employees are mandatory SERS members, but a few are optional members, Hile said.

These include the governor, lieutenant governor, members of the General Assembly, legislative employees, the budget secretary, department heads or deputy heads, members of independent administrative boards or commissions, and members of department boards or commissions.

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vehicle. Police said Lee admitted he was there to sell marijuana to a woman for \$60.

Police said Lee had on him several bags of marijuana, a container of marijuana, a digital scale with marijuana residue and two cellphones. Numerous unused sandwich bags were found inside the vehicle. police said.

Lee on Feb. 26 was arraigned before District Judge George A. Zozos and charged with manufacture, delivery, or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance; conspiracy to manufacture, deliver, or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance; and use/ possession of drug paraphernalia.

Lee was also charged with criminal use of a communication facility, in that he admitted to police he used his cellphone to coordinate the drug delivery. Bail was set at \$25,000 unse-

cured.

A preliminary hearing before Judy is set for March 18.

Police: Man hit woman with cane

Middletown police charged a borough man after he allegedly hit a woman with a cane numerous times on her left thigh, causing bruising during an incident at a residence in the 100 block of Wharton Avenue at about 9:30 p.m. Feb. 25.

Gerald Lee Detwiler Jr., 38, of the Wharton Avenue address, was arraigned before District Judge David Judy on Feb. 26 and charged with simple assault.

Bail was set at \$25,000 unsecured, and a preliminary hearing before Judy is set for March 4.

Accident on 283 leads to charges

State Police charged a Carlisle man following an accident on Route 283 near mile marker 8.3 in Londonderry Township shortly after 7 p.m. Feb. 20.

According to arrest papers filed with District Judge David Judy, Vincent Sullivan Hall, 28, merous charges after Middletown police say he led them on a chase with speeds exceeding 100 mph.

Police in arrest papers filed with District Judge David Judy said that just before 11 a.m. Feb. 23, an officer tried to pull over a black Dodge Charger driven by Marion Smith Jr., 35, in the 100 block of East Main Street for having heavily tinted windows.

Police said Smith turned left from East Main onto Vine Street and speeded up to over 100 mph and ran through a red light at Vine and the I-283 intersection near Rutter's.

The pursuing Middletown officer said that at this point he stopped pursuing Smith's car for "my safety as well as (that of) others," according to arrest papers.

An investigation traced Smith to his address in the 200 block of Janet Avenue in Lancaster, and that he was employed at a business in Middletown. Police Feb. 24 made contact with Smith, who confessed to his involvement in the incident, according to arrest papers.

Smith was arraigned before Judy on Feb. 24 and charged with fleeing or attempting to elude police, failing to stop at a red light, speeding, reckless driving, careless driving, driving without a license, and improper sunscreening.

Bail was set at \$10,000 unsecured, and a preliminary hearing before Judy is set for March 18.

Woman charged with DUI

Middletown police charged a borough woman with DUI following an accident involving three vehicles at about 9:41 p.m. Feb. 22 in the 400 block of East Main Street.

Arrest papers police filed with District Judge David Judy did not include details of the accident. Police made contact at the scene with Shannon Deann McPherson, 32, of the 2400 block of Pineford Drive, whom police said smelled of alcohol and showed signs of being

March 4.

Man charged in Peters incident

Middletown police charged a borough man following an incident in the first block of Peters Avenue at about 11:15 a.m. Feb. 9.

Police in arrest papers filed with District Judge David Judy said that Damien Diederich, 40, of the Peters Avenue address, shoved a woman several times during an argument and prevented her from calling police.

Diederich took the victim's cellphone and told her not to call police, according to the arrest papers.

Diederich is charged with obstructing the administration of law and other government functions, possession of marijuana, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, and harassment.

His preliminary hearing before Judy is scheduled for March 18.

Police: Man made up story

Middletown police charged a Lower Swatara Township man following an incident at a residence in the 900 block of Vine Street shortly after 6:30 p.m. Feb. 16.

According to arrest papers police filed with District Judge David Judy, Alan D. Perez Jr., 45, of the 500 block of Mountain View Road, called a relative to tell him he needed \$550 or he would be killed over a drug deal. Perez allegedly told the relative he was being held at gunpoint, according to police.

The relative contacted police, leading to a "major police response" coming to the relative's house, according to police.

Once officers arrived, Perez changed his story and said nothing was wrong and that everything was OK, according to arrest papers.

Perez was arraigned before Judy on Feb. 21 and charged with disorderly conduct.

Cash bail was set at \$50. A preliminary hearing before Judy is scheduled for March 18.

as official census forms are being mailed to Pennsylvanians.

Dennis Davin has urged Pennsyl-

vanians to be aware of potential

2020 census scams and confusion,

after news recently emerged that

documents misleadingly labeled

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Letters of Testamentary in the Estate of Katherine E. Daniels, deceased on January 15, 2020, late of Hummelstown, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, have been granted to David C. Miller, Jr. All Persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make immediate payment and those having claims will present them for settlement without delay to the Executor of the Estate: David C. Miller, Jr., Esquire 1846 Bonnie Blue Lane

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Kendra A. Mohr, Esq.

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TOWNSHIP OF LOWER SWATARA NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED CODE ADOPTION ORDINANCE

Please take notice that a proposed Code Adoption Ordinance was introduced by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Lower Swatara, at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on the 19th day of February, 2020. A copy of the proposed Code Adoption Ordinance and the Code may be examined in the office of the Township Secretary, at 1499 Spring Garden Drive, Middletown, PA 17057, a summary of the proposed Code Adoption Ordinance and a listing of the Table of Contents of the proposed codification are as follows:

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT AN ORDINANCE CODIFICATION FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER SWATARA, COUNTY OF DAUPHIN, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA; PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUATION OF PREVIOUS PROVISIONS; REPEALING AND SAVING FROM REPEAL CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; ADOPTING CERTAIN CHANGES MADE TO PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PROPER MAINTENANCE OF THE CODE; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE CODE OR CHAPTERS THEREOF

This proposed ordinance provides:

- (1) For the approval, adoption and enactment of the codification of a complete body of legislation for the Township of Lower Swatara, as revised, codified and consolidated into titles, chapters and sections, such codification being designated as the "Code of the Township of Lower Swatara."
- (2) That the provisions of the Code are intended as the continuation of legislation in effect immediately prior to the adoption of this ordinance.
- (3) For the repeal of inconsistent ordinances or parts of ordinances or parts of ordinances of a general and permanent nature which are not included in the Code, except as specifically saved from repeal.
- (4) That certain ordinances, rights and obligations be expressly saved from repeal. (5) That ordinances of a general and permanent nature adopted subsequent to
- preparation of the Code but prior to its adoption are deemed part of the Code. (6) For the adoption and ratification of changes and revisions made during preparation of the Code to the previously adopted legislation included therein
- and for the inclusion of certain new legislation. Such changes, revisions and new legislation include: (a) Nonsubstantive grammatical and style changes.
 - (b) Nomenclature changes.
 - (c) General revision of penalty provisions.
 - (d) Removal of specific permit and license fee amounts and authority for such fees to be set by resolution of the Board of Commissioners.
 - (e) Adoption and ratification of other substantive changes and revisions made so as to bring provisions included in the Code into conformity with the policies and intent of the Board of Commissioners. Such changes and revisions are specifically enumerated and described in the ordinance.

Elizabethtown bank robbery: Harrisburg man arrested

A Harrisburg man has been arrested on charges he robbed a bank in Elizabethtown in December.

At about 2:20 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, the Elizabethtown Police Department was dispatched to the M&T Bank at 104 S. Market

St. for a robbery that had just occurred. The suspect entered the bank and immediately demanded cash from the teller. The suspect then assaulted

the teller and escaped with an undisclosed amount of cash. The teller was not seriously injured, and no one else in the

Chambers

bank was injured at all. There were no weapons seen during the robbery.

Elizabethtown Police Department began an investigation assisted by local residents, businesses and other law enforcement agencies. During the course of this investigation. Steffon T. Chambers. 57, of Harrisburg was identified as a suspect.

An arrest warrant was issued for Chambers on Jan. 16. U.S. marshals assisted in searching for and locating him, and he was taken into custody Wednesday.

Chambers was charged with robbery involving bodily injury, a felony of the second degree; robbery involving demanding money from a financial institution, a felony of the second degree; and simple assault, a misdemeanor of the second degree.

Chambers was arraigned by Magisterial District Justice Judge Joshua R. Keller and is in Lancaster County Prison in lieu of \$250,000 bail.

Anyone who believes they have additional information on this incident is urged to contact the Elizabethtown Police Department at 717-367-6540 or 717-367-1835.



PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTATE NOTICE Letters of Testamentary in the Estate of Margaret M. Stanisic, deceased on December 10, 20219, late of Middletown, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, have been granted to Loretta S. Miller. All persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make immediate payment and those having claims will present them for settlement without delay to counsel for the Estate: David C. Miller, Jr., Esquire 1846 Bonnie Blue Lane



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- (7)ation of provisions (8) That titles, headings and editor's notes are inserted for the convenience of persons using the Code and are not part of the legislation.
- (9) For the filing of at least one copy of the Code in the office of the Township Secretary where it shall remain for use and examination by the public.
- (10) For the incorporation of future additions, deletions, amendments or supplements into the Code.
- (11) That Code books be kept up-to-date under the supervision of the Township Secretary
- (12) That notice of introduction of the ordinance and Code be published according copies of the Code and publication of such notice, will be deemed due and legal publication of all provisions of the Code.
- (13) For penalties for anyone convicted of altering or tampering with the Code. (14) That provisions of the Code and of the ordinance are severable. (15) That the effective date of the Code and of the ordinance be April 1, 2020.

The chapters included in the codification are as follows (all chapter numbers not listed are reserved for future use).

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Please take further notice that the Board of Commissioners intends to adopt the proposed Code Adoption Ordinance on April 1, 2020. A copy of the Code Adoption Ordinance proposed for adoption is on file in the office of the Township Secretary of the Township of Lower Swatara, 1499 Spring Garden Drive, Middletown, PA 17057, where it is available for inspection during regular office hours.

Peter R. Henninger, Jr., Esquire

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ESTATE NOTICE

Letters of Administration on the Estate of Daniel E. Moppin, late of, Lower Paxton Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. Deceased, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said Estate will make payment immediately and those having claims will present them for settlement to: Derek Cordier. Administrator C/O The Estate of Daniel E. Moppin Law Office of Derek Cordier 319 South Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17104

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Letters of Testamentary in the Estate of Diane B. Baten, deceased on December 21, 2019, late of Middletown. Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, have been granted to Jeffrey D. Baten. All persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make immediate payment and those having claims will present them for settlement without delay to the counsel for the Estate: David C. Miller, Jr., Esquire 1846 Bonnie Blue Lane Middletown, PA 17057 (717) 939-9806 Email: davidemillerjr@verizon.net

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE OF ACTION IN MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF DAUPHIN COUNTY, PA CIVIL ACTION - LAW

PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY EDWARD J. GOZY, MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NO. 2019-CV-07741-MF

#### TO: EDWARD J. GOZY

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#### NOTICE

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> Attorney Leon P. Haller 1719 North Front Street Harrisburg, Pa. 17102 717-234-4178

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# **OBITUARIES**



William E. Porr Jr.

William E. Porr Jr., 64, of

Middletown, entered into eternal

rest on Saturday, February 29,

2020 at Hershey Medical Center.

Pa. on July 21, 1955 and was the

son of the late William E. Porr Sr.

He was a supervisor at General

Mills and a huge sports fanatic.

He also worked part time for the

Harrisburg Senators for many

years. He was an avid Ravens,

Orioles, and Notre Dame fan

and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was a veteran of the United

States Army where he was a

paratrooper. William's family,

especially his grandchildren was

and Doris J. (Arndt) Porr.

He was born in Valley Forge,

MIDDLETOWN

#### his world.

In addition to his parents, William was preceded in death by his two brothers David and Daniel Porr, a sister Deborah Lancaster, a niece Amanda Mroz and a nephew David Porr.

He is survived by his loving daughter, Antonia M. Porr of Middletown; three sisters, Dena Chapman of Middletown, Becky Roher and her husband Gregg of Bainbridge, and Brenda Landis and her husband Michael Hess of Middletown; three grandchildren, Kaydence Porr, Lincoln Peters and Liam Peters; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A tribute to his life will be held on Friday, March 6, 2020 at 12:00 noon at the Matinchek Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Inc., 260 E. Main St., Middletown, with the Rev. Britt Strohecker officiating. Viewing will be from 11 a.m. until the time of the service on Friday at the funeral home.

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# LOWER SWATARA POLICE ROUNDUP Loaded gun found at HIA; father of suspect in car break-ins charged

A loaded gun was found during a Transportation Security Administration screening at Harrisburg International Airport at about 3 p.m. Feb. 26.

According to the citation filed with District Judge Michael J. Smith, the gun was found in a carry-on bag of Henry Hall, 73, of Ephrata.

A press release from the TSA said it was a .380 caliber handgun, loaded with six bullets.

TSA officers notified the Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority Police, which came to the checkpoint and detained Hall, who was cited with disorderly conduct.

According to the TSA, it was the first gun caught at the Harrisburg International Airport checkpoint this year. There were 7 in 2019, 6 in 2018, 6 in 2017, 5 in 2016 and 3 in 2015, according to the agency's numbers.

#### Father of break-in suspect charged

The father of the man who was charged for a string of car break-ins in December has been charged with receiving stolen property, which is a felony.

Michael Deon Macon Jr., 27, of Lower Swatara Township, and a 14-year-old Lower Swatara boy were charged with the breakins, including stealing a gun out of an unlocked car parked on Shirley Drive.

Macon Jr. told police that he gave the stolen gun to his father, Michael D. Macon, 55, of Harrisburg, at a residence in the 2300 block of Orange Street in Harrisburg.

In the affidavit filed with District Judge Michael J. Smith, police wrote that Macon Sr. could have had the gun for between seven to nine days without notifying police, but he turned it in when Lower Swatara police called him Jan. 30.

Macon Sr. was arraigned before District Judge Dominic



This .380 caliber handgun, loaded with six bullets, was found during a Transportation Security Administration screening Feb. 26 at HIA, TSA authorities said.

Pelino, who released him on his own recognizance. His preliminary hearing is

March 4.

#### Simple assault charges

A Lower Swatara man has been charged with simple assault and harassment following an incident at a residence in the 1700 block of Lakeside Drive. Police responded at 7:48 p.m. Feb. 13.

According to the affidavit filed with District Judge Michael J. Smith, Robert William Curry Jr., 36, got into an argument with a woman and punched her in the cheek, knocking her to the ground.

When Curry was walking out the door, he threw a brush at her, the affidavit said.

When officers arrived, they didn't find any vehicles in the area that matched the description provided. Police issued a warrant for his arrest, and he was taken into custody Feb. 21.

trict Judge Dominic Pelino; bail was set at \$5,000. Court records indicate that it was posted. His preliminary hearing is March 4.

A Lower Swatara woman has been charged with harassment

following an incident in a residence in the 100 block of McKinney Lane just after midnight Feb. 23.

According to the citation filed with District Judge Michael J. Smith, Caitlin Moore, 26, punched a man in the face.

#### Man injured in crash TSA PHOTO

A Middletown man was injured in a three-vehicle crash at the intersection of Longview Drive and Oberlin Road at about

9 p.m. Feb. 19.

Police said the 58-year-old Middletown man was driving east on Oberlin when a 71-yearold Lower Swatara man drove through the intersection and collided with the Middletown man's car.

Officers said their cars were pushed into a third vehicle driven by a 35-year-old Lower Swatara woman, who was stopped on the opposite side of Longview.

All of the cars had front-end damage, police said.

The Middletown man was transported to the hospital for minor injuries. There were no citations.

#### Fake emission, inspection stickers

A Steelton woman has been charged for allegedly having

fake inspection and emission stickers.

Lower Swatara police pulled over Ebony Peterkin, 20, near the intersection of Route 283 and 441 at 4:06 p.m. Feb. 23 for a broken driver's-side rear light and turn signal, according to the affidavit filed with District Judge Michael J. Smith.

The affidavit said police believed the inspection and emission stickers were fraudulent. Police wrote that the "PA" in the keystone was off center and the back of the emission sticker was peeling off.

Peterkin was charged with possession, sale, use of display documents knowing it to be altered, forged or counterfeited; and displaying a certificate of inspection knowing it to be fictitious, stolen or issued for another vehicle without having an inspection. Her preliminary hearing is April 15.

#### Woman stopped from flight

A Harrisburg man has been charged with harassment by Harrisburg International Airport police.

Police responded to the airport at 4:39 a.m. Feb. 23.

According to the citation filed with District Judge Michael J. Smith, Larry Jerrod Burnett, 37, followed a woman to the airport.

He blocked her path to her flight and grabbed and hit her to try to stop her from boarding her flight, the citation said.



He was arraigned before Dis-

Woman charged with harassment

trol and Prevention recently announced that schools across the United States should begin preparing for the possible threat of coronavirus.

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses, some causing illness in people and others circulating among animals, including camels, cats and bats, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

The 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a new virus that causes respiratory illness in people and can spread from person-to-person. This virus was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

As of Tuesday, there are 60 total cases in the United States, with none in Pennsylvania. There have been six deaths, according to the CDC.

Symptoms of the COVID-19 can include fever, cough and shortness of breath.

The symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure. Reported illnesses have ranged from people with little to no symptoms to people being severely ill and dying.

Human coronaviruses spread just like the flu or a cold:

• Through the air by coughing or sneezing.

 Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands. • Touching an object or surface

with the virus on it. · Occasionally, fecal contami-

nation.

Here is what the Middletown Area School District is telling students and parents about how to prepare, based on a letter on raiderweb.org from Superintendent Lori Suski.

It says in part:

While the news of coronavirus has everyone on high alert, it is important to note that there are other respiratory viruses such as influenza currently circulating in our schools. Fever, coughing

The Centers for Disease Con- and difficulty breathing are all symptoms of influenza and do not necessarily mean that a person has contracted coronavirus. Currently, public health officials are not recommending the use of masks or gloves in public settings. At this time, federal health authorities are not recommending that schools cancel classes.

We kindly ask parents to follow these recommended strategies to prevent the spread of communicable illnesses:

• Keep children home from school when they exhibit cold and flu-like symptoms.

• Encourage frequent handwashing with anti-bacterial soap.

• Refrain from touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

· Refrain from sharing food with others.

At the school district and school building/classroom level, staff have been directed to do the following:

· Review hand-washing techniques with students.

· Continue to provide antibacterial soap in classrooms and bathrooms.

· Have hand sanitizers available in all public areas for student and staff use when hand-washing is not possible.

· Daily cleaning by custodial staff with anti-bacterial products on all high-touch surfaces.

• Vigilant monitoring of the student body by school nurses, especially in cases where students exhibit symptoms associated with the virus.

The district said it will update parents and students with additional information as it becomes available from the CDC and/or the Pennsylvania Department of Health, health.pa.gov.

The CDC does not recommend wearing masks in public. Most often, spread of respiratory viruses from person-to-person happens within 6 feet. It is important that masks are readily available to health care workers and others who need them.

# 'skill machines'; local impact is not clear

**State Police seize** 

State Police seized 71 "illegal" gambling machines from Jan. 22 through Feb. 25, including a video gambling device seized from one Dauphin County location, Uncle Jim's Tavern in Williamstown, State Police announced last week.

The seizures include gambling devices marketed as "skill machines," State Police said in a press release.

The seizures took place throughout the state, with 16 machines seized from licensed liquor establishments in the Philadelphia area and 13 from the Pittsburgh area.

Devices were also seized from licensed establishments in the Allentown, Altoona, Erie, Punxsutawney, Wilkes-Barre and Williamsport areas, according to the release.

"Illegal, unregulated gambling is a serious - and growing - problem facing the commonwealth, with video gambling devices spreading beyond licensed liquor establishments into convenience stores, malls and restaurants," said Capt. Jeffrey Rineer, acting director of the State Police Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement. "So far in 2020, gambling machine seizures have been reported from every BLCE office, in counties from Erie to Philadelphia."

The machines seized were manufactured by several different companies, according to the release. More investigations are underway and more seizures are expected, State Police said.

Theskillgamesissuesurfacedin Middletown in January, when representatives of several nonprofit organizations in the borough, including the Rescue Firemans Home Association, American Legion Post 594 and Middletown Moose, showed up at a borough council meeting to oppose an ordinance that had been proposed to ban the games in the town.

The representatives all spoke of the increased amount of revenue

"Illegal, unregulated gambling is a serious and growing - problem facing the commonwealth, with video gambling devices spreading beyond licensed liquor establishments into convenience stores, malls and restaurants."

Capt. Jeffrey Rineer

their organizations now receive thanks to having skill games.

The revenue has also enhanced the ability of these groups to contribute to community-worthy causes, such as the Middletown Fire Department in the case of the home association, according to what representatives told council.

The proposal to ban the games that had been submitted to council came through an attorney with the borough's solicitor firm, Eckert Seamans. The attorney, Mark Stewart, submitted the proposed ordinance in his capacity representing Parx Casino which is based in Bethlehem.

Council dropped the proposal in the face of the opposition from the nonprofit groups.

As State Police continue seizing what police in the release refer to as "skill machines," a case is continuing in Commonwealth Court in which one of the industry's leadingmanufacturers, Pace-O-Matic, is seeking a statewide declaration that its machines are legal under state law, according to an article in PennLive.

Pace-O-Matic through the state court is also seeking an order that would stop the periodic seizure of its machines by State Police and other enforcement agencies, according to PennLive.

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# SPORTS

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# **Mayoral Madness will return on March 27**

#### By Dan Miller

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The NCAA has its March Madness, Middletown has its Mayoral Madness, thanks to Mayor James H. Curry III.

The sixth annual Mayoral Madness charity basketball game, with proceeds going to pay for the borough's annual Labor Day fireworks show, will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, March 27, in the of Blue Raider alumni led by

Gymnasium. Curry unveiled his annual

proclamation announcing the game toward the end of the Feb. 18 Middletown borough council meeting.

The mayor launched what has become an annual basketball tradition in Middletown in 2015 during his second full year in office.

The game each year pits a team

Middletown Area High School Curry against a team of current Middletown Area High School students.

Curry's team, the Vetoes, has won three of the five games. Last year the Vetoes defeated the Overrides — the team of current Blue Raiders — by a score of 52-45.

"The Mayoral Vetoes are currently leading the series 3-2 and are on the verge of leaving the Overrides in the dust," the mayor said in his proclamation.

The teams play to win a traveling trophy.

If the student team wins, the traveling trophy is housed in the high school until the next year. If the Vetoes win, the trophy is housed in Middletown Borough Hall.

STAFF PHOTO BY LAURA HAYES **Players shake hands after Mayoral** Madness in March 2019.







PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE PRESS & JOURNAL BY DEBBIE SPEAR



incy Reinnagel are headed to Hershey after qualifying for states in wrestlin

# Spear, Fegley, Reinnagel move on after regional success

Middletown seniors Luke Fegley, Joey Spear and Quincy Reinnagel began a journey together 12 years ago that has taken them thousands of miles and brought them right back to Hershey.

These three wrestlers have trained together since elementary wrestling, and their Middletown Area High School careers will come to a close at the PIAA state championships at the Giant Center starting Thursday.

Over the last four years, this trio has amassed an astounding 316 varsity wins with 190 of those coming by pin. Coached by Daniel Riggs, this has been the core of a solid group of wrestlers that have enjoyed four straight winning seasons. Riggs said he looks forward to taking Middletown wrestlers to the state tournament for the third straight season.

"This group is going to be missed, big time!" he said.

Fegley (132 pounds) is peaking at the right time as he makes his

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Quincy Reinnagel pinned Dawit Kahesay of Church Farm School.



Joey Spear beat Northern Lehigh's Trevor Amorim with only 7 seconds left.



Luke Fegley got a late win vs. Notre Dame Green Pond's Joshua Bauman.

## PSU Harrisburg men's hoops make NCAAs for first time

For the first time in program history, Penn State Harrisburg will compete in the NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship Tournament, as revealed by the tournament selection committee on Monday afternoon.

The Lions (20-7) won their first North Eastern Athletic Conference championship on Saturday to clinch the league's automatic qualifier.

The Lions will travel to Johns Hopkins (24-3) to take on the No. 6 Blue Jays at Goldfarb Gymnasium at the Newton White Athletic Centerintheteam's first-round contest at 3:30 p.m. Friday. Other teams in the region at Johns Hopkins are Yeshiva (27-1) and WPI (20-7).

The winners of Friday's matchups will meet in second-round action on Saturday afternoon.

All tournament games leading up to the national semifinals will be played on the campuses of the competing institutions. Sixteen sites will host four teams for first-and second round competition, with second-round winners

advancing to the Sweet 16 in two weeks. Winners of the four quarterfinal contests will advance to the Elite Eight, with those winners moving on to the Final Four. Both the Elite Eight and Final Four rounds will be contested in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The national championship game will be played on April 5 in Atlanta.

# **Dauphin County planning job resource fair March 28**

who are seeking jobs, internships and resources are invited to attend Dauphin County's annual employment, internship and resource fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 28 at Harrisburg Mall, 3501 Paxton St.

More than 60 employers, col-

Students and adults of all ages leges, training programs, government agencies and community and faith-based organizations will participate in this free, one-day event.

> "If you're looking for permanent or summer employment, a career, college or trade education, there is no better place to find it than

Dauphin County's one-stop shop resource fair," Dauphin County Commissioner George P. Hartwick III said. "Come dressed for success and meet face to face with employ-

ers and recruiters." Residents age 16 and older who are looking for employment or training can get assistance with the following: transportation, child care/day care assistance, legal issues due to prior criminal records and more.

"Our goal is to connect youth and adults to the tools they need to be successful and build a bright future,"Dauphin County Commissioner Jeff Haste said. "Whether

you're interested in a career in nursing, business or law enforcement, you'll find it here."

This year, the event will also focus on job readiness training, resume writing, appropriate attire and etiquette and will include a "dress for success" fashion show, "tie a tie" contest and stress-relief

exercise demonstration.

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A family fun zone will feature educational activities and giveaways throughout the day.

**For more information about this** year's career fair, call Dauphin County Human Services at 717-780-6288 or visit www.Dauphin-County.org.

# Middletown, Lower Dauphin middle schools crown geography bee champs

MiddletownandLowerDauphin to the state bee middle schools each held their March 27. geography bees in January.

At LDMS, after 13 rounds designed to test students' geographicalknowledge, it came down to two eighth-graders.

Adrian Olweiler and Peter Otto sat face-to-face on the Lower Dauphin Middle School stage Jan. 28. Four feet apart, they were given three questions whose answers were to be written on a white board and shown to the judges simultaneously.

After three championship questions, Peter was declared the school winner.

The son of Nicholas and Laura Otto, Peter smiled, stood and shook Adrian's hand.

For his efforts, he received a medal and the right to add his name to the school's list of previous champions.

A few weeks after the bee, he took the online qualifying exam and will hear this month if his score was high enough to make it



rounds with

topics such as states, states' nicknames, wild places, world civilizations and cities of the world. After the prelims the field was narrowed

from 20 to eight. These eight finalists competed for an additional six rounds on topics such as oceans, continents, map skills, and countries of the world.

In the last finals round, eighthgrader Sammy Garcia and seventh-grader William Harhaj were knocked out together and were declared co-finishers for third place.



Yosedik



test," said Johnathan Breininger,

middle school assistant principal

and bee moderator. "It takes a lot to

school (determined by a written test) had to answer a question for each round. After two incorrect answers, participants were eliminated.

Questions and answers are not disclosed because all questions are identical for all school competitions around the country.

Yosedik's written test also will determine if he will place in the top 100 middle schoolers in Pennsylvania who will compete in the state championships.



Eventual school champion Peter Otto, left, faces off against runner-up Adrian Olweiler in the Lower Dauphin Middle School geography bee championship rounds.





Then Adrian and Peter went to the finals after a short intermission. "This is a very challenging con-

preliminary

2020 Middletown Area Middle School geography bee Top 10 finalists were, back row, left to right: Marco Smallwood (seventh grade), Lilliana Mildner (eighth), Dominic Singh (eighth), Dustin Whitaker (eighth) and Austin Grimm (seventh). Front row, left to right: Rosie Vargas (sixth), Aaron Deardorff (sixth), Eyassu Yosedik (sixth), Max Dupes (eighth) and Christopher Cooper (sixth). Yosedik was the champion.

## **Area athletes named Mid-Penn all-stars**

The Mid-Penn Conference re- Millersville University. leased its 2019-20 all-star teams for several sports last week, and several area athletes made the list.

In girls basketball, Middletown senior standout Kate Fitzpatrick was named to the first team in the Capital Division. She is the all-time leading scorer in Blue Raider girls basketball history. She plans to nagel is first-team at 220 pounds. play basketball and softball at

Lower Dauphin's Katie Weigle and Lauren Kirsch were named to the first team in the Keystone Division.

Five Middletown wrestlers, all seniors, were selected. Zach Malay is a first-team Capital Division pick at 113 pounds, and Quincy Rein-Named to the second team were

Luke Fegley at 132 pounds, Joey Spear at 145 and Arthur Dash at 195

Four LD senior wrestlers were selected in the Keystone Division: seniors TT Elhajj at 138 pounds, Clayton Ulrey at 160 pounds and Ben Snyder at 182 pounds made the first team.

Sean Donnelly at 152 pounds made the second team.

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third and final appearance at the state tournament aiming for a spot on the podium for the first time.

Fegley kicked off the southeast regional tournament at Bethlehem Freedom High School by pinning Conwell-Egan's Dylan Culver in 2 minutes, 39 seconds. In the quarter finals, Fegley trailed Notre Dame Green Pond's Joshua Bauman 1-0 entering the third period, but rolled his way into a reversal and a 2-1 victory.

In the semifinals, Fegley dropped a 4-3 decision to East Pennboro's Adam Jacob, but bounced back quickly with a 3-0 decision over Littlestown's Ayden Dillon. Fegley secured a third-place finish and a state tournament qualification with a 2-0 decision over Northern Lebanon's Brandon Breidegan.

Fegley is 39-8 on the season with 134 career wins, which ties him for second all-time for wins in Middletown history with Chris Kochinsky, who graduated in 2008. The leader is Tyler Nauman, with 156 wins. He graduated in 2007.

At 220 pounds, Reinnagel sim-

be described as nothing short of a brilliant season. Focused and determined, Reinnagel launched into the southeast regionals with a second-period pin over Dawit Kahesay of Church Farm School.

After suffering a tough loss in the quarterfinals, Reinnagel ripped his way through the consolation bracket. Neither Kyler-Raye William of Steelton-Highspire nor Pat Whittle of Lower Moreland were able to survive the first period with Reinnagel.

Although Reinnagel trailed Joe Tinari of North Schuylkill 3-2 with seconds ticking down on the clock, a quick shot and a takedown locked up the 4-3 Reinnagel victory.

Reinnagel capped the tournament, and got some redemption for a sectional tournament loss, by pinningBishopMcDevitt'sDevyn Clair in just 57 seconds to secure third place. Reinnagel is 35-8 on the season and looking to make a statement in Hershey.

Spear (145 pounds) showed no signs of slowing down after reaching 100 career wins last week. He rolled his way to the semifinals with a 13-1 major decision over ply continues to win in what can Andy Muzika of Faith Christian,

and followed that up by pinning Northern Lehigh's Trevor Amorim with only 7 seconds left on the clock.

Two-time PIAA state qualifier Dorian Gonzalez got the best of Spear this week after Spear shocked him, and the crowd, with a cradle and an upset at the district tournament. Spear responded with a little redemption of his own, throwing Octorara's Michael Trainor to his back to earn the 9-5 victory and avenging an overtime loss in the sectional tournament.

Although Spear had to settle for fourth place after dropping an 11-7 decision to Boiling Springs' Michael Duggan, he is looking relaxed and confident entering the state tournament. Spear is 36-9 on the season with 105 career wins. Spear rounds out the trio of Middletown wrestlers ready to enjoy some sweet victory in Chocolate Town this weekend.

Senior Arthur Dash saw his terrific season come to a close last weekend as he was unable to find a win in a strong 195-pound bracket. Dash ended his senior season with the Blue Raiders with a 30-11 record.

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

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.

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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 717-388-1641. For security purposes all doors will be locked every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the start of worship.

Pastor Britt's sermon is live streamed most Sundays at approximately 11 a.m. on Facebook timeline Pastor Britt Strohecker.

The community is invited to our contemporary service on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. entitled "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 service.

Sundays: Children's choir rehearsal Sundays at 10 a.m.; Youth Fellowship serves a congregation/ community dinner the 3rd Sunday of the month after church.

We invite you to join us in fellowship meetings on Sundays March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5 at 4 p.m. for discussions on "The Road to Romans" and "The Stations of the Cross.

Mondays: Men meet for prayer at 6 a.m. Community men are invited; Sociable Seniors group meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays from 12 to 3 p.m., lunch included. All are welcome.

Wednesdays: Choir practice at 6:30 p.m.; Psalm 150 Praise Band Practice at 7:30 p.m.

the 1st and 2nd Thursdays of the month; Bible study at 7 p.m. foltown Food Bank the 3rd Saturday every other month. The community is invited to participate in these important areas of our church life.

Ushers for March: Lorraine and Bob Houser, Vera Keeney and David Snavely; Greeter for March: Gaye Turpin; Children's Church Leaders for Sunday, March 8: Becky Smith and Eva Allen.

Our prayer garden in the rear of the yard has an 8-foot cross that is made out of nails. It is illuminated every night from 8 p.m. to midnight. 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 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 wmssfm. com. Click on "Listen Live" at top and then "Main Stream 1." Check us out on our website at www.newbeginningschurchmiddletownpa. com.

Pastor Britt's parting words each Thursdays: Blanket makers meet Sunday: "Nothing in this world is more important than the love of Jesus Christ!" We invite you to lowed by intercessory Prayer come and experience this love. Saturdays: We clean the Middle-

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

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pher at Community.Coordina-Free Little Library: St. Peter's has a Free Little Library located tor@stpetersmiddletown.org. Ash Wednesday Services: All at the entrance door by the park-

Wednesday services during Lent will be held in Good Shepherd Chapel at 6:30 p.m.

Adult Sunday school will be held on March 8 in Luther Hall immediately following the 10 a.m. worship. Deb Fulmer will bring the world to St. Peter's by discussing some of her recent mission trips. Please bring your lunch. Class will conclude by 12:15 p.m.

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# Aug. 17 trial date set in murder of Middletown grad Dworchak

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#### By Dan Miller

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An Aug. 17 trial date has been set in Dauphin County Court for Tyrese Andre Randolph, one of two defendants charged in the Sept. 4 murder of Torin Dworchak of Middletown.

The date was set Monday by Judge William T. Tully as Randolph, 19, formerly of the first block of Thomas Street in Harrisburg, was present with his public defender in a scheduled plea court appearance.

Randolphis charged with murder of the first degree, murder of the second degree, robbery, kidnap to facilitate a felony, conspiracy to commit robbery, and conspiracy to kidnap to facilitate a felony.

He has been held without bail in Dauphin County Prison since his arrest on Sept. 11.

According to arrest papers filed by Harrisburg police, Randolph and the other man charged in the case, Nathaniel Gabri Acevedo, 21, of Harrisburg, conspired to rob Dworchak after Dworchak on Sept. 4 contacted Randolph about getting together.

Acevedo robbed Dworchak at gunpoint and forced Dworchak into the trunk of his own car, according to police.

Acevedo and Randolph then got in Dworchak's car and Acevedo drove it to an unknown location in Bellevue Park where, police say, Acevedo opened the trunk and fired two shots, killing Dworchak.

Acevedo returned to the car Sept. 4 and dumped Dworchak's body near the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, where the body was discovered early Sept. 5, according to police.

Police were led to Acevedo

Evangelical United Methodist Church

and Randolph after police Sept. 5 were contacted by Dworchak's mother about several unauthorized purchases that had been made using Dworchak's debit card at retail locations in Dauphin County. Acevedo and Randolph both also face separate charges including



Area High School, Dworchak was 18 years old.

es as Randolph concerning

Sept. 11 but not arrested until Sept. 14, when he was taken into custody by U.S. Marshals in Nashville, Tennessee, where Acevedo had fled.

He was extradited in early October and is also being held in Dauphin County Prison without bail.

Acevedo had also been scheduled to appear in plea court on Monday.

However, his case has been continued until April 6, according to online court records.

Acevedo

Randolph



A 2019 graduate of Middletown

Acevedo faces the same charg-

Dworchak's murder.

Acevedo was also charged

and related offenses that are directly tied to their unauthorized Dworchak

use of Dworchak's debit card.

#### 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.

9-10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for our last 2,000 years, sought to pur-Adult Forum, an opportunity to learn more about the Bible and issential Practices of the Christian Life During the first three weeks of Lent, Brian Yeich will lead this DVD/discussion series authored by Adam Hamilton, UMC pastor in as we confront the critical issues Leawood, Kansas, and award winning author. How do we walk with Christ – daily follow him, grow in him and faithfully serve him? In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual life. The apostles taught it in their writings.

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For further information, see our website www.pcmdt.org, visit our Facebook page (www.facebook. com/PresbyterianCongregation), or call the office.



Statement is Acknowledge Christ in all we do and share Him with others and we keep that at the forefront of our minds in all the missions this church does.

D.A.W.G.S. (Dynamic And Wiggly God Seekers). Come and join us every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Little DAWGS ages 3 - first grade, Big DAWGS second good home-cooked meal, a night grade – middle school. Share the fun and bring a friend with you to enjoy stories, games, crafts, music, Gaga Ball, science fun and snacks. Free Club T-Shirts for Everyone!

Nonperishable food items are collected for the Middletown Food Bank each Sunday. Campbell Soup labels, education box tops, printer ink cartridges and soda tabs are also collected weekly.

Consider volunteering at Mission Central the fourth Tuesday of each month. Our next trip will be Tuesday, March 24. We will leave Geyers at 8:15 a.m. and return about noon. Please wear closed toe shoes. Contact Kathy Espenshade for more information. Make reservations to attend by calling the church office.

Wesley, Geyers, Evangelical, Highspire, and New Thing churches team up to provide

a free meal each Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church in Middletown. All are welcomed, so whether you need a off from cooking, or a friend to talk to, come out and enjoy a meal with us.

It's time for Easter Eggs. Geyers UMC is selling Easter Eggs on Tuesdays from 12 noon to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. You can also find them every Friday at the Londonderry Fire Hall during their Fish Fry. Come on out and help the bunny fill your baskets.

For more information, please visit our website at geyersumc. com and like our page Geyers United Methodist Church on Facebook to keep up with our current events.

Geyers is located at 1605 South Geyers Church Road, Middletown in Londonderry Township. Pastor Steve Atanasoff and the church office can be reached at 717-944-6426 or geyerschurch@ verizon.net.



Evangelical Church is located 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 10:15 a.m. When you walk in the door, you will see people of all ages and walks of life, some dressed formally and others casually in jeans and sneakers. Come as you are. Our greeters wear nametags, so they

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

This week's worship assistants are as follows: Pastor – Lee Ellen- rehearsal in sanctuary; 7 p.m., berger; Liturgist - Steve Moyer; Organist– Don Cowsert; Choir Director - Erich Schlicher; Choir Members - People in Blue Robes; Children's Time - Lee Ellenberger; Audio Visual – Steve Moyer, Justin Hahn and Jamal Warren; Head Usher – Wendy Kauffman; Greeters - Joe and Tami Hile; Nursery Caregivers - Tad, Bailee and Harper Romozi and Matt and Sarah Snyder.

This week's schedule of activities is as follows:

Wed., March 4: 6:30 p.m., Choir Alcoholics Anonymous Group Book Study.

Thurs., March 5: 6:30 p.m., Missions Committee in Room 1.

Sun., March 8: 9 a.m., Sunday school for all ages; 10:15 a.m., Worship Service; 11 a.m., Cookies and Fellowship. Tues., March 10: 2 p.m., Prayer

Shawl Ministry; 6 p.m., God's Kitchen at Wesley UMC, meal provided by Wesley; 6 p.m., Finance Committee; 7 p.m., Church Council.

# **DIRECTORY OF CHURCH SERVICES**



#### **Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church**

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



#### **Ebenezer United Methodist Church**

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



#### **Evangelical United Methodist Church**

Spruce & Water Sts., Middletown, 717-944-6181 Sunday School - 9 am, Worship - 10:15 am, www.eumch.org



#### **Geyers United Methodist Church**

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#### St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

121 N. Spring Street, Middletown Church Office 717-944-4651 REV. DR. J. RICHARD ECKERT, Pastor Sunday Worship - 10 am Saturday Worship - 5 pm - in the Chapel Wednesday Worship - 10 am in the Chapel Worship Broadcast on 91.1 FM - 11 am We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation

#### **Seven Sorrows BVM Parish**



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



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

#### **RULING:** Final resolution for Highspire students may be years away

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to the delivery of our goal to our students.'

Jeffrey Litts, solicitor to Middletown Area School District, said he will review the ruling with the school district. District Superintendent Lori Suski deferred to Litts for comment.

Steelton-Highspire Superintendent Travis Waters did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

While the ruling technically orders that a new school district be created for Highspire, it is only a procedural requirement to have those students join MASD.

#### What's next?

A final resolution to the matter could be several years away.

"Ensuring the children of **Highspire are receiving** a high-quality education has always been our top priority. Today's decision recognizes that objective and brings us even closer to the delivery of our goal to our students."

Highspire Education Coalition spokesman Ken Becker

Leavitt's ruling sends the petition back to Dauphin County Court, where the court is to "enter a decree establishing an independentschooldistrict"-essentially

granting the coalition petition. The transfer request started in Dauphin County Court in 2014. The court dismissed the petition after Rivera's rejection in 2019.

That allowed the coalition to appeal the county court dismissal, and therefore Rivera's ruling, to Commonwealth Court.

Either school district could appeal Leavitt's ruling to the state Supreme Court.

Absent such an appeal, county court after granting the petition would hold a hearing to assess financial considerations of the transfer, such as how much debt would be transferred from Steelton-HighspiretoMiddletown, and how much state subsidy would be transferred from Steelton-Highspire to Middletown.

The county court's determina-

tion as to financial impacts of the transfer would then go to the state Board of Education for review. The board is an entity separate from Rivera and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

The state board would then make its own decision on whether to grant the Highspire petition. Either party could then choose to appeal the state board's decision to Commonwealth Court.

Highspire students make up 17 percent of the Steelton-Highspire student population, but Highspire taxpayers provide 34 percent of the district's overall tax base.

Allowing the transfer of Highspire students to Middletown could reduce Steelton-Highspire's taxable revenue by about \$2 million, and its state subsidy by about \$1.6 million.

#### **PARKS:** Elner Overdeer, Oak Hill are most in need of improvement

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parks "more inviting" to parents and senior citizens.

#### **Overdeer work**

At Overdeer, the half-acre park across from the Municipal Building at West Emaus and Catherine streets, planned improvements include:

• Removing the existing slide, swings and climbing structures and replacing them with a new multi-use play structure, including options for small children.

• Installing new swings for adults. Wilsbach told council swings for children will be part of the multi-use structure.

• New trees.

 $\bullet An \, interior \, walking \, path \, made$ of pavers. • Installing new benches, grills

and litter receptacles.

 Sidewalk and curbing near the park is to be upgraded and made handicapped-accessible as part of a separate project to improve West Emaus Street.

#### **Oak Hill work**

AtOakHill, a six-acrepark along Spruce Street, planned improvements include:

• Removing the existing slide, swings and play structures.

• Installing new swings to include options for small children. • Installing a new and larger

multi-use play structure including options for small children.

• Installing picnic tables and benches, grills and litter receptacles



Middletown borough has improvements planned for the Elner Overdeer Park at West Emaus and Catherine streets.

"We also stopped out multiple times and spoke with people and met with people. You get a feel for what people are looking for and what they like."

Public Works Director Greg Wilsbach

decision. The new Kids Kastle to be known as Little Middletown – has a current estimated cost of \$924,205, based on plans drawn up by HRG.

The plans drawn up by Wilsbach and HRG to address needs at the ongoing online study that the borough's six other parks calls for the project to be divided into three phases, with 2020 focusing on the first phase dealing with Oak Hill and Overdeer.

ational purposes, Wilsbach said.

space off the 700 block of Main Street near the borough's eastern

Part of this land used to be oc-

#### **DINER:** Fines stand vs. owner

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plorable state."

pay the fines.

porting loads.

the hearing.

to Monday.

adequate drainage.

"The citations constitute viola-

tion of the code. Just look at the

pictures. You know there's a say-

ing a picture speaks 1,000 words.

This is a dictionary," Clark said

Clark asked Stewart if there

was anything in the township's

ordinances that called for im-

prisonment, and Stewart said

no — unless someone fails to

The judge suggested that the

Londonderry Township issued

five property maintenance cita-

tions against Haggag in May 2019:

Having unsanitary conditions

exterior property and prem-

· A vacant structure and land

· Overhangs not properly

 Roof and roofing components having defects that admit rain,

and roof surfaces that have in-

· Unsafe conditions with sid-

ing and masonry joints between

the building envelope and win-

dows and doors not maintained

weather resistant or watertight.

County Court of Common Pleas,

and his original hearing before

Clark was scheduled for Nov. 26.

hearing and in court documents

claimed that he wasn't aware of

However, Haggag missed the

The appeal was rescheduled

Londonderry Township codes

officer Ed Kazlauskas testi-

fied that the property was in a

"dangerous condition" and had

were mattresses and debris on

Haggag appealed to Dauphin

ises not maintained in a clean,

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parties meet, come up with a plan

and bring back a plan to him.

prior to issuing his verdict.

the property.

"Your honor, we just want to have the citations enforced," Stewart said during his brief closing statement.

Londonderry Township codes and zoning officer Jeff Burkhart testified that Haggag had applied for permits for rezoning and building and design, but in some instances the permits were submitted to the wrong person or were incomplete.

Haggag argued the matter wasn't about the disrepair of the property, but Londonderry's attempts to take his property for free.

Stewart and Burkhart updated the Londonderry Board of Supervisors on the case Monday evening. Despite Haggag's statement in court about selling, Stewart said Haggag mentioned that he was interested in filing an appeal.

Supervisor Mel Hershev asked Stewart how many more appeals are possible. Stewart said he believed Haggag had one more appeal to Commonwealth Court.

"As Jeff testified during the case, the township's main concern is just to have the property brought into compliance. So we will stay on that and pursue the township's legal remedies to the maximum on all fronts,' Stewart said.

Haggag also was cited in 2014, but the charges were withdrawn. He did plead guilty to unlawful activity after the Dauphin County Department of Solid Waste Management and Recycling cited him as part of the county's crackdown on illegal dumping.

A fire gutted the diner in 2003. There have been several attempts at renovating and reopening it in the years since.

Records filed with Dauphin County indicate that the deed was transferred to Haggag for \$70,000 in 2004 from Snodo Inc., which acquired the deed in 1999 from PNC Bank.

Haggag has blamed township officials for denying him the proper permits to reopen.

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that already exist, the borough also needs to figure out what to do about "the opportunities for our residents" that are presented by other acreage in Middletown that is potentially available for recre-

This includes five acres of open

amount of vacant land near the Susquehanna River.

numerous violations of the township's property maintenance code, including an overhang canopy tearing away from the structure. He also said there

"is used quite hard (but) there is

border. The borough acquired the land after it was flooded during Tropical Storm Lee in 2011. The borough also has a large

 Installing a gravel walking path that will connect all park amenities to one another.

Wilsbach told council Feb. 18 that the Oak Hill walking trail is to go the whole way around the park and around the baseball field.

The grant applications to DCNR are to be submitted in May, with award notifications not expected before the fall, Wilsbach said. The improvements would take place in 2021.

Council in mid-2019 gave Wilsbach the green light to have the borough's consulting engineers, HRG, do an evaluation and take inventory of six of the seven public parks in Middletown.

Hoffer Park, the borough's biggest park at 10 acres, is being dealt with separately as Middletown has a grant request pending before DCNR to cover half the cost of building a new playground to replace Kids Kastle, which the borough closed in June 2018 due to issues related to child safety and handicapped accessibility.

Word on the DCNR grant for Hoffer Park was expected by the end of January, a DCNR official had told the Press & Journal.

The borough is still awaiting a

The plan is to apply for grants to help fund improvements at two more parks as part of phase two in 2021. In 2022, the borough would apply for more grants to help fund improvements at the last two parks.

Whether the borough can stick to that timetable depends on the availability of funding, and how much the improvement projects will ultimately cost, Wilsbach said.

#### Parks are 'most deficient'

Oak Hill and Overdeer were chosen first because the two parks are "the most deficient" in terms of meeting the needs of residents, according to the master plan that has been drawn up by HRG, Wilsbach said.

At Oak Hill, for example, the borough faces challenges of keeping up an aging playground similar to those at Kids Kastle, although the challenges at Oak Hill haven't gotten to where the borough needs to shut down the playground, Wilsbach said.

As for Overdeer, the small park

borough first posted in the fall seeking input from residents on all the parks in Middletown.

really not a lot there," he said.

In deciding on what improve-

ments to make at each of the two

parks, Wilsbach said the borough

is incorporating results of an

The survey will remain available for residents to complete until spring, the borough has said.

"We also stopped out multiple times and spoke with people and met with people" regarding what improvements they wanted to see in the two parks, Wilsbach said. 'You get a feel for what people are looking for and what they like."

The borough has also been looking at parks outside of Middletown that borough residents go to, to see what these parks offer, Wilsbach noted.

Besides Hoffer, Oak Hill and Overdeer, the four other public parks in Middletown are Frey Manor behind Hoffer Street and Frey Avenue; Colston Park on Russell Avenue between South Wood and Lawrence streets; Etnoyer's Park at South Wood and Susquehanna streets; and Susquehanna Street Park next to the boat launch at the end of South Union Street.

Wilsbach said he does not know at this point which of the four other parks are to be addressed in phase two in 2021, and in phase three in 2022.

In addition to the seven parks

cupied by houses that were torn down after they too were flooded by Lee in 2011.

Another 25 houses were torn down over a period of years due to them being impacted by noise from airplanes flying in and out of nearby Harrisburg International Airport.

The authority that owns the airport owns these properties but has no use for them.

The authority has reached out to the borough over the years in talks aimed at getting the borough to buy the properties.

This unused land could ultimately help meet a number of needs that borough residents have identified, such as walking trails and having a dog park in Middletown, Wilsbach said.



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# FROMTHEVAULT

An ad from yesteryear

News from the Thursday, March 2, 1950, edition of the Press & Journal

# Borough employees allegedly drink, swear on the job

A special meeting of the Middletown Borough Council was held Monday evening in the council chamber of the Community Building.

President John R. Prowell Jr. announced that the purpose of the meeting was to adjust the salaries of the borough policemen.in accordance with the Police Civil Service Commission. The police department was represented by Chief Harold K. Houser and Patrolman B.H. Dolson Sr.

The chief salary was fixed at \$2,600 per annum, and the present patrolmen's salary was fixed at \$2,200, retroactive to Feb. 1, 1950. All new patrolmen salaries are to be fixed at \$2,000 per annum when employed.

Councilheardthatnumerous complaints were received about employees of the Light and Highway departments going into public places and drinking while on duty for the borough. Also, reports were received about alleged profane language being used by borough employees while on duty. Prowell referred these matters to the heads of each department to have the actions abated at once.

#### Other headlines

• High school students form debating teams for 1950 • What your Red Cross is

doing for local area • Knights of Malta No. 132 elects officers for the year

Savinge Day Grenn AT Melman's See The New AIR CRUISER HAT by Adam At \$7.50 New Corduroy SPORT COATS TOPCOATS New Spring Grey - Green SLACKS Tweeds Maroon Plain and Fancy \$45.00 \$16.95 Gabardines Patterns \$37.50-\$42.50 \$7.95 - \$15.95 **MELMAN'S MEN'S** STORE Middletown, Pa-Y South Union Street EDITOR'S NOTE: There were few photos in newspapers during this era, so

we present an ad from a local store showing what the well-dressed man was wearing in 1950 ... and the prices.

#### Hot buys

• Our store is as modern as neon ... but we're still old-fashioned enough to believe that the customer is entitled to the finest quality merchandise at the lowest possible prices. Bromo-Seltzer, 57 cents. Kleenex, 27 cents. Wildroot cream oil, 89 cents. Schick razor, 66 cents. Central Cut Rate, 23 S. Union St., Middletown.

• For the most pleasurable Easter Sunday and after-wearing ever! Gabardine dressmaker suit, collarless, dress-up neckline, slim skirt, from \$16.98. Checked and solid all-wool three-piece cape suit, from \$29.98. The Classic Shop, Middletown.

# Air Force C-46 crashes at **Olmsted Air Force Base**

#### Six occupants leap to safety when engines are ablaze

Four crew members and two Air Force passengers escaped to safety as the engines broke into flames when an Air Force C-46 plane crashed and burned at Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, about 2 p.m. Wednesday.

The 26-passenger plane arrived here from Atterbury Air Force Base, Indiana. As it approached from the east in a stiff wind, the a dike partially encircling Olmsted Field from the east and was sheared off.

The plane bounced and made a belly-landing on the field. As it landed, the engines broke loose and flames enveloped the plane. Simultaneously, the crew and passengers jumped to the ground. The pilot suffered a head contusion. One passenger suffered a sprained back, and the assistant

engineer a fractured hand. Olmsted firemen kept the flames from setting fire to the wing tanks, but the plane was badly damaged

undercarriage of the plane struck as the blaze swept over the cabin area.

Olmsted Field officials identified the persons on the plane as follows: the pilot, Capt. Tony P. Gill, Sherburn, Indiana; co-pilot, Capt. Thomas E. Lapworth, 30, Clinton, Indiana; engineer, Staff Sgt. Donald De Young, 25, Holland, Michigan; assistant engineer, Sgt. Floyd D. Frank, 208 Frederick St., Steelton; passengers, 1stLt. Robert Wilson, 28, Columbus, Indiana, and Sgt. James Cotner, 21, Siler City, North Carolina.

The two passengers were to fly back to Atterbury today.

## World War veteran from Swatara Station confesses to seven larceny charges

Station, pleaded guilty to seven charges and a charge of burglary in the Dauphin County Court at Harrisburg Monday. He was sent to jail for 11 to 23 months, and fined \$40.

It was said Shull had a penchant for stealing power saws, two of which were taken from the same contractors.

According to Assistant District Attorney H.F. Dowling, the persons who purchased the power saws from him either returned them to their rightful owners or paid for them. Persons who purchased them from Shull were the losers, he added.

The stolen articles represented a value of more than \$600. Shull told the court that he

came from Kansas, but settled

Frank Lee Shull, Swatara in Dauphin County, after he was honorably discharged from the military service. He said he married a Hershey girl and has one child.

John H. Bream, counsel for Shull, told the court that Shull's financial difficulty started when he needed money to pay a skilled labor bill on his house, which he had virtually built himself. In addressing the court, the assistant district attorney said that Shull had co-operated with the authorities, but he pointed out that the thefts were scattered over considerable time and that they did not constitute just one infraction of the law.

Dowling also told the court that a detainer was lodged against Shull by Lebanon County authorities. The alleged thefts were removing cash from a candy machine of the Royal Theater, Hummelstown, Charles Roth, proprietor, last Feb. 28; taking \$15 from lockers in the ticket office of the theater, which he cleaned at night; 16 long planks valued at \$46.08 from Haldeman & Savastio, building contractors in Derry Township last Dec. 16; 150 gallons of gasoline valued at \$32.25 from the same contractors; two truck tires in Derry Township valued at \$20 from the same contractors last June; a power saw valued at \$239 from the same firm in Hummelstown last July; and a second power saw last Jan. 20 from the same firm.

The burglary charge was brought for entering the sedan of John Goodman in Derry Township last Jan. 23 and removing a state automobile inspection sticker.

# PUZZLES AND HOROSCOPE

WORD SEARCH On the court word

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**ANSWERS ON PAGE 9** 

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#### **CROSSWORD** ANSWERS ON PAGE 9

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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.

#### GUESS WHO? (answer below Word Search)

I am a singer born in Canada on March 1, 1994. I kept my singing ability and aspirations largely to myself as a child. However, after performing a cover song on YouTube in 2007, I gained traction and became a pop sensation and international star.

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Guess Who? answer: Justin Bieber

#### HOROSCOPE WEEK OF MARCH 4

ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20 Hobbies can be a great distraction from your responsibilities. But this week you need to get back to business, or you may fall behind.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21 Change is in the air, and you are excited about all the new prospects ahead. The most difficult decisions will be about what you're going to do. **GEMINI** MAY 22-JUNE 21 Nurturing is a part of your nature. This week you may discover you are spending a lot of time lavishing attention on others at your expense. Find a healthy balance.

**CANCER** JUNE 22-JULY 22 Your social and business calendar is full for the next several weeks. Even though you enjoy being busy, you may need a break to avoid burnout. LEO JULY 23-AUG. 23

It will be another fortuitous week for your finances. All of your financial ducks are in a row, and you can take some time off from micromanaging your accounts.

VIRGO AUG. 24-SEPT. 22 You may want to show others a new side of you over the course of the next few days. You're often conservative, but you might want to let loose a

little bit and be adventurous.

LIBRA SEPT. 23-OCT. 23 You may receive a few offers this week that seem too good to be true. Trust your instincts as you navigate through all of these opportunities to find the best options. SCORPIO OCT. 24-Nov. 22 Over the course of the next few

days you'll get an idea of how many people rely on you. When you are out of commission, things may come to a halt.

SAGITTARIUS NOV. 23-DEC. 21 People are drawn to your warmth and good nature. That is why you are never short on friends or left with nothing to

#### do. This week is no different. CAPRICORN DEC. 22-JAN. 20 Changes that you have been

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hoping will occur will finally see the light of day. The effects will be subtle at first and then build as they go.

AQUARIUS JAN. 21-FEB. 18 Now is your opportunity to take care of yourself. You have been freed of some responsibilities and are able to focus on small changes that can add up to something big.

PISCES FEB. 19-MARCH 20 When things get a tad stressful, remember that physical activity can calm you down. Take a walk or hit the gym.

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# **Concessions on Conowingo Dam** will be bad for Susquehanna River



Ever since the federal license allowing it to operate the Conowingo Dam expired in 2014, Exelon Corp. has fought updated permit requirements that would better protect affected waterways and aquatic life for the next 50 years.

Initially, Maryland fought back against the utility that owns the hydroelectric dam. As the Chesapeake Bay cleanup plan entered its final phase, the state asked Exelon to contribute its share to reduce the 6 million additional pounds of nitrogen and 260,000 pounds of additional phosphorus and associated sediment estimated to come through the dam annually since its reservoir became filled and lost its trapping capacity.

But Maryland has now, in a proposed settlement with Exelon, inexplicably conceded on critical clean water requirements, funding and legal assurances. The state's local, state and federal representatives; conservation organizations; and affected communities upstream and downstream strenuously objected and voiced their concerns during the public comment period that ended Jan. 19.

This seriously flawed deal falls far short of protecting Maryland's waterways or providing Pennsylvania with the pollutionreduction help it needs. Probably of greatest concern for clean water legal experts is that, as part of this settlement, Maryland would waive its right under the federal Clean Water Act to require an enforceable water quality certification for the dam, forfeiting its power to ensure compliance with water quality standards. Such a certification is normally issued before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission would approve a new multi-decade license to operate the dam.

The settlement also provides grossly insufficient funds to deal with the risks that the dam's operations pose to the Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay - primarily from moderate and large storms that will cause the 94-foot-high structure to allow nutrients, debris and millions of tons of sediment trapped behind it to flow into



A sidelong view of the 94-foot hydroelectric Conowingo Dam on the Susquehanna River, for which Exelon is seeking a 50-year renewal of its operating license.

quality certification originally proposed by Maryland, and challenged by Exelon, would have required the company to provide \$127 million a year for pollution controls.

In a "trust me" kind of handshake deal, the settlement includes non-binding statements of intent that the initiatives and actions under the agreement will actually be accomplished; there are no stipulated timelines for completion of the work. It also denies the public any ability to ensure the settlement terms are fulfilled in a sufficient manner, leaving enforcement entirely up to Maryland. No other parties would have standing to hold the state or Exelon accountable.

Numerous organizations provided comments on the proposed settlement agreement. Bills have been introduced in both the Maryland Senate and House of Delegates that would prevent the state from waiving its authority to issue a water quality certification for this project.

With a 50-year license, the next chance we'll get to do right by the Susquehanna will be in 2070. How many of us will still

and sediment pollution control measures. This funding should be administered and managed by the independent third party recently selected by the state-federal Chesapeake Bay Program to write and implement a pollution control plan for the dam as part of the overall Bay cleanup effort. That third-party should be solely responsible for selecting the type and location of the pollution control practices implemented.

The settlement also should include a detailed schedule for accomplishing the activities and providing associated funding, as well as stipulated penalties for failure to perform.

Finally, the agreement should include conservation and advocacy organizations as parties with full standing to enforce terms of the agreement.

The Susquehanna River is a public resource, and Exelon profits substantially from its use. This public resource should not be sold off to a private company for exclusive use without ensuring that the public, our environment and our economy are adequately protected.

# **EDITORIALVIEWS** Organizations made great decision to ban smoking

We applaud the recent steps taken by the Moose Lodge and the American Legion in Middletown to end indoor smoking.

Smoking is a harmful, costly, stinky habit that affects not only those who are smoking but those around them. While the chances of it ever completely going away in our society are slim, we appreciate any step that can be taken to limit it locally.

Many people don't remember that as recently as the 1980s, you could smoke just about anywhere at work, in schools and restaurants, on planes and buses, and even in hospitals.

In the early 20th century, smoking was the cool thing to do. It wasn't even thought to be harmful to your health. In fact, many cigarette brands included explicit health claims, according to the National Library of Medicine (part of the federal National Institutes of Health). For example: "They don't get your wind" (Camel, 1935), "Gentle on my throat" (Lucky Strike, 1937), and "Fresh as mountain air" (Old Gold, 1946). The 1964 report of the Surgeon General's Advisory Committee started a significant change, as the devastating health consequences of smoking and later secondhand smoke became common knowledge. Warning labels started appearing on packs of cigarettes. Public service announcements spread the word about the ills of cigarettes. Cigarette advertising on radio and television in the United States was banned. Now, despite the best efforts of the tobacco lobby to convince people otherwise, "all of the major tobacco companies have websites acknowledging that smoking is a cause of disease and that smoking is addictive. Yet none of these companies has ever admitted that millions of people have died as a result of smoking their products or that addiction to nicotine can cause death. No company has admitted ever marketing to children, or lying to the public, or forming a conspiracy to deny the hazards of smoking," according to the National Library of Medicine. Smoking remains the leading preventable cause of death and disease in the United States.

\$156 billion in lost productivity due to premature death and exposure to secondhand smoke.

There is good news. An estimated 14 percent of adults, or 34.3 million people, smoked cigarettes in 2017, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In 1965, that figure was 42.4 percent.

But still, according to the CDC, each day, about 2,000 people younger than 18 years old smoke their first ciga-



rette. That's despite all we know about their devastating effects. Many young people think they will live forever.

We appreciate that these local organizations made the change not because they had to (they would be exempt as private clubs from laws that restrict smoking in public establishments). They did it because they thought it was the right thing to do. "Food sales have increased," Roger Beery, administrator of the Middletown Moose Lodge 410, told the Press & Journal. "We have taken a hit at the bar. There ain't no doubt about it, we will lose members. But I think in the long run, it's going to be a plus. It just might take a little bit of time." Since the fraternity went smoke-free Jan. 1, 16 people have joined men's Lodge 410, and Beery said people have also joined the Women of the Moose, Chapter 553. Some of the men said they joined because the lodge went smokefree, Beery said. Parents are bringing in younger children. When American Legion Post 594 polled its members, 53 percent favored going smoke-free. That's not exactly an overwhelming majority. But, as William Douglass, commander of American Legion Post 594 and a 54-year member, said: "I think it's the right thing to do for the members that don't come in because of the non-smoking." Middletown VFW Post 1620 has discussed going smokefree, but for now it has not implemented a smoking ban. It will be interesting to see if it eventually follows suit. The Moose and the Legion might take some membership hits, and they might be criticized by some for their actions. But not by us. We wholeheartedly support it, and wish both organizations a healthy membership moving forward.

the Chesapeake.

The total settlement would require about \$4 million per year from Exelon for environmental remediation, when vetted studies show that that amount should be closer to \$35 million a year. This includes a mere \$500,000 for addressing the trapped sediment.

Only \$19 million of the \$200 million settlement, or a paltry \$380,000 annually, would go to forest buffers, agricultural cover crops, stormwater controls and other practices proven to reduce pollution. The water

be around? What shape will the Susquehanna's mussels or eels be in then? How healthy will the Susquehanna flats underwater grasses be? What about Maryland's oysters, crabs and the Chesapeake Bay's economy? How resilient will we be to the increasing climate change impacts we will be experiencing?

Exelon must do much more to reduce pollution from the Conowingo Dam. In addition to the other provisions in the proposed settlement, Exelon should provide at least \$35 million per year for nutrient

The new 50-year license is our only insurance policy that the Conowingo Dam and Susquehanna will be healthy and productive for a long time to come. For the benefit of Maryland and Pennsylvania, for our children and future generations, we've got to get it right.

Nick DiPasquale is the former director of the Chesapeake Bay Program. His opinions do not necessarily reflect those of the Bay Journal. This commentary was distributed by the Bay Journal News Service.

# Legislation could devastate EMS services



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Pennsylvania lawmakers are attempting to address the practice of out-of-network balance billing commonly referred to as a "surprise medical bill."

This results when a provider treats you in an emergency situation but that provider is out of the insured's network. Most emergency medical services agencies meet these criteria due to the uniqueness of our industry or location of the insured when the emergency occurred.

House Bill 1862 would allow insurance companies to lock in out-of-network provider reimbursements at the insurer's median in-network rate for emergency care for that region. Locking costs at median in-network rates will dramatically cut the already below-cost reimbursement that emergency medical services agencies see today

EMS must be exempt from this bill!

The insurance lobby has an unsubstantiated belief that ambulance services are "doing quite well" with the nonnegotiable "take it or leave it" in-network payment rates they determine. Concurrently, your state lawmakers are attempting



insurance gap" issue caused by unacceptable below-cost innetwork rates with high co-pays and deductibles?

Regardless of either assertion, below-cost payments and lawmaker efforts to force those same median in-network payment rates on out-of-network emergency ambulance services will be the final nail in the coffin of our failing EMS system.

Your local ambulance is at the crossroads of a fiscal calamity that is rapidly spiraling into a public safety crisis. This calamity is a result of decades of below-cost payments for service from government programs (Medicare and Medicaid) and insurance companies, which since the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, now base their non-negotiable in-network payment rates on those programs.

Since 2002, we are reimbursed using a formula to annually determine payment rates that has absolutely no relationship to the costs of delivering this essential lifesaving, mandated service. Government health

DEREAMUS resent reasonable costs or even cover the provider's costs but nonetheless our entire reimbursement structure is now

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based on these payment levels. The result is your local ambulance service has seen the cost of readiness and response to your emergency rise 55 to

65 percent while payment for services rendered on that call during this same time has only risen 24 percent. No business can sustain such losses and remain viable. Additionally, Medicaid emergency 911 EMS services cost reimbursement should not be based on a "lineitem competition" in government budgets!

This is exacerbated by insurance companies that have cost-shifted their responsibility to their own beneficiaries through massive co-pays and deductibles. When patients are receiving out-of-network bills to collect their \$100 to \$250 co-pay or a bill for the entire amount of the ambulance bill because they have a \$6,000 to \$10,000 deductible, is it truly a "surprise medical bill" issue, or is it a "surprise insurance gap" issue because insurers lack transparency with their beneficiaries and do not cover a provider's

statutorily mandated reasonably necessary costs? EMS, like emergency phy-

sicians and the emergency department, is the safety net of the American health care system.

We are unique in the health care arena and mandated by law to respond and treat patients in an emergency. We are designated as an essential public service by the state government, yet payment for those services is grossly below the cost to provide the heavily regulated and technically advanced modern prehospital emergency medical treatment and transportation.

Today, the EMS system has fewer EMS services and available ambulances with fewer EMS providers leading to longer response times and a true access to care issue that may culminate in poor patient outcomes and total system failure.

We ask everyone to contact the governor and their state senator and representative to have emergency medical services exempted from any "surprise medical bill" legislation. Please contact them with urgency like your life may depend on it, because it just may.

Dean Bollendorf is president and Don DeReamus is legislative committee chairman of the Ambulance Association of Pennsylvania.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that the total economic cost of smoking is more than \$300 billion a year: nearly \$170 billion in direct medical care for adults and more than



"Legally Blonde" at a meeting of the Hummelstown Rotary Club on Feb. 26. Left, Matt Little as Professor Callahan sings "Blood in the Water." Below right, Madi Miduri as Paulette Buonofonte sings about Ireland.

# **'Legally Blonde' to take LD High School stage**

will present the musical "Legally Blonde" in the school auditorium at 7 p.m. March 5-7.

The show is based on the novel "Legally Blonde" by Amanda Brown and the 2001 film of the same name.

It tells the story of Elle Woods, a sorority girl who enrolls at Harvard Law School to win back her ex-boyfriend. She discovers how

Lower Dauphin High School her knowledge of the law can help others, and successfully defends exercise queen Brooke Wyndham in a murder trial. Throughout the show, no one has faith in Elle, but she manages to surprise them when she defies expectations while staying true to herself.

Parental guidance is advised as some material may be in appropriate for children 13 and younger. The cast has more than 65 students. Senior Emma McQuinn has the lead role of Elle. Caiden Covell is Emmett Forrest; Cameron Snelbaker is Warner Huntington III; Matthew Little is Professor Callahan; Madi Miduri is Paulette Buonofonte; Sophia Ditty is Vivienne Kensington; and Olivia Meyers is Brooke Wyndham. The dance co-captains are Dale Sanders and Olivia Meyers. Jacob Pegher is the student director. Other seniors in

the show include Richie Johnson, Amy Miller, Mauricette Musser, Devin Roth and Ben Sierer.

Call 717-566-5393 for ticket prices and to order. A sneak preview for senior citizens was planned for Wednesday,

March 4, following a complimentary breakfast. The performance on Friday, March 6, will feature a dinner before the show to benefit the Lower Dauphin Falcon Foun-

dation. The deadline has passed to reserve tickets for the dinner.

Kevin Strawser is the director, Elizabeth Colpo is vocal director; Rushard Dennisis choreographer; Marie Weber is orchestra director; Michael James is technical director; Bryan Strawser is stage manager; Lisa Ditty is costume coordinator; Beth Wappman is makeup artist; and Val Stricker is producer.



## Gasoline prices in area drop, down 3.8 cents

Harrisburg gas prices fell 3.8 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$2.60 Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 241 stations

Gas prices in Harrisburg are 1.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and 1.8 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

The cheapest station in Harrisburg was \$2.47 while the most expensive was \$3.09. The lowest price in the state was \$2.25 while the highest was \$3.12. The cheapest price in the country was \$1.69; the most expensive was \$4.89.

The national average price of gasoline fell 6.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.41. The national average is down 4.4 cents per gallon from a month ago and is 1.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

The most expensive gas price in Harrisburg on March 1 in the last10 years was \$3.77 in 2012. The cheapest was \$1.88 in 2016.

Neighboring areas and their prices include: Lancaster: \$2.57, down 7.8 cents per gallon from last week. Reading: \$2.60, down 6 cents. York: \$2.49, down 11.2 cents.

# Lower Dauphin Middle School releases 2nd-quarter honor rolls

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

#### **Distinguished Honor Roll**

Grade 6: Audrey Adams, MaKenna Anderson, Riley Beers, Katherine Bird, Graydon Blesh, Jake Bloomer, Luke Brown, Anthony Bruno, Matteo Cangialosi, Eliana Carter, Zaccary Cooke, Campbell Craig, Teagan Crozier, Cole Duffy, Jordan Dupler, Kyleigh Eisenhour, Elise Farling, Kristen Flanagan, Makayla Fullerton, Olivia Fureman, Sadie Giampetro, Nolan Gordon, Carter Gundy, Makenna Haldeman, Sebastian Heagy, Hannah Helmer, Corbin Hoffmaster, Ada Howard, Sophia Howes, Sarah Jones, Emma Kessler, Kylie Kuo, Tracy Lin, Grace Lindsay, Olivia Mahler, Lila Markowitz, Parker Marshall, Emily Miller, Avery Moran, Matidza Muthambi, Herth Patel, Ananya Patil, Mia Pegher, John Prigodich, Rishi Reddy, Hannah Richmond, Evan Rietheimer, Torree Robertson, Lucas Rodemaker, Dawson Rodney, Deyanara Rodriguez, Nathan Rose, Casey Sanders, Hannah Sanson, Ashley Sather, Eva Sherman, Isabelle Simpson, Isabella Smith, Norah Taylor, Jeremiah Tylwalk, Alex Wagner, Bryson Weisman, Carissa Wenner, Lily Youngling, and Avery Yuncker. Grade 7: Tamilore Bello, Tavian Boone, Jordan Braman, Collin Brinser, Adriana Brooks, Matilda Carver, Chloe Chang, Tyler Davis, Giana DeCampos, Mason Dissinger, Ashley Economopoulos, Kylie Eismann, Faith Fausnight, Kenneth Frost, Samantha Gallick, Owen Giampetro, Evy Gray, Christian Grow, Lauren Gula, Alexis Hengst, Cheyenne Henry, Addison Hess, Adalaide Hickey, Katelyn Horwitz, Virginia Huntzinger, Victoria Irwin, Ashley Jilek, Laney Johns, Ryan Korn, Suhas Kothuru, Alexia Kouletsis, Dylan Kreiss, Grayson Kunkel, Daphne Linn, Hunter Meyers, Elias Miller, Addison Misiolek, Owen O'Hara, Brayden Raynes, Brady Rohrbaugh, Maddox Rooney, Bethany Snavely, Ellyana Snyder, Lauren Stine, Maura Tressler, Elizabeth Tylwalk, Kate Wallace, Jacob Walsh, Holly Wealand, Addison Whitmyer, Madison Whritenour, and Lillian Zabolotny. Grade 8: Liliana Albarano, Alyssa Amspacher, Greta Bretz, Ella Clark, Carolyn Clouser, Brady Coonelly, Jordan Dormer, Benjamin Dotts, Enzo Dreon, Ethan Duff, Caleb Eisenhour, Michael Estes, Nicole Estes, Grace Flickinger, Abigail Foran. Madeline Foreman, Nicolas Fry, Michael Fure, Emilia Garibay-Romero, Arun Gopinath, Sarah Gourley,

McKenzie Grady, Kylie Houser, Silas Howard, Jaxon Jones, Ethan Kurtz, Victoria Kutz, Lillian Linnell, Ava Masorti, Kathleen Mauger, Alek Mc-Glaughlin, Munachiso Mmuo, Anne Nelson, Peter Otto, Jainee Patel, Grace Peterson, Cassidy Piegzik,

Matthew Foerster, Vera Fombu, Samantha Fullerton, Jaime Gallick, Ella Giannascoli, Julia Goss, Carter Gourley, Nathaniel Hartz, Wesley Heagy, Noah Heath, Alena Henning, Brady Hofsass, Autumn Howarth, Olivia Jayne, Alexandra Jones, Brenna Killian, Ashlyn LaGray, Alyssa Langan, Conner Lanman, Madison Lehr, Adam Little, Dylan Luttrell, Aubrey McClure-Sherrick, Emma McConnell, Carter McQuiddy, Chloe Miller, Landon Miller, Stella Mistelske, Jaxon Monroig, Danielle Murphy, Ewen Murphy, Meghan O'Brien, Cassidy O'Donnell, Elle Osevala, Lauryn Parcon, Reini Patel, Skylynn Phillippy, Anneliese Pich, Ursula Raab, Jacob Ray, Nelida Rodriguez, James Rogers, Zoey Rohrbach, Lucia Schertzer, Olivia Schwenk, Kate Smith, Brendan Snyder, Aubrey Subbio, Kellen Taggart, Lucas Tang Sing, Edward Tran, Brenna Tressler, Owen Tucker, Brayden Waiter, Layla Wallace, Kate Weaver, Beatrice Yingst, and Juliet Youngbluth. Grade 8: Amber Abela, Taylor Atkinson, Adriana Balisnomo, Kyle Barber, Mason Barrick, Skylar Baumgardner, Austin Bechtel, Shania Bennetch, Ainsley Black, Angela Bouch, Braden Boyer, Ryan Brinkley, Isaiah Bruce, Eliyah Bulgrien, Logan Chiara, Dylan Davidick, Brett DeBell, Abigail DeSantis, Evan Dupler, Cadyn Eismann, Jana Elsaid, Griffin Erney, Ryan Fellin, Jordan Fink, Collin Fischer, Samuel Frank, Aaron Gingrich, Hunter Gundy, Megan Haines, Kaley Haldeman, Thomas Hanft, Connor Hanula, Trey Harper, Connor Hassinger, Abigail Helmer, Abdi Henry, Alexis Hill, Kaitlyn Hoffman, Zachary Johnson, Alexander Jones, Vincent Jones, Ty Kephart, Braylee Klinger, Taylor Korczynski, Clayton Koser, Isaac Landis, Sydney Laubach, Lorenzo Lentini, Camryn Long, Lusvin Lopez Murcia, Quinn Madden, Jacob Mader, Megan Mayberry, Madison McGuigan, Cali Mease, Lucas Millar, Ty Millhimes, Maria Neves, Emily O'Donnell, Adrian Olweiler, Haley Osborne, Kaden Panaro, Grace Pankake, Erich Parker, Logan Pedersen, Tyler Perales, Tyler Persing, Madison Pho, Andre Piermattei, Giulia Piermattei, Avery Pollock, Ria Reddy, Alivia Reed, Arminda Rhodes, Drake Risser, Trinity Rist, Sammey Rizk, Natalie Rose, Connor Roth, Joshua Sanchez-Ortiz, Natalie Sauder, Aidan Scherer, Liam Seitz, Zachary Simpson, Tanmay Singh, Gabrielle Snedeker, Audrey Soriano, Ryder Stahl, Meredith Stoe, Ellyse Stumpf, Spencer Sweigart, Grace Turjan, Logan Vedder, Sienna Veith, Nikolai Wagner, Grace Walsh, Nathaniel Wappman, Ella Weaver, Emily Weaver, Bailey White, Nathaniel Wolfe, Selin Yalcinanahtar, Megan Zerbe, and Laurel Zubler.

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