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Elks Theatre grant voted down — twice

Council decides it doesn't want to match \$500,000 in renovation funding from state

By Dan Miller
Press And Journal Staff

Within less than one week, Middletown Borough Council twice voted to reject the state's offer of a \$500,000 grant to help renovate and reopen the Elks Theatre, most likely as a multi-user performing arts center.

The objections of the four councilors voting against accepting the state grant centered on concerns that the borough would ultimately have to use tax dollars — or even be forced

into a tax increase — to come up with the rest of the money that would be needed to reopen the theater.

The vote tally was the same — 4-2 — at both council's Nov. 15 meeting and then again on Monday, Nov. 21, after Council President Ben Kapenstein had called a special meeting to present new information that Kapenstein hoped would convince council that the Elks Theatre project could be done with a minimum amount of tax dollars, perhaps none at all.

However, Kapenstein himself declined to

guarantee that no tax dollars would ever be needed.

"It's impossible to say if the borough could do this without taxpayer money," Kapenstein said on Nov. 21. "There's no way we can say for certain this will not require cash from the borough."

Council Vice President Damon Suglia, who both times voted against accepting the grant, said "I'm voting from my heart with a taxpayer point of view. I want the Elks to be revitalized but not at taxpayer expense, so my vote is no."

Suglia on both nights was joined in rejecting the grant by fellow councilors Dawn Knull, Ian Reddinger and Robert Reid.

Councilor Diana McGlone joined Kapenstein in voting to accept the grant. Council's seventh member, Anne Einhorn, has recused herself from the Elks Theatre issue as her husband, Gordon, is on the board of directors of Friends of the Elks Theatre, the nonprofit organization that since August 2015 has had a proposal before the borough to lease the theater and operate it.

Council's vote slamming the door on accepting the \$500,000 state grant leaves the future of the Elks Theatre more uncertain and in doubt than ever before.

"In my humble opinion the Elks Theatre project is pretty much dead," Kapenstein said after the



Kapenstein

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Photo by Jodi Ocker

Members of the Middletown Blue Raiders football team celebrate their District III championship on Thursday night at Hersheypark Stadium, after they defeated Wyomissing 48-20. The team will move on to the state quarterfinals vs. Scranton Prep on Friday. See full coverage in Sports, pages B1-B2.

Hotel, coffee shop at Amtrak station?

Developer will have big say in timeline, what will be built

By Dan Miller
Press And Journal Staff

There could be a coffee shop at the site of the new Amtrak train station in Middletown, and other types of commercial businesses.

There could be a hotel, and even a parking garage. Much of this appears to depend upon the private company or developer that the state — the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation — ends up hiring to build major parts of the long-awaited station project.

PennDOT on Nov. 16 hosted a visit to the train station site along West Main Street for private companies that are interested in getting the contract to partner with the state in developing the station.

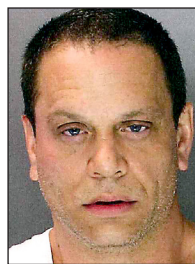
On Dec. 16 a "statement of qualifications" is due from these interested companies regarding the Middletown train station project, PennDOT says.

PennDOT didn't say when the state will select and award a contract to this private company. However, work on the train station itself is to start late in 2018.

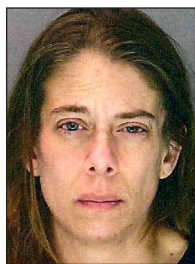
The entire train station project is to be finished and opened to the public sometime in 2020 or 2021, PennDOT Deputy Secretary for Multimodal Transportation Toby Fauver told the Press And Journal on Nov. 16.

In the meantime, the work to prepare the site for construction of the station — and whatever

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Carrera



Smith

After chase, arrests made in Hardee's carjacking

By Eric Wise
Press And Journal Staff

The couple wanted in connection with a Nov. 13 carjacking at Hardee's in Middletown was captured after a police chase in which the male suspect was driving more than 100 mph above the speed limit, according to court records.

That chase ended in a wreck in Swatara Township on Nov. 16, police said. The arrest came only after the couple eluded authorities in another high-speed chase the day before.

Middletown police have charged Lisa Dawn Smith, 45, of the 100 block of East Main Street, Hummelstown, with conspiracy-robbery of motor vehicle, and both felony and misdemeanor counts of conspiracy-theft by unlawful taking.

Alfred Charles Carrera II, 44, of Hummelstown, was charged with robbery of motor vehicle, two counts of theft by unlawful

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Press And Journal photo by Dan Miller

Middletown resident Lisa Godshall (seated, gesturing) makes a point to David Botero (standing, right) and others during the crime/neighborhood group meeting on Nov. 16.

Crime meeting focuses on what you can do to help fight problem

By Dan Miller
Press And Journal Staff

There's a lot that Middletown residents can do to help police prevent and fight crime throughout the borough.

Most of it costs nothing or very little, in terms of money. But it does require effort — perhaps a lot of effort — as well as "persistence and accountability," said David Botero, community relations coordinator for the Harrisburg Bureau of Police.

• The next community meeting about crime and forming a neighborhood group will be held 6 p.m. on Thursday Dec. 15 at Rescue Fire Hall at 600 S. Union St.

Botero — described by Middletown Police Chief John Bey as the "guru" of neighborhood crime watch programs — was the invited guest speaker on Nov. 16 for the first of three public meetings being held in Middletown on how residents can develop their own

neighborhood groups. If you missed Botero on Nov. 16, you can catch him during the next community meeting on crime

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Interviews to replace board member to be held in private

Lawyer says actions to pick Mehaffie's successor in Lower Swatara should be open to the public

By Eric Wise
Press And Journal Staff

Two Lower Swatara Township commissioners are interviewing candidates to replace board member Tom Mehaffie in private — a process that legal counsel for the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association said must be done in public.

Mehaffie, whose term runs through 2017, was elected to represent the 106th District in the House on Nov. 8. He ran unopposed in the general election. He announced Nov. 16 that he is resigning from his seat on the board of commissioners effective Nov. 30.

Commissioners Laddie Springer and Todd Truntz are holding separate screening interviews with Dennis Fauser, Benjamin Hall and Ron Paul, the three who have applied to the township for the opening.

Paul told the Press And Journal that the interviews are to be held Nov. 28.

The commissioners agreed that a private interview will make it a more "friendly process" for the candidates, Truntz said.

"It's so somebody's not on the spot in front of the public," he said.

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Donuts with Dad

Dozens of dads brought their sons and daughters to school early Nov. 16 at Londonderry Elementary School for “Donuts with Dads.”

The Parent Teacher Association sponsored the annual event, which moved from the end of the school year to November this year to avoid holding it close to the date of Muffins with Moms, which is typically in May.

Dads could buy their children raffle tickets for prizes that included gift cards to the Palmyra Pharmacy and Texas Roadhouse, a voucher for Harrisburg Senators tickets, a Bass Pro Shop weather clock, four front-row seats to the school’s holiday concert and a chance to be principal for a day.



Press and Journal Photos
by
Eric Wise



Keating selected to join Middletown School Board

Middletown Area School Board during its Monday, Nov. 21, meeting voted to appoint Brian Keating of Lower Swatara Township to the board to replace Michael S. Richards of Royaltown, who resigned from the board on Oct. 24.

Keating, of the 1000 block of Butter Churn Road, was one of five district residents who applied to fill the seat. The others were Michael Knaub of the first block of Mountain View Road in Lower Swatara Township, Darnell Montgomery of the 1700 block of Lakeside Drive in Lower Swatara Township, Jennifer Brown-Sweeney of the 1800 block of O'Hara Lane in Lower Swatara Township, and Julie Gomboc-Turyan of the 900 block of Adelia Street in Middletown.

Montgomery and Keating were both nominated by members of the school board, with the vote going 4-2 for

Keating.

Members voting for Keating were Mike Corradi, Christopher Lupp, Jennifer Scott and Linda Mehaffie.

Board members President Newton Davis and Vice President David John both voted for Montgomery. Board members Mel Fager and Terry Gilman were absent.

A second vote was taken because by law five votes are needed to appoint a new member. Davis and John both changed their vote to support Keating to make it unanimous, 6-0.

Richards had resigned unexpectedly after serving on the board for 21 years. He had been reelected in 2015.

Keating will now serve through November 2017. Voters in 2017 will choose who serves out the remaining two years of Richards' term through the end of 2019.

— Dan Miller

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vote. "If we are going to turn down \$500,000 ... to me I don't know what the future of the building is. I have no idea."

Suglia favors putting the Elks Theatre on the market, as is.

"Put it up for sale. We have to move on," said Suglia, who was not present at the meeting but participated and voted via a teleconference connection.

But Suglia earlier in the meeting said that he had taken potential investors through the theater and had offered to "give it to them for \$1." None of them would take him up on the offer, saying they could not make any money on the theater, Suglia said.

"It's not a good investment for us as a borough," he said. "If I'm not willing to put my own money in I won't put taxpayer (money) in. It's just not worth it to me."

Kapenstein had opened the Nov. 21 meeting by reporting on two frenetic days he had in the proceeding week trying to come up with a way to make the Elks Theatre project work without using tax dollars.

He said that the state could use the appraised value of the entire Elks Building to meet the requirement that the borough put up its own \$500,000 to match the grant.

The improvements that Tattered Flag has made to the rest of the building as part of its craft brewery/distillery brew pub project meant that the appraised value would easily exceed the \$500,000 matching requirement, Kapenstein told council.

That left two other big questions remaining to be answered — how much would it cost to renovate and reopen the theater, and from where would the money come beyond the \$500,000 state grant.

The answer to the first question — or at least what appears to be the most definitive answer thus far — was provided by Gordon Einhorn, who said that according to A.P. Williams, the contractor working for Tattered Flag, it would cost \$1.14 million to complete the Elks Theatre project.

But the answer to the second question — where the money would come from — remained elusive.

Council earlier this year created a special fund toward the Elks Theatre project. Council had pledged to the fund all proceeds from sale of the McNair House property on the northeast corner of North Union and East Emaus streets, as well as \$50,000 in revenue to come in from a cell tower lease over the next two years.

Beyond that, Reid had proposed borrowing \$300,000 over the next 10 years and pledging proceeds from the cell tower lease to pay for it. Kapenstein was open to the idea, but Knull pointed out that AT&T could choose to terminate the lease, and borough Finance Director Bruce Hamer noted that the lease is only good for five years at a time.

Kapenstein also brought up the idea of applying toward the Elks Theatre some of the money that Tattered Flag is to pay back to the borough as part of the \$1.5 million loan package that Tattered Flag had received from the previous council and from the Industrial and Commercial Development Authority to transform most of the Elks Building into the still works.

But almost in the same breath Kapenstein acknowledged that relying on the money from Tattered Flag is "risky" in that it depends upon the ability of Tattered Flag to repay the loan on time.

For Reddinger, it all added up to "too many unknowns," he said, in casting his second vote against accepting the grant within a week.

Gordon Einhorn and several members of the audience earlier during the Nov. 21 meeting had pleaded with council to accept the grant, and in so doing spend the six months that the state would allow to formally apply for the money as time to explore all the possibilities regarding how to come up with the rest of the money.

Council accepting the grant would allow Friends of the Elks to go back to donors such as the Frey Trust, Exelon and others that Gordon Einhorn said had previously indicated they

would support contributing money to reopen the theater. He also noted that the previous council had already invested money into the theater to bring it up to code.

After the meeting, a dejected-sounding Gordon Einhorn echoed Kapenstein's earlier statement regarding the theater's uncertain future.

"By voting to reject the \$500,000 grant from the state borough council has, in all likelihood, killed the Elks Theatre after 105 years of continuous operation," Gordon Einhorn said in an emailed statement to the Press And Journal.

"Council shut down the theater in 2015 with a promise to the community that it would be refurbished and reopened," he said. "Despite that commitment and the investment of tens of thousands of taxpayers' dollars into the first phase of that project, they have now apparently decided to abandon the project."

"As the owner of the Elks Theatre building the borough, through its council, has a responsibility to devise a plan for the future of the building. Hopefully, it will be a plan that eventually leads to the theater being reopened. If it doesn't, the Elks Theatre, which could have once again been a vibrant center for the community, will be just one more blighted building in a downtown that already has too many shamefully neglected structures. A vacant and decaying Elks Theatre will be a constant reminder of what happens when our community leaders lack the vision to see what can be accomplished."

However Reddinger — as Knull had a week before — suggested that the community itself had refused to put its money where its mouth is when it comes to the theater.

A large number of residents had spoken in support of reopening the theater and had pledged putting their efforts behind doing so during a public meeting held on the Elks Theatre in the MCSO Building in July.

In the days prior to the meeting, Reddinger had publicly offered to transfer the Elks Theatre to Friends of the Elks for \$1.

The Friends group declined; Einhorn saying that the group had no desire to own the building.

Within weeks after the MCSO meeting Reddinger had proposed launching the fund to collect money for the theater — a move council supported — but had also proposed forming a committee to carry out the project.

"Nobody backed me up" on the committee, Reddinger reminded council and borough residents at the Nov. 21 meeting. He also noted that to date no money from the public has been donated to the Elks Theatre fund.

But resident Kay Wealand said that the onus for the lack of public response lies with the borough's own lack of leadership on the issue.

"The borough owns this building, the borough needs to take the lead to establish how you are going to do this," she said. "It should not be Joe Public's full responsibility to just come up with ideas."

McGlone agreed, saying that council has done nothing to move the project forward, at least in the eyes of the public.

"We never made a formal commitment of what we were going to do with that building. There was no public commitment made of what we were going to do with that building, no communication to the public about donations to be requested," she said. The grant would have been "the catalyst we have been waiting for to finally take action," McGlone said before her motion to accept the state grant was defeated.

Wealand contrasted the theater with the rest of the Elks Building — for which a previous council in 2015 had loaned Tattered Flag the \$1.5 million to complete its transformation of the space into the combined craft brewery/distillery and brew pub.

The Elks Theatre is "the heart and soul of this town," Wealand said. "We're at a prime time now with economic development and to let this go (the grant), it just seems to me that we are going to regret it down the road."

Robert Altier



Anthony L. Altier of Honesdale, Pa.

Robert E. Altier, age 79, of Freedom, passed away on Thursday, November 17, 2016 in the comfort of his own home, surrounded by his loving family.

Born December 2, 1936 in Montclair, N.J., he was the son of the late Anthony J. and Margery M. Schmidt Altier.

Bob was a graduate of Honesdale High School and went on to obtain his Bachelor's Degree in Management at the University of Scranton. Col. (Ret) Altier proudly served our country in the U.S. Army, including time in Germany and the Republic of Vietnam, from 1959 to 1969, receiving the Bronze Star for Combat Valor in 1967. He continued his service in the PA National Guard from 1975 to 1979 and in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1979 until his retirement in 1995. Bob retired as VP of Residential Lending at Dollar Bank. He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Cranberry Township. He enjoyed keeping up on current affairs, reading and traveling. Bob will be dearly missed and fondly remembered.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory; his wife, Joanne M. Hummel Altier; his sons, Mark R. (Benita) Altier of Prosser, Wash., and Matthew D. (Lori) Altier of Mandeville, La.; his daughter, Teresa A. (Wayne) Davis of Waxhaw, N.C.; his stepdaughter, Kimberly M. (Neil) Sheek Popkin of Pittsburgh; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and his brother,

In accordance with Bob's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral services. He will be inurned at Indian-town Gap National Cemetery at a later date to be determined by the family.

Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to the Boylan-Glenn-Kildoo Funeral Home, Inc., 130 Wisconsin Ave., Cranberry Twp., PA 16066.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Bob's memory to the Little Sisters of the Poor, 1028 Benton Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at www.boylandfuneralservices.com.

Melba Cooper



Melba "June" (Tryon/Campbell) Cooper, 87, of Lower Paxton Twp., passed away Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at Claremont Nursing and Rehab in Carlisle.

She was born in Houston, Texas on June 24, 1929 to the late Henry A. and Cecelia (Breland) Tryon. She was the widow of Granville Cooper Jr.

June and "Coop" were members of the Devonshire United Methodist Church. She was an avid league bowler, achieved the "600 Club" status, and bowled on a Pennsylvania State team.

June loved people. She had an amazing gift of encouragement and hospitality. She adored her family and friends and always put other's needs before her own. She instilled a love for music in her children. As a single mother, she raised five children on a waitress' income. Though money was tight, love was always abundant. She retired after 10 years from PA Department of Transportation. Despite the last nine years of physical pain, June continued to bless and encourage everyone that she met. Perhaps most important was her love for Jesus. We are comforted to know that she is now singing praises to Him.

Including her parents and husband, preceding her in death are her two brothers, Henry and Charles Tryon.

Surviving are daughters, Judy Brevik, Sharon Reed and husband

Craig, Cecelia Foreman and husband Ken, and Patti Carlson and husband Rick; son, Bruce Campbell; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life for June will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 7 p.m. at River of God Church, 747 Wertzville Rd., Enola, PA 17025.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: www.AG.org (enter code 2793875 for Doug/Brittany Favuzza) or www.rmhc-centralpa.org (Ronald McDonald House-Hershey).

Condolences/memories may be offered at: cremationsocietyofpa.com.

Arrangements by Cremation Society of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Richard White

Richard E. White, 86, of Middletown, followed his wife Mary (Zarate) White in death on November 13, 2016. He was the son of Frank and Anna Mae (Kurtz) White of Johnstown, born on February 6, 1930.

Following his graduation at Johnstown High School, he entered the military. He served 22 years in the Air Force before retiring, and continued working at the Naval Depot until 1992.

Surviving are his three children,

Deborah (White) Hoffman and spouse Ed of Dauphin, Richard C. White and spouse Kim of Middletown, and Steven White and spouse Carol, of Florida; three granddaughters, Chery Vieli of Dauphin, Kristy Shinn of Camp Hill, and Brandy Wiest of Lykens; seven great-grandchildren, Mason, Austin, Haley, Aiden, Mesa, Samantha and Curtis.

He will be laid to rest at Indiantown Gap.

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Hi Daddy,
I have exciting news, I will be on a trip to Puerto-Rico with my friend and her family from 11/20-11/27 (home on your birthday).
Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Birthday.
I love and miss you, my Guardian Angel.
Love, Brianna

Dear Mike,
Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Birthday. We all think about you every single day. We enjoy the happy memories together. You are gone from the earth, but live forever in our hearts.
Nanny Mae joined you on December 30, 2015. We know you are watching over us. Give her a big kiss from everyone. We love and miss her also.
We All Love and Miss You. God Be With You Till We Meet Again.
Barb, Brianna, Mom, Dad, Wally, Randy, Nannette, Keshia, Ali, Monica, Isabella, and Katie

Goldie Wright



Goldie M. Wright, 93, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on August 3, 1923 and was the loving daughter of the late Howard and Ella (Miller) Charles.

First and foremost, she loved caring for her family and was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister.

She was a devoted faithful member of Geyers United Methodist Church where she enjoyed attending services and working with the Easter Egg project. Goldie stayed busy with the activities she enjoyed such as, cooking, gardening, crocheting, senior bus trips, bingo, playing cards with family and friends and helping others. She served more than 50 years on the Londonderry Township Election Board as well as serving many years as the Judge of Elections.

She was a member of the Union Hose Co., Middletown and the Londonderry Fire Co. Auxiliaries.

In addition to her parents, Goldie was preceded in death by her husband, Francis Wright who passed in 1996, three brothers, Christian, David and Richard Charles, and a sister, Pauline Waters.

Goldie is survived by two daughters, Patricia S., wife of David Hoover of York, and Shirley W., wife of Wayne Merril Sr. of Lancaster; two sons, F. Robert Wright and his wife Cheryl of Middletown, and Thomas J. Wright and his wife Pixie of Lebanon; 10 grandsons, Wayne Merril Jr., who lived with her and was her caregiver, Stephen Wright, Michael Wright, Kyle Wright, Tyler Wright, Jamison Wright, Mark Hoover, Stephen Hoover, Keith Hoover, Daryl Hoover; eight great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ester Enck of Elizabethtown, and Betty Runkel of Florida; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A tribute to Goldie's life will be held on Friday November 25, 2016 at 11 a.m. at Geyers United Methodist Church, 1605 S. Geyers Church

Rd., Middletown, with Rev. Stevan Atanasoff and Rev. Donald Walters co-officiating. There will be a viewing from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the church.

Interment will be at Hillsdale Cemetery, Middletown.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made in Goldie's name to Geyers United Methodist Church for the caring and sharing committee, or Londonderry Fire Co., 2655 Foxianna Rd., Middletown, PA 17057.

The family has entrusted the care of the Matinchek Funeral Home, 260 East Main St., Middletown, PA with the funeral arrangements.

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



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Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Hogentogler

Couple united in marriage

Alexis Rae Graham and Ryan Wayne Hogentogler were united in marriage on Sunday, September 4, 2016 at Brick Gables in Lititz, Pa. The bride was given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Graham of Middletown, Pa. She is the granddaughter of Kenneth and Patricia Rabuck of Middletown, and the late Gail and Ruth Graham of Middletown. The groom is the son of Wayne Hogentogler and stepson of Susan Diener of Mountville, Pa. He is the grandson of Bud and Janet Hogentogler of Lancaster, Pa.

Samantha (Leeper) Abbott served as matron of honor.

Bridesmaids included Allison (Colton) Porter, Hollyn (Harner) Galbraith, Brittany Krodell, Lauren Washington and Brittany Shaffer. The flower girl was Lily Abbott, goddaughter of the bride. Brett Rhoads served as the best man. Groomsmen included Jared Hogentogler, Mitch Weaver, Jay Enoch, Austin Hinkle and Corey Schwerin. The ring bearer was Isaac Rhoads, godson of the groom.

The bride is a 2006 graduate of Lower Dauphin High School in Hummelstown, Pa. and a 2011 graduate of Penn State University. The groom is a 2004 graduate of Hempfield High School in Landisville, Pa. and a 2009 graduate of Millersville University.



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Happy Thanksgiving to all of you! May your tables be full of tasty food, and the chairs, with lovely friends and family. Let your hearts overflow with lots of love and grateful thoughts!

Please feel free to share your news with your neighbors by emailing or calling me. Enjoy this week and all the blessings that come with being a grateful people.

Did You Know?

The Thanksgiving holiday is rooted in English traditions dating from the Protestant Reformation.

The first Thanksgiving was a three day feast that started on Dec. 13, 1621. Plymouth Colony Gov. William Bradford organized a celebratory feast, inviting Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. The grateful Pilgrims wanted to thank God and celebrate with their Indian friends.

In 1789, following a proclamation issued by President George Washington, America celebrated its first Day of Thanksgiving to God under its new constitution. The first Thursday in November was chosen to be the regular day for giving thanks.

President Abraham Lincoln declared a national holiday of Thanksgiving in 1863. Credit for our annual national Thanksgiving Day is given to Sarah Josepha Hale (the author of “Mary had a Little Lamb”). In 1846, she started a one-woman campaign for this holiday. She promoted it for 17 years, writing letters to four presidents. Finally, Lincoln responded by declaring the last Thursday of the month as the Day of Thanksgiving.

In 1941, Congress permanently established the fourth Thursday of each November as the national holiday.

Birthdays

James Lake of Middletown celebrates his 19th cake day on Wednesday, Nov. 23. Best wishes, James.

Happy birthday greetings are sent to **Carol Fernback** of Lower Swatara on Wednesday, Nov. 23. Hoping your day is fantastic!

Jessica Knisely of Lower Swatara turns landmark 18 years old on Wednesday, Nov. 23. Congrats and enjoy!

Walter Balmer of Londonderry will hear the birthday song on Wednesday, Nov. 23. Hoping your 75th cake day is wonderful, Walter.

Jenna Abbott of Lower Swatara marks her last teener birthday on Nov. 23. If you see her on Wednesday be sure to give her a loud and peppy happy 19th shout!

Here is a shout-out to **Scott Lutzkanin** of Lower Swatara. He celebrates his 29th birthday, and Thanksgiving, on Thursday, Nov. 24. Enjoy your “and-holding” holiday, Scott.

Happy Sweet 16 beep-beep birthday-Thanksgiving to **Valerie Wilmath** of Middletown on Nov. 24. I hope Thursday is super-terrific!

Jennifer Houser of Lower Swatara surely will be celebrating on Thursday, Nov. 24 as she turns 44! Enjoy this special day, and I hope you get to kick back some!

Double-birthday greetings are sent to **Mike and Aaron Lupia** of Lower Swatara. They turn quarter-of-a-century old on Black Friday, Nov. 25. Enjoy some time off, guys. Happy birthday!

Jeff Witmer of Lower Swatara celebrates his high-five day on Friday, Nov. 25. Hope you have a wonderful holiday weekend!

Gus Burghdorf of Lower Swatara has 43 things to be thankful about on Friday, Nov. 25. Happy balloon-flying day to you, Gus!

Leah Rodic of Lower Swatara celebrates cake day No. 15 on Saturday, Nov. 26. Hoping your day is fun-filled, Leah.

Best wishes to **Patty Kuharic** of Lower Swatara on Sunday, Nov. 27. I hope your holiday weekend is full of rest and relaxation and a cake baked by George!

Ed Schoen of Lower Swatara marks his special holiday on Sunday, Nov. 27. I hope it is especially fun!

Happy frosty-filled day to **Kim Schoen** of Lower Swatara on Monday, Nov. 28. Make this whole week your birthday party time. Enjoy!

Happy cake and ice cream day to **Todd Houser Sr.** of Lower Swatara on Monday, Nov. 28.

Lori Eshenhour of Lower Swatara celebrates her snappy-happy birthday on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Lots of sunshine and smiles to you, Lori!

Happy 14th peppy happy birthday to Tehya Johnson of Middletown on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Have a ball and best wishes to you!

Citizen Quiz

- 1. What is Congress?
- 2. What is the introduction to the Constitution called?
- 3. Who elects Congress?

- 4. How many senators are there in Congress?
- 5. Who are the senators from Pennsylvania?

Anniversaries

Friday, Nov. 25 is romance day for **Ken and Dee Esterline** of Lower Swatara. Happy 21st anniversary to you both!

Joe and Jeanne Spagnolo Sr. of Lower Swatara were married on Nov. 26, 1960. Happy 56th anniversary and congratulations on Saturday!

Best wishes to **Shawn and Rosanna Tully** of Lower Swatara. They observe their 24th wedding anniversary on Monday, Nov. 28. Enjoy a beautiful day together.

Thanksgiving Menu

Unlike this week’s feast of turkey, stuffing, cranberry and so on, the original Thanksgiving most likely was this: seethed (boiled) lobster, roasted goose, boiled turkey, fricase of coney, pudding of Indian cornmeal with dried whortleberries, seethed cod, roasted duck, stewed pumpkin, roasted venison with mustard sauce, savory pudding hominy, fruit and Holland cheese.

Shelter Available

New Thing Community, 2285 W. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, will be providing overnight shelter for those in need on any night when the temperature is expected to be 40 degrees or below. Arrangements for this shelter can be made by contacting Pastor JoAnne Darrow at 717 512-4657.

Christmas Bazaar

St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, 121 N. Spring St., Middletown, will hold a Christmas Bazaar and indoor yard sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26.

The kitchen will be open for breakfast snacks, lunch, and bake sale items. In addition to the “yard sale,” come check out the Christmas Shop, Silent Auction and consignment area. For more information, call 717 944-4651 x-2.

Ladies Brunch

All women are invited to attend the Hershey Area Women’s Connection, affiliated with Christian Women’s Clubs of America, “The Spirit of Christmas” brunch at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7.

It will be held at the Spring Garden

Conference Center located on Spring Garden Drive in Lower Swatara Township. Patrice Whitson of Harrisburg will share “Pure Haven Essentials” and Caitlin Steel of Palmyra will be the soloist.

Jaqueline Kupp from Ambler will share “Mary Did You Know...,” a reflection on two women, their dreams and aspirations and how each handled the pain reality brings.

For reservations and information, call Edna at 717 652-0997 or Mary at 717 533-3497 or email hersheyawc@verizon.net by Dec. 2.

Thanksgiving

May your plate of turkey not contain a feather,

So that we may all enjoy the day together.

Thankful for more than we can say, Contentment is the gift for the truly blest today.

Quiz answers

- 1. The Senate and the House of Representatives
- 2. Preamble
- 3. The people
- 4. 100
- 5. Pat Toomey and Bob Casey

Quote of the Week

“Advice from the moon: Live life to the fullest. Be someone to look up to. Don’t be phased by difficulties. Take time to reflect. Enjoy a little space. Honor cycles of nature. Light up the night.”

— Anonymous

Question of the Week

Besides turkey, what do you like to have on Thanksgiving?

“Corn on the cob.” — **Olivia Snell**, 6, Hummelstown.

“Yams with butter and brown sugar. Actually, I am allergic to sugar.” — **Alexander Kelly**, 7, Swatara.

“Chocolate pumpkin pie.” — **Rose-Ann Yeich**, Middletown.

“Mashed potatoes and gravy. Pie with whipped cream.” — **Jameson Hoffman**, 4, Lower Paxton.

“Cranberry relish.” — **Donna Hoffman**, Lower Paxton.

“Pineapples.” — **Luca Ryan**, 2, West Hanover.

Proverb of the Week

The desire of the righteous ends only in good, but the hope of the wicked only in wrath (11:23).

Honor Roll announced at MAHS

The following is the first quarter Honor Roll for Middletown Area High School.

12th Grade

Distinguished Honor Roll

Mai Tuyet Dang, Elizabeth Ann DeVelin, Kelsey Vanessa Dworchak, James Thomas Fitzpatrick, Blake Cole Gill, John Dennis Hursh, Lydia Grace Hursh, Shannon Rebecca Reese, Rowan Sessa, Michelle Rene Shields, Erin Nicole Templeton

11th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll

Donovan Sleight Brady, Levi David Buckwalter, Zachary Adam Dailey, Rayshawn Dickey, Lene Aarvik Drevland, Thomas Charles Einolf, Sarah Ann Fluke, Shelby Grace Luther, Marissa Kathryn Redline, Kyle James Truesdale

10th Grade

Distinguished Honor Roll

Adriene Michelle Funck, Alexis Novalee Harmon, Sierra Aminata Kamara, Kaitlyn Joy-Lee Knaub, Ceajay Hope Lawrence, Duh Hnem Par, Aayushi Patel, Jade Elise Senior, Aiden Matthew Sessa, Clayton David Wagner, Kelly Williams, Lynnsey Marie Woodley

Ninth Grade

Distinguished Honor Roll

Nicole Renee Altland, Cassidy Rayne Anderson, Dylan Joseph Bakaric, Emily Rose Bivens, Daniel Scott Brenner, Megan Rose Burghdorf, Austin Nathaneal Dipofi, Dane Alexander Ebersole, Kathleen Hope Fitzpatrick, Cayla Miranda Garman, Kayla Faith Gutshall, Alexis Jameson Habbershon, Hailey Jean Hockenberry, Laura Jane Lakey, Jose Miguel Lopez-Quinones, Zachary Thaddeus Malay, Madalyne Grace

McGovern, Haven Shalice Miller, Makenna Racheal Redline, Anna Gene Shank, Isabella Marie Stillo, Angelina Rose Torres, Raymond Eric Truntz, Case Michael Woodley, Matthew Carter Wynkoop

12th Grade Honor Roll

Chantel Aundrea Boes, Abel Shedwick Botterbusch, Jacob Dawson Brandt, Joshua Neil Brown, Nikol Lee Burrows, Mitchell Bryce Carson, Gabriella Anne Carter, Anissa Melina Cruz, Riley Margaret Elhaji, Megan Ann Fasnacht, Edwin Emilio Figueroa, Aaron James Fischer, Jarod Riley Frekot, Carlos Daniel Frias, Connor Mathew Gambini, Rachel Ellen Gantz, Brandi Nichole Gaumer, Nathaniel George Gingrich, Tyler Allen Glaser, Cole Tyler Golden, Ian Drury Guckavan, Donna Lynn Gudowski, Bianca Hazel Jasper, Jevon Lionel Kanhai, Tauren Alexus Kleinfelter, Ian Matthew Knaub, Jessica Taylor Knisely, Gabrielle Paige Krupilis, Hunter Michael Landis, Kyle Michael Landis, Ricki Jo Lear, Trey Anthony Lebo, Michael Scott Mattes, Marisa Lynn Mayhew, Brittany Lee McGuire, Trey Dallas Michal, Brandon Kyle Miller, Kelly Renae Moyer, Luke Rodney Mrakovich, Kylee Alexus Nester, Ethan Joshua Newton, Malik Anthony Noon, Caleb Amos Ocker, Eduardo Antonio Ortiz, Xavier Antonio Ortiz, Celeste Lamannix Osayi, Ellen Jaritza Perez, Cortney Nichole Quaca, Jasmine Maria Rivera, Serena M. Rizk, Jessaca Michaela Rusnov, Kelton Dean Scheaffer, Wyatt Campbell Smith, Chase Michael Snavely, Thomas Richard Staker, Braedon Thil Thomas, Kayla Lynn Warhola, Laron Stanley Woody, Dylan Bradley Zimmerman, Noah Lee Zimmerman, Riley Christine Zimmerman

11th Grade Honor Roll

Eric Aidoo, David Paul Alcock, Ashley Marie Barni, Jan Carlos Javier Battistini, Zoey Renee Bright, Nicholas Mark Cowan, Leandra Ines Cruz, Bethany Elizabeth Detweiler, Breanna Elaine Ebersole, Kayla Marie Finsterbush, Lara Sophie Franz, Matthew William Frehse, Madison Sarah Garber, Adrienne Elizabeth German, Caitlyn Rebecca Gingrich, Tierra Jeanne Golden, Emily Christian Hatcher, Alexandra Grace Hernandez, Jordina Christian Arlene Hughes, Ryan Christopher Hughes, Kenneth Charles Hutchins, Jacob Oluwadara Ademide Idowu, Julia Ann Johns, Maryssa Ann Kemmerling, Morgan May Kennedy, Jared Michael Knaub, Alexcia Nickole Kolish, Mitchell William Lee, Thomas Andrew Lee, Keely Ann Lombardi, Aaron Lamm McDevitt, John Kapetula McDevitt, Jaden Tyler Mendenhall, Daniel Alejandro Mercado, Grayson Robert Meyer, Morgen Kelly Miller, Steven Craig Mosher, Jerrod Kristopher Myers, Nathaniel Patrick Nelson, Makaila Elizabeth Nester, Dylaila Esther Nieves Ubiles, Richa Sanjay Patel, Christian Lamont Plummer, Taina Raelyne Sanabria, Kyle David Shatto, Amir Jabari Simmons, Zachary Scott Souders, Jacob Mitchell Spear, Alasia Capri Stevenson, Nyasia Marie Stevenson, Alayna Hope Thomas, Daren Samuel Waters, Joan J. Weintraub, Gabriel Ryan Wisniewski, Walter Glenn Yost

10th Grade Honor Roll

Tamia Jalesta Abreu, Hayli Grace Akakpo-Martin, Ryan Dennis Berstler, Kashea Elizabeth Louise Brown, Anna Katherine Buffington, Riley Eliot Favinger, Devon Marie Finsterbush, Alexandria Marie Fish, Arieanna Denise Gamble, Mason David Garza, Ivan Michael Henderson, Angela Elisabeth Hernandez, Terrance Duane Jefferson, Keasia Jamir Jeffries, Kayla Danielle Jorich, Alexandria Noel Kennedy, Benjamin Edward Knisely, Jocilyn Aliana Koser, Devin Dakar

Lee, Edgar Ricardo Lopez, Chandler Lee Martin, Adrianna Lynn Martinez, Hunter David Martnishn, Ethan William Miller, Shelby Jean Miller, Cameron Joseph Parkhill, Christopher James Reed, Melanie Rentas, Hunter Dylan Rinier, Cole Joseph Senior, Jaxson Taylor Senior, Elijah Iziah Smith, Abrielle Catherine Spagnolo, JAMESA Jennifer Thomas-McDonald, Jesse Nicholas Bosch Van Eik, Valerie Anita Wilmath, Hannah Paige Wilsbach, Abigail Marie Wisniewski, Noah Thomas Yeich, Sophia Alexis York

Ninth Grade Honor Roll

Macy Taylor Appleby, Halsey James Batten, Kaylee Elizabeth Bloom, Emily Sarah Brown, Jacob Cole Buffington, Paige Elizabeth Burger, Tristan Jason Cassidy, William Elton Cleland, Larraye Ellis Pearl Donicker, Jordyn Elise Dupes, Cassandra Jill Ebersole, Casandra Marie Eckert, Luke Alexander Fegley, Tyler Jacob Fuller, Leilani Ann Fulmer, Caroline Julianna Gill, Conner Avery Golden, Kiera Anne Guckavan, Destiny Marie Gutshall, Benjamin Patrick Hursh, Jace Anthony Imler, Aniyah Renee Michelle Johnson, Alexia Nicole Jorich, Christopher Sherman Joseph, Camden James Kell, Timothy James Kleinfelter, Shawnee Lee Kuhns, Connor Charles Leiby, Victoria Rosa Lopez, John Duane Lopiparo, Hunter William Marshbank, Alyssa Ann Martz, Lindsey Marie Miles, Garrett David Miller, Jaden Michael Miller, Miranda Kay Molander, Trevor Joseph Myers, Kaitlyn Michelle Nolt, Kaden Ann O’Rourke, Szekery Alexander Panza, Vidhi Kirankumar Patel, Andrea Marie Rivas, Camryn Noelle Russ, Marie Grace Schopf, Talia Shanai Scott, Courtney Christine Shaffer, Matthew Scott Spangler, Joseph Thomas Spear, Caleb Bretz Springer, Kendall Renee Stiffler, Mason Douglas Stoltzfus, Lyniese Stasia Thomas, Celia Rose Villegas, China Nevaeh Williams, Justin Daniel Yohn, Noelle Nicole Zimmerman

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CRIME

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in Middletown that is being held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at the Rescue Fire Hall on South Union Street.

Botero also will be at the third meeting, although a date for that session has not been set yet.

The series of community meetings has been set up by borough Councilor Dawn Knull, working with Bey. Knull said residents are concerned about what they see as an increase in crime in the borough, and they want answers regarding what to do about it.

Botero — who thinks of himself as a “professional neighbor” — said there’s no one model for what a neighborhood crime watch group should be.

He works with 22 different neighborhood groups throughout all parts of Harrisburg. Some cover a whole neighborhood, some just part of one small street. They all have different names — many of which don’t include the words “crime” or “watch” — such as Neighborhood Action Group, Capital Area Neighbors and Riverside United Neighbors.

The most successful have regular meetings — although the meetings can be held anywhere, such as in a place of worship, a library, or at a house.

Another thing that the groups have in common is that they were all started by one — or a few — dedicated people, in the same sense that it takes one “crazy person” to get a wave started in the crowd at a big sporting event.

“It takes that one person or group of people to get people involved, and

keep it going,” Botero said.

A group starts with one person going around and knocking on doors, Bey said. “Maybe you will only get one person but stay at it and be persistent. Before you know it the word will get out” and the group grows.

Neighborhood Action Group was started by one woman who, working with Botero, got six people from her neighborhood to show up at a meeting at a church. Now the group has regular meetings in a library and usually at least 25 people show up.

Some of the groups perform the same function that the old “Welcome Wagon” used to do. Botero mentioned one group on Zarker Street in Harrisburg where a committee welcomes all new residents with a basket of cookies or fruit, and contact information for how to join the group.

The same group is known to have its meetings in front of a house that may be causing an issue on the street — such as taking up too many parking spaces.

“They send out an email that says we’re meeting in front of Katy’s house. They get their chairs and sit right outside and they invite you to their meetings, because they are going to be talking about you,” Botero said. “Is it right, is it wrong, is it appropriate? I don’t know. Does it work? Yes.”

About 20 borough residents came to the Nov. 16 meeting at Liberty Fire Hall on Adelia Street — maybe not much in a town of close to 9,000 people. They were joined by Mayor James H. Curry III — who live-streamed the meeting for the Internet on his phone

— and several Middletown Police Department officers.

“This is a huge group,” Botero said. “We’ve had groups as small as one, and bigger groups like Friends of Midtown” with as many as 90. “The number of people that come to a meeting does not define the success or effectiveness of a meeting, by any means.”

Most of the time when the groups meet they don’t talk about crime, per se, but about “quality of life” issues — a subject that Bey has been talking about a lot lately regarding Middletown.

Quality of life issues are things that, left unattended, can create the opportunity for crime to occur.

“I’m not going to say that we don’t talk about crime because it does come up, but it’s not the shootings and it’s not the rapes,” Botero said. “What it is is my streetlight is out, there’s a pothole, what can we do about getting a cross walk or a stop sign or a speed bump. That’s about 90 percent of it.”

Many of these concerns end up getting funneled to Botero, who as liaison with the groups then forwards the concern to the appropriate person or body within the police department.

The issue can also end up going to the city codes department, if it has to do with blight, because codes can often accomplish more in this regard than police can, Botero said. A neglected blighted property might as well be the same as putting out a big sign that reads “Criminals Welcome Here.”

Some groups in Harrisburg have volunteers who patrol where they live. In other cases, the groups just

rely on regular people who are out doing regular things, like dog walkers.

“They are out every day,” Botero said. “They can tell you that this person in this house is on vacation, this person should be at work, whose car is that, this person’s mail is not being picked up. There’s an abandoned home with squatters over there. This street light is flickering. We haven’t seen this guy for awhile — can you go in and see if he’s dead?”

Or it can be as simple as one Middletown woman at the meeting who a few years ago, concerned about what she was convinced was drug activity near her house at Main and Spring streets, started making a habit of just standing outside at the right time.

“I don’t see it (drug activity) any more because I go out at night. When I see something happening I go out and I look and I make it known that I’m watching. I pretend like I’m taking pictures of something,” the woman said.

Bey cited the woman as just one small example of what a neighborhood group can accomplish.

“She’s already doing it,” he said.

How many neighborhood groups should there be in Middletown? That’s up to the residents, but the town is way too big for just one, Bey said.

“We couldn’t have one big crime watch program that responds effectively to the individual needs of Oak



Bey

Hill or down in the First Ward or other wards,” the chief said. “It’s going to be incumbent upon you as community members to take back your respective neighborhoods. This is really the essence of community policing — it’s the community policing its own community.”

Resident Lisa Godshall said she used to be part of a neighborhood crime watch group when she lived in West Allentown.

“It was amazing,” she said.

She moved to Middletown about a year and a half ago to be closer to her grandson. She was assaulted after moving to the borough.

“I was shoved into a dumpster. I had a black eye, it was traumatizing. The officers of Middletown were there within minutes. They literally held my hand,” Godshall said.

She and other residents often don’t want to call police because they don’t want to bother them. But Middletown residents and police need to come together to fight crime.

“We need a dialogue between the people and the men and women who wear the badge to say, ‘What can we do to help you?’” Godshall said.

Bey agreed, saying it doesn’t do any good when something happens and people post about it on Facebook and don’t call police.

“We can’t do Facebook investigations,” he said. “If you think you are bothering us, you’re not. This is why we put the uniform on. That’s why you pay us. If you see suspicious people if you see something out of sorts, don’t post it on Facebook. Call and have an officer respond.”

Town Topics



News & happenings for Middletown and surrounding areas.

Press And Journal offices closed Thursday

The Press And Journal office and plant will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. We will reopen at 8 a.m. Friday, Nov. 25.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

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Bingo blast coming to Hummelstown

Hummelstown Chemical Fire Company, 249 East Main St., Hummelstown, is sponsoring its Bingo Blast on Saturday, Nov. 26.

Doors open at 5 p.m., and bingo starts at 7.

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Middletown Holiday Home Tour is Dec. 10

The Middletown Holiday Home Tour, presented by the Middletown Area Historical Society, will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10.

Tickets are available prior to the tour at the Press And Journal office, 20 S. Union St., Middletown, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets are also available during tour hours at the Historic Museum, 29 E. Main St., which is tour site No. 1.

For more information visit www.MiddletownHoliday-HomeTour.com.

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Croll House Holiday Tea to be held Dec. 10

A Holiday Tea will be held at the historic Croll House, 163 W. Main St., Middletown, from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10.

There is a Holiday Tea and Home Tour ticket combo available.

There is limited seating, so call 930-0931 to reserve a seat or email Carole139@comcast.net.

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Kielbasa, perohi sale going on in Harrisburg

St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church, 5408 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, will hold a kielbasa and perohi sale from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and 14, and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 and 17. The sale will be in the Parish Hall.

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

STATION

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ultimately goes with it — is to be finished by May 2017.

Norfolk-Southern railroad is expected to start an estimated \$6.5 million in track work before the end of 2016, PennDOT says. An estimated \$4.3 million in track work that has to be done by Amtrak is expected to begin late next year.

As for the private company/developer that will be chosen, this entity “will develop, design, build, finance, operate and maintain parking facilities” that will provide at least 400 new parking spaces throughout an eight-acre tract to meet needs of the new Amtrak train station.

If the private company proposes a plan for commercial development upon the site — even something like a small hotel — a parking garage might be needed to make up for the loss of surface parking spaces that would be taken up by any new buildings, Fauver said.

The developer has to provide at least 400 spaces, but whether all those spaces are on a surface lot, or some of them in a parking garage, will be determined based on what the private developer proposes for the site, Fauver said.

The private company to be hired by the state will also be in charge of completing the extension of West Emaus Street to West Main Street as part of the train station project.

Middletown borough officials view extending West Emaus as vital to the ongoing downtown revitalization. The train station project also includes building a pedestrian bridge over West Main Street to make it easier for students at Penn State Harrisburg to get to the station — and to the downtown.

PennDOT has always referred to extending West Emaus as one of the last things to be done before the train station itself is finished.

But with the timetable to open the station now 2020 or even 2021, does the borough have to wait that long before

the street can be extended?

Ultimately, that too is a decision that will primarily lie with the private company that is hired by PennDOT, Fauver explained.

“I have not wanted to say we can open the road prior to the station being completed, although there is a possibility” that could happen, Fauver said. “It really depends on the area the contractor — the private company to be hired — ‘needs to do work.’”

“If a commercial developer comes in and wants to propose a plan that requires space for them to do work, we didn’t want to open a road to traffic and then have potential conflicts with traffic or pedestrians in an active contraction zone,” Fauver added. “If opening the road to traffic isn’t going to create a conflict then it is possible we could open the road early.”

“I just don’t want to tell someone we will open it in 2018 and then not meet the date because of some thing that happens, because we’ll get beat up over it,” Fauver said.



Press And Journal photo by Dan Miller

Elizabeth Bonini of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation leads a tour of representatives of private companies interested in developing the Middletown train station site on Nov. 16.

CARJACKING

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taking-moveable property and terroristic threats.

Carrera has been charged with retail theft and theft by unlawful taking-moveable property in Middletown and three counts of retail theft in Camp Hill. Carrera also was wanted in connection with driving a stolen Nissan truck prior to the theft of the Durango, authorities said.

A woman reported that while she was eating at Hardee’s on Main Street in Middletown at about 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, she noticed a couple, later identified as Carrera and Smith, as the only other patrons in the restaurant. Carrera walked up to her table from behind and took her wallet and keys that were on the table in front of her with her food, according to the affidavit filed with charges against Smith.

He then ran out the door to the woman’s 2006 Dodge Durango and yelled at Smith to get in, the affidavit said. The owner followed them to her vehicle, opened the door and demanded they get out of her car, the affidavit said. Carrera reached for the waistband of his pants and threatened to shoot her if she did not go away. The car owner said she did not see a gun, the affidavit said. They left in the Durango, heading east on Main Street.

Smith and Carrera were next seen at the Giant store along Route 39 in South Hanover Township at 3 a.m. Nov. 15, caught on surveillance video committing retail theft, said Middletown Police Sgt. Richard Hiester.

Carrera eluded police during a high-speed chase that began in Mount Joy, Lancaster County, Tuesday, Nov. 15, Hiester said. Carrera is alleged to have pushed a shopping cart of unpaid items, including laundry detergent, from a Giant store in Mount Joy prior to the chase, much as he is accused to have done previously in Middletown. He fled in the Durango toward Manheim, and police stopped pursuing him in the interest of public safety, Hiester said.

Carrera and Smith are believed to have shoplifted laundry detergent from at least five Giant stores in the area, Heister said.

A Penbrook police officer identified the Durango during a patrol in the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 16 in the borough, according to Chief David Hiester of Penbrook Police. This officer and others from nearby jurisdictions pursued Carrera.

“His efforts to escape were dangerous to anyone nearby,” David Hiester said. Swatara Township Police had

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Chief David Hiester of Penbrook Police

joined the pursuit, but broke off because of the dangerous conditions, according to Lt. Darrell Reider of Swatara Township Police.

The pursuit ended when Carrera crashed the Durango at 8:45 p.m. Nov. 16 at the intersection of Paxton Street and City Park Drive in Swatara Township. The Durango had stolen license plates on it, according to authorities.

David Hiester did not know whether Carrera and Smith were armed when they were captured.

Penbrook Police charged Carrera with aggravated assault by vehicle while driving under the influence, fleeing or attempting to elude police, receiving stolen property and flight to avoid apprehension, trial or punishment — all felonies. He was also charged with misdemeanors, including driving under the influence/general impairment, driving under the influence of a controlled substance, six counts of recklessly endangering another person, loitering and prowling at night time, accident involving damage attended vehicle/property and accidents involving death or personal injury.

For the chase, police cited him for exceeding the maximum speed limit by 102 mph, for failing to stop at nine red lights and seven stop signs, among 40 total traffic infractions.

Penbrook Police charged Smith with flight to avoid apprehension, trial or punishment and receiving stolen property, both felonies. She was also charged with use/possession of drug paraphernalia and loitering and prowling at night time, which are misdemeanors.

Smith faces retail theft charges for an incident in May in West Donegal Township, Lancaster County, four counts of retail theft from a September incident in Camp Hill, and a retail theft charge from October in Derry Township She was convicted of use/possession of drug paraphernalia stemming from an incident in April in Susquehanna Township.

After the accident, Carrera admitted to police that he and Smith had stolen soap from Giant stores and were involved in two police chases, the affidavit reported.

Carrera and Smith are being held in Dauphin County Prison.

BOARD

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All five commissioners verbally agreed to that process during the board’s Nov. 16 meeting.

Public process?

The commissioners did not announce any public meetings where the candidates will be considered. Mehaffie said Springer and Truntz will make a recommendation to the board within the 30 days as provided by law.

“Our solicitor said it’s OK,” Truntz said of the private meeting with less than a quorum of the board. He added that he confirmed this with another legal expert.

However, the media law counsel for the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association, Melissa Melewsky, said the process for replacing an elected official must be open.

“The interviews and discussions should be held at a public meeting,” Melewsky said. “The two appointed council members are acting as a committee, and committees are subject to the Sunshine Act. The law expressly prohibits executive sessions to discuss filling a vacancy in elected office.”

Truntz said following the interviews, the decision will come at a public meeting and the public will have an opportunity to comment. Jon G. Wilt, vice president of the commissioners, and Commissioner Michael Davies will have the opportunity to ask questions during the public meeting.

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media law counsel Melissa Melewsky

“The process of filling a vacancy should be as public as the typical election process,” Melewsky said. “The public is entitled to know who is seeking to fill an elected office and their qualifications. When council members step into the shoes of voters, they must conduct an open and transparent process.”

Three candidates

Dennis Fausey, Benjamin Hall and Ron Paul have applied to the township for the opening, Truntz said.

Paul retired in 2012 after 35 years of employment with the township, including 16 as township manager. He announced his interest in October.

Hall serves on the township’s code hearing board and in various capacities with local athletic organizations. Fousey, a retired salesman, said he considers Mehaffie to be “a man of

the people,” and he is the same type of guy.

“I knew his seat would be open, and I would like to follow in his footsteps,” Fousey said. “The direction (the commissioners) have taken the township is excellent.”

Fousey said he recognizes a need for commercial development in the township over residential because commercial properties put fewer demands on township services and contribute to the tax base. The township should also prepare for more recreation activities with bike lanes and hiking paths, he said.

Hall did not respond to the Press And Journal’s inquiries.

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BOROUGH OF ROYALTOWN
DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO. 241

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROYALTOWN, DAUPHIN COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR, 2017.
BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROYALTOWN, COUNTY OF DAUPHIN, PENNSYLVANIA:
THAT A TAX BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY LEVIED ON ALL PROPERTY WITHIN THE SAID MUNICIPALITY SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, 2017, AS FOLLOWS:
TAX RATE FOR GENERAL PURPOSES, THE SUM OF 3.575 MILS ON EACH DOLLAR OF ASSESSED VALUATION
TAX RATE FOR PARTIAL FUNDING OF FIRE APPARATUS, THE SUM OF 0.175 MIL ON EACH DOLLAR OF ASSESSED VALUATION.
THE SAME BEING SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS: TOTAL TAX RATE FOR ALL BOROUGH PURPOSES: 3.75 MILS.
THAT ANY ORDINANCE OR PART OF AN ORDINANCE CONFLICTING WITH THIS ORDINANCE BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY REPEALED INsofar AS THE SAME AFFECTS THIS ORDINANCE.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Lower Swatara, Dauphin County, intends to consider at their regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2016, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Township building located at 1499 Spring Garden Drive, Middletown, PA 17057, the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO.
AN ORDINANCE OF LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP,
DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING
APPLICABLE TAX RATES FOR THE YEAR 2017

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

SECTION 1. That a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all property and occupations within Lower Swatara Township subject to taxation for Township purposes for the fiscal year 2017 as follows:

The tax rate for General Township purposes, the rate of 3.25 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of .325 cents on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation.

The tax rate for Capital Improvement purposes, the rate of .54 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of .054 cents on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation.

The tax rate for Fire Protection purposes, the rate of .49 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of .049 cents on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation.

The tax rate for Fire Hydrant purposes, the rate of .096 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of .0096 cents on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation.

The sum being summarized in tabular form as follows:

| | Mills on Each Dollar Of Assessed Valuation | Cents on Each One Hundred Dollars of Assessed Valuation |
|---|---|--|
| Tax Rate for General Township purposes | 3.25 | \$.325 |
| Tax Rate for Capital Improvements | .54 | \$.054 |
| Tax Rate for Fire Protection Purposes | .49 | \$.049 |
| Tax Rate for Fire Hydrant Purposes | .096 | \$.0096 |
| TOTAL | 4.376 | \$.4376 |

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

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

ENACTED this 21st day of December 2016.

LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BY: _____

President (Vice)

ATTEST:

Secretary

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

Frank E. Williamson, Jr.
Assistant Manager

#272 1123-1T

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLETOWN

Notice is hereby given that the Borough Council of the Borough of Middletown will consider for adoption an Ordinance regarding the 2017 Real Estate Tax Rate at the Regular Business Meeting on December 6, 2016 at 7 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Middletown Borough Council located at Borough Hall, 60 West Emaus Street, Middletown, PA 17057.

ORDINANCE NO. 1333
FOR THE YEAR 2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLETOWN, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2017
NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the Borough of Middletown as follows:

Section 1.

That a tax be, and the same is hereby levied, on all real property and offices made taxable by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for county rates and levies within said municipality, as follows:

Tax rate for general Borough purposes the sum of 5.631 mills
The total real estate tax rate being 5.631 mills.

Section 2.

That the Borough Council does hereby certify to the Borough Tax Collector the above-stated levies and tax rates for Borough taxes, and the Dauphin County Office of Tax Assessment is hereby directed to apportion and extend against each taxable property listed upon the assessment rolls of Dauphin County at the rates specified, the amount of taxes required to produce the total sums certified in the 2017 Budget and to render tax notices for the several sums so computed and determined. Failure to receive such notice shall not relieve any taxpayer from the payment of taxes imposed by the Borough, and such taxpayer shall be charged with his taxes as though he had received notice.

Section 3.

All Ordinances, or parts of Ordinances, resolutions, or parts of resolutions, and motions, or parts of motions, which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, provided, however, that this Ordinance shall in no way effect or repeal the provisions of any Ordinance imposing any real estate transfer tax, per capita tax, occupation tax, earned income tax, local services tax, or any other tax imposed under the Local Tax Enabling Act, as amended, all of which taxes shall continue in effect for the year 2017, as provided by law.

Section 4.

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

Section 5.

This Ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2017.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2016.

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF MIDDLETOWN

ATTEST:

By: _____

President

Secretary

AND NOW, this ____ day of _____, 2016, the foregoing Ordinance is hereby approved.

Mayor

Secretary

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Public Notice

Highspire Borough Council 2017 Meeting Dates

The Highspire Borough Council has announced that they will meet during the year 2017 on the second and third Tuesday of each month according to the following schedule with the exception of the Regular meeting in May, which will be held Wednesday, May 17, 2017:

Workshop Meeting

January 10, 2017
February 14, 2017
March 14, 2017
April 11, 2017
May 9, 2017
June 13, 2017
July 11, 2017
August 8, 2017
September 12, 2017
October 10, 2017
November 14, 2017
December 12, 2017

Regular Meeting

January 17, 2017
February 21, 2017
March 21, 2017
April 18, 2017
Wednesday, May 17, 2017
June 20, 2017
July 18, 2017
August 15, 2017
September 19, 2017
October 17, 2017
November 21, 2017
December 19, 2017

The Highspire Borough Council will hold meetings of standing and/or appointed committees of the Borough Council on the Second and Third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. prior to their regularly scheduled Council Meetings for the year, 2017.

The Highspire Civil Service Commission will meet on the following dates in 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 23, 2017
Thursday, June 15, 2017
Thursday, November 16, 2017

The Highspire Borough Environmental Advisory Board will meet on the following dates at 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21, 2017
Tuesday, September 19, 2017

The Highspire Planning Commission has announced that they will meet on the first Tuesday of every month in 2017 according to the following schedule. Exception July 4, 2017 / General Election is November 7, 2017, as rescheduled below:

| | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| January 3, 201 | May 2, 2017 | September 5, 2017 |
| February 7, 2017 | June 6, 2017 | October 3, 2017 |
| March 7, 2017 | Wednesday, July 5, 2017 | Wednesday, November 8, 2017 |
| April 4, 2017 | August 1, 2017 | December 5, 2017 |

The meetings will commence at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted and be held in the Council Chambers of the Highspire Borough Municipal Building, 640 Eshelman Street, Highspire, PA 17034, unless otherwise specified. All interested parties are invited to attend. The Highspire Borough Municipal Building is handicapped accessible. Anyone needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in a meeting should contact the Borough office at (717) 939-3303 at least three days in advance of the meeting.

John McHale
Borough Secretary

#269 1123-1T

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Lower Swatara, Dauphin County, intends to consider at their regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2016, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Township building located at 1499 Spring Garden Drive, Middletown, PA 17057, the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO.
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP, DAUPHIN COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, APPROPRIATING SPECIFIC SUMS
ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIC
PURPOSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT,
HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, DURING FISCAL YEAR 2017.

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

SECTION 1. That for the expenses for the fiscal year 2017 the following amounts are hereby appropriated from the revenue available for the current year for the specific purposes set forth below, which amounts are more fully itemized in the Budget Form:

| GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| 300 | Taxes | | \$4,497,631 |
| 320 | Licenses & Permits | | 353,850 |
| 330 | Fines & Forfeits | | 50,000 |
| 340 | Interest & Rents | | 8,550 |
| 350 | Intergovernmental Revenues & Grants | 571,560 | |
| 360 | Charges for Service | | 184,008 |
| 380 | Miscellaneous Revenues | | 297,719 |
| 390 | Other Financing Sources | | 1,020,329 |
| TOTAL ESTIMATED OPERATING RECEIPTS | | | |
| AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION | | | \$6,983,647 |

| SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | OPERATION & MAINTENANCE | CAPITAL OUTLAY | TOTAL |
| 400 | General Government | \$ 869,500 | \$0 | \$ 869,500 |
| 410 | Public Safety (Protection to persons & property) | 3,030,409 | 132,073 | 3,294,555 |
| 420 | Health & Welfare | 17,310 | -0- | 17,310 |
| 430 | Public Works | 1,123,073 | -0- | 1,123,073 |
| 446 | NPDES MS4 | 338,500 | -0- | 338,500 |
| 450 | Culture – Recreation | 886,200 | -0- | 886,200 |
| 470 | Miscellaneous | 65,044 | 440,538 | 505,582 |
| 490 | Other Operation Uses | <u>81,000</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>81,000</u> |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | | \$6,411,036 | \$572,611 | \$6,983,647 |
| FROM GENERAL FUND (ALL OPERATIONS) | | | | |

The Ordinance further provides a listing of Estimated Receipts and Appropriations for specialized areas as follows:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------|
| STREET LIGHT FUND | | |
| Total Estimated Receipts & Cash | | 217,631 |
| Total Expenditures | | 57,700 |
| Cash, Ending | | 159,931 |
| HYDRANT FUND | | |
| Total Estimated Receipts & Cash | | 303,668 |
| Total Expenditures | | 59,900 |
| Cash, Ending | | 243,768 |
| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND | | |
| Total Estimated Receipts & Cash | | 2,083,547 |
| Total Expenditures | | 734,611 |
| Cash, Ending | | 1,348,936 |
| CAPITAL RESERVE FUND | | |
| Total Estimated Receipts & Cash | | 248,344 |
| Total Expenditures | | 0 |
| Cash, Ending | | 248,344 |
| HIGHWAY AID FUND | | |
| Total Estimated Receipts & Cash | | 329,191 |
| Total Expenditures | | 249,310 |
| Cash, Ending | | 142,881 |
| RECREATION DEVELOPMENT FUND | | |
| Total Estimated Receipts & Cash | | 174,708 |
| Total Expenditures | | 100,000 |
| Cash, Ending | | 74,708 |
| POLICE PENSION FUND | | |
| Total Estimated Receipts & Cash | | 1,032 |
| Total Expenditures | | 0 |
| Cash, Ending | | 1,032 |
| NON-UNIFORM PENSION PLAN | | |
| Total Estimated Receipts & Cash | | 4,950 |
| Total Expenditures | | 0 |
| Cash, Ending | | 4,950 |
| POST RETIREMENT HEALTH CARE FUND | | |
| Total Estimated Receipts & Cash | | 194,087 |
| Total Expenditures | | 65,408 |
| Cash, Ending | | 128,408 |

SECTION 2. An estimate of the specific items comprising the amounts appropriated to the respective departments is on file in the Municipal Building of the Township of Lower Swatara, 1499 Spring Garden Drive, Middletown, Pennsylvania.

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

ENACTED this 21st day of December 2016.

LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
By: _____

President (Vice)

ATTEST:

Secretary

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

Frank E. Williamson, Jr.
Assistant Manager

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NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING – DOCKET 2016-04

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lower Swatara Township Zoning Hearing Board will hold a Public Hearing at the request of the Applicants; SYB Property Group, LLC and Harrisburg Christian Performing Arts Center for a variance from the provisions of the Lower Swatara Township Code of Ordinances, as amended, as follows: A variance from Chapter 27 Zoning, Part 10. Industrial Park District (I-P), 1) Minimum Lot Size-\$ 27-1005.3.A, 2) Side Yard Setback-\$ 27-1005.4.A, 3) Side Yard Buffer Area-\$27-1005.9.A (2), 4) Off-Street Parking Requirements-\$27-1006.A.(1). The subject property is owned by Harrisburg Christian Performing Arts Center and located at 1000 Eisenhower Boulevard, Middletown, PA 17057, Tax Parcel No. 36-007-021. The property is located in the Industrial Park (I-P) District.

A Hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 29, 2016, at 7:00 PM at the Lower Swatara Township Municipal Building, 1499 Spring Garden Drive, Middletown, Pennsylvania.

All interested parties are invited to attend.
Randall Breon
Chairman

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Leah Kostick Baxter, Executor
Michael Cherewka, Attorney
624 North Front Street
Wormleysburg, PA 17043

#265 1116-3T

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ESTATE NOTICE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Joseph Lester Dailey, Sr., Deceased, late of Lower Swatara Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payments, and those having claims will present them for settlement to: Leslie J. Kramer, Administratrix
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Middletown, PA 17057

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Borough budget adds services, not taxes

By Dan Miller
Press And Journal Staff

Middletown’s proposed 2017 budget is good news for borough residents, who can expect to receive more services from borough government without having to pay more.

The 2017 budget that borough council tentatively adopted on Nov. 15 adds one new public works employee and one new police officer; without increases in the property tax, the electric rate, or the trash rate.

The borough can add these two new positions without raising taxes or rates largely thanks to reducing spending by about \$160,000 in 2017 by bringing financial administration in-house, and by cutting spending on information technology, said borough Finance Director Bruce Hamer.

The borough had been paying outside consultants a little more than \$200,000 a year to handle financial administration. This year, council decided to bring financial administration in house by hiring Hamer. The net savings after accounting for Hamer’s salary and benefits is about \$105,000 a year. Council also expects to save at least

\$50,000 this year by hiring a new outside company for IT consulting services in 2017 to replace the one that had been costing the borough about \$8,800 a month in recent years.

Parks can also expect more attention in 2017, as the budget increases funding for maintenance and repair of parks from \$15,000 to \$75,000. Most of this increase is for the borough to hire an outside firm to mow the grass in the parks, freeing up more time for borough employees to attend to the parks themselves, Hamer said.

The budget also sets aside money for a list capital improvement projects, with paving Ann Street at the top.

The list also includes replacing an air-conditioning unit at the library, buying a new dump truck/snow plow, new equipment for repairing potholes, improvements to borough hall, money for holiday decorations, and funds to install video cameras in police vehicles.

Residents can inspect the tentative budget by going to the Municipal Building. The borough hopes by midweek to have the tentative budget posted on the borough website, www.middletownborough.com.

Council is expected to give final approval of the budget at its Dec. 6 meeting.

The borough budget consists of the general fund budget, the electric fund, the police sinking fund, and the liquid fuels budget. The police sinking fund is the capital improvement fund for the police department, while the liquid fuels budget is for money that the borough gets from the state each year for road improvements.

General fund

The general fund is funded mostly through the property tax and other local taxes. It also includes an annual payment of \$725,000 from Suez under terms of the borough’s 50-year lease of its water and sewer systems to Suez.

The general fund covers everything in borough government that does not come under the electric fund — which is the fund that covers everything related to the borough’s system of distributing electricity to residents and businesses.

The general fund proposes spending \$5,809,050 in 2017 — less than the \$5,812,054 to be spent this year.

The biggest part of the general fund — \$2.9 million — goes for public safety, including \$2.47 million for the police department compared to \$2.37 million in 2016.

Public safety includes about \$237,000 for code enforcement and planning and zoning. The 2017 budget adds no new positions in codes and planning and zoning — maintaining the same staffing complement of one full-time codes and zoning officer and two part-time officers for property maintenance.

The full-time codes position has been unfilled for close to a year, and only one of the two part-time positions is filled.

The budget sets aside \$26,000 to continue paying an outside firm, Commonwealth Code Inspection Service of Manheim, to assist the borough with code enforcement.

Electric fund

The electric fund proposes revenue and spending of \$8.3 million for 2017, a drop from the \$8.9 million being spent this year. The new five-year contract for the wholesale purchase of power that council approved in October reduces the amount of money expected to be spent to buy electricity in 2017 from \$5.2 million to \$4 million.

Electric fund revenue comes from the bills that residential, commercial and industrial users pay to the borough for electricity they use through the year.

As in previous years, an amount of money — \$1.3 million for 2017 — is to be transferred from the electric fund to the general fund, to help balance the general fund budget. The electric fund also proposes setting aside another \$150,000 for capital improvements tied to the electric distribution system.

It will not be necessary to transfer any funds from the electric trust to the electric fund in 2017, Hamer has said.

The trust is the account that was set up in 1999 as a result of a 1998 court settlement with Metropolitan Edison regarding the price that the borough was paying Met-Ed to purchase electricity for many years. The trust was created to cushion the blow to residents over the borough having to charge higher electric rates as a result of the settlement. Close to \$10 million remains in the trust.

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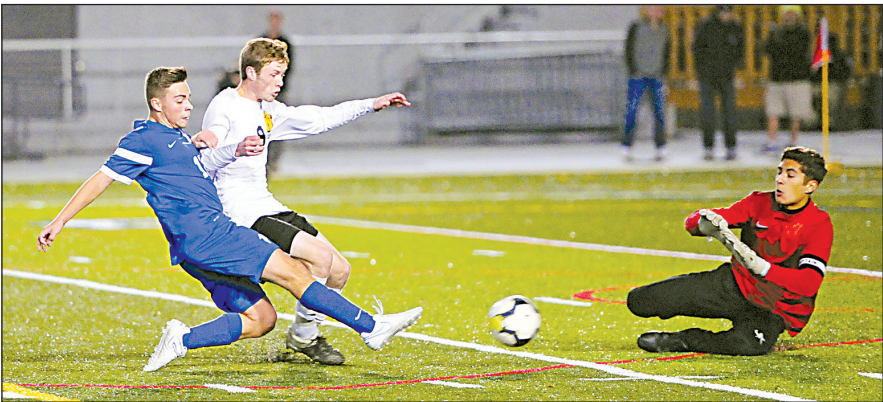
PERFECTION

Lower Dauphin caps 28-0 season with state title

The Lower Dauphin boys soccer team brought home the PIAA 3A state title on Friday, Nov. 18, capping an undefeated season in which it is ranked third in the USA Today boys national poll. Lower Dauphin beat Northwestern Lehigh 3-0 on Friday for the title at Hersheypark Stadium.

Timmy Townsend scored an unassisted goal in the first half. Jackson Becher scored twice in the second half to salt away the victory.

The shutout was hardly a rarity this season for the Falcons. Lower Dauphin outscored its opponents 108-6 on the season, with 23 shutouts. Only CD East managed to score more than one goal, in a 3-2 Lower Dauphin win on Sept. 12.



It was Lower Dauphin's first appearance in the boys state championship game in school history, but it almost didn't happen. In the Tuesday, Nov. 15, semifinal game vs. Cathedral Prep, the Falcons actually fell behind 1-0.

Townsend scored both goals in that 2-1 comeback, however. The second came with just seconds remaining in the first overtime period.

"This is the culmination of our season and the boys just doing what they needed to do at different times," Lower Dauphin head coach Gerry Lynch told PennLive. "I'm just so happy for the boys. They put their heart and soul into it and they left it all out here."

Lower Dauphin trailed only St. Ignatius in Cleveland and Boulder High School in Colorado in USA Today's boys rankings.



Photos by John Diffenderfer

Above, the Lower Dauphin boys soccer team celebrates its state title on Friday at Hersheypark Stadium, completing a 28-0 season in which it gave up only six goals. Left, Nick Iagnemma takes a shot.

THE RUN CONTINUES

It's on to Friday's state quarterfinals for the Blue Raiders after a 48-20 win

By Larry Etter
Press And Journal Staff

The Middletown football team returned to Hersheypark Stadium on Thursday evening and ran away with the District III 3A championship trophy after routing Wyomissing 48-20.

The Blue Raiders earned their first district title since the 1988 season while rolling to their 12th straight victory of the season.

Their next game is vs. Scranton Prep at 7 p.m. Friday in the quarterfinals of the PIAA 3A championships. It will be played at Frank Banko Field at Bethlehem Area School District Stadium, 1115 Linden St., Bethlehem. Scranton Prep is 12-1 after beating Montoursville 37-13 on Friday, Nov. 18.

If Middletown wins that game, they will take on the winner of Notre Dame Green Pond and Delaware Valley Charter on either Dec. 2 or Dec. 3, at a time and site to be determined. The state title game is at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at Hersheypark Stadium.

Wyomissing entered the title game with an 8-3 record that included a win over Bermudian Springs in a district semifinal the week before. With numerous district wins and titles filling out their resume, the Spartans came to Hershey with hopes of adding to those numbers by knocking off the top-seeded Raiders. However, the Spartans became another victim of the Middletown express train that has rolled over everyone in its path.

This remarkable season started at Hersheypark Stadium in early September against Lower Dauphin when the Raiders claimed a 27-7 victory in the Iron Spike Bowl. Since then, the Middletown team earned a Mid-Penn Capital Division title and, now, a District III championship and a berth in the upcoming state playoffs.

The celebration went on for quite some time on the field following the win and carried over back home with a rolling parade through town that ended at the new high school. Many of the huge number of fans who took in the game joined in the parade or lined the streets cheering on their champions along the route near Main and Union streets.

The heroes in the win were many as players on both sides of the ball stepped up.

The Blue Raiders shook off an early deficit and a couple of mistakes in a dominating performance. Quarterback Chase Snavelly and running back Brady Fox ended up in the spotlight following the win and handled the attention like professionals.

"I'm not used to all those lights and cameras in my face, but I guess I did OK," Fox quipped following the interviews.

That was an understatement. He rushed for 163 yards on 17 carries with three touchdowns. Snavelly was equally cool under pressure,



Photo by Jodi Ocker

Jaelen Thompson takes off on a run vs. Wyomissing on Thursday.

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| Sept. 2 | @Lower Dauphin | 27-7 |
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| Sept. 16 | @West Perry | 35-6 |
| Sept. 23 | East Pennsboro | 50-14 |
| Sept. 30 | @Trinity | 69-7 |
| Oct. 7 | Palmyra | 14-10 |
| Oct. 14 | @Camp Hill | 49-14 |
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| Oct. 28 | @Milton Hershey | 49-20 |
| Nov. 4 | Steel-High | 42-7 |
| Nov. 11 | Littlestown* | 49-14 |
| Nov. 17 | Wyomissing* | 48-20 |

* playoff game

TOTALS

12-0 record, 507 points scored (42.25 a game), 125 scored against (10.4 a game)

both in front of the cameras and on the field. He completed 10 of 14 passes for 151 yards and three scores as well.

The Middletown defense also gets equal billing. The Raiders pretty much shut down Wyomissing's run game while limiting the

Spartans' offensive opportunities. From the pleased look on his face, it was easy to tell that head coach Brett Myers appreciated the efforts of his championship team.

On the game's first possession, the Spartans were forced to punt as the Raider defense held. But Tyreer Mills had a bit of trouble fielding the high deep kick and Wyomissing's Jordan Caraballo recovered the muff at the Middletown 24. The best the Spartans would get, however, was a 36-yard field goal by Connor Mendel and a 3-point lead at 7:17. One of the real characteristics of this Middletown team is its ability to bounce back from adversity, and it showed when the Blue Raiders took the field on offense.

Keyed by a 52-yard kickoff return by Fox, the Raiders were set up at the Wyomissing 39. Runs by Fox and Jaelen Thompson, along with a Snavelly-to-Chris Plummer pass of 15 yards, moved the ball to the 1 yard line. Following a Middletown penalty, Snavelly connected with Fox for 5 yards and then went in for the touchdown on a keeper with 4:14 left. Donovan

Brady's kick gave the Raiders a 7-3 lead and they never trailed the rest of the way.

Wyomissing followed with a steady drive that reached the Middletown 10 as the first quarter ended. On the second play of the second quarter, Griffen Radabaugh sacked Spartan quarterback Brayden Eberhart for a 9-yard loss and Wyomissing had to settle for another Mendel field goal, this one from 41 yards out. From that point on, Middletown took control of the game.

Overcoming a pair of holding calls, the Raiders marched on for their second touchdown. Keys to the drive were a pair of Snavelly passes of 27 yards to Tre Leach and 26 yards to Mills. Breaking an attempted tackle at the 10, Leach capped the drive with a 9-yard reception with 7:18 left in the first half. The Blue Raiders were up 13-6.

Led by Radabaugh, Bobby Graham, Tristan Maxwell and Haden Landis up front, and the linebacking of Hunter Landis, Blake Jacoby



Photo by Jodi Ocker

Quarterback Chase Snavelly takes the snap.



Photo by Jodi Ocker

Defensive lineman Haden Landis goes after the quarterback.



Photo by Don Graham

Quarterback Chase Snavelly and coach Brett Myers discuss a play.

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Blue Raiders stars Jasper, Phillips-LaPlante declare intentions for their college careers

Two Middletown Area High School student-athletes took advantage of Early Signing Day on Wednesday, Nov. 16 and declared where they would attend college.

Bianca Jasper, daughter of Maurice and Tonya Jasper, will attend California University of Pennsylvania to play basketball. She plans to major in pre-med biology.

Sidonie Phillips-LaPlante, daughter of Melissa Martin, will attend the University of Michigan to play field hockey.

Jasper is a member of Link Crew

and serves as a Raider Connection coach. She is a member of the soccer and basketball teams and serves as a Little Dribblers Coach. When she's not on the field or the court, she can be found cheering from the sidelines as the Raiders' mascot. She enjoys playing basketball, the piano and guitar.

Activities and awards include:

- Basketball, grades 9-12
- Soccer 9-12
- Link Crew: 11-12
- Mini-THON Committee: 11-12
- Chorus: 9
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- MAHS Student of the Month: November 2016
- PennLive Player of the Week: January 2016
- Member of the MAHS Division Championship Basketball team: 9th grade

Phillips-LaPlante was selected for the Mid-Penn All-Star Field Hockey Team and was named Capital Co-Player of the Year.

She is a member of the U19 indoor USA Field Hockey Team and the WC Eagles Field Hockey Club.





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Football players honored at annual banquet


Photos by Scot Smith


The Middletown Area High School football team seniors hold the District III trophy during the Raider Club's football banquet on Sunday, Nov. 20 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Press And Journal sports writer Larry Etter presents the David H. Degler Memorial Awards to Jaelen Thompson and Corbin Stetler at the Raider Club's football banquet.

Middletown football coach Brett Myers presented the Mel Fager Sr. Memorial Award to senior Griffen Radabaugh at the Raider Club football banquet.

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and Laron Woody along with backs Kyle Truesdale, Jonah McCoy, Leach and Mills, the Middletown defense gave up nothing during the balance of the first half.

At the same time, the Raider offense popped in two more scores before half-time. The first was a lightning-quick 62-yard sprint by Fox at 5:33 and the other was on a 15-yard catch and run by Mills with 58 seconds left.

"I don't even know how I got so open on the run," Fox said, amazed at how much room the offensive line gave him. Ethan Newton, Tommy Staker, Trey Michal, Radabaugh and Brendan Douglass were dominant all night.

On the Mills score, the speedy junior latched onto a low throw out in the left flat and raced down the sideline for the touchdown that gave the Raiders a 27-6 lead at the break. Mills intercepted an Eberhart pass that took away Wyomissing's chance for a score.

Taking the opening kickoff to start the second half, the Blue Raiders padded their lead to 34-6. Staying mainly on the ground, but aided by an 18-yard reception by freshman Jose Lopez and a pair of Spartan penalties, the Raiders marched to the 7 in eight plays. With Graham set up as a blocking fullback, Fox followed his lead into the end zone with 8:44 left in the third.

Following an exchange of punts, Wyomissing was back on offense at their own 37 with 4:38 left in the third. Their biggest play of the game, a 32-yard run by Caraballo, coupled with a pair of major penalties by the Raiders, keyed the Spartans drive for their first touchdown of the contest. A tipped pass fell into the hands of

"I don't even know how I got so open on the run."

running back Brady Fox

tight end Hunter Niedrowsky who was lying on the ground in the end zone. With 59 seconds left in the period, the Spartans trailed 34-13.

Starting at their own 42 following a failed onsidess kickoff attempt, the Blue Raiders appeared to have another quick score when Mills went the distance on first down. But a penalty inside the 15 negated the tally and the ball was placed at the 23 instead. A pair of runs by Thompson closed out the third quarter.

Four plays into the fourth quarter, Snavelly was sacked for a 10-yard loss setting up a third and goal from the 22. After Snavelly's pass to Plummer moved the ball to the 10, the Raiders went for it on 4th and goal. And the gamble paid off when Mills got open in the middle of the end zone and Snavelly fired a strike for the touchdown with 8:39 left in the game. With Brady's PAT, the Raiders' grew to 41-13.

Wyomissing did follow with a scoring drive that covered 77 yards, but the grinding 13-play drive that was helped by a roughing call against the Middletown defense ate up 5 minutes of clock. With 3:31 left, the Spartans were running out of time. To put an exclamation point on this championship, the Middletown offense scored one more touchdown for good measure.


Thompson's 32-yard run on second and 13 set up Fox's 10 yard score three plays later that locked down the win that crowned the Middletown Blue Raiders as District III champions.

Middletown receiver Chris Plummer tries to escape the grasp of a would-be Wyomissing tackler.

Middletown's No. 14 Tre' Leach and No. 15 Blake Jacoby take down a Wyomissing ball carrier.

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Blue Raider running back Brady Fox struggles to get away from a Wyomissing tackler.




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Penn State soccer season ends with ECAC playoffs loss in the Final Four

LEBANON — The Penn State Harrisburg men's soccer team dominated play in their first two Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference playoff games, earning them a spot in the Final Four with a 4-1 win over Altoona in the Sweet 16 and a 2-0 win over Alfred in the quarterfinals.

Unfortunately, Harrisburg's impressive run ended Saturday Nov. 19 as an overtime penalty kick was all that separated the Lions and Drew Uni-

versity, which is located in Madison, New Jersey. Penn State Harrisburg finished 13-9 overall and 5-4 in the Capital Athletic Conference.

"I am really proud of the guys and the effort the men put forth the past two weeks," said coach Daniel Krzyzanowicz. "Our seniors stepped up and proved their importance while refusing to end their collegiate careers without a fight to the end."

Both teams battled back and forth

throughout the first half while Drew took the shot advantage 7-3. Harrisburg had multiple goal scoring chances, including a shot from 4 yards out that just missed wide with the final seconds of the half.

Justin Elnahrawy had the best second half effort after a great through ball from Ethan Hoover created a one-on-one opportunity with the Drew keeper who matched the effort and kept the score 0-0. The Lions outshot Drew in

the second half, but neither team could find the net and forced an overtime period to determine the winner.

In the end it was a called penalty kick in the first overtime period that separated the two teams and sent Drew to the ECAC Finals.

For Penn State Harrisburg, Anthony Saye and two shots on goal, as did Victor Weaver. Goalkeeper Brandon Hoover had 8 saves. Penn State Harrisburg had six shots on goal to Drew's 9.

Lions women's basketball gets first victory of season

The Penn State Harrisburg women's basketball team defeated Penn State Altoona on Saturday, Nov 19, in the consolation game of the Rinsu Marquette Tournament hosted by Lebanon Valley College to get its first win on the season, 74-62.

"Today our team played with great effort and intensity on defense that led to some easy transition opportunities, something we have struggled with in our previous games," said coach Ross Patrick. "Those conversations helped take some of the pressure offensively and allowed us to relax a little bit which led to better half court execution."

Penn State Harrisburg came out strong in the first quarter, dominating Altoona 26-15. Shanique Mattis got things started early for Harrisburg with her first three of the afternoon in the first 30 seconds. Rachel Miller and Becca Bailey added to the Lions' early lead. In the second quarter, Harrisburg extended its lead to 32-19 thanks to an 11-0 run.

Jada Pettis scored 6 of her 12 points in the third quarter to extend Harrisburg's lead to 59-43. Penn State Altoona put up a strong fight in the fourth, outscoring Harrisburg 19-15, but the Lions held on.

Kaitlyn Carmo had 14 points, 6 rebounds and 3 steals. Sidney Gordon had 10 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 steal. Pettis added 12 points, 9 rebounds, 1 steal and 1 block.

On Friday, Penn State Harrisburg fell in the first round of the Lebanon Valley Tournament to SUNY Geneseo,



Contributed photo

Sidney Gordon drives toward the basket vs. Misericordia on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

69-34. They scored only 2 points in the first quarter.

Misericordia 56, Penn State Harrisburg 26

The Penn State Harrisburg women suffered their first loss of the season

Tuesday, Nov. 15, as they were dominated by Misericordia, 56-26.

Misericordia came out firing and worked up a 25-3 run in the first 13 minutes of the game and never looked back. Misericordia took advantage of the Lions 24 turnovers by scoring 16

points directly off them compared to Harrisburg's three points from the 14 Cougar turnovers. The visitors also held a strong advantage in rebounds at 52-39.

The Lions played host to Eastern Mennonite on Tuesday Nov. 22.

PSU Harrisburg men's basketball off to a 3-0 start

The Penn State Harrisburg men's basketball team moved to 3-0 on the season Sunday, beating The College of New Jersey 74-68 to win the Penn State Harrisburg Tip-Off Tournament.

Khalil White led Penn State Harrisburg with 33 points.

Penn State Harrisburg jumped out to an early 13-4 lead after the first five minutes thanks to White, who scored all of the Lions' first 13 points.

Jazmon Harris and John Ukpaiaama added four more points to Harrisburg's lead heading into the final seven minutes of play, giving the Lions a 37-26 halftime lead.

TCNJ went on an 11-point run in the second half to make the score 47-40, and Penn State led by only three points with five minutes to go. But Kahlil Williams put Harrisburg back on track by sinking two straight layups to put Harrisburg on top at 62-57.

7:57 to go.

New Rochelle regained the lead heading into halftime 32-30.

Kahlil Williams came out strong in the second half, scoring two straight buckets to give Penn State a 37-35 lead. New Rochelle responded with a three to take the lead back. Both teams battled back and forth for most of the second half with three lead changes.

With a little more than five minutes to go, Harris and White each tallied a three to tie the game at 61-61. New Rochelle finished scored its final three-pointer of the game with 57.4 seconds to get within one, but the Lions held on for the win.

Williams had 21 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals. Harris had 17 points, 4 rebounds and 2 assists. White registered 14 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 steal

Penn State Harrisburg 62, Haverford 56

The Penn State Harrisburg men's basketball team started its season with a 62-56 win at home vs. the Haverford University Fords on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

The Lions got on the board first, taking an early 4-0 lead that was overcome quickly by the visitors with a 12-3 run over the next few minutes to give the Fords a 12-7 lead.

Both teams exchanged buckets for the remainder of the half, until the Lions turned it on for the final three minutes to take a seven-point lead at the half, 28-21.

Penn State looked dominant for most of the second half, taking as much as a 17-point lead with just less than 10 minutes to play.

But Haverford slowly crept into contention before the Lions held on for the win.

Jazmon Harris led the Lion's with 17 points, followed up by Kahlil White who had 13. Kahlil Williams dominated the glass with 13 rebounds along with his 11 points.

Penn State will play at home Sunday, Nov. 27 at 2 p.m. vs. Susquehanna and play host to York at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Penn State Harrisburg 76, New Rochelle 72

The Lions advanced to the championship by beating New Rochelle on Saturday in come-from-behind fashion, 76-72.

The first half was back and forth both both squads after the visitors grabbed an early 9-2 lead in the first three minutes of play.

Jazmon Harris then scored two straight layups and a three-pointer to tie the game at 11.

Kahlil White followed through just a few minutes later, sinking two three-pointers to give Harrisburg their first lead of the day 21-17 with

CFA youth football players receive honors



Youth Sports Photo

Players in the CFA Youth Football League recently were honored. Above, Middletown's Bamm Appleby won Offensive Player of the Year honors for the CFA National Pony Conference. Right, the Seven Sorrows honorees in Midgets were, from left, Derek Wall (first team running back), Jack Stewart (first team defensive back), Michael Tufty (first team defensive tackle), Tim Wagner (first team defensive end), Nathaniel Cooper (second team offensive lineman), and Gyles Adderley (second team offensive lineman). Also, for Seven Sorrows Peeewe: Caleb Einzig was runner-up for Offensive Player of the Year.



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Register now for PSU women's soccer team clinic

The Penn State Harrisburg women's soccer team and coaching staff will hold their annual winter ID clinic on campus from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15.

There is also an optional campus tour and lunch prior to the clinic for those who are interested in attending.

The cost is \$75 and includes clinic jersey.

The ID clinics provide high school student-athletes with the opportunity to receive coaching from Penn State

staff as well as interaction with the current players. It is limited to 25 players.

Players will see what a typical Penn State training session looks like and get a feel for the coaching style and the culture of the program.

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Amtrak station site: What it will look like is still not finalized

Our first visit to the site of the new Amtrak station in Middletown last week was eye-opening.

It wasn't what we saw at the site, however, that surprised us. There isn't much to get excited about unless you love parking lots. Sure, it was interesting to see from the other side of the fence the work that we could only previously view from the road.

It's a very large area. And we stood in the middle of what will be the West Emaus Street extension, so that we could get a sense of how many people will enter Middletown once the road is completed.

However, what was eye-opening was that large chunks of the final plans for the site were up to the private company or developer selected to do the work to figure out.

As Dan Miller reports on today's front page of the Press And Journal, there could be a number of retail spots there, such as a coffee shop or a hotel. Or maybe there won't be any.

We were told previously that the West Emaus Street extension likely wouldn't open until the Amtrak station was done. That is up for discussion, however. Maybe it will be if that works for the developer.

"If a commercial developer comes in and wants to propose a plan that requires space for them to do work, we didn't want to open a road to traffic and then have potential conflicts with traffic or pedestrians in an active contraction zone," PennDOT Deputy Secretary for Multimodal Transportation Toby Fauver said. "If opening the road to traffic isn't going to create a conflict then it is possible we could open the road early."

Even the exact site of the pedestrian walkway that will help Penn State University Harrisburg students cross West Main Street could move a bit, although there isn't much room for it to move.

The PennDOT work being done at the site is what is known as a P3 project, or public-private partnership. According to PennDOT's website, it is a "contractual agreement between a public entity and private entity that:

- Transfers the responsibility of a facility's engineering, construction, operation and/or maintenance to the private sector for a defined period of time.
- Allows the private sector to perform by contract a service previously provided by the public sector.
- Ensures the private firm receives payments either from existing revenue sources or through the collection of new tolls or user fees.

In other words, it brings development into what would previously have been just a government contract job.

We have no problem with this. In many ways, it makes sense. But it was just the depth at which the private firm could sway the final product that took us by surprise.

There are certain things that PennDOT requires from the contractor. There must be 400 new parking spaces to meet needs of the new train station, for example. But if the contractor wants to build a hotel and use up some land that would have been set aside for parking, those 400 spaces could be in a parking garage. And as we've said before, there's no need to get anxious because it's still going to be awhile before it's done.

At this point, work on the train station itself is to start late in 2018. The entire train station project is to be finished and opened to the public sometime in 2020 or 2021. Work to prepare the site for construction of the station — and whatever ultimately goes with it — is to be finished by May 2017. Norfolk-Southern railroad is expected to start an estimated \$6.5 million in track work before the end of 2016. An estimated \$4.3 million in track work that has to be done by Amtrak is expected to begin late next year.

So we will continue to stare at what mostly will be an blank canvas for a bit longer. We hope the artist makes into something of which Middletown can be proud.

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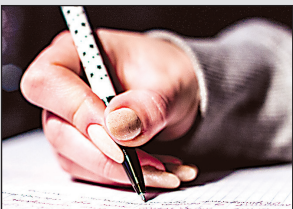
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DAWN KNULL

When it comes to spending money, Elks Theatre is a want, not a need

Back in 1980s, I can remember going into the Elks Theatre as a teenager and sitting in the back row with my friends to watch movies and thinking, "This is great. We have our own theater in our town."

In 2010, I can remember taking our son to the Elks Theatre as a 4-year-old and he was so excited because it was his first movie.

In 2005, I started taking a true interest in the town I called home for the last 40 years.

I have seen our town go from all store fronts filled to having very few open. I have also watched Middletown go from a town where people had respect to a town where people don't even slow down at stop signs let alone stop long enough to say hello.

Society has changed. We are now a society of fast-paced, immediate-responses-needed, no time to slow down.

For the most part, families are now a double income family (not that they want to be but it has become a necessity) with both parents working during the day as the child/children are in daycare/school. Once the



parents are off from work they are rushing home to get a quick dinner, do homework and drive the child/children to some sort of practice or event that they are involved in.

The weekend of a family like this for the most part does not include going to the movies. It is the cleaning of the house one day and the next day is catching up on family time. Unfortunately, movie theaters have become a thing of the past.

With Netflix, on demand and Hulu, we all have the movies we want from the quiet and relaxation of our own home.

I would love to see our little theater make it, but like I said in the past I do not want to see our residents suffer because of it. I voted "no" Tuesday evening, Nov. 15, on accepting the \$500,000 grant, and again on Monday. Here is my reason.

If you listen to the video of the meeting, you will hear all of the uncertainties of this grant and what we can or cannot do with it, how we can or cannot pay it back, what paperwork is needed, how much it would cost us if we decided not to proceed, where are we getting the money from and will we need to increase taxes or the electric rate.

When I ran for council last year, I

stated that I would do what I felt was best for our town.

The vote was hard for me. While some wanted the theater because of its history, I know there are more residents in our town that could not afford to pay higher taxes or higher electric rates. I am watching the Facebook posts and I see that people are saying that there may be ways that we could fund it without these raises, but again that is another uncertainty. I can tell you the facts and what I have learned in the past two months:

1. The library which the borough owns needs a new roof.
2. The library needs a new A/C unit.
3. The borough hall needs a new A/C unit.
4. The police station needs more work to make it functional.
5. We need more Public Works employees.
6. We need more police officers.
7. The public pool will need repairs before opening next spring.
8. The Middletown Fire Department will need two new trucks.
9. Ann Street needs to be paved.
10. Our health insurance almost doubled.
11. We need new plow trucks/dump trucks.

And the list goes on and on with the needs of our town. While I hear a lot of people saying they want the theater open, I am also seeing and hearing what our town needs.

I may have lost a lot of supporters or friends based upon my decision to vote no for this, but like I said last Tuesday night, I have to keep the well-being of 9,000 residents of our town as my first and foremost reason for this vote.

As for people going onto my private Facebook page and demanding an explanation, I will not engage in demands on my private page. I stated my reasons last night at the meeting and that meeting can be viewed on Facebook.

You can call me the skeptic's leader, you can call me the vocal one of the group, and that is fine with me, but at least you know that I am asking questions and trying to figure out what is best and not just going with the flow of things.

I told the residents that I would be there for the majority of our town, not just vote the way the majority of council is going, and I believe I have proved that to you all.

Dawn Knull is a member of the Middletown Borough Council.

READERVIEW

New Thing's 3rd anniversary is a blessed event

New Thing's third anniversary is upon us, and we are so excited.

Dec. 1 will be the anniversary of our hard launch. So much has happened. Some expected. Some we could have never imagined, but then, that is the very nature of the God we serve.

Our hope three years ago was that we would be a place of connection for people in the neighborhoods of Highspire and Lower Swatara Township. Our hope was that we would reach people who had never had a relationship with Jesus and perhaps those who had abandoned the community of faith. That has happened. But we have been surprised that we have also become home for people from Middletown and Steelton.

We have been surprised that God has allowed us to be a place of safety and healing for families with children on the autism spectrum, for people with physical and developmental disabilities, for survivors of domestic and child sexual abuse, for people in recovery from various addictions, for people experiencing life transitions. It is a place where the hopeless are finding hope, the

rejected are finding acceptance, the broken are being healed.

It is also a place with a stronger sense of connection than we could have projected. Unlike many churches, a majority of New Thing people are very engaged in the life of the community of faith. Whether it is worship or Bible study or a mission project or participation in God's Kitchen or an outreach event, New Thing people show up to participate and/or accomplish the goal.

But it is not just members of New Thing who show up. We also have members of other communities of faith and people who don't/won't align themselves with any faith community who are committed to missions, Bible study and outreach at New Thing.

Throughout our three years, we have been blessed by the people we call "New Thing's Army." These are the people who come alongside us with prayer support, contributions of materials, helping hands and, yes, financial support. Some of these people we have never met. Some have moved to different ministries but still invest in all that God is doing



Keep or scrap the Electoral College?

Dianne L. Daily: I think before answering this question people need to understand how the electoral college works and how it was designed to prevent the big cities from en mass swaying the election.

Randy Thomas: The founding fathers did not want a "true democracy" which is why they designed it that way...however, it's usefulness is now really in the past. The majority should win. Yes I have heard how "small states" will not have a chance but that is bull for presidential elections now. The majority of ALL states should elect the president. :)

Thomas Meise: The only one problem with it is if you had a state with say 5 million people and 4 million live off the government they are going to vote for the party giving hand outs. That will equal 5 to six other states is my only problem with it

Caroline McMahon: Keep it. Maybe the democrats should get rid of super delegates and then Bernie would have been the candidate to beat and not Hillary.

Jenny Miller: Keep it!

Jim L. Fultz: It needs to go.

Shannon Hopple-Rico: Scrap

Cindy Kleinfelter: Scrap

Leah Bell: Keep

John L. Webster: One fact we can all agree on: We cannot judge the success or failure of the candidates in a popular vote system when they both played to win the electoral college. We, the American people, often overlook how much we are played by campaigns. Elections a...See More

Tim Wright: States Rights! Otherwise California and New York decides every election.

Lori Cyrus Shafaye: How can we trust the popular vote? How many popular votes were from dead people and from illegals?

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MIKE FOLMER

Constituent's persistence helped get laws changed

President Calvin Coolidge once said: "Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence." I'm pleased one of my constituents demonstrated this in helping to draft changes that have now been signed into law.

Nearly five years ago, Fred Weaver of Weaver Accounting in Lebanon came to my office to share some problems with Act 32 of 2008, which provided for the consolidation of county tax collection of the local earned income tax.

As is often the case with bills enacted into law, there are sometimes unintended consequences and/or oversights that need to be addressed with subsequent legislation. As Fred shared with me, that was the case with Act 32 — especially as it related to agriculture taxpayers.

Fred convinced me changes were needed to make local tax filing more customer friendly. While largely technical, each is important to farmers filing their local earned income tax returns. These changes included:

- Making farmers' estimated tax provisions parallel those used by the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.
 - Changing the due date of returns falling on Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays.
 - Adding safe harbor tax provisions (i.e., last year's income, this year's rates).
 - Dropping duplicative income provisions.
 - Clarifying e-filing for quarterly tax returns
- In 2012, I worked with Fred to draft a bill to make these changes, which was introduced as Senate Bill 1427. SB 1427 was referred to a Senate committee, but never considered. In 2013, I reintroduced these proposed changes as Senate Bill 491.

Fortunately, action was taken and Fred Weaver was instrumental during every step of the process as the bill was amended, moved from committee, re-referred to another committee, amended again, and unanimously passed by the full Senate a year after being introduced. Six months



later, a House committee added extensive but unrelated amendments very late in the legislative Session and the bill died.

Last year, I reintroduced SB 491 as previously passed by the Senate as Senate Bill 356.

Again, with Fred's help, SB 356 was amended, reported from committee, re-referred to another committee, and again unanimously passed by the full Senate.

In the House, SB 356 was linked to another local earned income tax bill (HB 245), which complemented our proposed changes and addressed other Act 32 issues. SB 356 was amended (with some of its proposed changes being incorporated into the House bill), reported from committee, tabled, removed from the table, re-referred to another committee, reported to the full House, twice tabled and twice removed from the table, SB 356 was overwhelming passed by the full House and returned to the Senate this October for concurrence in the House amendments.

On the very last day of the 2015-2016 legislative session of the General Assembly, the Senate unanimously approved the amended bill and sent it to the governor, who signed it into law as Act 150 of 2016. However, HB 245 was vetoed.

It took nearly five years from Fred Weaver's first visit to my office, numerous trips to Harrisburg by Fred for meetings on the bills, and many phone calls and emails with Fred to get some of these needed changes signed into law.

Thanks, Fred! We wouldn't have made it this far without you! However, it appears more work will be needed and we're looking forward to continuing the discussion with you.

Mike Folmer is a Republican member of the Pennsylvania Senate whose 48th District includes Middletown. His Capitol office telephone number is 717-787-5708. Reach his regional office in Lebanon at 717-274-6735.

23 Years Ago

From The Middletown Journal Files

From The Wednesday, November 24, 1993 Edition Of The Press And Journal

L. Swatara Twp. Expects Taxes To Remain Same In '94 Budget

Despite capital purchases that include two new police vehicles and a street sweeper, the Lower Swatara Township Board of Commissioners was recently able to advertise a 1994 budget with no tax increases.

"The bottom line is we're living within our means," said Commissioner Ron McAlpine, budget and finance chairman.

The formal vote to adopt the 1994-spending plan is set for December 15. The proposed budget came in at \$1,875,005, compared to the 1993 budget, which was \$1,834,526.

"I think it's a fair budget," McAlpine told the audience at the special public hearing held prior to the Board's November business meeting. "The new contract for waste collection is going to save us \$20,000," he added.

McAlpine noted that the tax millage would hold at "2.64 mills for the fifth or sixth year in a row."

McAlpine pegged the cost of the two police cruisers at \$30,000 and the cost of the street sweeper, which will be purchased through a lease-purchase agreement, at \$25,000.

Real property taxes are projected to produce revenue of \$650,000 in 1994 with the earned income tax generating \$490,000.

On the expenditure side, total public safety expenses come in at \$860,881 in the proposed budget in addition to \$402,880 earmarked for total public works.

The proposed 1994 budget will be on display in the municipal building.

Also at Wednesday's meeting, the Board awarded the Township's waste management contract to York Disposal

Company, Inc., which was the low bidder. The contract is contingent on approval of an agreement that John Polly, vice president of York Disposal, presented to the Board on Wednesday.

Supervisors To Vote December 6 Londonderry Board Reviews Proposed Sewer System Plans

Londonderry Township officials revealed last week that they will vote December 6 on an ordinance intended to pave the way for a public sewer system—the first such system proposed for this largely rural community.

In reviewing the ordinance during a joint November 22 meeting of the Township Board and General Authority, Township Solicitor James Pannebaker explained that properties within 150 feet of the new system will be required to hook up to it upon its completion.

Pannebaker also described the various rates, rules, regulations and other details associated with the proposed system, including the conditions under which an installation would be made and the application process that would precede the hookup. He also noted that property owners would pay a required connection fee at the time of application.

Other details of the ordinance's rules and regulations include: a regulation that would require property owners to connect to the new system within 60 days of notice from the Township Authority; the elimination of septic tanks and other waste devices belonging to properties within 150 feet of the system; and actions the Authority may take as a result of a property owner's failure to connect to the system.

After reviewing the ordinance at the Nov. 22 meeting, Pannebaker fielded a number of questions from residents, many of who were concerned about the rate they would be charged for the service.

"I live alone, so will I pay the same as a household with five persons?" one resident asked. Pannebaker replied that each residence is considered an Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EUD) under the ordinance and would pay the same fee no matter how many persons live in the dwelling.

Officials noted last week that the Londonderry system would be connected to the Conewago treatment plant owned and operated by Derry Township.

LD Board Shifts Project Money; Opts For Financial Opportunities

It turned out to be a night of high finance and decisions as the Lower Dauphin School Board wrestled with money issues. At its November meeting the Lower Dauphin School Directors, after weighing the pros and cons of the current bond market, sided with the administration and approved participation in the Emmaus General Authority's bond pool program.

The vote gives the Board a vehicle for funding capital projects in the District—namely the new middle school. "You asked us to be creative," said Dr. Jeffrey Miller, superintendent of schools, following a presentation by Public Financial Management, Inc., bond counsel for the project.

Dr. Miller said the District would net a \$165,000 savings by the Board's action.

In a related vote, the directors agreed to adopt a resolution that provided for the retirement of all or a portion of the 1992 refunding Project provided that the project generates a local effort savings of a minimum net amount of \$100,000 after all issuance expenses are deducted and taking into account the cash contribution by the District to the 1992 Refunding Project.

A representative of Public Financial said, "Rates are up a bit. We will continue to monitor the market."

Below is a copy of a photograph from the Press And Journal's archives. We apologize for the quality of the photograph but hope you will enjoy this glimpse from your recent past.



23 YEARS AGO - Senior Raiders – Pictured are the senior Raiders you've enjoyed watching on the field and now it's time to see them without their helmets. Senior football players honored at the Sunday, November 14, 1993 football banquet are from left top row: Uriah Schroll, Jeffrey Swartz, Ricky Thomas, Mike Corradi and Tom Leach. Front row from left: Tom Blazi, Jason Sipe, Antwon Scott and Dave Morgan.

The \$17.1 million dollar project, the final phase of the District-wide building and renovation program, includes renovations of the high school. The new middle school, which will house grades 6-8, will be constructed on District-owned land adjacent to the present administration building.

No date has been set for groundbreaking, but construction is expected to begin no later than March with completion anticipated for the middle of 1996.

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• "Hi everyone, the P&J Pastor here. God will bless those who support Israel and will cast his wrath on those who don't. The Holy Land should always be supported and in our prayers, for this is one of the reasons our country has prospered over the years. See you in the church of your choosing this Sunday!"

• "What do these people have to 'protest' over now? Trump won the election pure and simple. So just who should be in the 'basket of despicable' now? REVOLT they cry, do you really want to start a civil war? Trump supporters believe in the constitution, especially the 2nd amendment."

• "BUILD THAT WALL, BUILD THAT WALL."

• "Seen some people on TV 'protesting' the election results. One carried a sign that read 'REVOLT.' Hey, fellow you missed it. We just had a revolt; the people of America are tired of professional politicians screwing up our lives so we kicked them out. And if this new gang doesn't do any better they'll be gone next election."

• "Protesting the election results, that's the most asinine thing I've ever heard of. That's a whole generation of 'participation trophies,' no bad grades because it might make the little crybabies feel bad. Can't have my way so I'll hold my breath until they change the results. KNOCK YOURSELF OUT!!!"

• "These young college kids make me sick, well welcome to the real world things don't always go your way you crybabies, Trump is the next president and there is nothing you can do about it, 60 million people voted for him. I really think these young kids are afraid he really will create jobs and the will have to go to work."

• "The Press And Journal should tell the people if the cameras are not working, the cameras should not be there to give people a false sense of security. If they don't work FIX THEM."

• "I was very glad to see some new faces stepping up at the last LST meeting to put their name in the running for Township Commissioner. Ben Hall would be a great addition to the Township. Mr. Hall has been a huge part of the Lower Swatara Township Athletic Association for over 15 years. His dedication to the families and children of the township over that time has been a breathe of fresh air. I don't know many more men as caring and willing to volunteer their time to the local community than Mr. Hall. I'd like to see the Press And Journal do some interviewing

with Mr. Hall, so everyone can learn more about him. No doubt, he has my vote!"

• "I am totally at a loss. I met Mr. Fager and thanked him for a shirt I caught at the football game. I just want to say that this guy is nothing like I expected after seeing signs about his business. This man loves Middletown and very humble. Thank you Mr. Fager."

• "What would be very interesting: there is no federal law nor constitutional requirement for the Electoral College to abide by the voting results. Although several states (26) have laws requiring that the Electoral College follow the popular vote it has never been tested in court. What will also be interesting is how 78 ongoing lawsuits and a fraud case will impact his presidency - especially considering that Trump will be making judicial appointments - conflict of interest. Then of course is the influence of foreign governments - Putin - who following a telephone conversation with Trump increased strikes in Syria - against U.S. supported rebels. Then there is the potential Hatch Act violation by Comey. Should be a most interesting four years - not seen since Nixon."

• "I'm not disappointed that the borough council voted against matching government grant money to renovate/save the Elks. The council matched government grant money before and the committee didn't restore the Elks Theater as it was supposed to do. The same group has changed their name but won't work hard at fundraising. If they love attending theater so much, they should go to the one in Annville!"

• "I was referring to: CAMPUS HEIGHTS ASSOCIATES I LP, P.O. BOX 222, SOUTHEASTERN, PA 19399, WHICH IS IN LOWER SWATRA SO GET ALL YOUR FACTS before you comment JAKAS. The above is a comment for the 11/16/2016 Sound Off Column. I can't believe the Press and Journal allows name calling as badly disguised swearing in their newspaper."

• "Donald Trump is draining the swamp and filling it right back up with his own muck and grime."

• "First of all, I would like to preface this post by saying that my entire world revolves around my three pugs... Roscoe, Sissy and Onnie.

They are my universe. With that said, my universe is pretty small, but I love my world. I am 60 years old. I am single. I am not looking for a man. I live my life very happily. I don't need 'things.' I don't need 'stuff.' One of my closest friends is married. She owns her own business. He owns his own business. They have a beautiful home. I mean... this place is beautiful. It has a finished full basement complete with a well-stocked wet bar, pool table, gas fireplace, large screen TV, and gorgeous furniture. The main floor is decorated like a showplace. They have a beautiful in ground pool in the back yard, and the landscaping is tremendous. They both have brand new vehicles sitting in the driveway, which their businesses pay for. The car payments don't have to come out of their pockets. They are truly blessed. Her husband is never happy. The house isn't good enough. Nothing is ever good enough. He has a friend whose house is bigger than his, and he just hates that. This girl's husband had a major heart attack about a year ago, and God spared his life and he lived to tell about it after bypass surgery. The money he makes with his business just isn't good enough. His wife, my friend, pretty much does everything in the home and takes care of his books so he doesn't have to pay an accountant for his business. He basically doesn't have to do much of anything. Yet, nothing is good enough. This drives me crazy. She was talking to me about all of this not long ago. I said to her.... 'ya know, I don't even have a job right now. I live in a house that cannot even begin to compare to yours. I live in a little hole in the wall. I have a tiny little house (which, obviously, she knows.). My car is a 2000 Honda that I paid a little more than two thousand dollars for. I have a little tiny back yard the size of a postage stamp. No pool. No nothing. And I said to her, 'I just don't get it, because I truly wake up every single day and I am so grateful for my home, I'm so grateful for my car, I have food in my refrigerator, electricity, running water, I have a bed to lay down in at night. I have phone service, a car that runs, I have my dogs; I have heat in my house in the winter and air conditioning in the summer. I am completely happy and satisfied in my life. And every single day, I wake up and I thank the Lord for giving me these blessings.' People need to be more grateful in this life for what they have."

JOHN PAYNE CAPITOL REPORT

Commercial driver licenses affected by new state law

To comply with federal regulations, a new state law is now in effect that may affect individuals in the 106th District who hold commercial driver licenses or those who will be seeking them.

Most of the changes went into effect earlier this year. The changes are a result of Act 49 of 2015, which seeks to enhance public and driver safety while making the process a bit simpler for those who are seeking to renew a CDL.

All new CDL applicants and current holders required to renew or make any changes or upgrades to their CDL will need to do so in person. License holders are required to prove citizenship or legal presence in the form of a birth certificate, passport, naturalization documents or current immigration documents in person.

The requirement to prove citizenship or legal presence for permanent residents and citizens will only need to be



done once as a notation will be made on the customer's record confirming the verification was made and the date.

Additionally, residency documents will be required initially, at renewal and any time an address change occurs. Proof of residency can be accomplished by providing tax records, lease agreements, mortgage documents, W-2 form, current weapons permit, utility bills (water, gas, electric, cable, etc.), a letter from PennDOT or a license. Information is available at PennDOT's website, www.dmv.pa.gov, by typing "CDL" in the search bar.

Apply for home heating grant

Pennsylvania's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program is now accepting applications for cash grants. Eligible residents are encouraged to apply online to make the application review faster and save taxpayer dollars.

LIHEAP is a grant program that offers home heating assistance to eligible low-income households or families in crisis. Grants are awarded based on

household income, family size, type of heating fuel and region. The LIHEAP program serves approximately 392,349 Pennsylvania households. In most counties, assistance with home heating crisis situations is available 24 hours a day.

For eligibility requirements or to apply online for LIHEAP, visit my website, RepPayne.com. Paper applications can be obtained by contacting the Dauphin County Assistance Office at 717-787-2324, or by calling the state's LIHEAP hotline at 866-857-7095.

Applications are also available from local utility companies and community service agencies, such as Area Agencies on Aging or community action agencies.

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JOHN LAForge

Here's how to get rid of Electoral College

Sixteen years ago, as the 2000 presidential election recount in Florida transfixed the nation, the newly elected Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke directly to the likelihood that Al Gore would win the popular vote and still lose the election:

"I believe strongly that in a democracy, we should respect the will of the people," Mrs. Clinton said, "and to me that means it's time to do away with the Electoral College and move to the popular election of our president," The New York Times reported.

If Mrs. Clinton had worked as hard over the last 16 years to abolish the Electoral College as she worked to win the Democratic nomination, she would be moving back into the White House in January. Five times in U.S. history and twice this century the popular vote winner has "lost" the presidential election because of the slavery-tainted Electoral College. (Counting enslaved people as almost-persons increased the official populations of slavery states — and in-turn boosted their Electoral College clout.)

Clinton, by winning more votes than Donald Trump, would in any other country in the world be the president-elect. But because of the Electoral College's absurd winner-take-all rules,



Trump snaps up every electoral vote in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin, even though he won by a mere 1 percentage point in all three states.

Ralph Nader called again Nov. 10 for elimination of the Electoral College. "Hillary Clinton won the election," Nader said. "We've gotta get rid of the electoral college," he said, because it "makes the U.S. a mockery of the world" — the same way America's handgun violence, climate change denial, death penalty, and astronomical health care costs do.

"Nowhere else on Earth can someone can win the popular vote and lose the election," he said.

"The two major parties don't own all the votes" Nader said, referring to the fact that "electors" in the "college" are nothing but officials from the two major parties, elected office holders, or funders with vested interests who always vote blindly for their party's nominee based only on their single state's final tally — regardless of the will of the nationwide majority.

One answer to this anti-democratic election rigging is the National Popular Vote bill. The law would guarantee the presidency to the candidate who receives the most popular votes nationwide. The bill has already been passed into law in 11 states; states that control a total of 165 electoral votes. The law will take effect nationally when it is enacted by states with a

total of 105 more electoral votes. Most recently, the bill was passed 40-to-16 in the Republican-controlled Arizona House; 28-to-18 in the Republican-controlled Oklahoma Senate; 57-to-4 in the Republican-controlled New York Senate; and 37-to-21 in the Democratic-controlled Oregon House.

The Electoral College is based on state law, so when enough additional states pass the National Popular Vote bill — enough to add up to the 270 electoral votes needed to win the White House — then the "electors" would be legally bound to vote for the popular vote winner and never again steal an election from the top vote getter.

Even Trump himself has criticized the Electoral College. Just before the 2012 election, in a Twitter post that looks astonishingly factual today, he called it "a disaster for a democracy." For months this year he railed against the "rigged election." But like all Democrats and all Republicans before him, rigged elections are only a problem when they lose.

For more details about how to abolish the Electoral College, check out nationalpopularvote.com.

John LaForge is co-director of Nuke-watch, a peace and environmental justice group in Wisconsin, and is co-editor of "Nuclear Heartland, Revised: A Guide to the 450 Land-Based Missiles of the United States."

Church

Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church Middletown

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

Evangelical United Methodist Church Middletown

Evangelical Church meets on the corner of Spruce and Water streets at 157 E. Water St., Middletown, south of Main St., behind the Turkey Hill convenience store.

Welcome all! May God's light shine upon us as we gather to worship. May the brilliance of His light and His wisdom fill us. May it be as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

The ministries scheduled at Evangelical United Methodist Church for November 23-29 are always open to everyone.

Wed., Nov. 23: 6 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous Book Study; 6:30 p.m.,

New Beginnings Church Middletown

New Beginnings Church of Middletown is 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. Our church steeple bell tolls four times at the beginning of worship, one for the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit and you.

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. Youth Fellowship is from 5 to 7 p.m. For additional church information call 944-9595. For security purposes our back and side doors will be locked every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the start of worship. The only door for entry after that will be the front door.

Wednesdays: Craft Group, 1 p.m.; Choir rehearsals, 6:30 p.m.; Praise Band rehearsals, 7:45 p.m.

Sociable Seniors group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m.; Intercessory Prayer Group meets Thursdays at 6 p.m.; Blanket making is the 2nd Thursday of every month at 9 a.m. We clean the Middletown Food Bank the 3rd

Please join us each Sunday to hear the Gospel.

Our services are at 10:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. We are located at the corner of Spruce and Emaus streets here in Middletown. We have a fellowship meal following the 10:15 a.m. morning service on the first Sunday of every month, free to all who come. We also have Sunday school classes for all ages at 9 a.m., and a Bible Study each Wednesday at 7 p.m. We are now studying the Gospel of Luke.

Feel free to contact us with questions at 944-5835.

Senior Choir rehearsal.

Sun., Nov. 23: 9 a.m., Sunday Church school with classes for all ages. Adult Sunday school devotional leader for November: Bill Harris; 10:15 a.m., Worship service. The worship center is handicap and wheelchair accessible. Greeters: Marcia and Mike Baker, Shirley Kupp. Liturgist: Julie Kupp. Nursery helpers: Deb Lidle, Joyce Moyer. The altar flowers are given in memory of Bill Lehman and loved ones presented by Mary and their family.

Tues., Nov. 29: 2 p.m., Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Saturday every other month. Everyone is welcome to participate in these important areas of our church life.

Pastor Britt writes a daily devotional on Facebook page, "One Way, One Truth, One Life." We invite all to read it.

Nursery: Dana Rhine, Evette Graham. November ushers: Paula and John Bidoli, Mary Mulka, and Earl Peters. Greeter for November: Evette Graham.

Men's Group meets every Thursday morning at 6 a.m. for prayer. Community men invited.

Wooden pickets for our prayer garden, inscribed for the fence, are being sold for a cost in memory of, honor of, or family name. Contact Michelle Strohecker at 717-982-5068. Our 8 ft. cross, made out of nails, is in the prayer garden in the back of the yard and is illuminated every night. Drive by and see it.

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

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

Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown Middletown

The Presbyterian Congregation is located at the corner of Union and Water streets 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.

Wed., Nov. 23: No choir or bells rehearsal.

Thurs., Nov. 24: Thanksgiving. Church office closed.

Fri., Nov. 25: Church office closed.

Church School for all ages on Nov. 27 from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. We encourage parents to bring the children and teens to class and adults are welcome to the Adult Forum. The Adult Forum will hear from Brian Yeich as he leads a series by author and pastor Matt Rawle, "The Redemption of Scrooge." This series examines Dickens' classic novel, making connections between the story of Ebenezer Scrooge and the story that Christians tell during Advent and Christmas. We will look at how we can draw important truths about brokenness and redemption and the Advent themes of peace, hope, love and joy.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church Middletown

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church is located at Spring and Union streets, (121 N. Spring St.), Middletown. We are a Reconciling In Christ Church.

Please join us for worship. Our worship times are: Wednesday morning at 10 a.m., Saturday evening, 5 p.m., and Sunday morning worship is at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages begins weekly at 9:45 a.m. Our Sunday worship service is broadcast at 11 a.m. on WMSS 91.1 FM. Our Saturday service is a casual traditional service. This service usually is 45 minutes in length. Please enter the church through the parking lot door.

Church and Community Events: Wed., Nov. 23: 10 a.m., Holy Communion, Chapel.

Thurs., Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Day. Church office is closed.

Sat., Nov. 26: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Christmas Bazaar; 5 p.m., Holy Communion.

Sun., Nov. 27: 1 Advent; 8:15 a.m., Holy Communion (T); 9:45 a.m., Sunday School/Confirmation Class; 11 a.m., Holy Communion (C). Baptism.

Tues., Nov. 29: 3:30 to 5 p.m.,

Please join us for worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sun., Nov. 27. Our sanctuary is 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.

Tues., Nov. 29: 11:30 a.m., Pastor Bruce is preaching at Dedication of Spiritual Life Center at Penn State Harrisburg.

Our electronic newsletter can be accessed anytime: (1) Search for the website by typing in pcmdt.org or Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown; (2) The "home page" opens with a photo of our church bell tower; (3) Go to the upper right hand corner of the website and click on "resources"; (4) The new page opens with options: click on "newsletter." (These are PDF files, should open with Adobe Acrobat).

The Parish Nurse is available by calling the church office at 717-944-4322.

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

Homework Club; 6:30 p.m., Women of St. Peter's.

Food Pantry News: Clients receiving a Thanksgiving bag, in addition to regular allowances per number of people in their household. The following items will be needed: *mashed potatoes (boxes or bags), *stuffing mix, gravy (canned or jarred), corn, cranberry sauce, mixed fruit, applesauce, *sweet potatoes (canned), green beans, and coffee. Items marked with * are especially needed. Thank you for considering adding these to your shopping list, as well as soups, cereals, condiments and toiletries for Food Pantry donations. Items collected are taken to the Middletown Area Interfaith Food Pantry located at 201 Wyoming St., Royalton. Individuals may also take items directly to the food pantry, which is open Tuesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Community Action Commission office is open Tuesdays, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the same location.

Visit our website at www.stpcetersmiddletown.org.

Scripture for November 27: Isa 2:1-5; Ps 122; Rom 13:11-14; Matt 24:36-44.

LD students to participate in honors orchestra festival

Lower Dauphin High School had eight students participate in the Lebanon Valley College honors orchestra festival: seniors Rachel Bickelman and Madie Gotshall, violin, and Jane

Miller and Sam Rothermel, viola; juniors Ella Hickey, violin, and Abby Mauger viola; and sophomores Annie Dickinson, violin, and Aidan Ferguson, violin.

They were directed by Johannes Dietrich, a professor at LVC. The honors orchestra will perform a wide range of repertoire, including a concerto grosso by Handel, and movements from the "Serenade For Strings" by Dvorak and Tchaikovsky. In keeping with tradition, students will also play a few recently-composed pieces.

The students attended rehearsals Nov. 4, which continued the next day and culminated in a concert Saturday evening.

The 100-plus student musicians who performed attend area high schools, including Annville, Blue Mountain, Cedar Crest, Central Dauphin, Central Dauphin East, Central York, Conestoga Valley, Ephrata, Hanover, Harrisburg Academy, Lebanon, Lebanon Catholic, Linden Hall, Lower Dauphin, Manheim Central, Manheim Township, Palmyra, Souderton, Spring Grove, Susquehanna Township, Susquehannock, Tulpehocken, Veritas Academy, and Warwick.

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Dear Editor...

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Grant could expand Project Lead The Way program to Steelton area schools

Schools in the Steelton area have the opportunity to expand their science, technology, engineering and math education programs through a grant supported by ArcelorMittal, the world's leading steel and mining company.

ArcelorMittal has committed \$350,000 to Project Lead The Way to establish new PLTW programs, or sustain and enhance existing PLTW programs, in middle schools and high schools in the company's local communities. This is the second year ArcelorMittal has made grant support possible to Steelton-area schools.

Schools within a 10-mile radius of ArcelorMittal's Steelton facility may apply. The competitive application process runs through Dec. 15.

PLTW is a nonprofit organization that provides learning experiences for K-12 students and teachers. The organization offers five programs which create K-12 pathways in computer science, engineering and biomedical


science. PLTW grant funds supported by ArcelorMittal are available for the PLTW Gateway (middle school) program and the PLTW Engineering (high school) program.

ArcelorMittal's commitment will provide PLTW grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$35,000. Schools with existing programs may receive \$5,000 to \$10,000 to expand their programs, and schools wishing to implement a new program will receive \$20,000 to \$35,000. Grant funds may be used for program expenses such as annual program fees, teacher professional development, and required classroom equipment and materials.

Schools meeting the grant eligibility requirements found on PLTW's Grant Opportunities webpage may apply for grant funding. If awarded funding, schools must implement the PLTW program in the 2017-18 school year. For detailed information on the PLTW Gateway and PLTW Engineering programs, visit pltw.org/our-programs.

GENEALOGY

Pennsylvania Family Roots



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The Koppenheffer/Kopenhaver Family

The earliest found ancestor of the Koppenheffer family is Thomas Koppenheffer, born c 1708 in the Kingdom of Wurttemberg, Germany, came to Philadelphia on September 11, 1728 with his wife Ann Maria Zinn. They settled first in Lancaster County then Berks County, Pa.

Michael Koppenheffer (1733-November 5, 1823), a son of Thomas and Anna Maria Zinn Koppenheffer, was born in Lancaster County, Pa. He belonged to the militia during the Revolutionary War, and was a farmer in Bethel Twp., Berks County until 1801 when he purchased a farm in Mifflin Twp., Dauphin County. Michael married Maria Eva, surname unknown at this time, had seven children born in Berks County, all of whom settled in Lykens Valley, Dauphin County, Pa.

*Martinus, born March 7, 1769-January 18, 1825, buried Coleman's Church, married May 2, 1786 to Susanna Artz. Martinus and Susanna (Artz) Koppenheffer children:

**Elizabeth, born September 6, 1787-died June 2, 1826, buried at Hoffman Cemetery, married September 20, 1812 to Jacob Moyer. *Michael, (1788 -1839), married Susanna Coleman, born September 1793.

Michael and Susanna (Coleman) Koppenheffer Children: (1) Catherine, married James Porter; (2) Henry; (3) Daniel; (4) Samuel; (5) Angeline, married Martin Schrecongost; (6) George; (7) Susanna married Isreal Himes.

**Catharine, (no dates) married Jacob Hoffman, Jr.

**Jacob, (May 14, 1795-October 25, 1865, married Anna Maria Rehbock (October 20, 1794-March 23, 1860. Jacob and Anna Maria (Rhebok) Koppenheffer children: Jacob; Phillip; Lydia; Daniel.

**John H., born July 19, 1797, married Elizabeth Wolf, born 1799. John H. and Elizabeth (Wolf) Koppenheffer children: Simon, born 1819; Catherine; Mary; Martin; Sarah; John; Christina. Susanna, born August 17, 1799

**Frederick Koppenheffer/Kopenhaver, born December 27, 1803-died June 26, 1875, married Susanna Harner (born October 5, 1805-died October 8, 1881), Spring Glen, Schuylkill County, Pa. Frederick and Susanna (Harner) Koppenheffer: eight children: (1) Catherine, married 1st to George Maurer, 2nd George W. Bard; (2) George moved to Cedar Co., Iowa; (3) Martin lived in Schuylkill County; (4) Mary, married Solomon R. Enterline; (5) Thomas J., information unknown; (6) Elizabeth Koppenhaver, married Jacob Henry Zimmerman of Llewellyn, Branch Twp., Schuylkill County, Pa. Jacob Henry Zimmerman, born May 31, 1836 in Llewellyn, Branch Twp. Schuylkill County, Pa.-died October 17,1922, (buried Clauser Church Cemetery), his wife Elizabeth Koppenhaver, born April 2, 1835-died February 16, 1887, buried at Clauser Church Cemetery. They had 11 children starting with the oldest: (1) Anna Catherine Zimmerman, born December 12, 1857-died 1933, buried at Clauser, married Charles Franklin Gable, their children: Emma; Wm; Bella; Katie; Lillian; Dorothy, Danny, Carrie (died, Wm. H. infancy); (2) John Henry Zimmerman, born August 3, 1859-died April 1, 1930, (buried Mt. Peace Cemetery, Minersville), married Nancy Elizabeth Terrill (1866-1938), married 22 November 1894, (no children); (3) Alice Alimra Zimmerman, born March 23, 1861-June 21, 1926, died age 65, married Abraham Starr (1854-1935), my maternal great-grandparents (nine children). Through their third child Lottie Eva Starr (1889-1922), married Roy Emerson Meck (1890-1948), my grandparents. They had five children: Alverna Eva Meck, twin boys Roy Emerson Meck 1919-1919, and Leroy Emerson Meck 1919-1983, (my father) Clarence (Pete) Meck (1921-1950) and baby girl. (4) Isabella Zimmerman known as 'Aunt Belle' (1863-1910); (5) Susanna Rebecca Zimmerman, died in infancy (1865-1866); (6) Sarah Elizabeth Zimmerman, died 1 yr., 7 days, (1867-1868); (7) Ida Jane Zimmerman (1871-1911, married Samuel Spangler (1871-1911); (8) Jacob Lincoln Zimmerman (1873-1874) 6 m., 6 days); (9) Katie Malinda Zimmerman (1874-1875); (10) Amanda Priscilla Zimmerman (1875-1876) 9 m., 3 d.; (11) Lillian Eva Zimmerman, baptized as Lilie Eva (according to church records) (1877-1968).

"My father, Leroy Meck, talked about Aunt Lil. She was never married, was known to all, died at the age 91, was blind last year of her life. Born and raised in the homestead, never lived anywhere else. When her sister Ida Jane Spangler died, Samuel brought Herbert, Isabella, George and John H. back from Lykens to Llewellyn, and Aunt Lil raised them. My father Leroy Meck spoke highly of Aunt Lil for when his mother Lottie died. The children Leroy, Clarence and Alverna were going to be put in an orphanage because their father could not take care of them. His two sisters Pauline Meck Fishburn and Olive Blanch Meck also helped to take care of my father and his siblings.

My great-grandfather Jacob Henry Zimmerman was a carpenter by trade. When he bought the house at Sheriff Sale in 1865, it was a log cabin on the corner of Bunting and Railroad streets near the bridge on Route 209. When Aunt Lil died in (1968) her father's carpenter tools were found in the cellar with his name stenciled Jacob H. Zimmerman on the box."

The Kopenhavers hold their annual reunion every year in August at Hegins Park. Most of them are buried at Sacramento, Hegins Twp., Schuylkill Co., Pa. Would like to know if anyone can send me the Kopenhaver Reunion Newsletters?

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SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT

Make this
Holiday
Gathering the
Best One Yet!

As most holiday hosts know, it's not unheard-of to spend the majority of your party in the kitchen, while guests laugh together down the hall. But preparing in advance can help you reduce stress, have more time to make the moments special and still serve a delicious meal. Here are a few hosting hints to make this holiday the best yet.

Snappy Sides

Make sides in a cinch by doing any chopping, slicing or mixing in advance of the day of your party. Certain sides can even be prepped ahead and popped in the oven just before the guests arrive.

Or, consider making your party a potluck festivity. This way, everyone pitches in on the food, which leaves you time to mine Pinterest for simple DIY holiday décor ideas that are sure to draw more than a few wows.

Main Course

The centerpiece of your celebration, the ham or turkey, shouldn't involve a ton of work or preparation. When your guests have traveled from all over, why not treat them (and yourself) to a little taste of home that provides the perfect presentation and effortless preparation?

One easy way to serve these home favorites without spending all day near the oven is by choosing from your local options. Picking up ready-made sides, like green bean casserole and herb stuffing, as well as cakes, pies and other desserts, could potentially mean one-stop shopping for you. Along with grocery and farm markets, local restaurants often prepare oven-ready dishes to go.

Do-It-Yourself Drinks

All too often, hosts get bogged down fixing drinks for guests as they arrive. Avoid this conundrum by setting up a DIY drink station. You may consider making a signature drink in advance and serving it in a beverage dispenser or punch bowl, or giving guests a few cocktail suggestions on a placard.

Don't forget the little ones. Set up a hot chocolate bar that includes marshmallows, peppermints and whipped cream topping options. Ask adults to help their children serve themselves.

You don't have to get sidelined in the kitchen at your holiday gathering in order to serve a home style feast. With a few smart strategies, you can be both the host of the party and the life of it.

Source: StatePoint



Source: Family Features

After spending hours searching for the perfect gift, it's only fitting that the wrapping is just as special as the gift itself. Luckily, elaborate wrapping doesn't have to be pricey - you can easily find ways to perfect and personalize your gift with what you have left over from last year and everyday items around the house.

1. **Use what's around you.** You don't have to buy fancy, expensive wrapping paper to make a gift special. Use household items like newspapers, paper bags and even magazines for unconventionally wrapped gifts that still give off a wow-factor. If you have extra bakers twine, use it to create a shabby-chic bow and adorn the present with a small sprig from your Christmas tree. These household items can give gifts a handmade and homey touch that friends and family will love.
2. **Don't let anything go to waste.** Get the most out of gift wrapping by using every last bit of your supplies. If you're at the end of two rolls of different wrapping paper, use the scraps to create a perfectly mismatched present by covering 2/3 of the gift with one paper and the remainder with the other. Use double-sided tape where both papers meet to create a seam that blends flawlessly into the wrapping paper and top with a bow. If you have leftover birthday paper, using it for a holiday

gift is no problem. Flip the paper inside out to use the white side, then simply adorn the gift with decorative tapes to add pizzazz, texture and dimension.

3. **Accessorize and personalize.** Embellish your present with personal touches and accessories to make it stand out. There's no need to go out and buy fancy bows and ribbons when you can turn everyday items into personalized decorations directly related to the gift itself - like decorating with crayons if you're giving

a coloring book. For quick, DIY monogramming you can do at home, simply use stencils to cut out the letters of your recipient's name and tape them directly onto the box. If you're worried about choosing the perfect card, save your money and easily create your own out of cardstock or construction paper for a special touch and personalized message. Whichever way you choose, the time and care you put into personalizing your gift will not go unnoticed.

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The holidays are times of nostalgia and remembrance, from stories of when we were children to the smell of cookies baking in the oven. Likewise, the gifts you give are not just objects to enjoy now; they should create a joyful memory that can be cherished for years.

Consider personalizing gifts with a loved one's name, a monogram, a shared memory, a thoughtful message or an inside joke - something that makes it just for them, and only from you.

For a seasonal gift to mark the passing years, consider

a personalized ornament or snow globe. Your gift recipient can look back on the ornaments received each year and be reminded of those holiday memories.

Above all, remember to take into consideration the style, hobbies and favorite colors of your gift recipient. You can customize a gift for anyone on your list.

Scarves or jewelry personalized just for her can be enjoyed for years, and with her monogram, become a real statement piece. For him, consider mugs, apparel and other gear that commemorates his favorite sports team, and are sure to become part of his game-day traditions and celebrations. Personalized toys, stuffed animals and other snuggly gifts are great for kids.

Seek out local retailers and holiday bazaars where you can find customizable items and one-of-a-kind gifts. Make someone's season by giving gifts that create new and happy memories with the people you care about the most.

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