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## Township buys Shireman tract

Lower Swatara gets matching grant to make offer for \$374,000

By David Barr  
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The Lower Swatara Board of Commissioners unanimously approved acquiring the Shireman property for \$374,000 at its Nov. 15 legislative meeting. The township was awarded a 50-50 matching Department of

Conservation and Natural Resources Grant in the amount of \$187,000 for the purchase of the property in December 2016. No one spoke for or against the purchase at the meeting before the vote. The 32-acre tract of land is at the southeast corner of Longview Drive and Ebenezer Road. Ideas

suggested previously for use at the property include two to three softball fields, walking trails, picnic areas and a dog park. Commissioner Ben Hall made the motion to purchase the property, saying that “securing open space in this township is something we’ve heard loud and clear for the future, and I think by having a piece of property at this kind of price, it may never come again.” He encouraged the board to “do the right thing for the future of Lower Swatara” and purchase the property. Vice President Laddie Springer

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## On to the state playoffs ...



PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE PRESS & JOURNAL BY WILLIAM DARRAH

Tyreer Mills has plenty of company as he holds the District 3 Class 3A trophy on Thursday night at Hersheypark Stadium after the Blue Raiders rolled over Wyomissing, 49-0. See more on pages B1, B2 and B6.

## Christmas tree raised, lowered, raised again



STAFF PHOTO BY JASON MADDOX

Mayor James H. Curry III smiles Friday as the borough Christmas tree is delivered to the corner of Union and Emaus streets to be placed in front of the McNair House.

## More stable base needed after high winds

By Dan Miller  
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Twenty-one feet at its widest point, Middletown’s 2017 Christmas tree would have qualified as a wide load as it was making its way down Union Street being led by a borough police escort with lights a-flashing on Friday, Nov. 17. But as Mayor James H. Curry III put it, “nobody does Christmas like Middletown.” The Douglas fir was donated to the borough by a family living in Hummelstown, just a few miles outside of the borough in the neighborhood near Stauffers of Kissel Hill on Middletown Road, the mayor said. “It just happened to be the right size, the right shape,” the mayor said as he watched borough crews

More photos from the Christmas tree delivery. **SEE PAGE B6.**

start setting the tree in place in front of the McNair House at East Emaus and North Union streets. “It was a situation where the family wanted to get rid of the tree because of some landscaping issues. It was growing against their house, so rather than it just being cut down and mulched up we thought we would give it one last hurrah here in Middletown, similar to what we did last year.” The borough picked up the tree shortly before noon. The Christmas convoy made its way down Vine Street into the borough, with bystanders capturing the procession on their cellphones.

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## Learn how to protect your deliveries this holiday season

By Dan Miller  
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Middletown police are reporting an uptick in packages being stolen from the homes of borough residents. These kinds of incidents are expected to increase, with the advent of the holiday season and with more of us doing our Christmas shopping online.

Borough police want to help prevent you from becoming a victim. On Monday, Nov. 27, officers will be at a public meeting in the Municipal Building focused on preventing package thefts. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. and is being hosted by the Middletown Quality of Life Neighborhood Watch. Police hope to also have on hand at least one representative from

a company that is involved in delivering packages, such as the U.S. Postal Service, UPS or FedEx. If you can’t make the Nov. 27 meeting, here are some tips on preventing packages from being stolen, courtesy of the Dauphin County Crimewatch website: • Choose a shipping option that requires you to sign for delivery. • Check delivery status online so you can try to be home when the

package arrives. Some retailers offer text messages to your cell phone to alert you when items have been delivered. • On the expected day of arrival, post a note on your door asking the delivery service to leave the package with a trusted neighbor. • Arrange to have the package shipped to another location where

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## Crematory won’t be built here

Funeral home gets \$25,000 in settlement; it will donate the money to local groups

By Dan Miller  
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One of the most divisive issues in recent Middletown history has come to an end, as plans to build a crematory at Fager-Finkbinder Funeral Home at 208 N. Union St., have been abandoned. Fager-Finkbinder has agreed not to locate the crematory here, in exchange for a \$25,000 payment that has been received from opponents to the crematory as part of a settlement that has been reached in Dauphin County Court, Fager-Finkbinder President/Owner Travis Finkbinder told the Press & Journal on Tuesday, Nov. 21. Finkbinder said he is donating the entire \$25,000 received from the opponents to charities. A restriction will be placed on the deed of the funeral home so that a crematory can never be built at the 208 N. Union St. property. Fager-Finkbinder has no plans to leave the funeral home, Finkbinder said, citing the significant investment that he has made in the property since acquiring it. Finkbinder still intends to build a crematory to service

the Middletown funeral home as well as three other funeral homes that Finkbinder has—in Elizabethtown, Palmyra and Marietta. However, it will be built at one of those three sites and not anywhere in Middletown, Finkbinder said. He agreed to the settlement, he said, because “I need to have the crematory now, and I couldn’t invest the time and resources in seeing us challenged at every step along the way.” “If we looked at where this was going in terms of the time frame and the overall resources that it would take to get to the end point, we simply can’t wait,” he added. “Our businesses are growing at rates that are beyond what we had even expected here in Middletown.”

**Concerns from neighbors**  
Opposition to the crematory  
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Finkbinder

## Hair-raising: Students at LD support mini-THON

By David Barr  
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Amid hoots and hollering and chants of “FTK,” Spencer Miller experienced something on the afternoon of Wednesday, Nov. 15 that he never had before. He had his head shaved. Seated before a crowd of students in the Lower Dauphin High School cafeteria, Miller let Jen Hunter of Imani Salon in Hummelstown take clippers to his dark hair and shave it all off. There was a good reason for a high school senior to willingly forgo needing shampoo for a while. It was in the chants of his fellow students as his hair fell in pieces to his shoulders and the floor: “FTK” is “For The Kids.” Miller is among a group of 60 people who agreed to shave their heads to help raise money for Lower Dauphin High School’s 2018

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STAFF PHOTO BY DAVID BARR

Jen Hunter takes the clippers to Spencer Miller Nov. 15 in the Lower Dauphin cafeteria. Miller’s head was shaved after \$123.51 was raised by students at lunch on Monday, Nov. 13. Miller agreed to have his head shaved if \$100 was raised.

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# Pries running for Congress

Dauphin County Commissioner Mike Pries, who lives in Derry Township, is running for Congress.

The Republican is seeking to replace U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent, who is not running for re-election. The 15th District is comprised of all Lehigh County, and large areas of Berks, Dauphin, Lebanon and Northampton counties. The area includes Middletown, Hummelstown and Royaltown as well as Londonderry Township. “We must fix health care by increasing competition so that we can choose policies that fit our needs without unfairly burdening families. We need a federal tax system that is simple and prioritizes middle-class families by lowering their taxes and increasing the deductions that help them most. And it is essential to keep our families safe by combating terror at home and abroad, supporting law enforcement, funding first responders, and reinforcing our military so it can be at the highest level of readiness,” he said on his campaign website in announcing his candidacy.

“We must also be unapologetic in sharing American values. I stand for our flag and the na-

tional anthem. I believe in our Constitution and will protect it. I’m pro-life, pro-family and stand firmly behind the values that founded our country,” he said.

Pries was appointed to the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners in August 2010 by the Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas, filling the unexpired term of the resigning Nick DiFrancesco. In 2011, he was elected to his first full term as commissioner and was re-elected in 2015.

Pries oversees the county’s Department of Community and Economic Development, Safety and Security, Veterans Affairs, Facility Maintenance, Waste Management and Recycling, Domestic Relations, the Prison, Judicial Center, Registration and Elections, the Emergency Management Agency and the Dauphin County Library System.

Prior to his appointment, Pries served as the director of safety and security for Dauphin County



Pries

for nearly 11 years. He also served as a Derry Township supervisor from 2006-2010, serving as chairman of the board of supervisors from 2008 to 2010.

Pries also served on the Derry Township Industrial and Commercial Development Authority from 1999-2010 and as chairman from 2004 to 2005. His most memorable project was the Giant Center, home of the Hershey Bears and a popular concert venue, according to his biography on the county website.

Pries graduated from Penn State University in 1994 with a bachelor’s degree in administration of justice and from Hershey High School.

He resides in Derry Township with his wife, Angela, and two children, Carter and Will.

According to PennLive.com, three Democrats have announced their candidacy: Allentown Solicitor Susan Ellis Wild, Allentown pastor Greg Edwards, and Bill Leiner of Lehigh County. Three other Republican candidates already are running: state Reps. Justin Simmons and Ryan Mackenzie, both from Lehigh County, and Lehigh County Commissioner Marty Nothstein.

## John says goodbye to school board



STAFF PHOTO BY DAN MILLER

David John, left, acknowledges congratulations from the audience during his final meeting as a Middletown Area School Board member Nov. 20. Right of John are board members Darnell Montgomery, John Ponnett II and Christopher Lupp. John has served 16 years on the board since first being elected in 2001. John also served on the board for a period after being appointed in 1995. John chose not to run for re-election in 2017 and will be replaced by Julie L. Gomboc-Turyan of Middletown, who was elected to a two-year seat on Nov. 7. Superintendent Lori Suski described John as “a champion for children and for public education” whose service will be “sorely missed” by the board, school district and community.

## AREA POLICE AND COURTS ROUNDUP

### Man charged in beating; video caught theft

Middletown police have charged a borough man with simple assault for allegedly beating an 11-year-old boy with a cardboard plank inscribed with the word “Enforcer.”

The boy told police that Johnny L. Jenkins, 48, of the 100 block of Nissley Street, also beat him with a belt and made him run on a treadmill wearing a 20-pound vest. When the boy said he was tired from running on the treadmill and needed water, Jenkins punched him in the arm, according to arrest papers that police have filed with District Judge David Judy.

The boy told police that Jenkins also allegedly physically abused two other children; a 5-year-old girl and a 13-year-old boy, according to arrest papers. Jenkins already was facing charges of endangering the welfare of children and simple assault for a separate incident where he allegedly beat a boy with “The Enforcer” stick and threw him onto the floor. Jenkins was arraigned in Dauphin County Court on those charges on Nov. 3.

The new simple assault charge was added on Nov. 20 as Jenkins was arraigned by Judy. Jenkins was freed after posting \$10,000 bail and his preliminary hearing on the new charge is set for Dec. 14.

#### Video catches alleged thief in act

Middletown police arrested a 69-year-old Steelton woman after a neighbor’s video caught her stealing two metal ramps, a step ladder, and aluminum window frames from a residence in the first block of North Pine Street on Oct. 23.

A clerk at Royaltown Recycling

identified the woman as Mary E. Johnson, of the 100 block of Lincoln Street, based on a screen shot of the woman that police showed to the clerk, according to arrest papers police filed with District Judge David Judy.

The victim told police that he used the metal ramps to get a power wheel chair down the front steps. He estimated the combined value of the items taken at \$167.95.

Charges of theft by unlawful taking, and knowledge that property is proceeds of an illegal act, were filed against Johnson on Nov. 8. Her preliminary hearing is set for Dec. 28.

#### Woman jailed for alleged beating

A Londonderry Township woman is in Dauphin County Prison on \$75,000 bail after she assaulted another woman during a domestic disturbance in the 1100 block of Locust Grove Road on Nov. 17.

Police in arrest papers said that Rhonda Rochelle Goodman, 48, same address, struck the victim in the face with her right fist several times, and then tried to cut the victim with the extended blade of a small serrated knife.

Goodman then allegedly swung a butcher knife at the victim, and then threw a pair of scissors at her, police said.

Goodman was arraigned before District Justice David Judy on Nov. 17 and charged with aggravated assault, possession of a small amount of marijuana for personal use, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, terroristic threats, simple assault, and harassment.

A preliminary hearing before

Judy is scheduled for Nov. 22.

#### Rented floor scrubber stolen

A floor scrubber that was rented from Giant was reported stolen from the yard of a residence in the 200 block of Hoffer Street on Nov. 2, Middletown police said.

The victim told police he had left the floor scrubber unattended about 100 yards away from his home for just a few minutes. No estimate of value was provided.

#### Packages taken from home

Two packages were reported stolen from a residence in the 500 block of Cattell Street on Nov. 14.

The victim told police he had left the packages to be picked up by UPS. The victim was sending items out to be repaired, police said.

#### Smartphone sale fraud

Middletown police are investigating a possible case of fraud involving sale of a smartphone.

Police say that the victim arranged through an online app known as OfferUp to meet at a restaurant in the borough to buy the phone from the seller for \$85.

The victim called police after he was unable to activate the phone, leading to concerns that the phone may have been stolen, police said.

#### Bike reported stolen

A bicycle was reported stolen from a residence in the 200 block of East Emaus Street on Nov. 8.

Police said one juvenile told police that the bicycle was stolen by another juvenile.

# OBITUARIES



### Peter DeHart LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP

Peter J. DeHart, 67, of Lower Swatara Township, went to his eternal home on Thursday, November 16, 2017.

He was born on April 4, 1950 in Harrisburg and was the son of the late Irvin and Aletha (Reider) DeHart.

Peter was a 1968 graduate of Hershey High School and a 1973 graduate of Elizabethtown College. He retired from Penn State Harrisburg in 2007.

He had a creative mind expressed through his photo-art, displayed at art shows and galleries throughout Central PA. He published several books of poetry, all written in his unique, old world style.

Peter was a lay minister and frequently called upon to speak at churches and retirement communities. He received recognition for his volunteer services at the Mt. Hope Retirement Community in Manheim, Pa., one of many such venues that he served.

He was a collector of antique radios and Victrolas and was well known to short-wave operators throughout the world community. He enjoyed baseball and used his creative genius to make board games with his extensive collection of baseball cards.

Peter was a member of Cedar Hill Community Church in Elizabethtown, Pa., and First Church of God, in Middletown, Pa., and previously attended Bright Hope Fellowship in Middletown and the former Discover Joy Church in Manheim, Pa.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Lillian Fortna DeHart; daughters Amelia, of Hershey, and Laura Pierson (Jason) of Gaithersburg, Md.; grandson Jack Gabriel Pierson of Gaithersburg; and sisters, Janet Andrascik (David) of Richmond, Va., and Joan Schwanger (William) of Etters, Pa. He will be sorely missed by these and his many cousins, nieces, nephews and those who called him their friend.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, November 24 at 11 a.m. at First Church of God, 245 W. High St., Middletown, Pa., with Pastor James Artz officiating. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

Interment will follow at Middletown Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you give a donation in Peter’s memory either to Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area, 900 S. Arlington Ave., Suite 131A, Harrisburg, PA 17109, or to Contact Helpline, P.O. Box 90035, Harrisburg, PA 17109.

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

To send condolences online, please visit [www.matincheckfuneralhome.com](http://www.matincheckfuneralhome.com).



### Shirley Miller MIDDLETOWN

Shirley I. Miller, 83, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born September 14, 1934 in Harrisburg and was the loving daughter of the late Henry Sr. and Charlotte Irene (Straining) Westenberger.

Shirley is a veteran of the U.S. Navy where she proudly served her country for four years during the Korean War.

Shirley loved to visit the casino whenever she got the chance.

In addition to her parents, Shirley was preceded in death by her son, Walter R. Miller, brother, Henry George Westenberger, and sister, Charlotte Serch.

Shirley is survived by her husband of 51 years, George Miller; sons, Louis W. Miller and wife Debra of Hummelstown, and George D. Miller and fiancée Dawn of Camp Hill; brothers, Harry, George Ronald, and Michael Westenberger; and sisters, Connie Bowman, Michelle Heck, and Tina Keiser.

A tribute to Shirley’s life was held on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. at the Matincheck Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 260 E. Main St., Middletown, Pa., with the Rev. Britt Strohecker officiating. There was a visitation from 11:30 a.m. until the time of the service on Monday.

Interment was at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in Shirley’s name to Hospice of Central PA, 1320 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17110.

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Barb, Brianna, Mom, Dad, Wally, Randy, Nannette, Keshia, Ali, Monica, Isabella, and Katie

### Teresa Shank MIDDLETOWN

Teresa L. Shank, 53, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Thursday, November 16, 2017 in her home.

Services will be private at the convenience of the family.

For full obituary and to leave condolences please visit [www.matincheckfuneralhome.com](http://www.matincheckfuneralhome.com).



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NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING – DOCKET 2017-07 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lower Swatara Township Zoning Hearing Board will hold a public hearing at the request of the applicant, Sunrise Holdings, L.P. 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), Principal Uses, §27-1002 to permit a truck and trailer service center, §27-1005.4 to allow paving in the setback area, §27-1005.4.B retaining wall within a setback area and off-street parking, §27-2402.1 Facilities Required, Automotive Sales and Service or §27-2402.15 Industrial Uses Required Parking Spaces. The applicant is seeking a variance to provide less than the required parking spaces. The subject property is located at 250 Filling Mill Road, Middletown, PA 17057, Tax Parcel No. 36-011-069. The property is located in the Industrial Park (I-P) District. A hearing will be held Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Meeting The Elizabethtown Borough Zoning Hearing Board will hold a public meeting on Monday, December 4, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Elizabethtown Borough Office, 600 South Hanover St., Elizabethtown, PA to hear the following: The applicant is seeking a variance to create community social service buildings at 53 East Washington Street within the R-3 Residential District, which will involve the conversion of existing buildings and new construction. The application is in relation to Chapter 27, Part 8 "R-3 High-Density Residential District" of the Zoning Ordinance.

Pamela Craddock Zoning Officer

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## LOWER SWATARA POLICE ROUNDUP

# Car strikes mobile home; no one hurt

No one was injured when a car struck a mobile home in the 100 block of C Lane on Nov. 7.

Police said a 2011 Nissan Rogue driven by Melissa Hamer, 30, of the 100 block of B Lane, Harrisburg, struck the residence and caused minor damage.

Police noted several residents were in the mobile home at the time but no one was injured.

According to police, some of the siding was crushed and a wooden fence around the home was damaged. An estimate of loss was not noted in the preliminary accident report.

Police questioned Hamer and have yet to complete their investigation.

### DUI charge filed

Lemeir J. Nelson, 32, of the 2000 block of Aspen Way, Harrisburg, has been charged with DUI following his arrest at 4:27 p.m. Oct. 14 on Interstate 283, police report.

In addition to the charge of DUI-controlled substance, Nelson was charged with driving with a suspended license.

The arresting officer stopped him while he was driving a 2000 Volkswagen Jetta because one of the car's headlights was faulty. Police also said Nelson's car veered over the fog line on the road.

According to the preliminary arrest report, an interview with Nelson turned into a DUI investigation and he was taken to the Dauphin County Judicial Center.

Reportedly Nelson provided a blood sample to authorities that was tested for the possible presence of intoxicants.

Results of the tests were not

reported.

Nelson is scheduled to be present before District Judge Michael Smith for a preliminary hearing Dec. 13.

### Charged after incident at hotel

Kelly Robert Underkoffler, 51, pleaded guilty to a summary charge of harassment after he was arrested following an incident that occurred in a hotel room in Lower Swatara Township in the early morning hours of Nov. 4.

Underkoffler, of the 100 block of Richardson Road, was initially charged with simple assault and harassment following the incident, in which township police alleged that he had struck a woman in the arm and threw a butcher knife at her.

He was arraigned before District Judge Gregory D. Johnson and released after posting \$5,000 bail.

On Nov. 15 the simple assault charge was downgraded to a non-traffic summary charge of harassment during a preliminary hearing before District Judge Michael J. Smith.

Underkoffler was assessed to pay fines and costs totaling \$265.25.

### Cash taken in burglary

Police have started an investigation of the theft of cash from the Penn Harris Gun Club.

According to a preliminary report, an undetermined amount of cash was taken from a donation drawer in the bar area of the club. Police were called Nov. 8 to investigate the incident at the club in the 200 block of Richardson Road.

Additional details have yet to be released.

# All four lanes of Vine Street bridge reopened

Traffic was reopened to all four lanes on the Vine Street bridge just outside Middletown on Thursday night, Nov. 16, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Since July, bridge traffic had been restricted to one lane in either direction so that a contractor could complete repairs to the bridge. The work also included placing a latex-modified concrete overlay on the bridge deck.

The Vine Street bridge is one of three bridges going over Route 283 that has been rehabilitated as part of an \$89 million project to recon-

struct six miles of Route 283 from Eisenhower Boulevard to Route 341 in Londonderry Township.

The entire project will take three years to complete. The emphasis throughout 2017 has been on preparation work on 283, and on rehabilitating the three overhead bridges.

The contractor, Hempt Brothers, already has completed repairs to the Newberry Road bridge and the Union Street bridge.

The project also includes rehabilitating eight bridges on 283 itself throughout the six-mile span, PennDOT said.

# Thanksgiving is busiest holiday for Pa. Turnpike

The Pennsylvania Turnpike expects Thanksgiving to be the busiest travel holiday of the year.

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission is projecting that 3.55 million cars and trucks will travel the turnpike during the six-day period, beginning Tuesday, Nov. 21 and ending Sunday, Nov. 26.

"We appreciate that family, friends, food and festivities are the focus of the Thanksgiving holiday season," said Mark Compton, PTC CEO. "We also know that millions will be traveling our roadway to celebrate those traditions and have planned accordingly so motorists will not be detained by scheduled maintenance or construction. All lanes are slated to be open and additional safety, maintenance and state police patrols will be on hand."

Beginning 5 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21 until 11 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26 all lanes in each direction of the turnpike will be open and available to accommodate heavier traffic volumes. All scheduled maintenance and construction

**"All lanes are slated to be open and additional safety, maintenance and state police patrols will be on hand."**

Mark Compton, turnpike CEO

projects will be suspended during these times.

Nov. 21 and 22 are projected to be the most heavily traveled days on the turnpike with 725,000 vehicles expected both days.

The periods of heaviest traffic volumes will be:

- Tuesday, Nov. 21, from 3 until 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 22, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 26, from noon until 8 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 23, will be the least traveled day with 510,000 motorists estimated to be on the turnpike, followed by Friday, Nov. 24 with 515,000 motorists.

# Highspire incidents now part of Crimewatch network online

Highspire has joined 11 other Dauphin County-based police departments in the Crimewatch network.

Highspire borough police have a new website that links to Crimewatch at <https://dauphin.crimewatchpa.com/highspirepd/>.

Here residents can find information about recent criminal incidents

and arrests in Highspire. They can also use the website to submit a tip to borough police.

The website also links residents to other social media used by police, including Facebook and Twitter.

Residents can download the Crimewatch app for their mobile device from the Apple or Android app store.



# CREMATORY: \$25,000 settlement will be split among local groups

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surfaced among a number of residents living in the neighborhood surrounding the funeral home, shortly after Finkenbinder's plans to build the crematory became public in the fall of 2015.

Among those leading the opposition were David and Marti Black, who live next door to the funeral home.

The Blacks were among the most vocal in contending that air emissions from the crematory would pose a danger to the neighborhood and elsewhere in Middletown, depending upon the prevailing winds.

The Blacks and the other opponents also had expressed alarm over plans expressed by Finkenbinder in documents and testimony that the crematory would not only handle bodies from the funeral home in Middletown, but bodies from the chain's three other funeral homes as well.

Finkenbinder responded by saying that the crematory proposed for the Middletown funeral home was the same as others that the state Department of Environmental Protection had approved for use in other locations throughout Dauphin County and elsewhere in Pennsylvania.

"We are satisfied with this settlement," David Black told the Press



STAFF PHOTO BY JASON MADDUX

**A crematory will not be built at Fager-Finkenbinder Funeral Home on North Union Street in Middletown.**

& Journal on Tuesday afternoon. "It is our opinion that this covenant will protect the town and our neighborhood."

"We hope that this puts an end to this," Black said. "We wish Travis Finkenbinder the best of luck in his future use of the funeral home. The Booser and Black family has always had a very good relation-

ship with that funeral home up until the crematory controversy emerged, and we wish him well."

## Donations to community

As for the \$25,000, Finkenbinder said he would deliver the checks on Tuesday to Citizens Fire Company in Palmyra, Middletown Volunteer Fire Department, Middletown

Public Library, the Middletown Moose Family Center, American Legion Post 594, and VFW Post 1620. The donations also include \$2,500 to Kuppy's Diner to support the 2018 Cruise-In.

None of the parties know ahead of time they are receiving the donations, Finkenbinder told the Press & Journal.

"We have had such support from this community, overwhelming support, that it's my way of giving back," Finkenbinder said. "I believe that the support that we were shown was out of love, and we simply want to give back to the community."

## Court battle

In July 2016, the Middletown zoning hearing board in a 1-1 vote upheld a June determination by former borough zoning officer Jeff Miller that the crematory was an allowed use at the funeral home on Union Street.

A month later, opponents to the crematory appealed the zoning board's decision to Dauphin County Court, in an effort to overturn Miller's determination.

The Blacks were not among the listed appellants in the case. However, they have acknowledged providing ongoing support to the effort, including financial assistance to cover the appellants' legal bills.

# CUT: LD students support mini-THON by getting their heads shaved

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mini-THON. The head-shaving fundraising event is one of several the school will conduct during the school year, but this is the first one of the school year.

Money is donated and at certain increments, students and some faculty members will be shaved. Volunteers could select which dollar amount would have to be raised before their head would be shaved.

Miller joked with the shaving, he not only gets to see what the top of his head looks like, but he'll now need less time to get ready in the morning. He added that it "just felt like a normal haircut" and he had no qualms about having his head shaved, but it wasn't until Hunter was finished and he went to the bathroom and looked in the mirror that he had his "oh shoot" moment that this was real.

Being the first one to endure a head-shaving experience for the fundraiser, Miller did have some words of wisdom for those who will follow him: "Go in excited and realizing you're part of a bigger cause and have no regrets."

Miller selected \$100 as his goal for others to raise as he thought a low amount would help get the ball rolling in generating excitement on the possibility of seeing someone get their head shaved.

"I thought that it was a simple amount to raise awareness for a good cause," Miller said.

Not only raise awareness for a good cause, but raise awareness for a simple hair-cutting demonstration. By the time Miller was situated and Hunter had the clippers buzzing, the crowd that had gathered was also buzzing.

"I didn't think it was that big of a deal," Spencer said of all the attention his hair-shaving event generated.

Leading the vocal support were the two seniors who had created the entire fundraiser. Best friends Josh Sauflay and Zach Stoner had initially thought of simply shaving their own heads and seeing how much money they could raise by doing that. It quickly evolved into more than just them shaving their heads once they realized it could be "turned into a fundraiser" that included more people, according to Stoner.

Once they realized the potential their event could have, they were "dead-set on making this a big thing," Stoner said. First they had to determine which names would entice people to donate money to the cause and who would be willing to give up their locks. Persistence

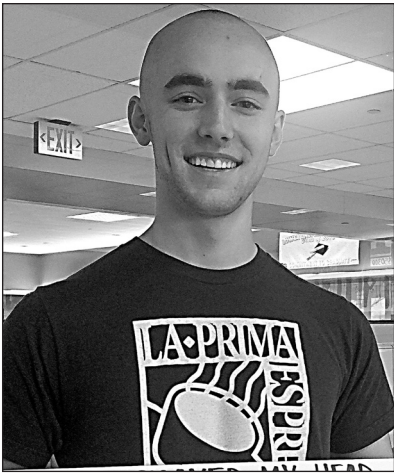


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**A crowd gathers in the Lower Dauphin High School cafeteria Nov. 15 as Jen Hunter puts the finishing touches on her handiwork shaving Spencer Miller's head.**



**Spencer Miller, before and after his haircut.**



was the key, according to Stoner.

Some recruiting pitches took little to no time at all, while some took a little more persuasion. Sauflay said the longest amount of time he spent encouraging someone was 20 minutes, while Stoner said there was a lot of instances where one person said they would do it only if a specific other person would participate. That meant a lot of back and forth for Stoner and Sauflay, but it was worth it as a total of 60 people pledged to shave their heads, including 10 faculty members.

The boys looked high and low for volunteers, seeking out potential hair losers in every grade and every clique, from the band to athletics to theatre students.

"We really want the whole school to be involved," Sauflay said.

Donating for this fundraiser opened on Monday, Nov. 13 and while most donations came via the internet, students did donate

during lunch and as of the afternoon of Wednesday, Nov. 15, \$204.12 had been raised through lunchtime donations and \$813.00 had been donated online and that was before a \$35 donation arrived after Miller's shaving, making the grand total raised in three days \$1,052.12.

"It's a good indicator of the hard work we've put in. I'm hopeful for what the fundraiser's turning into and where it's headed," Stoner said.

Both Sauflay and Stoner are willing to put their hair where their mouths are, as both signed up to shave their heads once \$1,000 had been raised. With that goal met, they have started planning their shaving date to be Tuesday, Nov. 28. Like Miller, the duo selected a low donation amount as a way to "get the ball rolling" and use their willingness as a tool to encourage others to donate and/or volunteer to be shaved.

"It's so exciting for us. I'm ex-

cited to see where it goes," Sauflay said.

High school nurse Mary Smith, mini-THON co-adviser, credited the entire district for the previous success in years past and the current success enjoyed this year, as the district, the community, and the staff "get behind things quickly." That is evidenced by the last decade-plus of increasing donation totals after the event began in the 2006-2007 school year, where \$20,000 was raised, to last year when \$107,372.39 was raised.

Smith said this particular fundraiser raises not only money but also awareness to what children fighting cancer must endure, including the loss of their hair.

The initial idea was to reach \$20,000 and then shave the heads of all those who pledged. That idea was modified to conduct a shaving at different monetary increments to keep building excitement and anticipation. Smith said she has a feeling that as the amount raised increases, more people will agree to have their heads shaved, which will continue the cycle that doesn't appear to be slowing down.

"Any amount is good, but it's more about showing support and bringing awareness to cancer research," Smith said.

"Everyone is affected in one way or another," Sauflay said.

Lower Dauphin's mini-THON is scheduled for March 16-17, 2018. Students are collecting for the "Raise to Raze" fundraiser during school lunches. An online donation link can be found at [www.ldsd.org/minithon](http://www.ldsd.org/minithon) and selecting the "Raise to Raze" link.

# LD Middle School students sing in Men's Honor Choir

Nine Lower Dauphin Middle School students performed Friday, Nov. 17, in the Men's Honor Choir of the Pennsylvania Chapter of American Choral Directors Association.

The singers who took part included eighth-graders Andrew Monuteaux, Aden Weigle, Jack

Wolfe, Jack Francis, Dylan Hasinger, and Thomas Hansen; as well as seventh-graders David Pray, Elijah Speck, and Joseph Goduto.

The Lower Dauphin students sang at Cedar Cliff High School under the direction of Adam Meyers.

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# HOLIDAY: Steps can help protect deliveries at your home, in cars

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someone can receive it. This could be your workplace, a friend or relative's home, or even a local "mailbox" business that may agree to accept shipment of your item for a fee.

- Ask the delivery service to hold your package for customer pickup at their local shipping facility.
- If you do not receive your

shipment on time, check with the company of origin and confirm the delivery. If the item was delivered and you did not receive it, report the theft or loss to the original company, the shipping company, and to your local police.

- Many of these crimes occur during broad daylight. As always, be alert about suspicious behavior in your neighborhood, especially if you see a delivery truck making

the rounds and a vehicle following behind, or unfamiliar subjects on foot. Be prepared to call Dauphin County Dispatch at 717-558-6900 to report this type of suspicious activity, or call 9-1-1 if you observe a crime in progress.

## Preventing vehicle break-ins

Another topic of discussion for the Nov. 27 meeting will be how you can prevent thieves from breaking

into your vehicle.

Borough police see a lot of break-ins, and attempted break-ins, regardless of the time of year.

Most break-ins can be prevented by locking your vehicle, police say. Also, don't leave valuable items in your vehicle that can easily be seen by someone from the outside.

Police will have more tips to provide on how to prevent vehicle break-ins during the meeting.



TOWN TOPICS

Penn Waste holiday schedule released

All regular Penn Waste trash and recycling collections will be delayed one day for Thanksgiving. Thursday customers will be collected Friday. Friday customers will be collected on Saturday. All other collections Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be picked up on the regularly scheduled day. Visit [www.pennwaste.com](http://www.pennwaste.com) for municipality information.

Low-cost vaccine clinic is set for cats, dogs

Steelton Community Cats is sponsoring a low-cost vaccine clinic for cats and dogs. It will be held Saturday, Dec. 2 at Steelton Community Cats Facility, 1 N. Front St. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. Clinic hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information, call 717-877-4146 or go to [steeltoncats.org](http://steeltoncats.org).

Kielbasa, perohi sale at St. Ann Byzantine

St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church, 5408 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, will hold a kielbasa and perohi sale from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 9. Kielbasa sticks also will be available. For information, call 717-652-0545 or go to [www.stannbyz.org](http://www.stannbyz.org).

Lower Swatara Fire has breakfast with Santa

Lower Swatara Volunteer Fire Department, 1350 Fulling Mill Road, is sponsoring a Breakfast with Santa and a Holiday Train Display from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. For more information, visit [lowerswatarafire.com](http://lowerswatarafire.com) or call 717-939-1759 or 717-602-3227.

Middletown Holiday Home Tour scheduled

The Middletown Holiday Home Tour, presented by the Middletown Area Historical Society, will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9. 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., Tour Site No. 1. For more information, visit [www.MiddletownHoliday-HomeTour.com](http://www.MiddletownHoliday-HomeTour.com).

Holiday Tea set for Dec. 9 in Middletown

A Holiday Tea will be held at the historic Baldwin House, 429 N. Union St., Middletown, from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9. 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](mailto:Carole139@comcast.net).

Leaf collection set for Lower Swatara

Attention, Lower Swatara Township residents: Leaf collection will run through Friday, Dec. 1. Collection on Mondays and Tuesdays will cover the Shope Gardens area, Greenwood Hills, and Woodridge. Collection on Wednesdays will cover the Bryn Gweld, Green Plains, Jednota Flats, Rosedale Areas, and Twelve Oaks locations. Collection on Thursdays and Fridays will cover Longview Acres and Old Reliance Farms.

Hummelstown Holiday Happenings scheduled

Hummelstown Holiday Happenings 2017 will be celebrated from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. Santa will arrive at the square by firetruck at 1 p.m. Ride the trolley from 2 to 4:30 p.m. There will be activities for all ages through the afternoon.

Bingo blast set at fire company Nov. 25

Hummelstown Fire Company, 249 E. Main St., Hummelstown, is sponsoring its Bingo Blast on Saturday, Nov. 25. Doors open at 5 p.m. Bingo starts at 7. There will be special kitchen prices.

TOWNSHIP: After 17 extensions, Middletown Home withdraws plan

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wanted confirmation that the grant matched the amount the township had put up for the purchase. According to township engineer Erin Letavic, DCNR did match the \$187,000 posted by the township for a total of \$374,000. According to Commissioner Todd Truntz, the township's half will come from the parks and recreation fund. He emphasized that the money in that fund can only be used on capital assets. Truntz was in agreement with Hall in that it was a "very reasonable price" the township was getting for the property and "no taxpayer money is being spent on this." "This is for everyone," Truntz said. No matter what is eventually developed on the property, its name has been selected. Ruth A. Shireman, the previous land owner, approached the board during the public comment portion of the meeting and respectfully asked that the park be known for her late husband as Richard L.

Shireman Park, to which the board consented.

Middletown Home plan withdrawn

The board approved the withdrawal of the final land development plan by the Middletown Home that had been submitted back in 2013 and had been granted 17 time extensions since then. In the spring, Lou Vogel, Middletown Home CEO, told the Press & Journal that the project, planned in 2013, consisted of installing independent-living cottages on the property at 999 West Harrisburg Pike. The reason the project has been delayed is because officials have been examining all options for the cottages and have asked for the delays in order to do so. "Given that the plan was originally submitted in 2013 concurrent with several extensions offered thereafter by the township, our campus honored the request and withdrew the land development plan which was submitted several years ago," Vogel said in an email on Friday. "I anticipate that a revised land development plan

will be resubmitted to the Lower Swatara Township in the future." He did not offer further details about what the plan would consist of or when it would be resubmitted. Vogel said in May that the focus of the Middletown Home is on creating a short-term rehabilitation gymnasium, which he said might be up and running by the fall. Plans now call for it to open next month. Officials then would be able to focus on the independent-living cottages.

Fire police officer picked

Also during the meeting, Jake Dohmen was sworn in as a member of the Lower Swatara Township Fire Department staff in a special fire police role. Fire police often assist with traffic control for local events and assist local police departments with traffic control when requested. Dohmen said he hopes to be a police officer down the road and this will afford him a taste of what police officers do as his role involves some duties of both a firefighter and a police officer.

"It seemed like a good match," Dohman said, adding what he's looking forward to most is working with his new co-workers.

Campus Heights hearing

There will be a public hearing regarding the third and final phase of the Campus Heights housing project in the Eagle Heights neighborhood at 6:45 p.m. Jan. 17, 2018. Because the project requires changing the remaining residential urban area to commercial neighborhood and would result in a change to the township zoning map, a hearing is necessary. The request to establish a time and date was made by Stevens and Lee on behalf of Campus Heights Associates 3 LLC.

Work on North Union Street

The board approved a schedule change with Stewart & Tate Construction for microsurfacing work on North Union Street. The project initially was supposed to be completed in 2017, but now will be finished by no later than May, 31, 2018, at the 2017 contract price of \$12,967.50.

TREE: Mayor promises surprises at Christmas tree lighting Dec. 2

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This year's tree is bigger than last year's. The 2016 tree was diseased and about to die, and for that reason donated to the borough by a Middletown resident. The 2017 tree, as the mayor noted, is healthier by comparison. The tree is probably 4 feet higher than last year's, and "much, much, much wider." "There are towns that don't have a tree 21 feet tall. We have one that is 21 feet wide," he boasted. The size caused some difficulty. It was hauled into the intersection of Union and Emaus streets and backed into position between poles and overhead wires. It quickly became evident that the trunk of the tree wouldn't fit in the metal base already in the ground. What followed was more than an hour of hard work by Middletown Public Works employees, including extended time with a chainsaw by John Hevel. Eventually, the trunk was sheared down enough that it fit into the 4-foot-deep base.

Wind problems

Some of the work turned out to be for naught. The tree was seen to be leaning Sunday, struggling to hold its own against wind gusts of up to 40 mph throughout the day. The tree didn't fall down, but the borough decided that something needed to be done to shore up the tree so it can safely get through the holiday season. Borough employees took the tree down, so that it could be placed in a larger pipe base that will provide more stability. The base was to be set in 5 feet of concrete that was mixed and poured Monday. The tree was put back up Tuesday once the concrete dried. Lights and decorations were to follow.

Lighting ceremony is Dec. 2

A number of people had expressed interest in donating their tree to Middletown this year,



STAFF PHOTO BY JASON MADDOX

Middletown Public Works Director Greg Wilsbach checks out the progress of getting the trunk of the Middletown Christmas tree into its metal base on Friday. High winds over the weekend, however, forced the work to be redone with concrete.

the mayor added. The tree from Hummelstown was chosen after Middletown resident Jenny Miller showed a picture of it to borough council. "We don't just cut down random live trees," Curry said. "We try to find one like this where the homeowner is already getting rid of it or there is a problem with it, and then we use it for the Christmas season here." The Christmas tree lighting ceremony will take place at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2.

As with last year, ornaments to hang on the tree are being made by Middletown Sheet Metal and Fabrication Inc. to be sold to residents. Proceeds from sale of the ornaments will go into a fund the borough has established to pay for new holiday decorations for Hoffer Park. The borough purchased some new decorations for the park from the money that was raised during last year's Holiday season. Some money from then is still left over, and money from the ornaments

"Middletown is setting the bar high in terms of municipalities — the things that we offer the public, the things that we offer our children and displays like this. We just want to keep that momentum going."

Mayor James H. Curry III

sold this year will be added to that. "After three to five years you're going to have something down at Hoffer Park that nobody can rival," the mayor predicted. "Middletown is setting the bar high in terms of municipalities — the things that we offer the public, the things that we offer our children and displays like this. We just want to keep that momentum going." The Santa House will be coming back. That was Curry's big surprise during the 2016 Christmas tree-lighting ceremony — unveiling a restored Santa House that Middletown residents had not seen in decades.

Another surprise

The mayor pledges to have another surprise for residents on the night of the Christmas tree lighting, but good luck getting the details out of him before then. Otherwise, the Dec. 2 tree lighting will include food provided by several downtown vendors, including the Brownstone, Tattered Flag and Kuppy's Diner, the mayor said. People who haven't been able to buy an ornament for the tree will be able to purchase one on the night of the tree lighting. Also to be available for sale will be caps and other "creative" hand-made items that several volunteers throughout the town have been working on all year long, the mayor said.

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# Debunking Black Friday myths

Black Friday arrives every year, and with it sometimes comes a bit of misinformation. As shoppers prep their wish lists, separating the Black Friday facts from fiction can make the day that much more successful.

**Myth: There's no need to shop on Black Friday because of the Black Friday "creep" phenomenon.**

**Fact:** Although many stores offer sales throughout Thanksgiving weekend, some stores limit their deepest discounts to Black Friday itself. Shoppers who are seeking tech gifts or other hot items should know that Black Friday often provides the best chance to grab these items at deeply discounted prices.

**Myth: All stores are chaotic on Black Friday.**

**Fact:** Many retailers have redesigned their Black Friday models to alleviate safety concerns. Some may offer specific doorbusters throughout the day. Therefore, shoppers can schedule their shopping trips around when items they're targeting are going on sale.

**Myth: Online shopping is much easier.**

**Fact:** While there is a certain convenience to online shopping, many sales are time-sensitive and may appear one minute and sell out the next. This could result in being tied to a computer or tablet all day seeking sales. Visiting stores on Black Friday enables shoppers to make their purchases immediately, saving them the potential hassle of dealing with disappearing deals, while also saving them money on shipping costs.

**Myth: Only big box retailers participate in Black Friday deals.**

**Fact:** The Black Friday phenomenon is not limited to big box retailers. While big box stores may get the most attention thanks to their sizable advertising budgets and national reach, local businesses also offer their share of Black Friday savings. What's more, stores shoppers may not immediately associate with Black Friday deals may be well worth a visit. These can include drug and sundries stores, outlet shopping centers, home improvement retailers, and much more.

**Myth: Black Friday shopping can quickly bust holiday budgets.**

**Fact:** Consumers can approach Black Friday shopping as they would any other retail excursion. By sticking to a list and avoiding impulse purchases, it's possible for shoppers to stay within their budgets.

*Black Friday is an ideal opportunity to save money and score big-ticket items.*



# Smart ways to pay for holiday gifts

Entertaining, dinners, gifts, travel, and decorating may make for a festive time of year, but the holidays certainly can put a strain on personal finances. No one wants to experience a financial hangover come January. Therefore, making a plan for paying for holiday expenditures now can help the average person save and protect their finances.

Figuring out how to finance holiday purchases can be just as important as scoping out deals and cashing in coupons. Here's a look at some of the ways to pay for holiday gifts.

## CREDIT CARDS

Many consumers feel that credit cards are the safest way to make purchases, whether in-store or online. With credit cards, shoppers are using a line of credit. Should fraudulent purchases be made or errors in accounting occur, shoppers aren't responsible — the credit card company is in charge of tracking down or absorbing the error.

Now that spending has increased after the last recession, credit card companies are again offering deals to lure in new customers.

Rewards cards are quite popular. Such cards offer points, cash back or travel miles to customers who meet certain criteria. For those who can pay off balances and meet the requirements, these cards can help save substantial amounts of money. Keep in mind that regular cards carry an interest rate of 15 percent on average, while retail store cards may be as high as 24 percent.

## LAYAWAY

Layaway is a safe way to shop for the holidays. Layaway entitles consumers to buy an item by making installment payments. The frequency of payments depends on shoppers' ability to pay. Failure to pay will not affect a credit score or negatively impact credit standing in any way — the consumer may just lose their down payment or be forced to pay a layaway fee. Paying in installments helps lock in a special sale rate and can discourage impulse buying as well.

## CASH AND PREPAID CARDS

Paying in cash can help shoppers avoid overspending on gifts. After setting aside a cash limit, once the money is spent, shopping is done. Paying in cash does carry some risk if the money is stolen or misplaced. Plus, as opposed to paying with credit, which can offer some purchase protection or built-in warranties, cash may have no protective benefits.

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# Score great deals despite the crowds

Beating crowds on Black Friday might not be possible, but you can find great deals even in crowded stores

**M**any holiday shoppers can tell personal tales of navigating crowded stores on Black Friday. The unofficial beginning to the holiday shopping season, Black Friday is a day to land great deals for those shoppers who can handle the crowds.

## Comparison shop.

Many retailers release their Black Friday deals well in advance of the day itself. This gives shoppers the chance to comparison shop. Research the difference between deals offered by local and national retailers. Local stores off the beaten path may be offering similar discounts to their chain competitors, and the small, locally-based stores likely won't attract crowds as large as those drawn to large, national chains. If the differences between

sales offered by local and national retailers is negligible, stick to the local stores and enjoy the less hectic shopping experience.

**Make purchases with a cash-back credit card.**

Consumers who trust themselves to pay their credit card balances in full each month can use cash-back cards to enhance their Black Friday savings. Such cards reward consumers with cash back that's equal to a percentage of each purchase made with their cards. For example, a 2 percent cash-back card will return \$2 to consumers for every \$100 they spend using their cash-back card. While using these cards won't do much to combat Black Friday crowds, shoppers might be happy to wait on line knowing that their Black Friday deals will prove even more rewarding than advertised.

**Arrive early.**

While the idea of waking up in the middle of the night to shop is anathema to many people, doing so is a great way to land Black Friday deals. And because many retailers now offer midnight sales on Black Friday, shoppers who can stay

up to midnight and beyond won't even have to drag themselves out of bed to score great deals. Shoppers should still expect crowds at midnight and overnight, but such crowds will likely be a lot smaller than they will come the morning and afternoon of Black Friday.

**Shop for less popular items.**

Big-ticket items like televisions and tablets may garner the most attention on Black Friday, but many retailers do not limit their discounts to such items. Heavily discounted TV's and tablets might sell fast, so shoppers who don't need such items or are willing to wait until they go on sale later in the holiday season can focus instead on items that may be just as treasured by their loved ones. Scour Black Friday ads to find deals on items that might not catch every consumers' eye, then focus your attention on finding these items when you visit stores.

*Crowds might compel some shoppers to avoid Black Friday, but there are many ways to land great deals on one of the busiest shopping days of the year.*

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Middletown’s all-time leading rushers

Senior running back Brady Fox broke the Middletown Area High School rushing record on Thursday night, topping 2016 graduate Jaelen Thompson.

Here are Middletown’s all-time top rushers.

- Brady Fox, 2014-2017, 4,008 yards (active)



Thompson

- Jaelen Thompson, 2013-2016, 3,855 yards
- Rodney Ramsey, 2006-2008, 3,409 yards
- Mike Corradi, 1991-1993, 3,301 yards
- Scott Eberly, 1987-1989, 3,135 yards
- Earl Brown, 1971-1973, 2,697 yards
- Tony Colston, 1961-1963, 2,894 yards

Nothing missing against Wyomissing: Raiders win big  
Scranton Prep is quarterfinal foe in state playoffs

By Larry Etter  
Press & Journal Staff

“That was good, huh?” understated Middletown head coach Brett Myers following his team’s 49-0 rout of Wyomissing in the District III 3A championship game on Thursday night at cold, windy Hersheypark Stadium.

With the victory, the Blue Raiders defended their district championship, adding another trophy to the school’s display cases.

The triumph also marked a record-breaking performance by senior running back Brady Fox, who eclipsed the program’s all-time rushing mark that was set just last year by Jaelen Thompson.

Finishing the night with 204 yards and four touchdowns, Fox set the new standard at 4,008, topping Thompson’s 3,855. While many of his yards were made easy by the work of the Blue Raiders offensive linemen, Fox also added hard-nosed running while breaking tackles in tight situations.

Along with his outstanding night, backfield mate Jose Lopez romped for 120 yards and a touchdown, while the Middletown defense pitched the shutout over the Spartans, who came into the game with just one loss. Lopez, a sophomore, reached a milestone as well, topping 2,000 yards for his career. That means Fox’s record might not stand for long.

The defense continued an impressive streak. Other than a 45-34 win against Trinity on Sept. 29, the team has not given up more than 10 points in a game this season. Palmyra scored exactly 10 on Oct. 6. In the other 10 games, the Blue Raiders have three shutouts and seven games in which they held their opponents to exactly 7 points.

For the second straight year, the Blue Raiders move on to the PIAA Class 3A state playoffs. In the quarterfinals, they play Scranton Prep (13-0), which beat Loyalsock (8-5) by a 31-28 score on Friday at Williamsport High School. The rematch of last year’s state quarterfinals, won by the Blue Raiders by a 40-13 score, is at 7 p.m. Friday at Bethlehem Stadium.

As for Beaver Falls, the team who beat Middletown in the state championship last year (and the only team to beat the Blue Raiders in the last two seasons), don’t worry about a rematch. The Tigers won only one game, wrapping up the season with a 68-6 loss to Beaver Area High School to finish at 1-8.

In the other half of the bracket, Conwell Egan (6-6) beat Lansdale Catholic (5-7) 44-20 at Truman High School on Friday. They play Palisades (13-0), which beat Lehigh (12-1) 48-42 on Saturday



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Above, Middletown running back Brady Fox scores a touchdown and sets the Blue Raiders’ career rushing mark in the process. Left, Ryan Hughes looks for running room. See more photos on Page B6.



at Bethlehem Stadium. If Middletown beats Scranton Prep, they will play the winner of Conwell-

Egan and Palisades on either Friday, Dec. 1 or Saturday, Dec. 2. Because the Blue Raiders had won last year’s district title in a 48-20 decision over Wyomissing, the Spartans made the trip to Hershey looking for some revenge in the rematch. But it didn’t happen.

The Raiders grabbed a 7-0 lead in the first quarter and added two more scores in the second to carry a 21-0 advantage into the halftime break. And, while Wyomissing made some advances in the game, the Middletown defense came up with key plays that kept the Spartans out of the end zone in the contest. And it all added up to the title-winning effort for the blue and gold.

“These kids worked really hard to get here,” said Myers, again showing no surprise about the game’s outcome. “They have the community support behind them, and they are a great group of kids.”

Coming off their 13-9 win the previous week against Littlestown in the first round of district play, the Spartans got the ball first to

“These kids worked really hard to get here. They have the community support behind them, and they are a great group of kids.”

Coach Brett Myers

start the game, but were forced to punt. The Blue Raiders took over at their own 38 and got the early jump by needing just six plays to score the game’s first points.

A 31-yard pass from Scott Ash to Tyreer Mills on the second play and a 12-yard run by Mills two plays later set up the Raiders at the Wyomissing 12. On second and 10, Ryan Hughes broke free down the middle and grabbed Ash’s accurate throw for the six points with 6:58 left in the opening period.

Kicker Donovan Brady, who finished the game by making 7-of-7 extra point kicks, gave the Raiders the 7-0 lead.

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Lower Dauphin student-athletes signing their letters of intent included Kayla Hoffer, Thomas Bramley, Connor Buggy, Derek Wyld, Amber Schweiger, Tori Tredinnick, Karina Long, Paige Hollinger, and Hannah Swartz.

# 9 Lower Dauphin student-athletes ready for college

Nine Lower Dauphin student-athletes announced their college choices at a letter of intent signing ceremony in the school cafeteria on Wednesday, Nov. 8.

### Kayla Hoffer, archery

The daughter of Tim and Leslie Hoffer, Kayla was 13th in the IBO World Championships in 2016 and ninth in 2015. In 2014, she was third at Indoor Nationals FITA-style. In addition to archery, she is a member of several national honor societies, is a buddy in Special Olympics, and is a mentor in Lower Dauphin's Outdoor Education program. She will attend Pennsylvania College of Technology and study in their physician's assistant program.

### Thomas Bramley, baseball

The son of Harry and Karen Bramley, Thomas was a first-team divisional all-star in the Mid-Penn Conference Keystone Division last season and was an honorable mention in the 2016 campaign. He also plays ice hockey. He will attend Mount St. Mary's University and major in criminal justice.

### Connor Buggy, baseball

The son of Deb and Jim Buggy, Connor is an infielder for the Falcons. He is also the starting goalkeeper on the soccer team this season. He is a buddy in Special Olympics and with the Diamond Days baseball program. He will attend Mount St. Mary's University to continue his academic and baseball career.

### Derek Wyld, baseball

The son of Steven and Dani Wyld, Derek is a 2018 preseason All-American and was a Mid-Penn Conference all-star last season. He is a member of the golf team and was a district qualifier this fall. He is a member of the mini-THON committee. He will attend Hood College and major in computer science with a focus on cybersecurity and play baseball and possibly golf.

### Amber Schweiger, basketball

The daughter of Melissa Turner and Troy Schweiger, Amber was a team captain as a junior and was a

first-team all-star in the Mid-Penn Conference Keystone Division. She was an honorable mention all-star her first two seasons. She is involved in yearbook and as a buddy with Special Olympics. She will attend the University of Findlay as part of its preveterinary medicine program.

### Tori Tredinnick, field hockey

The daughter of Dan and Dorian Tredinnick, Tori is an academic All-American in field hockey. She is a member of the softball team, is a buddy in Special Olympics and is a member of the National Art Honor Society. She will attend Queens University of Charlotte and major in exercise and sports science and continue her field

hockey career.

### Karina Long, field hockey/track and field

The daughter of Chris and Kelly Long, Karina has District 3 gold medals in field hockey, long jump and triple jump. She is the school record-holder in both long jump and triple jump. She is a member of the yearbook staff and coaches youth field hockey and track and field. She will attend Lock Haven University to continue her education and compete in both sports.

### Paige Hollinger, softball

The daughter of Michael and Carol Hollinger, Paige is an infielder, pitcher and designated hitter on the softball team, which

was a three-time district and state qualifier. She is a member of several honor societies and volunteers with Special Olympics, Study Buddies and Relay for Life. She will attend Geneva College to major in biology and continue her softball career.

### Softball, Hannah Swartz

The daughter of Robert and Doris Swartz, Hannah is a captain and four-year starter at catcher on the softball team, which was a three-time district and state qualifier. She is a member of several honor societies and is a mentor in the Study Buddies program. She will attend Mansfield University and major in biology while continuing her softball career.

## Leach gets Degler Award




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Press & Journal sports writer Larry Etter presented the annual David H. Degler Memorial Award to senior Tre' Leach at the Raider Club football banquet on Sunday evening at the high school. The award was created to honor the memory of Degler who died from a heart attack at age 17 at football practice with the Blue Raiders in 1978. It is presented annually to a senior player who best represents Middletown football in leadership, character, desire and heart.

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## RAIDERS: Middletown has easy time in taking home district title

From page B1

Behind the running of full-back Tim Kowalski the Spartans pieced together a steady drive that reached the Middletown 39 in six plays, giving the appearance that a tying score was imminent. But the Raider defense, and a motion penalty, stopped the drive in its tracks, forcing another punt.

The Raiders, however, went nowhere with the ball and a short punt into the wind that went out of bounds gave the Spartans great field position at the Middletown 37. But the opportunity was wasted following terrific defensive plays by Mills, Gage Radabaugh and Blake Jacoby that ended the threat at the 32 where the Middletown offense took over 12 seconds into the second period.

After having carried the ball just once in the first quarter, Fox ran three straight times for 18 yards to start the Raiders' offensive possession. Lopez picked up 14 yards on a pair of runs before Ash and Mills connected for 8 yards and first down at the Wyomissing 28. On second and 9, Fox broke free and raced 27 yards for the Raiders' second score with 8:28 left in the first half.

Tre' Leach and Cole Senior keyed the Middletown defense's next series after a bobbled kick-off return put the Spartans into a deep hole. Forced to punt from the end zone, Owen Pendergast's kick went just 18 yards and set up the Raiders at the 20. And, even though a holding penalty pushed the ball back to the 28, the Blue Raiders struck quickly with Fox again taking it the distance. With the run Fox surpassed the rushing record as the coaches, players and fans, all aware of the new record, erupted in cheers.

The 21-0 lead held up through the remaining 5:10 of the half, the Spartans again stopped when Joey Gusler recovered a Wyomissing fumble near midfield.

A 44-yard kickoff return by Mills started off the second half in a big way for the Blue Raiders. And, although Ash was sacked for an 8-yard loss by the Spartans' Alyas Branford-Williams following an initial first down, the Middletown



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Kyle Truesdale brings down the Wyomissing ball carrier.



Coach Brett Myers, right, and the team celebrate the district title.

offense shook off the temporary setback and scored again to pad

its lead. On second-and-18 from the 50, Fox took off on a 33-yard

sprint to the 17 and set the stage for his third touchdown that came on his next carry, a dash around right end at the 10:03 mark.

Pushed into a 28-0 hole at that point, the Spartans desperately needed to make something happen. They nearly did just that. With Kowalski again finding running room up the middle and Ben Terefenko connecting on a 24-yard pass to Payton Gonzalez, the Spartans pushed deep into Raider territory. But on a first-and-goal from the 4 yard line Kyle Truesdale ruined Wyomissing's promising drive with his end zone interception that crushed the Spartans' hopes of a comeback.

That defensive play, along with yet another Middletown touchdown, pretty much locked up the District III title for the Blue Raiders. Three plays into Middletown's offensive set it was Lopez' turn to shine. On first down at the 33, Lopez went left, shook off three tackles a couple yards past the line of scrimmage and turned on the jets as he raced 67 yards for the touchdown with 4:28 left in the third. With the extra point kick the lead had swelled to 35-0 and set the mercy clock in motion.

Trayvon Joseph's sack of Terefenko killed Wyomissing's short-lived drive and the Middletown offense was back on the field at its own 19. Fox ran for 46 and 6 yards and Lopez carried twice for 5 before leaving with an ankle injury.

His second run gave the Raiders a first and 10 at the Wyomissing 24 to start the fourth quarter. On the next play Fox darted through a gap up the middle, made a pair of juke moves to get free and dashed to the end zone and put the game out of reach at 42-0.

Middletown's second defense stopped the Spartans in their tracks at their own 36 after a failed fourth and two attempt. Chris Joseph got into the scoring act with the second offense and scored on a 9-yard run up the middle with 6:36 left in the game.

Wyomissing drove to the Middletown 26 but would get no closer as the clock ran down to zero, setting off the championship celebration on the Middletown side.

## Blue Raider Midgets bring home awards

Three Middletown Blue Raider Midgets players brought home awards from the CFA All Star Awards ceremony last week. Tajae Broadie, left, was selected to the first-team All Star Offense as an offensive lineman. Broadie also won the Lineman of the Year Award. Tate Leach, middle, was selected to the second-team All Star Defense as a cornerback. Bamm Appleby, right, was selected to the first-team All Star Offense as a wide receiver and won the Most Valuable Player Award. The Middletown Blue Raider Midgets beat New Cumberland in the National Conference Super Bowl on Nov. 12.

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# FROM THE VAULT

News from the Monday, Nov. 23, 1936 edition of the Daily Journal

## Presbyterians will hold rally Tuesday, Dec. 1

A rally of the Presbyterian Churches of America will be held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 1 in Parlor A of the Harrisburger Hotel in Harrisburg. The speakers will be Rev. Charles A. Woodbridge, general secretary of the Independent Board for the Presbyterian Foreign Mission, and the Rev. Edwin H. Rian, general secretary of the Committee of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church of America.

The topic for discussion will be "The Crisis in Presbyterianism." Woodbridge and Rian will present the facts of the apostasy of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

The meeting will be open for questions and general discussion.

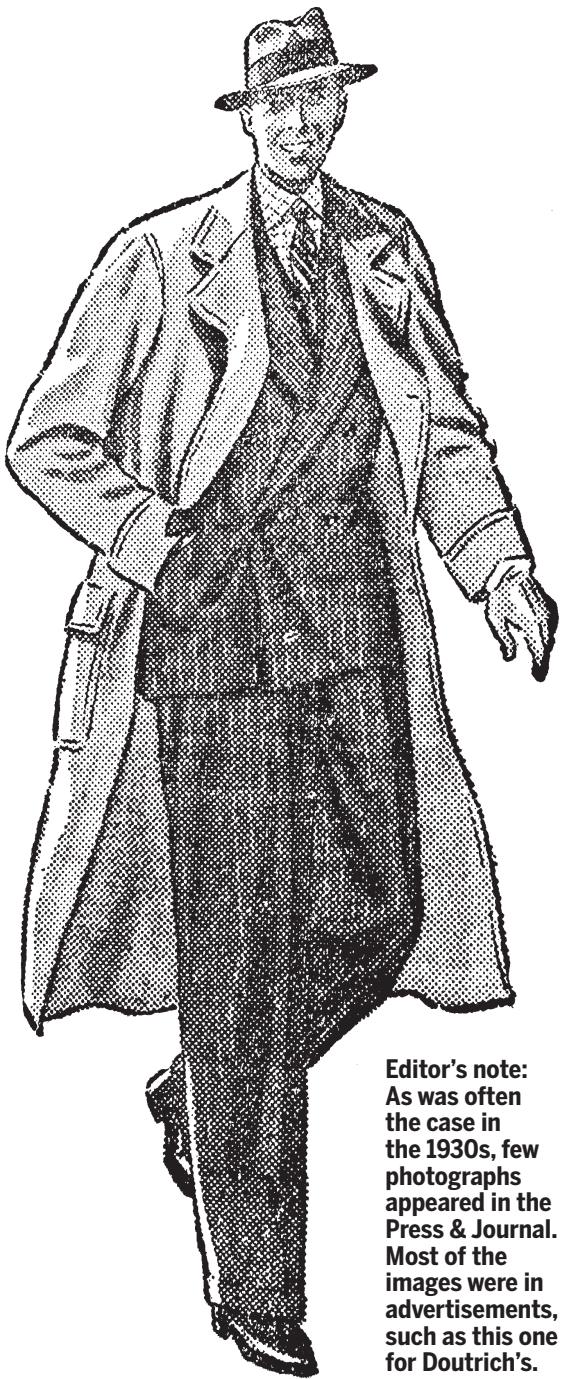
## Arrest colored man Saturday

*Editor's note: The term "colored" is racist but unfortunately was a commonly used term of the era. We selected this item to show how times have changed for the better in treatment of minorities.*

George Wright, colored, who gave his address as Baltimore, Md., was arrested Saturday evening about 5.30 o'clock, by Boro Policeman Russell Houser.

Information was made against Wright before Squire M. P. Gatchell by the policeman. It is alleged that he entered homes on Catherine and Spring streets. A charge of alleged felonious entry and disorderly conduct were entered.

In default of bail, he was committed to the county jail at Harrisburg, by Constables A. C. Swartz and B. H. Dolson, for a hearing before the squire this evening.



**Editor's note:** As was often the case in the 1930s, few photographs appeared in the Press & Journal. Most of the images were in advertisements, such as this one for Doutrich's.

### Hot buys

- New fall suits and top coats, single- and double-breasted, new sports backs. \$19 to \$22.50 and \$25 to \$30. New fall hats, \$1.95 to \$5. Doutrich's, Union and Emaus streets, Middletown (*illustration from ad above*).
- Choice mums for the Thanksgiving table, special centerpiece, 75 cents, H.R. Bauder, florist. Phone 363.

# The parade and Borough Hall dedication was a success

Fair weather Saturday afternoon helped to make the parade and dedication of the new Community Building and Borough Hall in town a grand success.

Shortly after 2 o'clock, the parade started on its march over a route passing each one of the three fire houses. George A. Bacon, marshal, was followed by Professor George Feaser, marshal of the first division, which included hundreds of school boys and girls, headed by the School Band; Howard E. Myers, marshal of the second division made up of different organizations; and Russell E. Houser Sr., marshal, and the fire department, headed by the American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps.

Officials of Borough Council and the councilmen in automobiles were also in line.

Forty-five dollars in prizes were awarded to the following:

First Division — Boys and girls from the G. W. Feaser School Building, most

in line, \$10. Best appearing group, Susquehanna School Building, \$5.

Second Division — Sons of Veterans Reserves, \$10 and the Girl Scouts, \$5.

Third Division—Union Fire Company, 31 men, \$10 and the Liberty Fire Company, 30 men, \$5.

The judges were Professor H. J. Wickey, H.O. Schaeffer, esquire, and M.P. Gatchell.

Immediately after the parade, the dedicatory exercises were held on the stage of the new auditorium, which was decorated with palms and cut flowers. David J. Rhen, president of council, was in charge of the program. The program in its entirety, as previously announced, was carried out.

As part of the dedication of the Community Building, a program will be presented tonight at 8 o'clock. This musical program promises to be one of the best that has been rendered for sometime in this community by local talent.

Mr. Fred Casper, of Harrisburg, will direct the large chorus assisted at the piano by Mrs. Henry H. Rhodes, of town. The program consists of chorus work, solos and quartets. Also selections by John Whitman, violinist, and community singing.

The admission will be free. Everybody is welcome. Children should be accompanied by their parents.

The following program will be presented: Chorus, "Swing Along" by Cork; tenor solo, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," performed by Taylor Davies; violin solo by John Whitman; male quartet, "Winter Song" by Bullard, performed by Henry, Tritch, Schaffer and Tritch; baritone solo, "Without a Song" by Youmans, and "The Ol' Ark's a Moverin'" by Guion, performed by Fred Casper; violin solo by John Whitman; male quartet, "The Bells of St. Mary's" by Adams; chorus, "Deep River," arranged by Burleigh, and the bridal chorus, "Rose Maiden" by Corven.

## Dole population in Pennsylvania drops to new level

*Editor's note: "On the dole" was a typical phrase in this era, but isn't used much now. It simply means receiving benefits from the government.*

Continued improvement in private industry throughout the state slashed Pennsylvania's dole population to new low levels during the second week of this month.

In the week ending Nov. 14, the State Emergency Relief Board reports, 1,554 cases, comprising 6,181 persons, were

taken from the direct relief rolls. Half way through the month, the total number of families remaining on the dole had been cut to 134,966 and the number of persons receiving cash relief had dropped to 408,946.

The reduction in the direct relief loads resulted from the continued improvement in industrial conditions, causing the resignation of large numbers of WPA workers and the subsequent transfer of SERB cases to fill the vacancies thus created on the WPA rolls.

In step with the statewide decrease, all but one of the counties in this area reported decreases in the direct relief load during the week ending Nov. 14. The exception was Cumberland County, which showed an increase from 834 to 850 persons. In Dauphin County, a decrease of 61 persons was reported.

Private employment in the county removed nine families directly from the SERB rolls and absorbed an additional three families through the indirect WPA route.

### Headlines from the edition

- Surprise party for Jean Garver Saturday night
- Eagle Scouts plan party
- Central Grammar School to render special Thanksgiving program Wednesday

# PUZZLES AND HOROSCOPE

## WORD SEARCH | ANSWERS ON B5

<b>Diabetes word search</b>	Circulation	Glucose	Meter
	Complications	Gram	Monitoring
	Creatinine	Hormone	Neuropathy
Acute	Diabetes	Hyperglycemia	Pancreas
Albuminuria	Diabetologist	Insulin	Pump
Amylin	Edema	Ketone	Retinopathy
Bolus	Enzyme	Kidney	Starches
Borderline	Fasting	Lancet	Testing
Calories	Fructose	Levels	Urination
Chronic	Glaucoma	Metabolism	

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Guess Who? answer: Tina Turner

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Level: Intermediate

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

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## GUESS WHO?

I am a singer born in Tennessee on Nov. 26, 1939. I picked cotton and worked as a nurse's aide before eventually becoming the "Queen of Rock and Roll." I broke the record for solo artist concert ticket sales with my 50th anniversary tour. (*answer at left*)

## CROSSWORD | ANSWERS ON B5

### ACROSS

- Emaciation
- Exchequer
- Sacs where fungi develop
- First letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- Unexplored waters
- Berkeley athletes
- Norse giantess
- Crater on the moon
- Resembles velvet
- Pearl Jam's debut album
- Hair-like structure
- Turfs
- Put in advance
- First son of Lot
- Native American language
- Furry family member
- Vedic God of fire
- Genie
- German city
- Acquire
- Cambodia currency
- A person from a

- Balkan republic
- More simple
- Bleats
- "The other white meat"
- \_\_ student: learns healing
- 04492, town in Maine
- Paddle
- Airline once owned by Howard Hughes
- Big 10 athlete
- Inflammation of the intestine
- Key's comedic partner
- Chamomile and black are two
- Distress signal
- Assn. for translators

### DOWN

- Measures engine speed (abbr.)
- Wings
- Founded a phone company
- Upon
- Superhigh fre-

- quency
- Colorless liquid
- Hostelries
- \_\_ fi (slang)
- One who accompanies
- Where rockers play
- "\_\_ the Man" Musial
- Waxy cover on some birds' beaks
- Software that monitors for malicious activity (abbr.)
- Becomes less intense
- Lyric poems
- Touchdown
- From end to end
- \_\_ Claus
- Jedi Master Kenobi
- Fencing swords
- Famed child psychiatrist
- Gossip
- S-shaped lining
- \_\_ death do us part

- Bar bill
- Placed over a vowel to indicate sound
- Steve Martin was one
- Low paid educator (abbr.)
- One who rambles
- Backbones
- "Friday Night Lights" director
- Anno Domini
- One-time Yankees sensation Kevin
- Fermented grape juice
- Peruvian province
- Former Braves outfielder Nixon
- Entertainment award
- Feeling good
- Greek god of war
- Famed NYC museum
- Of the ears
- Select
- Friend to the carrot

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## HOROSCOPE | WEEK OF NOV. 22

**ARIES** MARCH 21-APRIL 20  
You might feel like you do not measure up to others. How others see you is completely different from your perception. Don't be too hard on yourself.

**TAURUS** APRIL 21-MAY 21  
Taurus, letting go is a hard lesson to learn this week. You may have to retire a plan that just can't come to fruition. But don't worry, new ideas are in the works.

**GEMINI** MAY 22-JUNE 21  
Try not to hold on to negative emotions. Focus on happy memories with others and your mood will brighten.

**CANCER** JUNE 22-JULY 22

Honesty is the best policy. Cancer. So have that frank conversation with someone even if full disclosure can be a bit uncomfortable. Afterward, you'll be glad you did.

**LEO** JULY 23-AUG. 23  
Don't underestimate your abilities. Leo. You are imaginative and creative when the mood suits you, as it will this week. Look for your muse and get started.

**VIRGO** AUG. 24-SEPT. 22  
Virgo, stay open to external influences and you may be able to infer some things about the future that can guide you in the days ahead. It's good to stay ahead of the curve.

**LIBRA** SEPT. 23-OCT. 23  
Libra, this is a good week to take stock of the people who mean the most to you. Express your feelings to these people and spend some time with them.

**SCORPIO** OCT. 24-NOV. 22  
A little dose of being naughty might do you some good this week, Scorpio. Call in sick from work and enjoy a day shopping or simply indulging in a little entertainment.

**SAGITTARIUS** NOV. 23-DEC. 21  
You have basic needs that have to be met, and a strong network of friends and coworkers can get you through any rough

patch. Sagittarius.

**CAPRICORN** DEC. 22-JAN. 20  
Capricorn, although you can't narrow it down just yet, something doesn't feel right in your world. Keep investigating and trust your instincts.

**AQUARIUS** JAN. 21-FEB. 18  
You have reached a crossroads where everything you have dreamed and worked for has converged. This is the time to enjoy the fruits of all your labor.

**PISCES** FEB. 19-MARCH 20  
Pisces, rather than looking at the differences between you and someone else, look at the similarities. This is a great way to begin a friendship.



# VIEWPOINTS

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## Who are your heroes? Help them tell their stories



SUSANNAH GAL

Who has been a hero in my life? Merriam-Webster has several definitions of a hero including “a person admired for achievements and noble qualities.”

All kinds of people have been my heroes including my family and my teachers, as well as some of my friends when they were facing particularly difficult times.

I remember when I was in high school, my parents were having a hard time financially. We’d bought a large piece of land in rural Michigan and my parents had had a house built as well as a barn so that my sister and I could live out our dream of having horses. I don’t think I really realized how hard that time must have been for them until more recently when my brother recounted a time when my parents pulled us out of school so we could take out money from our own savings accounts to pay the electric bill. I know my parents kept up a lot of our life despite that seemingly desperate time when we were living on the edge.

My other heroes include my teachers. I remember several times when I got excited about the lesson my chemistry teacher was doing. One particular time, he was putting solid sodium into water to demonstrate the effect of a sudden release of energy. For one chemistry class, the teacher picked a slightly large piece of sodium and it ended up breaking the glass beaker, which cut my teacher’s leg. I realize that might not have been the smartest thing to do, although it is a very memorable lesson even 42 years later.

I also remember how fascinated I was when a history teacher used a book with quotes from history books of other countries talking about U.S. historical events. It was so interesting to consider how other places viewed our important events.

I know these teachers put in a lot of time to make the lessons clear for us and to help us understand the topics. As I am also a teacher now, I know how much time that can take. It is in part because of that chemistry teacher that I was interested in pursuing chemistry and biology in college and for my PhD.

Another example of a hero was one of my friends when we lived in Basel, Switzerland. Through the “American Women’s Club” of Basel, we met a couple, she from Missouri, he from near Zurich, Switzerland. She’d moved to Basel (about an hour from Zurich) to be with her husband. It was a pretty gutsy move for someone who didn’t speak that much, if any, German. One notch for being a hero.

About two years into her move, she developed leukemia and had to have chemotherapy to knock out all of her white blood cells.

I was fortunate to be able to

visit her in her isolation room. To do that I had to put on a sterile gown, put booties over my shoes and a mask over my face. Without her white blood cells, my friend was vulner-

able to infections, so these precautions reduced the level of germs coming in with me when I visited her.

It took a lot of courage to stay positive in a hospital where you weren’t always sure you would understand all of what people were saying. Happily, she recovered well over subsequent months.

In any case, that friend and her husband faced their fears in that challenging situation. For that, I gained more confidence in myself and was able to face my life’s challenges. More heroes.

These are just a few of the examples of heroes in my life. I’m not sure we always realize that there are lots of heroes in our lives and the lives of our kids and family. As I said before, I really enjoyed seeing the street banners recognizing our military heroes that were taken down for the winter.

How could you consider acknowledging your heroes? You could interview them over the upcoming holidays. You may have heard of Story Corps. It’s a project to record conversations of ordinary people all over the country to preserve ideas and experiences of everyday people in the United States. These recordings are added to the Library of Congress as part of records of current events.

You can hear a sample of a Story Corps interview on Friday mornings on NPR or by going to <https://storycorps.org>. I’ve done several sessions of Story Corps interviews with my family over the years. The last time was about 10 years ago with my father and mother before their memories were failing. They told some wonderful stories of their experiences.

The Story Corps organization is promoting again the National Day of Listening for the day after Thanksgiving. This is an opportunity for family members or friends to interview each other so you can learn more about the other person.

So, instead of shopping all day, I suggest everyone pick one of your heroes to interview on Friday, Nov. 24. Ask your family or friends about their lives and their struggles, who are their heroes and why. Let them know you admire them and appreciate their sacrifices and contributions to your life.

Listen to what they’ve learned and maybe you can use that to be more of a hero for those around you.

Let’s all consider our heroes and strive to be more of a hero for those around us.

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## EDITORIAL VIEWS

# 'Tis the season for thieves to make off with your packages

We fully support shopping local this holiday season. Heck, the Press & Journal is a local business. We realize how vital it is to buy local.

But we know that even if you do a great job of supporting local businesses, many of you will have to patronize other stores to get all the items on your Christmas list.

There have never been more options, of course. Online shopping has changed our habits drastically. Going to brick-and-mortar stores seems so 2001.

A Pew Research Center survey of U.S. adults released during last Christmas season found that 79 percent had made an online purchase of some type. In a June 2000 survey, just 22 percent of Americans had made a purchase online.

But online shopping means your items must be delivered to your home. Thieves are smart. They know when you are sleeping; they know when you’re awake. They know when you are out of the house, so be wise for goodness sake.

Unfortunately, we no longer live in a world where we can trust that our possessions will stay safe. Packages are being taken off of porches and doorsteps with regularity. Read our police blotter items each week and you can see what we mean. One of our most noteworthy reports involved shoes. A pair of designer brand shoes valued at close to \$1,000 was reported stolen from a town-ship residence in the 2000 block of Market Street Extended in

July. Police said the resident claims the package should not have been delivered without a signature but reportedly FedEx is noted to have stated a signature option was not part of the delivery.

That’s an important lesson: Make sure if you are having packages delivered that you give explicit instructions to the company that is delivering it. There are some excellent tips in our front-page story this week.

It would not be a bad idea to carve out some time Monday, Nov. 27. Middletown police officers will be at a public meeting in the Municipal Building focused on preventing package thefts.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. and is being hosted by the Middletown Quality of Life Neighborhood Watch. Police hope to also have on hand at least one representative from a company that is involved in delivering packages, such as the U.S. Postal Service, UPS or FedEx.

They will also discuss preventing car break-ins. Two simple steps: Lock your car! We shouldn’t have to tell you that in this day and age. Always lock your car when you leave it, even if it’s only for a second. Also, try to keep valuables out of your car to prevent the temptation that thieves have to target your vehicle.

The holidays should be a time of joy. Getting robbed isn’t part of the plan. Read the tips in our front-page story, attend Monday’s meeting, and stay out of our police reports. Happy shopping!

## Tax reform is necessary but this is absurd



PAUL HEISE

America, as an idea and as a political reality, faces a daunting list of self-created political and economic problems.

The idea of building a nation based on individual rights and responsibilities as promulgated in the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution is a vision as much as it is a realizable goal. The attempt to sell that dream on a global basis failed and left a list of unsolved problems.

Every time political promises intersected with economic reality, the politicians overpromised. Mistakes were made — an honest pride became hubris, ambition became greed and unintended consequences became collateral damage. In a series of unnecessary wars and political realignments, we as a country lost our way. The consequences could only be ignored for so long.

America took credit for things it had little to do with and should have been embarrassed by.

The Korean War, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan were not good wars. Destruction of a nation was dismissed as collateral damage. These wars were based on the exercise of military power and not the goodness of a shared vision of the American dream. The United States became, like the Soviet Union of old, a fearsome military power protecting a deteriorating economy.

America began to fall behind. At first it was Japan and the Asian Tigers but now it is China and India that are rising economically and politically. The petrodollar states redistributed income across the globe but the American dollar remained strong. But then America went politically soft with a series of lackluster presidents.

The country needs leadership and a revolution, a political realignment that seriously threatens the wealthy and makes honest promises to the working class.

The traditional political parties, the conservative Red party and the vaguely liberal Blue party prefer to squabble over the lean pickings of the existing swamp than gamble on a clear win by an informed electorate. Instead of a revolution, Donald Trump became president. He had a chance but went swimming in the swamp with all the rest of the politicians.

The politicians are playing politics. It is the job of the politicians to provide a legal framework that will solve the power problems of the community. Or, more concretely, the politicians decide how the GNP is to be divided in the laws and budgets they produce. They are simply negotiating the distribution of power and resources.

Our Washington reflects a generation and a half of concessions, privileges and the exercise of power. Every law transfers wealth from one party to another and no one is willing to give up their traditional cut. They are continuing the mistakes of times gone past.

The conservatives, in their many shapes and colors, are working out political solutions as they divvy up the trillions of dollars

the United States will spend on health care.

The political realignment is being situated in the two most pressing areas of our society, health care and tax reform. These are the areas where the winner is really talking of trillions of dollars. Republicans led the charge against universal health care but they bogged down in the swamp that is controlled by the medical, pharmaceutical and hospital industries. Their politicians were unwilling to give up their share of the swamp in order to give the people a reasonable health care system.

Tax reform is something else again. One cannot talk intelligently about the “tax reform” because logic and reason, needs and fairness have nothing to do with it. The conservatives are using the tax system to enrich further the richest people in the world. They are raising taxes on their political opponents and their unenlightened constituents.

Conservatives claim that cutting taxes on the very rich will lead them to invest, which will in turn raise wages and income in the middle class and ameliorate income inequality. Unfortunately for this analysis, the rich have \$1.4 trillion in offshore cash accounts that give no interest. The total value of all offshore accounts, not just Americans and not just cash, was \$21 trillion.

If the rich want to invest, they have the money. The conservative argument is absurd on its face.

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## Trump must have approval to move against North Korea



MICHAEL EISENSCHER

On Aug. 8, Donald Trump threatened North Korea with “fire and fury like the world has never seen.” He ordered the Pentagon to prepare for all military options. In the interim, he has ordered mock invasion war games with South Korea on North Korea’s borders and coasts, sent nuclear weapons-capable bombers to fly over the Korean Peninsula in a clear sign to Kim Jong-un he is prepared to follow through on his threat, and has ordered three U.S. aircraft carrier armadas to the oceans just off North Korea’s shores, while escalating his belligerent rhetorical exchanges with his North Korean nemesis.

This naval buildup could provide Trump with the sort of military extravaganza he seems to enjoy and/or to prepare for a pre-emptive military strike. It may also trigger a North Korean response that will serve as a pretext for military aggression.

As if these developments were not alarming enough, the Washington Post reports that the Pentagon sent a letter to members of Congress in which it said the only way to locate and secure all of North Korea’s nuclear weapon sites with certainty is through an invasion of ground forces. In the event of conflict, the generals said, Pyongyang might resort to biological and chemical weapons, raising the specter of great U.S. casualties.

Given the mercurial bellicose character of the commander in chief, and his view that

diplomacy is a “waste of time,” the generals’ letter could provide Trump with just the excuse he needs to unleash U.S. nuclear weapons on North Korea — “to save (American) lives” (as if bombing or invasion were the only alternatives available to him). “Saving American lives” was a justification offered by President Harry S. Truman for dropping atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

A single 150 kiloton nuclear armed cruise missile fired from our offshore fleet at Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, is predicted to immediately kill a half million Koreans. More than another million would be severely injured. That estimate of the initial death toll alone is equivalent to wiping out the population of Oakland or Tucson.

Kim Jong-un has no incentive to attack the United States first unless convinced the United States is about to attack North Korea. He might be provoked to preempt or answer it with an attack of its own. With the nuclear weapon and intercontinental ballistic missile it has developed (assuming it can miniaturize the bomb to be carried by its ICBM) its missile could hit a U.S. West Coast city like San Francisco, where almost 225,000 would die immediately and another 330,000 would suffer horrific injuries and radiation sickness, many of whom would die later.

Seoul, South Korea, a city of 25 million people, is 35 miles from the North Korean border. If it were targeted with a nuclear bomb, casualties could easily top 1 million.

This is what’s at stake in the game of nuclear chicken Trump seems to want to play with Kim Jong-un. We have to stop it.

Recent polling demonstrates that more than two-thirds of the American people believe that the United States should attack

North Korea only if North Korea attacks first. But Donald Trump doesn’t think much of the “will of the people” if our will doesn’t coincide with his ambitions or interests.

It is imperative that Congress enact a law that prevents Trump from ordering such a premeditated attack without consent of Congress, as required by our Constitution.

A bipartisan letter to Trump has been initiated by U.S. Rep. Barbara Lee, D-California, reasserting Congress’s role in authorizing and overseeing military actions, and Rep. John Conyers Jr., D-Michigan, and Sen. Edward J. Markey, D-Massachusetts, joined by more than 60 other members of Congress, introduced new bipartisan, bicameral legislation to do just that. The No Unconstitutional Strike Against North Korea Act of 2017 restricts funds available to the Department of Defense or to any other federal agency from being used to launch a military strike against North Korea without the prior approval of Congress or the imperative to respond to an attack against the United States or its allies.

This legislation has been endorsed by a broad array of peace, veterans, faith, civil liberties and social justice, Korean-American and other civil society organizations.

Contact your member of Congress and senators to urge them to cosponsor and vote for this critical legislation. Defense of our Constitution, our national security and global peace require members of Congress on both sides of the aisle do their duty, pass this legislation and restore the separation of powers dictated by our Constitution.

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# CHURCHNEWS

## Evangelical United Methodist Church



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

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

This week's worship assistants are as follows: Pastor – Lee Ellenberger; Liturgist – Ed Naugle; Organist – Don Cowsert Sr.; Choir Director – Erich Schlicher; Children's Time – Lee Ellenberg-

er; Audio Visual – Steve Moyer and Jamal Warren; Greeters – Children and youth; Head Usher – Lori Keller; Nursery Caregivers – Deb Lidle and Joyce Moyer, and our Sr. Choir members.

The altar flowers this week are in memory of all our loved ones by Bob and Pearl Hoch.

This week's schedule of activities is as follows:

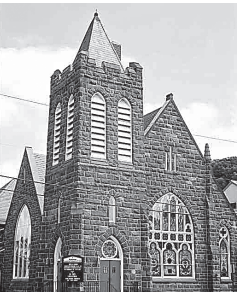
Wed., Nov. 22: 6 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous Book Study Group; 6:30 p.m., Sr. Choir rehearsal in church sanctuary.

Thurs., Nov. 23: Thanksgiving, church offices closed.

Sun., Nov. 26: 9 a.m., Sunday school; 10:15 a.m., Sunday Worship service.

Tues., Nov. 28: 2 p.m., Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6 p.m., God's Kitchen at Wesley, meal provided by Geyers; 6:30 p.m., UMM supper; 7 p.m., Decorate for Christmas.

## Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown



6:30 p.m., Bells; 7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.

Please join us at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 26 as our Pastor Bruce Humphrey leads us in worship. Our sanctuary is air-conditioned and handicapped accessible, and there are also hearing devices for anyone wanting to use one. Nursery is available during the service, as well as Bible Listening bags for children to utilize during the service. Do

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.

Thurs., Nov. 30:

join us!

Our electronic newsletter can be accessed anytime at [www.pc-mdt.org](http://www.pc-mdt.org)...click on "resources"...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.pc-mdt.org](http://www.pc-mdt.org), visit our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/PresbyterianCongregation](http://www.facebook.com/PresbyterianCongregation)), or call the office.

## St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church



door. Our Sunday worship service is broadcast at 11 a.m. on WMSS 91.1FM.

Church and Community Events:

Sat., Nov. 25: 5 p.m., Holy Communion – Sanctuary.

Sun., Nov. 26: 9 a.m., Luther Hall Sundays. Classes for all ages, please join us; Acolyte training at 9 a.m.; 10 a.m., Holy Communion - Spirit and Truth Praise Band.

Save the date:

Sun., Dec. 10: 4 p.m., Community Carol Sing at the Kierch, High and Union Streets, Middletown; Please Note: Our Christmas Bazaar and Indoor Yard Sale has been rescheduled for the Spring of 2018.

Food Pantry News:

Especially needed are personal care/toiletry items: toilet tissue, deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoos, conditioners, cotton swabs, tissues, soap, paper towels, etc. Items collected are taken to the Middletown Area Interfaith Food Pantry located at 201 Wyoming Street, Royalton. Individuals may also take items directly to the food pantry, which is open Tuesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 pm. The Community Action Commission office is open Tuesdays and Fridays, from 8 a.m. to

5 p.m., at the same location.

Visit our website at [www.stpetersmiddletown.org](http://www.stpetersmiddletown.org).

Check us out on Facebook - St. Peter's Lutheran Church Middletown, PA. Our goal is to get 250 likes in celebration of our 250th Anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the Kierch (High and Union Streets). Go ahead "like" us on our Facebook page. Remember, if you "Like" and "Follow" us on Facebook when there are new "posts" you will be notified. Thanks.

Scripture for November 26: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46.

**MISS A WEEK.  
MISS A LOT.**

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## New Beginnings Church of Middletown



We are an independent body of believers offering God's invitation for a new beginning to all who seek it. We exist to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of all people through faith in Jesus Christ. We are a Safe Sanctuary congregation. New Beginnings Church invites you to worship with us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children's church is provided. Our

congregation meets at Riverside Chapel, 630 S. Union St., next to the Rescue Fire Company. Sunday School for all ages is at 9 a.m. We are handicap accessible via ramp at back door.

Youth Fellowship is from 5 to 7 p.m. For additional church information call 717-944-9595. For security purposes our back and side doors will be locked every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the start of worship. The only door for entry after that will be the front door.

Mondays: Bible Study for seniors meets at noon before Sociable's; Sociable Seniors group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m.

Wednesdays: Craft Group, 1 p.m.; Choir rehearsals, 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays: Men's Group meets every Thursday morning at 6 a.m. for prayer. Community men invited; Blanket making is the 2nd Thursday of every month at 9 a.m.; Intercessory Prayer Group meets Thursdays at 6 p.m.; Bible study on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. is on prayer. The community is invited.

Saturdays: We clean the Middletown Food Bank the 3rd 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."

In addition, he posts a podcast of Bible study many days. We invite everyone to tune him in for inspiration for their day.

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. Two additional crosses are now in the garden, one on each side of the main cross. Benches are provided for folks to sit on and meditate or enjoy the beauty and quietness along the creek.

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

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

## Ebenezer United Methodist Church



Christian Education classes for all ages.

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

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

Any questions please call us at 717-939-0766 or e-mail us at [ebenezerumc890@outlook.com](mailto:ebenezerumc890@outlook.com).

## Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church



Calvary Church has been a part of the Middletown Borough community since 1936. It has been our privilege to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ all these years and to do so knowing the good news has never changed in over 2000 years. We firmly hold to the Apostles Creed and the Westminster Confession of Faith and its Larger and Shorter Catechisms as clearly teaching what Scripture teaches. If we believe the Gospel of Christ, then by trusting in his death and resurrection for sinners we can and will be forgiven and saved from God's wrath. 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 717-944-5835.

# Directory of Services



### Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church

10 Spruce Street • 717-944-5835  
Sunday School - 9 am • Morning Worship 10:15 am  
Evening Worship - 6 pm  
[www.calvaryopc.com](http://www.calvaryopc.com)



### Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church

329 Market Street, Middletown  
Pastor C. VICTORIA BROWN, M.Div. • 717-215-280-0798  
Church School - 10 am • Worship Service - 11 am



### Ebenezer United Methodist Church

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



### Evangelical United Methodist Church

Spruce & Water Sts., Middletown  
717-944-6181 • [www.eumch.org](http://www.eumch.org)  
Sunday School (all ages) - 9 am  
Sunday Worship - 10:15 am



### Geyers United Methodist Church

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



### New Beginnings Church

at the Riverside Chapel  
630 South Union St., Middletown • 717-388-1641  
Sunday School - 9 am • Worship Service - 10:30 am  
Pastor Britt Strohecker  
Everyone Is Welcome!



### Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown

Union & Water Sts., Middletown • 717-944-4322  
Church School - 9:15 am • Worship - 10:30 am



### St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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



### Seven Sorrows BVM Parish

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



### Wesley United Methodist Church

64 Ann Street, Middletown  
PASTOR NAYLO HOPKINS  
Pastor James Lyles, 10xBetter  
Phone 717-944-6242  
Sunday Worship - 9:15 am  
Small Groups - 10:30 am

To list your church service here,  
call 717-944-4628

or email [info@pressandjournal.com](mailto:info@pressandjournal.com)  
for more information.

## ANSWERS | PUZZLES ON B3

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That's a big Christmas tree



Above, the tree is taken off the truck Friday. Below, sawdust flecks the coat of Mayor James H. Curry III as he watches the tree fitting.



The seasons mix as fall decorations remain even though the Christmas tree is up.

Getting it put up at corner of Union, Emaus streets was quite a process

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For Public Works employee John Hevel, it was a process of cut, above, and then check, below.



STAFF PHOTOS  
BY JASON MADDUX



Coach Brett Myers congratulates running back Brady Fox on his touchdown and his Blue Raider rushing record in Friday's win vs. Wyomissing. Below, cheerleaders spark the team.

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Raiders win in rout



Left, quarterback Scott Ash takes the snap. Right, the team celebrates a touchdown.



Left, Tyreer Mills looks for room. Above, Jose Lopez breaks a tackle.