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Elks Theatre: Two groups now offer \$1

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There now appears to be two groups willing to consider an offer from the borough of Middletown to acquire the historic Elks Theatre for \$1 — the Friends of the Elks, and a new committee that has just been established by the Middletown Area Historical Society.

Both groups say their intent would be to purchase the theater for the purpose of reopening it as a performing arts center. The theater has been closed since April 2015.

The theater is owned by the Middletown Industrial and Commercial Development

New organization formed; Friends also changes its stance

Authority, which could be ready to sell the theater for \$1 as early as its next meeting Feb. 21. Any such action would be subject to being ratified by borough council, Authority Chairman Ian Reddinger told the Press And Journal last week.

Until the authority's last meeting on Jan. 17 — when the historical society's new Performing Arts Center Committee unveiled its proposal — the only group that had a proposal before the authority regarding the future of the theater was the Friends of the Elks Theatre group.

The Friends proposal had been before the authority since August 2015, but no action has been taken by the authority.

In the summer of 2016, Reddinger — also a borough councilor — proposed that the authority sell the theater for \$1 to the Friends group.

The Friends group turned down the offer, saying that while Friends wants to operate the theater, the group prefers to lease the theater from the borough and that the theater should remain borough-owned. The authority is an entity of borough government.

However, the Friends group is now willing to accept the offer of acquiring the theater from the borough for \$1, Friends board member Gordon Einhorn told the Press And Journal.

Einhorn said the group changed its position on ownership of the theater after borough council twice voted to reject accepting a \$500,000 state grant that would have gone toward reopening the Elks Theatre.

"It was clear that the borough does not have any interest in continuing to own the building," Einhorn said. "We realized that our next best

option is to go with the purchase of the building."

The Friends group approached the borough saying that it is now interested in owning the building, and the borough invited the group to draw up a formal proposal, which the Friends group is now working on, Einhorn said.

Einhorn said the Friends offer was not made



Einhorn

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FOUR-STORY HOTEL WILL BE BUILT AT HIA

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Expect a big change in the Harrisburg International Airport skyline in the upcoming year thanks to the approved construction of a new four-story hotel on airport property.

The Lower Swatara Township commissioners on Wednesday, Jan. 18, unanimously approved a final land development plan for a Fairfield Inn & Suites hotel that will be built on the site of a vacant parking lot on HIA's South Terminal Drive. Township planning commission members recommended the plan for approval on Dec. 22.

The four-story structure with a base footprint of 17,400 square feet is designed to have a total of 123 guest rooms, according to project manager Joshua Hoffman, of Snyder Secary & Associates LLC of Harrisburg. It will have a pedestrian walkway connecting it to the terminal.

Hotel construction is expected to begin in late spring/early summer of this year and last for about a year.

The hotel's developer, State College-based Shaner Corp., will lease the site from the Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority, which owns the property, Hoffman said.

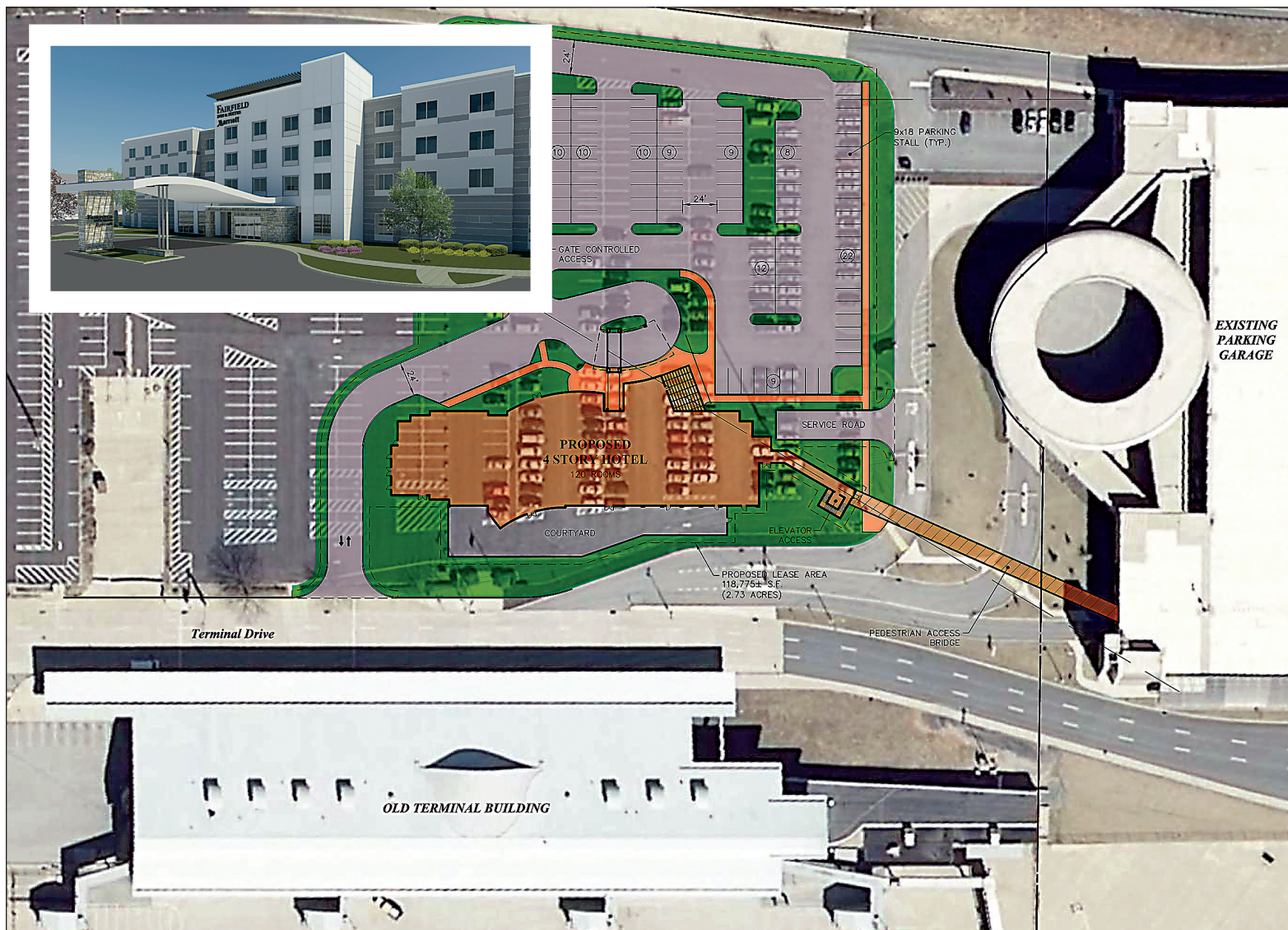
Scott Miller, HIA spokesman, told the Press And Journal on Friday that the lease term for the 2.73 acres is for 29 years, 11 months, and the rent is \$49,140 a year.

"We're excited about it," Miller said. "It's long been in the plans," but the ebb and flow of the



Ghinos

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A four-story, 123-guest-room Fairfield Inn & Suites, seen in an artist's rendering at the top left, will be built in the orange shaded area on the site of a vacant parking lot at Harrisburg International Airport.

Regional police force meeting is Feb. 15

Public can ask questions about Middletown plans

By Dan Miller
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Wednesday, Feb. 15 is set as the date for a meeting to discuss Middletown becoming part of a possible new regional police force, borough council has announced.

The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. in council chambers in Borough Hall. It is open to the public to ask questions of borough council and other officials.

Middletown officials since late December have been holding closed-door discussions with their counterparts in Lower Swatara and in Swatara townships about combining police forces, or possibly having one municipality contract with the other for police services.

Council President Ben Kapenstein has said that the next step is to hold a public meeting for officials to explain what is going on and to hear what residents have to say about the future of policing in the borough.

The idea of Middletown entering into some kind of alternative police arrangement, such as a regional force, has been batted around several times over the past few decades.

The current round of discussions started in the wake of former Middletown Police Chief John Bey submitting his resignation

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Beer, wine sales and restaurant possible at Middletown Giant

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Beer and wine sales and a restaurant could be coming to the Giant Food Stores location in Midtown Plaza in Middletown.

A 30-seat restaurant would be built in the store with beer sales for drinking on site and on a to-go basis, according to a Jan. 12 letter from Giant to the Borough of Middletown. There would also be wine sales but only on a "to-go" basis, according to the letter.

Giant is requesting a resolution from borough council to supporting Giant's request before the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to transfer a restaurant liquor license.

No such license is available for purchase within Middletown, so Giant is requesting approval from council and the LCB to transfer in a restaurant liquor license from Susquehanna Township, according to the letter from attorney Robert J. O'Hara III on behalf of Giant.

Borough council during its Jan. 17 meeting set a public hearing on Giant's request for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7, in council chambers. Council has 45 days to approve or deny the request after the

"Giant's restaurant in Middletown will be a family-friendly restaurant which will have a specific delineated space, but also have interior connections or openings to the grocery store."

attorney Robert J. O'Hara III on behalf of Giant

public hearing, according to O'Hara's letter. The restaurant would be inside what O'Hara referred to as a "remodeled" Giant at the Middletown location.

"Giant's restaurant in Middletown will be a family-friendly restaurant which will have a specific delineated space, but also have interior connections or openings to the grocery store. The restaurant will be located in a distinct, tastefully decorated and well accommodated area," O'Hara wrote, adding that more information will be provided and questions answered at the Feb. 7 hearing.



Photo courtesy of Mary Ellen Wright, LNP Media Group.

The beer cafe at the Giant Food Store in the Lancaster Shopping Center, Lancaster, opened in the fall.

The state LCB to date has approved liquor licenses at 35 other Giant locations throughout Pennsylvania, O'Hara wrote in the letter.

Thirty-three of these locations are selling beer and wine both for consumption on the premises in

the restaurant, and on a to-go basis, O'Hara said. Samantha Krepps, a spokeswoman for Giant, declined to provide further details about what the company plans to do in its store in Middletown, other than to confirm the Feb. 7 public hearing.

Parking changes OK'd; marijuana plan tabled

Middletown Borough Council on Jan. 17 gave final approval to an ordinance that increases fines and establishes new time limits and other restrictions regarding parking in the downtown.

The measure will become effective and be enforced as soon as the borough can put up new signs in the downtown, said Public Works Director Greg Wilsbach.

The borough also plans to put up new signs directing motorists to parking spaces that are available on Mill Street between the bridge to Royalton and Hoffer Park, Wilsbach said. These

signs were suggested by Councilor Robert Reid.

The proposal would increase from \$15 to a \$30 fine when a ticket is paid for within 48 hours.

After 48 hours but before a summons is issued, the fine would increase from the current \$30 to \$60, while the maximum fine for any parking violation in the downtown would go from the present \$75 up to \$150.

Council also tabled final passage of an ordinance determining where a medical marijuana dispensary and a grower/processing facility can be located in Middletown.

The ordinance had been approved for advertisement on Jan. 3, but a public hearing is required before final passage because the ordinance is a change to borough zoning, said Solicitor Adam Santucci.

The hearing is set for 7 p.m. Feb. 7 in council chambers.

As proposed the ordinance would allow a dispensary in the borough's commercial and manufacturing districts.

A grower/processing facility would be allowed just in the manufacturing district.

— Dan Miller

After promotion reversed, Rux now officially a police detective

Middletown Borough Council made it official during its Jan. 17 meeting — Gary Rux is now a detective with the Middletown Police Department.

Rux had been promoted to detective within the department in late December. However, a resident then informed council that under law the promotion requires the approval of council.

Council unanimously approved a motion to make Rux's promotion to detective effective immediately, following a closed-door executive session. A Middletown native, Rux has been

with the department since 2010.

Besides his work as a patrolman, Rux is also known throughout the borough as the person who has organized Middletown's annual National Night Out for each of the past several years.



Rux

— Dan Miller

Correction

A headline on page A5 of the Jan. 18 Press And Journal contained incorrect information. The Middletown borough streetscape project did not win a county award. It was a borough sewer and water line project.

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Students of the Month
ELIZABETHTOWN AREA HIGH SCHOOL



Sydney DePoto

Elizabethtown Area High School seniors Sydney DePoto and Simon Munyan recently were selected as the Elizabethtown Rotary Club's students of month for January. DePoto and Munyan were honored for their high academic achievement and extensive involvement in school and community service activities.

DePoto is the daughter of Joe and Lori DePoto of Elizabethtown. She is a member of the National Honor Society. DePoto has also received several underclassmen awards including in the areas of Spanish, honors English, and anatomy and physiology. She is active in numerous school activities including student council, Mini-THON (major events captain), and girls soccer. As part of the soccer team, DePoto was named to the Lancaster-Lebanon League academic all-star team. In the community, DePoto has taken part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference. She is active in her church, where she serves as a second grade Sunday school teacher's



Simon Munyan

assistant. After graduation, DePoto plans to pursue a doctorate degree in physical therapy, specializing in pediatrics. Munyan is the son of Daniel and Leslie Munyan of Elizabethtown. He is a member of the National Honor Society. Munyan holds leadership positions in numerous school activities. He is president of the Math Club and team captain of the science Olympiad team. He is also active with Quiz Bowl, Chemistry Olympiad and German Club. Munyan has garnered numerous science awards including the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award, the Sahd Metal Recycling Award, and a first place award in the area of astronomy at the Science Olympiad. In the community, Munyan has been active with the Mennonite World Conference, where he was a volunteer audio technician. He has also been active with the Eisenman and Drexel Materials camps. Munyan plans to attend college and major in material science and engineering.

LD Class of 1967 plans reunion

The Lower Dauphin Class of 1967 is planning a class reunion. To be put on the class's constantly updated database, email your contact information to alschock@alschock.com or call Al Schock at 717-816-5161.



NEWS IN YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD

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Howdy, everyone! How about this: Only six days and then February is upon us. Now, this month wasn't too bad, was it? I have heard from several people telling me how much they want to take this time of year to nestle in a warm blanket with a good book and read the cold, dreary hours away! Not a bad idea! Do you have a good books to recommend? Fiction, non-fiction? How about the historical educational kind? Please be safe and stay warm. Have a wonderful last week of January 2017! Only 54 days until spring. Yay!

Birthdays

Happy cake and ice cream day to **Emily Mattes** of Lower Swatara on Wednesday, Jan. 25. Hope your landmark 21st celebration is wonderful! **Dagen Hughes** of Lower Swatara hits birthday No. 20 on Jan. 25. If you see him on Wednesday, be sure to give him a high-five and cheer! Best wishes to **Ethan Friedrichs** of Elizabethtown. He is turning 12 on Wednesday, Jan. 25. Enjoy your party week, Ethan!

Double birthday wishes are sent out to **Megan** and **Morgan Danilowicz** of Lower Swatara on Jan. 25. Hoping your Wednesday is wonderful as you both turn 20! Happy fun-filled super duper birthday to **Delaney Fitzpatrick** of Lower Swatara. This guy marks his decade-old day on Thursday, Jan. 26. Congrats!

Happy 23rd cake day to **Jenna Wilkinson** on Friday, Jan. 27. Enjoy your birthday weekend, Jenna! Many warm breezes are sent to **Becky Wierman** of Lower Swatara as she celebrates her razzle-dazzle birthday on Friday, Jan. 27. Have a wonderful rest to the month celebrating, Becky! If you see **Joel Bechtel** out and about on Friday, Jan. 27, be sure to give him a super-friendly happy birthday greeting! Hey, **Keith Daily** of Lower Swatara! Happy big-deal 60th party day to you on Friday, Jan. 27. I hope you have a grand time celebrating!

Happy landmark 21st cake day to **Cody Fox** of Lower Swatara on Saturday, Jan. 28. Congrats to you, Cody! Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to **Jane Balmer** of Londonderry on Saturday, Jan. 28. Stay cozy and keep smiling! **Minda Rhodes** of Hummelstown celebrates her double-toothpick sunshiny happy birthday on Saturday, Jan. 28. Happy 11, Minda! Congrats and happy birthday to **Dylan Krupilis** on Jan. 29. He is a quarter of a century on Sunday! **Kim Thompson** of Lower Swatara marks her special me-holiday on this last day of Jan 31. I hope your Tuesday is terrific and your 2017 is amazing, Kim! **Steve Guenther** celebrates his big-deal quarter-of-a-century 25th cake day on Tuesday, Jan. 31. Many blessing and best wishes to you Steve in all you do! Happy 6th birthday to **Carson Reigle** of Lower Swatara on Tuesday, Jan. 31. I hope all your dreams come true, Carson!

Citizen quiz

1. Why do we celebrate the Fourth of July?
2. Where does freedom of speech come from?
3. What is the minimum voting age?
4. Who signs bills into law?
5. What is the highest court in the United States?

Anniversaries

Happy 57th wedding anniversary to **Bill and Joanne Hoch** of Lower Swatara. They were married on Jan. 30, 1960. Congratulations, lovebirds! Best wishes to **Don and Dottie Bauman** of Lower Swatara on their 35th wedding anniversary. They celebrate their wedded bliss day on Monday, Jan. 30. Enjoy!

Happy Anniversary Kierch

St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Middletown is celebrating the 250th anniversary this year of the laying of the cornerstone of the Kierch. There are a number of events scheduled:

• **Organ recital:** All are invited to attend an organ recital with the American Guild of Organist, Harrisburg Chapter at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, North Spring Street. The concert is free and will be held at the church in the sanctuary.
• **Choir Concert:** Come out to hear the Susquehanna University Choir Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church on North Spring Street. Everyone is invited to this free community event, which will be held in the church sanctuary.

Elizabethtown dean's list

Congratulations to **Samantha Romberger** of Lower Swatara on being named to the Elizabethtown College dean's list for 2016 fall semester. Samantha is a first-year English-Literature major. She is a 2016 MAHS grad and has made her family extremely proud. Keep up the wonderful work, Sammie.

Kutztown dean's list

Congratulations to **Abigail Gipe** of Lower Swatara for being listed on the Kutztown University dean's list for her first semester with a 3.8 grade-point average. She is majoring in elementary education and special education. Abigail is a 2016 MAHS grad. Her dad, mom and brother are so very proud of her. Congrats and keep up the excellent work, Abigail!

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Fan-shaped cheesy potatoes
2 1/2 lbs. medium potatoes
2 oz. melted butter
salt
freshly ground pepper
1-2 Tbsp freshly-grated Parmesan
Wash, peel and rinse the potatoes. Place each potato on a spoon and, using a knife, make cuts at about 1/8-inch intervals down to the edge of the spoon. Place in a greased gratin dish, brush with the melted butter, sprinkle with salt and freshly ground pepper. Put the dish in a preheated oven at 425 degrees, occasionally basting the potatoes with the butter from the dish. After about 40 minutes, sprinkle the

potatoes with the parmesan. Allow to cook for another 15-20 minutes. Serve with meat or fish dishes and salad.

Deep Winter

It's warm and sunny where I'm at, I have to wear no shoes nor hat. Wishing you were here's no lie, But I am living it up in July.
— SLAP

Quiz answers

1. Independence Day, 1776, from Great Britain
2. The Bill of Rights
3. 18
4. President
5. Supreme Court

Quote of the Week

"A connected, charged and engaged soul is the best gift you could give yourself and those around you this year. It really is a gift that keeps on giving. Determine to take time to withdraw as needed, then face the future with boldness and faith. God is with you and for you."
— Judah Smith, author

Question of the Week

Who is your favorite historical person?
"George Washington, because he was the first president!" — **Averie Defelice**, 7, Swatara.
"Ben Franklin. He was an innovator and helped frame our country!" — **Scott C. Ackerman**, Pittsburgh.
"Jackie Robinson." — **Safia Aman**, 7, Lower Swatara.
"Walt Disney, we love Disney!" — **Carter Hoffman**, 5, Hershey.
"Jesus!" — **Donna Hoffman**, Lower Paxton.
"Ty Cobb." — **Matt Wagner**, 13, Lower Swatara.
"Joe Paterno." — **Tim Wagner**, 14, Lower Swatara.

Proverb for the Week

A foolish son brings grief to his father and bitterness to the one who bore him (17:25).

Botterbusch nominated for U.S. Air Force Academy

U.S. Rep. Lou Barletta, R-Hazleton, recently announced the list of 28 nominees from Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District to attend the United States service academies. Barletta's list of nominees includes Abel Shedwick Botterbusch, Middletown Area High School, Middletown to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Securing a congressional nomination is a vital step in the process, but does not guarantee admission. Each service academy will make final determination of which students ultimately are admitted. Abel is the son of Bill and Em-



Botterbusch

ily Botterbusch. He is involved with football, wrestling, track and field and mini-THON. He is an academic football captain and runs his own landscaping business. Students may be nominated by their member of Congress, both U.S. senators, or by applying to the vice president of the United States. Students who expressed interest in

attending a service academy were interviewed by an independent review board of community leaders and representatives of the military community, which made final recommendations. Factors such as academic achievements, extracurricular activities, leadership skills, physical aptitude, character, and motivation were taken into consideration and compared with other applicants. The academies include the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland; the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York; the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and the U.S. Merchant Marine

Academy in Kings Point, New York. The U.S. Coast Guard Academy does not require a congressional nomination. "This group of bright, motivated young Americans represents the best of what our part of Pennsylvania has to offer, and they are to be commended for choosing to begin their adult lives in service to this nation," Barletta said. "We should all be proud of what these young people have already achieved, and await eagerly to see their future successes. I wish them well as they continue through the rigorous process of seeking admission to our prestigious and elite service academies."

Harborton Place sale on hold

The limbo that surrounds Harborton Place mobile home park in Middletown is going to stick around for a few more months. Harborton Place was on the list for a Dauphin County sheriff's sale on Jan. 19, but the sale has again been pushed back to March 2. Harborton Place has been in mortgage foreclosure proceedings since 2012. The amount that Harborton Place owes to Wells Fargo bank is just less than \$5.3 million.

In the meantime, residents of the trailer park no longer have to worry about being moved out against their will by the state buying the property. Middletown Borough Council on Jan. 3 voted to reject the buyout offer from the Department of Community and Economic Development, citing how much revenue the borough would lose from the state's plan to get rid of the development and turn the flood-prone property into open space.
— Dan Miller

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Trump lecture scheduled
at Penn State Harrisburg

Dr. Spero T. Lappas, part-time lecturer of political science in Penn State Harrisburg's School of Public Affairs, will present "President Trump's Constitution: The Bill of Rights in the Words of POTUS 45," from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25 in the Olmsted Building Gallery Lounge on campus. Article Two of the United States Constitution requires every president to promise that he or she will "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." Lappas will

explore the meaning of the oath as reflected in the words of President Donald J. Trump. Lappas' research interests include constitutional law, public policy, and criminal justice. His teaching interests include American studies, political science, and law and society. The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Anton Mulder at 717-948-6303 or aum28@psu.edu. To view the presentation online, go to https://meeting.psu.edu/r6r612sn8cl/.

Low-cost vaccine clinic
scheduled for cats, dogs

PAWS and The Dogs' Den will hold a low-cost vaccine clinic for cats and dogs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, at PAWS, 9803 Old Jonestown Road, Grantville. Dr. Kate Papp will provide kennel cough, Lyme, distemper and rabies vaccinations for dogs and rabies and distemper for cats; for a three-year rabies vaccination, owners must provide proof (certificate) of previous rabies vaccination. Rabies, distemper, and kennel cough vaccines will cost \$10 each, Lyme vaccines \$25 each. Microchips will be available for \$25 each; price includes registration.

This is a first-come, first-served clinic. Breeders will not be serviced. Cash and checks will be accepted as payment. All cats must be in secure carriers and all dogs must be leashed. For more information, call The Dogs' Den at 717-469-7325 or Doggieden@aol.com. PAWS is a 38-year-old, local non-profit, all-volunteer organization active in eight counties in south central Pennsylvania that provides spay/neuter, foster and adoption, and humane education. For more information www.pawsofpa.org, call 717-957-8122 or e-mail info@pawsofpa.org.

Rep. Mehaffie learns committee assignments

Rep. Tom Mehaffie, R-Lower Swatara, has been named to serve on the Local Government, Gaming Oversight and Game and Fisheries committees during the 2017-18 legislative session.

The committees provide legislative oversight and help shape the language in bills that fall under their areas of responsibility.

“My service on these three committees will allow me to voice the concerns of the people of the 106th District on a broad range of issues,” Mehaffie said. “I look forward to working with my colleagues and committee chairmen to advance legislation that will benefit our communities

and the commonwealth as a whole.”

The House Local Government Committee addresses issues related to the municipal code, powers and duties of local officials, planning and zoning, intergovernmental cooperation, municipal authorities and police departments, and state technical and financial assistance to municipalities.

Mehaffie said he will draw on experiences in his prior local government role to aid his work in this committee. “I expect that my experience as a



Mehaffie

Lower Swatara Township commissioner will serve me well on this committee,” Mehaffie said. “I look forward to delving deeper into issues affecting our state’s local governments and furthering legislation that will help them be more effective and efficient in providing services.”

The Game and Fisheries Committee reviews legislation that deals with laws, licensing and other matters related to hunting, trapping, fishing and boating.

The Gaming Oversight Committee oversees slot machine gaming, bingo,

small games of chance, amusement laws and table games in Pennsylvania. In addition to its legislative responsibilities, the committee has oversight of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board and aspects that deal with gaming within the Department of Revenue, the Office of Attorney General and the Pennsylvania State Police.

“It’s important we ensure this industry remains a competitive and thriving one for our community organizations, our local economy and for our residents,” Mehaffie said. “I’m eager to get to work with my colleagues to make sure this industry is held to the highest standards.”

Wanted: Man who tried to steal concrete buffalo

Lower Swatara Township Police are looking for a man who tried to steal a large concrete buffalo from a business in the 1900 block of Fulling Mill Road on Saturday, Jan. 14.

The buffalo was damaged during the unsuccessful attempt at Coin Wrap, 1981 Fulling Mill Road, at the HarrisPort Business Center. It is about 3 feet high and sits on a sidewalk to deter foot traffic.

The suspect attempted to drag it or lift it, and it tipped over, breaking a horn off the buffalo’s head, according to Frank E. Williamson Jr., township director of public safety/assistant township manager.

Surveillance photos show a white male driving a Honda Civic attempt-



ing to steal the statue.

He appeared to have a bandanna over his face.

Coin Wrap, according to its website, is a “nationwide company servicing the coin handling industry.” It handles, processes and stores coins and tokens, domestic and foreign.

Anyone with any information is



A photo taken from surveillance footage, above, shows the suspect who tried to take a concrete buffalo, left, from a Fulling Mill Road business on Jan. 14.

asked to call Lower Swatara Township Police via Dauphin County Crime Control at 717-558-6900.

Tips may be submitted to Dauphin

County Crime Stoppers at 800-262-3080 or at www.dauphin.crimewatchpa.com. Click on the “submit a tip” link.

Fracture on bridge causing turnpike delays at N.J. border

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and New Jersey Turnpike Authority are advising motorists to expect extreme congestion and delays starting Monday at all Delaware River crossings between Bucks County in Pennsylvania and Burlington and Mercer counties in New Jersey due to the continued emergency closure of the bridge connecting the Pennsylvania and New Jersey turnpikes.

Construction work was under way over the weekend to stabilize the bridge while engineers engage in a more comprehensive assessment and structural analysis necessary to determine a permanent repair plan.

Motorists are strongly urged by the authorities to take public transit, carpool, work from home or adjust work hours outside of peak commuting times during this closure. Severe congestion is expected at all area river crossings. Expect slow-moving or stopped traffic, especially during the morning and evening rush hours.

The following detours are in place:

- Motorists heading to New Jersey will be detoured at Pennsylvania Turnpike exit 351 to Route 1 northbound to Interstate 95 northbound, which becomes Interstate 295 southbound in New Jersey, to Interstate 195 eastbound to the New Jersey Turnpike. Pennsylvania Turnpike exit 358, Delaware Valley, will remain open for local traffic only; watch out for a single-lane pattern approaching Delaware Valley.
- Motorists heading to Pennsylvania will be detoured at New Jersey Turnpike Interchange 7A to I-195 westbound to I-295 northbound, which becomes I-95 southbound; or from New Jersey Turnpike Interchange 5 to Mount Holly Road. Motorists traveling from northern New Jersey are advised to exit at Interchange



Contributed photos

On the Delaware River Bridge, the complete fracture occurred on a 14-inch truss member beneath the deck, or driving surface, of the Delaware River Turnpike Bridge. The affected truss member is located just below the westbound right lane of I-276 on the west shore.



14 and use Interstate 78 west into Pennsylvania.

I-276 eastbound is closed and detoured at Pennsylvania exit 358. Local roads under the bridge including Radcliff Street, Palmer Avenue and Wood Avenue are also closed until further notice. Motorists traveling east from Route 130 will be able to use Interchange 6 to access the New Jersey Turnpike via the Pearl Harbor Memorial Extension. The westbound Pearl Harbor Memorial Extension will remain closed to all traffic; there will be no access to Interchange 6 from that direction.

The bridge is jointly owned and maintained by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. It was deemed unsafe and immediately closed Friday following the discovery of a fracture

in a steel truss. Work is continuing to stabilize the bridge while engineers engage in a more comprehensive assessment and structural analysis to determine a permanent repair strategy. No timetable has been set for the reopening. The fracture, which was discovered on the Pennsylvania side of the bridge yesterday afternoon, was noticed during a routine check of a bridge-painting project by NJTA resident engineer examining the work on the bridge, the ownership of which is divided between the two toll agencies. The painting contractor was hired by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority

to repaint the entire bridge, which carries more than 42,000 vehicles per day, combined eastbound and westbound traffic.

The 1.2-mile-long bridge opened to traffic on May 23, 1956.

For real-time information about traffic conditions in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, drivers are encouraged to call 511 from any telephone.

The Pennsylvania Turnpike on Monday launched a new web feature to provide timely, accurate updates to travelers impacted by this prolonged bridge closure. Learn more at www.paturnpike.com/DRBAAlert.aspx

Tax preparation available for free at Middletown Public Library

Low- to moderate-income working families can receive free tax preparation services Jan. 30 to April 18 at sites in Dauphin County, including in Middletown.

The effort is part of the Money in Your Pocket Campaign, a community collaboration of organizations committed to the economic stability of local families. The program aims to increase use of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and the Child Tax Credit (CTC). The EITC is a tax refund offered by the federal government to supplement wages for low-income workers.

One tax-preparation site is in Middletown: The Middletown Public Library, 20 N. Catherine St., 5:30 to 8 p.m. Mondays.

Volunteers will prepare computer-

ized, electronic returns through the Internal Revenue Service’s Volunteer Tax Income Assistance program, which is designed to provide low-income families with help completing federal and state returns, and obtaining tax credits.

This year, people who earned wages of less than \$54,000 may be eligible for assistance.

In addition to our volunteer assisted preparation, Money in Your Pocket will also offer free assisted and unassisted tax preparation through MyFreeTaxes.com for taxpayers who made less than \$64,000. More information about these options can be found online at uwcr.org.

“Last year, 260 Money in Your Pocket volunteers helped file 5,332 returns, resulting in more than \$5.1

million returned to local working families,” Heidi Neuhaus, director of United Way of the Capital Region’s Volunteer Center, said in a press release. “This helped individuals and families increase their income by an average of 6 percent.”

Other sites are:

- Belco Community Credit Union, 449 Eisenhower Blvd., Harrisburg. Appointment only. Call 800-642-4482 or 717-232-3526 to schedule. 5:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays.
- Harrisburg Brethren in Christ Church, 2217 Berry St., Harrisburg. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. At this site clients must prepare their own taxes with the help of a coach.
- Market Square Presbyterian Church, 20 S. Second St., Harrisburg. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thurs-

days. Site might reach capacity very early on high volume days.

- Tri County Community Action, 1514 Derry St., Harrisburg. 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays.
- Widener Law Commonwealth and Central PA Law Clinic, 3605 Vartan Way, Harrisburg. Appointment only. Call 717-541-1993 to schedule. 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

The Money in Your Pocket campaign program is funded by U.S. Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, and PNC Bank.

For more information on the Money in Your Pocket program, contact LaTasha Frye, United Way of the Capital Region’s community impact manager of income, at 717-724-4068, or by email at lfrye@uwcr.org or visit www.uwcr.org/miyp.

Obituaries

Ronald Barnes

Ronald E. Barnes, 68, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Friday, January 13, 2017, suddenly at his home.

He was born on November 22, 1948 in Royalton and was the son of the late Louis and Ruth (Fornwalt) Barnes.

In addition to his parents, Ronald was preceded in death by a daughter, Shannon Turkowsky, and six siblings, Betty Sharp, Lois Powley, Doris Barnes, Patsy Barnes, William Barnes, and Sandra Barnes.

He is survived by his daughter, Shawna Barnes of Red Lion; two grandchildren, Madison and Malachi Messersmith; a great-grandson, Chancellor Burkett; two brothers, James and Louis Barnes Jr., both

of Middletown; and a sister, Wanda Fornwalt of Harrisburg.

Memorial services and interment will be at the convenience of the family.

The family has entrusted the care of the Matinchek Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., Middletown, to handle the funeral arrangements.

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



Dorothy Rider

Dorothy J. Rider, 92, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Thursday, January 19, 2017, at the Middletown Home.

She was born on October 15, 1924 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. and was the loving daughter of the late Raymond and Margaret (Davis) Schuler.

She was a 1942 graduate of Hanover Township High School in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dorothy was a member of Evangelical United Methodist Church, Middletown. She was previously a member of the former Liberty Fire Co. Auxiliary, Middletown Area Band Boosters, United Methodist Women and Middletown Interfaith Council. Dorothy enjoyed being involved in delivering Meals on Wheels as well as doing ceramics.

In addition to her parents, Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Dale E. Rider, who passed away in 2011, son-in-law, Timothy Allwein, and brother, Raymond Schuler Jr.

Dorothy is survived by a son, Dale E. Rider Jr. and wife Ann of Lower Swatara Township; daughter, Karen R. Allwein of Lower Paxton Township; grandchildren, Kenneth Britcher (Stella) of Middletown, Daniel Britcher (Angela) of New Cumberland, Amanda Brown (Jason) of Lower Swatara Township, Sarah Allwein of Lower Paxton Township; great-grandchildren, Nick Choplick (Paula), Georgie Marie Britcher, Kenneth Britcher III, Tyler Brown, and Sophia Britcher; two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.



A tribute to Dorothy’s life will held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Evangelical United Methodist Church, 157 E. Water St., Middletown, Pa, with the Rev. M. Lee Ellenberger officiating. There was a viewing on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Matinchek Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 260 East Main St., Middletown. There will be a viewing on Wednesday from 10 a.m.

until the hour of the service.

Interment will be at Middletown Cemetery, Middletown.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Middletown Interfaith Food Pantry, P.O. Box 207, Middletown, PA 17057; The Middletown Home, 999 W. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057; or to her church.

Special thanks to the staff of the Middletown Home for their compassionate care.

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LD wants to hear from recent grads

Lower Dauphin School District will conduct a survey of graduates from the Class of 2012 and the Class of 2014 in coming months to learn about their high school experience and their career path.

“As a district, we feel it’s important to know how graduates’ education has prepared them for their post-secondary life and how we can improve,” said Todd Neuhard, assistant to the superintendent: secondary education.

The survey will be conducted online later this year. Prior to that, Lower

Dauphin needs to update contact information of its graduates from the Classes of 2012 and 2014. The district website has a contact information collection tool at www.ldsd.org/survey. Graduates are encouraged to visit this link to ensure that the district has accurate contact information to reach them with the survey. District staff members will reach out via telephone to those who do not fill out the online collection tool by Feb. 10.

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You can take part in 24-hour swim-a-THON to fight cancer

By Jason Maddux
jasonmaddux@pressandjournal.com

Holly Maitland-McKenna, a swim instructor at Penn State Harrisburg, is holding her fifth annual Swim for a Cure 24-hour swim-a-THON starting at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at the PSH Aquatics Center.

And you are invited to take part, even for a short time.

Maitland-McKenna teaches adult and youth swimming lesson, water fitness, college-level swimming, lifeguard training and water safety. For four years, she has completed a 15-hour marathon swim from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., at the PSH Aquatics Center to raise funds for PSH THON benefiting The Penn State Dance Marathon.

This year, her fifth as an official third party fundraiser, will be 24 hours. She once before did a 24-hour swim to raise money for a different charity.

"I wanted to do something bigger and grander and hope to raise more money for our campus," she said.

All the money she raises goes into Penn State Harrisburg benefitting THON. Each branch campus raises money for the event.

In previous years, her goal was 15 miles and \$1,500 in the 15 hours. This year, it's 24 miles and \$2,400. Last year, she raised more than \$1,600 and swam more than 16 miles.

"I'm not really fast for short distances, but I can swim long distances for a very long time," she said.

She said training for the event involves some training for up to six hours, but she said she doesn't really get tired. A bigger challenge is not getting too sleepy.

"Staying awake through the 24 hours is much harder than the physical aspects of swimming," she said, adding that even though she will have on a neoprene suit, "when I get cold, I get tired."

Members of the community can take part. She said she would love to have members of the community take part to help fight childhood cancer.

The pool will be open for people to join Maitland-McKenna from 8 to 10 p.m.

Thursday Jan. 26, and then from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27. She will be swimming alone from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m., with lifeguards who are volunteering to watch.

While the event is a 24-hour swim, she said it's also a social event. She said she tries to thank everyone who comes in and will eat food occasionally at the edge of the pool. She will take restroom breaks as well.

She said she has a cowbell on hand and when someone puts a donation in the box, they ring the bell.

While fundraising is the main focus, she said there is another goal.

"Our pool has a community membership. 50 to 60 mostly Middletown residents come and swim at our pool. I would like more people to come," she said, adding that she's been trying to spread the word.

To donate, go to <http://tinyurl.com/h83wtyt>. The event is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SwimforaCure/.

There is no guest fee the days of the swim. Sign in at either Capitol Union Building entrance. Parking on campus is \$1. Pay at a kiosk and put the pass on your dashboard.



The Penn State Nittany Lion hangs out with Holly Maitland-McKenna during a previous swim-a-THON.

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5 -Sons of Am. Legion - 5 pm	6 -Lower Swatara Fire Co. - 7:30 pm -Red Rose Rebekah Lodge #586 - 1 pm -Londonderry Twp. Supervisors - 7 pm -M-town Library: LEGO® Jr. Maker Club - 6:30 pm FREE Tax Preparation - 5:30 - 8 pm	7 -M-town Library Board - 6 pm -Triune Odd Fellow #307 - 7:30 pm -Highspire Boro Planning Commission - 7 pm -M-town Boro Council - 7 pm -Royalton Boro Council - 7 pm -St. Peter's Lutheran Church 250th Anniversary Special Events Organ Music Recital - 7 pm -M-town Library: Story/Craft Time (Birth-6 years) - 10:30 am Tales with T.A.I.L.S. (K-5th grade) - 6 pm	8 -BINGO, Lower Swatara Fire Hall - 7 pm -Wesley Gold - 11 am-1 pm -M-town Elks Lodge at Am. Legion - 7 pm -Dauphin County: Commissioners - 10 am Prison Board of Inspectors - 1:30 pm	9 -Lower Swatara Lions - 6:30 pm -Walk-In Immunization Clinic @ Woodlawn Court, 149 Wilson St., M-town - 9:30-11:30 am -M-town Women's Club - 6:30 pm -M-town Area School District: Athletics/Activities Committee - 6:30 pm Operations Committee - 7 pm -Londonderry Twp. Parks/Rec Board - 7 pm -M-town Boro Historical Restoration Committee - 6:30 pm -M-town Library: Family Yoga - Noon	10	11 -Cat/Dog Vaccine Clinic - 10 am-1 pm @ 1 N. Front St., Steelton sponsored by Steelton Community Cats For more info call 877-4146
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26 -St. Peter's Lutheran Church 250th Anniversary Special Events Susquehanna University Choir - 3 pm	27 -M-town Kiwanis - 6 pm -M-town Am. Legion - 7 pm -MASD Board - 7 pm -M-town Library: LEGO® Jr. Maker Club - 6:30 pm FREE Tax Preparation - 5:30 - 8 pm	28 MARDI GRAS -Triune Odd Fellow #307 - 7:30 pm -Londonderry Lionettes - 7 pm -M-town Library: Story/Craft Time (Birth-6 years) - 10:30 am Tales with T.A.I.L.S. (K-5th grade) - 6 pm Knit, Crochet/Craft Group - 6 pm			<div>First Quarter February 3</div> <div>Full Moon February 10</div>	<div>Last Quarter February 18</div> <div>New Moon February 26</div>




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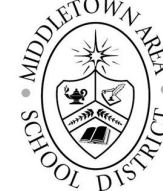


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HIA

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airline industry and the financial crunch of 2008 slowed the process.

Shaner is the “right partner,” Miller said.

Plato Ghinos, president of Shaner Group, told the Press And Journal on Friday that coming to the airport is a natural expansion for his company.

Shaner is a developer, operator and franchisee of hotels. It has about 50 nationwide and in several other countries, including Italy and the Bahamas. In this area, it has Courtyard Harrisburg West in Mechanicsburg and a Courtyard in Shippensburg, and will open a Courtyard by Marriott on Chocolate Avenue in Hershey next May, Ghinos said.

“Being the state capital, we feel the passenger numbers will remain strong and only increase. We feel there is no comparable lodging property nearby,” he said.

Fairfield Inn & Suites will have meeting space and a small bar area, he said.

Ghinos cited Penn State Harrisburg, the Pennsylvania Lottery and Three Mile Island as driving corporate demand for such a hotel with meeting space.

“The proximity to Hershey will also be a plus, especially during big athletic events and tournaments,” he said.

Ghinos said he is not worried about the Comfort Inn & Suites planned for the Linden Center, formerly called Jamesway Plaza, just across Route 230 from the airport.

“We are right at the terminal. The entire concept and brand is kind of the higher end. From a passenger point of view, the Marriott brand is very strong. It’s a whole different market, a whole different clientele. It’s going to be a high-end lodging experience for someone going in and out of the airport. Five steps, you’re at the gate.

About the hotel

Fairfield Inn & Suites is part of the Marriott International Inc. portfolio. According to its website, it includes “luxury” brands such as The Ritz-Carlton, “upper upscale” hotels such as Sheraton, Westin and Marriott, and “upscale” such as Courtyard by Marriott and Residence Inn by Marriott. Fairfield Inn & Suites is considered “upper midscale” and is “an established leader in the moderate-tier segment, offering value and consistency, and quality service to business travelers,” according to the Marriott website.

It makes a lot of sense,” he said.

He said the 1.2 million passengers a year at HIA makes it attractive.

“It’s a surprisingly high number of passengers going through that airport,” he said.

Miller said having a hotel on site is one more amenity that makes HIA attractive for passengers, who often drive from as far away as Williamsport and State College and need a place to stay.

“It makes us more of a destination for people in the region, whether they are arriving or departing,” he said.

He also mentioned Penn State Harrisburg, as well as the National Guard location at HIA, as entities that require hotel rooms and occasionally meeting space.

Because the project will be in an old parking lot, Miller said it will have minimal impact on passengers. Employees were using the parking lot, but they will park elsewhere.

He said it will definitely change the landscape of the airport.

“Every person driving by will notice it,” he said.

“It’s going to be a high-end lodging experience for someone going in and out of the airport. Five steps, you’re at the gate. It makes a lot of sense.”

Plato Ghinos, president of Shaner Group

Township commissioners also unanimously approved two waivers associated with the plan for which township engineer Erin Latavic stated that she had “no objections.” Commissioners waived requirements for a preliminary land development plan and underground storm water drainage specifications because the hotel plan is expected to reduce the existing area’s impervious surface by 24 percent, Hoffman said.

The hotel will provide 30 to 45 jobs, Ghinos said.

Select Medical hangar

Also on Jan. 18, township commissioners approved a final land development project for Select Medical Corp. on HIA property. Select Medical, of Mechanicsburg, is building a new 31,500-square-foot hangar for the company’s private planes at 1 Terminal Drive.

The commissioners also approved the developer’s request to waive a preliminary plan for the project, as well as several waivers involving tract boundaries and other minor issues.

The Select Medical plan and waivers were approved by the board in 4-0 votes. Commissioner Todd Truntz abstained from the votes due to “a conflict of interest,” he said.

Miller said the company is flying longer distances and needs a new hangar for its planes.

“You like to see tenants who are expanding and doing better,” he said.

Plans to convert Shireman Farm tract of land into park questioned

By Phyllis Zimmerman
For the Press And Journal

Former township manager Ron Paul questioned Lower Swatara Township’s plans to convert the Shireman Farm tract at the southeast corner of Longview Drive and Ebenezer Road into a municipal park during a public comment period at the Jan. 18 commissioners meeting.

“I’m just curious. When did we make the decision to have this property?” Paul asked.

“The grant money’s there, but there’s been no land acquisition,” township solicitor Peter Henninger responded.

On Dec. 21, township officials announced that Lower Swatara was awarded a 50-50 grant from the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to convert the 32-acre parcel into a municipal park with a softball field, walking trail and picnic areas. The township and DCNR each plan to contribute \$187,000 toward the property’s future purchase, assistant township manager/public safety director Frank Williamson said on Jan. 19.

Paul also questioned township officials about the status of an 11-acre land parcel the township owns at the east end of Fulling Mill Road, stating that the township has “other options” beside the Shireman Farm tract for recreational use.

Erin Latavic said after the meeting that officials consider the Fulling Mill Road tract more of a “nature area” than a municipal park. The area is considered a flood plain due to its proximity to the Swatara Creek and is located within a conservation zone.

POLICE

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effective Dec. 30 — creating what both Kapenstein and Mayor James H. Curry III see as an opportunity to pursue some kind of alternative policing arrangement.

The most recent meeting was held on Thursday, Jan. 12, when according to witnesses about 16 people met behind locked doors in the upstairs room in the Municipal Building where borough council typically meets in closed-door executive sessions.

Among those present, according to the witnesses, were Kapenstein, Curry, Middletown Borough Councilor Ian Reddinger, Borough Manager Ken Klinepeter, Lower Swatara Township Board of Commissioners President Jon Wilt, and Swatara Township Police Chief Jason Umberger.

Kapenstein was asked to report on the meeting at the end of council’s Jan. 17 by Councilor Diana McGlone, who also wanted to know why — according to her — she and other members of council had not been informed of the meeting ahead of time.

Curry said that councilors had been told of the meeting during a previous council executive session, and that councilors would continue to be informed of future meetings.

As in the past, Kapenstein characterized the Jan. 12 session as a “high level” meeting.

“We really didn’t dig into the details too much,” Kapenstein said. “We don’t have any numbers but I think they (Lower Swatara) are open to discussing” sharing police services

with the borough on a contractual basis, or creating some kind of new regional force.

Solicitor Adam Santucci, who apparently was not at the Jan. 12 session, agreed that the time has come for the borough to hold a public meeting.

“The initial step was is anybody interested locally, and I think Lower Swatara and Swatara said yes,” Santucci said. “The next step is to schedule a public meeting for the borough to sort of say here’s why we are interested, what’s the public input on this, what would a potential merger or joint force look like, what is a deal breaker for us, what’s not a deal breaker, what’s the public have to say.”

Reason for talks

Saving money is one reason for the talks.

Middletown Police Department in 2017 is projected to account for \$2.47 million of the borough’s entire \$5.8 million general fund budget.

Curry and Kapenstein have said the borough has a responsibility to look at some kind of alternative policing arrangement, if the borough can save money while providing police service to residents that is as good as now or better.

Santucci said that the two “models” include creating a new regional force, which would be administered by a commission or an authority and subject to the state Right-To-Know law, the Sunshine Law, open meetings and auditing requirements, and such.

The other is the contracting out option, where for example Municipality

A runs the police department and Municipality B pays Municipality A to provide police services over a specified number of years.

At first it appeared that the meetings were moving toward a contractual arrangement, with Middletown contracting with Lower Swatara Township for police services.

However, the involvement of Swatara Township’s Chief Umberger suggests that creating a new regional force involving the three municipalities may also be under consideration.

Swatara since January 2015 has been providing police services under a contractual basis to its much smaller neighbor Paxtang Borough.

However, Swatara and Lower Swatara officials also held discussions in 2015 aimed at Swatara also providing police services to Lower Swatara, according to a Dec. 30, 2015, account in the Press And Journal.

Santucci in his remarks during the Jan. 17, 2017 council meeting said that Lower Swatara is looking at a “shorter timeline” regarding an alternative police arrangement, while Swatara’s interest is “probably a longer range.”

Asked in an email to elaborate on what he meant, Santucci declined and deferred to either Klinepeter or Kapenstein.

Umberger could not be reached for comment regarding Swatara Township’s involvement in the talks along with Middletown and Lower Swatara.

County not involved

One difference between these most recent talks and an earlier round of

meetings between Middletown and Lower Swatara is that this time the sessions are not being set up by Dauphin County.

County Chief Clerk Chad Saylor said he wasn’t at the Jan. 12 meeting and did not know of it until being told by the Press And Journal.

“The municipalities are in the driver’s seat. That is exactly what we wanted,” Saylor said.

The current board of Dauphin County Commissioners is a proponent of regional policing in the county. Commissioners in 2015 released a study that the county had done by consultants, showing that nearly all municipalities in the county would save money by going the regional police route.

The study said that the more municipalities grouped in a regional force, the greater the savings, with the greatest savings coming from a countywide force that would require approval of the state Legislature.

However, Curry recently suggested that Middletown’s best chance for a regional police option lies with a force that would involve just a few municipalities — and that previous efforts to launch a regional police force have failed because too many municipalities were involved.

In any event, Saylor said the county sees its role not as imposing regional police on municipalities — a dead-on-arrival strategy politically — but on providing local governments with the information they need to take it from there.

Money and resources

The county also has resources — i.e. money — set aside to assist municipalities if they decide to enter into some

kind of contracted or regional policing option.

For example, such an option might require enlarging an existing police station, or even building one or more new stations.

County commissioners in 2016 set aside for this purpose \$250,000 in gambling revenue from the Hollywood Casino at Penn National in East Hanover Township.

Commissioners in 2017 may choose to set aside more of the county’s own gambling revenue to support regional policing efforts, Saylor said.

In addition, municipalities can apply on their own for gaming grants. Commissioners would look favorably on any application from a municipality for gaming grant money tied to a regional policing arrangement, Saylor said.

Municipalities also can use the county to tap into money and technical expertise that can be provided by the state Department of Community and Economic Development.

“It hinges on locals saying we have decided to do X and now we need help accomplishing X,” Saylor said.

The Middletown-Lower Swatara-Swatara talks are the only real discussions about regional police being held anywhere in the county at present, Saylor said to his knowledge.

That’s no surprise, as the largest concentration of municipal police departments in the county is in this area, he added.

“The epicenter really seems to be in the southern end of the county. The economies of scale are such that the benefits increase in this neck of the woods,” Saylor said. “We thought if anything would happen, it would be below (Route) 322.”

ELKS

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during a public meeting. The Friends’ group change of position came as news to Reddinger, the authority chairman, who heard about it from the Press And Journal.

“Nobody has approached me,” Reddinger said.

A new plan

The proposal from the society’s new Performing Arts Center Committee outlines a three-phased approach to completing the Elks Theatre project within two to three years.

Phase one calls for establishing a bank account through the society that would be specifically dedicated to the Elks Theatre project. Contributions to the account would be tax-deductible, since the society is a nonprofit organization, said committee member Jenny Miller, who is a trustee of the historical society.

The first phase also includes launching fundraising efforts to include a capital campaign, local fundraisers and grants. The committee would work to access local, state and federal government sources. The society would also determine potential users of the theater, such as theater groups, dance companies, schools, businesses and others.

In phase two, the committee would draw up specific numbers for architectural design, construction and contracting costs, and costs related to legal and marketing purposes.

Phase three calls for the committee to acquire the theater, and to simultaneously begin the process of restoring and renovating the historic structure.

The committee said it is already working with a number of consulting organizations regarding the restoring of old theaters; including the League of Historic American Theaters, the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Theatre Historical Society.

During the Jan. 17 meeting, both Reddinger and Mayor James H. Curry III, who is also on the authority, urged that the new committee consider moving up its timetable for acquiring the theater from the borough.

Curry in the past has shared concerns over

the liability that the borough — and borough taxpayers — have regarding the theater should something happen to the 106-year-old building as long as it remains borough-owned.

Curry during the meeting also noted the maintenance and other ownership-related costs that the borough continues to incur for the theater.

“The longer it sits vacant the worse it is,” Curry said, noting that the theater has already been dormant for almost two years. “If they take the building for \$1, that gives them all the time in the world to do what they want. I would be in favor of selling it to you for \$1.”

Janet Vastine Kirchner, who presented the proposal to the authority on behalf of the committee, said that the committee had not yet determined how soon it can take possession of the building, in part because the committee needs to know how much it is costing the borough to maintain the building in its present state, and what those costs are for.

How soon the committee can acquire the theater also depends on how successful the group is in raising funds toward restoring, renovating and reopening the theater, Kirchner said.

“We would hope as soon as possible,” Kirchner noted, to which Miller added, “we would much prefer to move faster than the estimated time line.”

At what cost?

Estimates for the cost of transforming the theater into a performing arts center have run from a low of about \$500,000, based on the Friends’ group August 2015 proposal, to an estimate of \$1.14 million that was provided in November 2016 by a contractor working for Tattered Flag Brewery and Still Works.

The society forming the new committee to reopen the Elks Theatre begs the question — where does this leave the Friends of the Elks group?

The Friends group is not represented on the society committee, and to date the society has not involved the Friends group in the new effort, Einhorn told the Press And Journal after the authority meeting.

But Einhorn said the Friends group welcomes the involvement of the historical society, and

the two groups working together would make it “easier” to accomplish the goal of reopening the theater as a performing arts center.

“It shows that there is tremendous support in the community for this project,” Einhorn said in an emailed statement. “In fact, we hope that the Friends of the Elks and the Historical Society can work together to get this project underway.”

Asked whether the two groups — the society committee and Friends — will submit separate proposals to the authority to purchase the theater, or whether the two groups will present some kind of unified proposal, Einhorn responded that Friends plans to reach out to the society very soon toward resolving these questions.

“We’re going to be talking to the society within the next couple of days about the possibility of working together,” he said.

What about the funds?

Einhorn also expressed concern that the borough is having second thoughts regarding a commitment council made last Aug. 3 that all proceeds from sale of the McNair House property at North Union and East Emaus streets, and all revenue from a cell tower lease over the next two years, would go towards funding the Elks Theatre restoration project.

However, that commitment assumed the theater remaining borough-owned, Reddinger said. It also assumed the Elks being reopened just as a movie theater, he added. Now, with two nonprofits saying they want to own the theater and turn it into a performing arts center, both of these underlying assumptions are in flux, he said.

“There is concern about handing a piece of real estate over for \$1 and also a \$100,000 check with it,” Reddinger said. The \$100,000 figure is an estimate for the sake of discussion, as the authority is still awaiting completion of an appraisal on the McNair property.

However, minutes from the Aug. 3 meeting do not specifically refer to either of these assumptions. The minutes only refer to council passing by a 6-0 vote, with Councilor Anne Einhorn abstaining, a motion that the borough open a checking account to be used for receiving donations and other revenues for renovation of



Press And Journal Photo by Dan Miller

Middletown residents look around the Elks Theatre on Thursday, July 21, 2016, during a tour of the structure as part of a meeting to get public input on its future.

the Elks Theatre project. The minutes do refer to Councilor Diana McGlone expressing concerns over “the financial implications of receiving donations through the borough” for the project.

Appraisal not needed to sell

The same appraiser whom council on Nov. 1 hired to appraise the McNair House property is also supposed to do a market appraisal of the Elks Theatre, Reddinger said. Council and the authority are also still waiting for that appraisal to be done, he added. That the Elks Theatre appraisal isn’t done yet would not delay the authority and council from turning the theater over for \$1 to a nonprofit group such as the historical society or Friends, Reddinger said.

The appraisal would only be necessary if no such arrangement can be made with a nonprofit organization, in which case Reddinger would favor listing the theater for sale based on its market value.

“I do hope that either Friends or the society comes forward” to purchase the theater for a \$1,” Reddinger said. “I want it (the theater) to thrive and I want it to keep its historic value, but the taxpayers should not have to do it. It should be a private entity, or a nonprofit.”

“If the historical society and the Friends group can come together” to make it happen, “you have my support all day long,” Reddinger added.

Town Topics



News & happenings for Middletown and surrounding areas.

Frey Village Friends of the Arts concert slated

Frey Village’s Friends of the Arts Program is sponsoring a concert of country and rock favorites featuring Pat Kocen, at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3 at Frey Village, 1020 N. Union St., Middletown.

For more information, call 888-995-8261.

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Valentine’s dinner and dance to be held

A Valentine’s dinner and dance will be held Saturday, Feb. 11 at The Events Place, 11 S. Union St., Middletown.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and close at 11 p.m. A buffet dinner will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and dancing/music will be held 8 to 11 p.m.

There is a cost. The event benefits the Middletown Public Library. Reservation deadline is Feb. 4. For more information, call Brenda Klocko at 717-418-2788.

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Frey Village open house on Feb. 2 targets nurses

Diakon Senior Living is holding an open house for CNAs, PCAs, LPNs and RNs (charge nurse and supervisor) for skilled nursing and personal care from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2.

The event will be held at Frey Village, 1020 N. Union St., Middletown. For more information contact Chip King at 610-682-1409 or visit www.Diakon.org/careers.

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Baseball and softball registration now open

Online registration is open until Feb. 5 for Lower Swatara Township Athletic Association youth baseball, girls softball and teener baseball. Registration is open to children living within Lower Swatara Township and Highspire.

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

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Bingo Blast will be held at fire company

Hummelstown Chemical Fire Company, 249 E. Main St., Hummelstown, is sponsoring a Bingo Blast at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28.

Doors open at 5 p.m.

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Low-cost vaccine clinic slated for cats, dogs

Steelton Community Cats is sponsoring a low-cost vaccine clinic for cats and dogs on Saturday, Feb. 11, at Steelton Community Cats, 1 N. Front St., Steelton.

Registration is at 9:30 a.m. Clinic hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 717-877-4146.

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Winter Fling to be held in Hummelstown

The third annual Winter Fling will be held in downtown Hummelstown from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27.

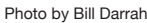
There will be a block party atmosphere with music, food, ice sculptures, wine tasting and children’s activities.

On Saturday, Jan. 28, at Nye Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., there will be cupcake wars, face painting, a magician, balloon twister, golf shootout, and a BBQ cookoff featuring celebrity judge Al Gnoza.



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Blue Raider girls get much-needed victory against Steel-High

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*Hughes hits
scoring mark;
Blue Raiders
win 3 more*

In the process, junior Ryan Hughes broke the 1,000-point barrier, joining the ranks of elite players in the area.

The Blue Raiders were scheduled for a four-game set this week against East Pennsboro, Eastern Lebanon County, Camp Hill and Tulpehocken as they work toward the top of the District III power ratings and a playoff spot.

They are 6-1 in the Mid Penn Conference Capital Division.

After the Spartans led off the period with a basket, Mrakovich drained another triple and Leach converted a Tyreer Mills assist for two points following another Lucas bucket. A Spartan turnover then led to the tying basket by Hughes at 5:59. Spartan coach Mark Zerbe rotated players



Ryan Hughes watches his 1,000th point drop through the basket, on the road at Steel-High on Friday.



With Hughes and Mrakovich teaming for 15 points in the period, and the Middletown defense keeping Baylor-

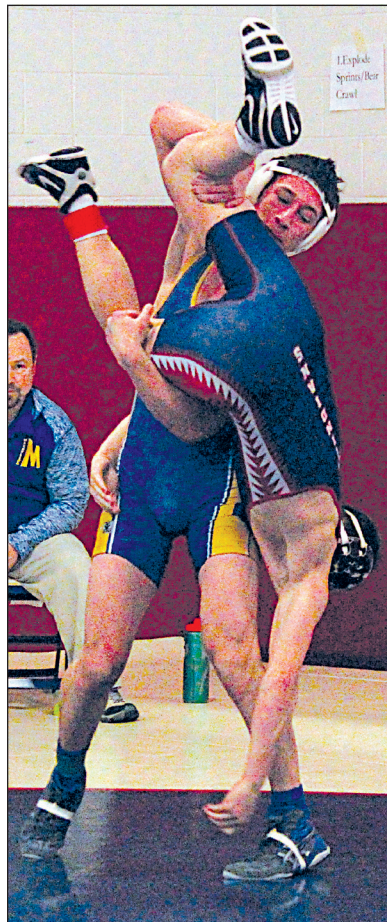
In the last eight minutes, Leach collected 7 points and led the way, shutting down Baylor-Carroll on defense as the Raiders padded their lead. Up 58-51 with 5:04 left, the Blue Raiders ran off 12 straight points to put the game away at 70-51 with 3:19 left. That run took the heart out of the Spartans and led to another 23-point offensive outburst by the Middletown squad in the final 8 minutes. The Spartans scored the last 6 points of the game.

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Middletown 42. Camp Hill 31



Above, Nate Brady took down Camp Hill's Gus Latorre in their Jan. 18 match. Right, Devin Martin takes on Tyler Feltman from Juniata at 138 pounds.





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Bianca Jasper gets ready to lay one in vs. Steel-High.

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a single point at halftime, a 16-10 scoring edge in the third set the stage for the victory. And a clutch 21-18 advantage in the final frame secured the big win.

Nester, a sharp-shooting junior guard, was on her game right from the start hitting a trio of triples to lead the Raiders in the early going. After Steel-High took the lead at 11-8 with 2:01 left in the opening segment, Jasper and Nester went back-to-back with triples to push the Middletown side up to a 14-11 lead by the end of the period.

But, in the second stanza, Steel-High's Xaria Isom caught fire and scored 11 of her 24 points to lead the Rollers. With the Middletown offense having a bit of trouble finding the net, the Rollers forged ahead, taking a 28-22 lead with 1:31 left in the first half. Fitzpatrick's triple at 1:10 cut the gap and a pair of late goals by Nester and Jasper pulled the Lady Raiders to within one, 30-29, at the break.

There were a number of missed shots by both teams in the third period after Fitzpatrick's goal off a Jasper assist eased the Raiders back in front 31-30. But the Rollers still managed to regain the lead with a triple by Leona Borrelli and a put-back by Isom. Down 35-31 at that point, the Raiders rallied as Jasper and Fitzpatrick teamed for 9 straight Middletown points. That successful rally put the Lady Raiders in front to stay. After the Rollers cut the lead to 40-35 Nester and Jasper again went back-to-back to make it a 44-35 game with 2:10 left in the third. Heading into the final frame the Middletown side held a 45-40 advantage.

Three early points by Isom trimmed the lead to three to start the fourth quarter, but Jasper's trey off a Morgan Noon assist and Jasper's drive following a Steel-High miss pushed the Raiders up to a 50-43 lead with 6:20 left. The Lady Rollers stayed close, however, outscoring the Raiders 6-0 while trimming

Middletown's lead to 51-49 with four minutes left. Nester's clutch three at 3:11 and drive following a Roller turnover 30 seconds later again gave the Raiders some breathing room at 56-49.

Noon made one foul shot and Fitzpatrick popped in a short jumper at 2:10 for a 59-50 Middletown lead that proved to be a key edge in the win.

After Isom scored to make it a 59-54 game with 1:27 left, Jasper dropped in two free throws, scored from the baseline following a Roller turnover and added two more foul shots after the Rollers missed a late shot. That six-point run lifted the Raiders to a 65-54 lead with 23 seconds left and locked up the win. Isom and Kayana Chisolm scored late points for the Rollers but they were not enough to overcome the comfortable Middletown lead.

Milton Hershey 41, Middletown 25

Poor second and fourth quarters doomed the Blue Raiders in a 41-25 loss at Milton Hershey on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Middletown was outscored 10-2 in the second and 14-4 in the fourth.

Kate Fitzpatrick scored 10 for the Blue Raiders, including two three-pointers. Bianca Jasper added 7.

East Pennsboro 50, Middletown 41

The Blue Raiders, playing at home Monday, Jan. 23, couldn't hold a six-point lead entering the fourth quarter. Middletown was outscored 21-6 in the final period to lose 50-41.

Bianca Jasper had 17 points and Makaila Nester added 11. Jocilyn Koser scored 8 points.

Only three players scored for East Pennsboro, led by 28 for Sunshine McCrae. Madison Ernst and Cailey Joyce each had 11.

The team, now 2-5 in the Mid-Penn Conference Capital Division, will play host to Camp Hill on Friday and travel to Trinity on Tuesday, Jan. 31.



Photo by Jodi Ocker

Tre Leach heads to the basket vs. Steel-High.

BOYS

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Fredericksburg on Thursday was an interesting one and the Blue Raiders had to shake off a bit of a hangover from the Milton Hershey win against the host Vikings.

Getting off to a slow start, the Raiders fell behind 15-11 with 2:14 left in the opening period before collecting themselves in the final two minutes. Truesdale, Hughes and Plummer pulled a reversal in that span as the Raiders forged ahead with a 19-15 lead heading into the second quarter.

With some of his starters resting on the bench, Sattelle's subs held their own in maintaining the lead. The Vikings pulled to within 4 points twice in the final minutes of the first half to give the Middletown squad a bit of a scare. But Leach's bucket, followed by a Mrakovich goal off a Hughes steal 13 seconds later gave the Raiders some breathing room. Another Hughes steal led to a goal and foul shot by Mrakovich and a 41-30 lead with 33 ticks left. A pair of Viking free throws by Alex Yeager cut the lead to 41-32 at the halftime break.

The Blue Raiders picked up their efforts on both ends of the court to start the second half, which led to a 20-10 scoring advantage and a 61-42 lead to start the final frame. After tacking on another point to the spread at 67-47 with 5:10 left in the game, Sattelle again cleared the bench for the final minutes. Braedon Thomas and Jarrod Myers added late points for the winners in the 71-54 final decision.

Middletown 61, Steelton-Highspire 60

This was the big showdown that many area fans were looking forward to, and the two neighboring rivals did not disappoint the full house that came to watch. With television coverage also on hand, the Blue Raiders prevailed in the tension-filled scrap, eking out a thrilling one-point victory over the host Rollers in Marty Benkovich Gym.

And, not only was the huge victory pleasing for the victorious Middletown side, Hughes rang up his 1,000th career point in the second quarter to reach his milestone accomplishment. Needing just 9 points entering the fray, Hughes reached the pinnacle with a foul shot with 3:07 left in the second period. The Steelton-Highspire game ad-

ministrators graciously stopped the contest at that point so Hughes could receive his awards. When play resumed Hughes made the second free throw adding to his total on his way to a 24-point night.

This was a game that both sides wanted to win badly and the teams went at each other from the opening tipoff right to the final horn. The early minutes turned out to be a real duel between Steel-High's Jarvai Flowers and Middletown's Mills. Flowers started off hot and scored 12 of Steel-High's 17 points in the first quarter while Mills led the Blue Raiders with 8. Flowers ended the game with 27 points while Mills finished with 17.

Flowers spotted the Rollers a 5-0 lead to start the game before Mills answered with his personal 8-point run to ease the Raiders in front 8-5. After the Raiders had earned a 14-10 lead on three free throws, the Rollers closed out the opening quarter with a 7-0 run from Flowers, Jayshun Ramsey and Malachi Young to forge a 17-14 lead.

Hughes led off the second with a goal off a Mrakovich assist and Leach followed with a putback after a pair of missed free throws by the Rollers to squeeze out an 18-17 Middletown lead. Following a runner by Flowers at 5:57, Hughes and Mills teamed for 6 straight points, 4 coming off Roller turnovers, to push the Middletown side back on top, 24-19.

Following another pair of missed Roller foul shots, Hughes went to the line needing just one point to hit 1,000. With 3:07 left in the first half, Hughes swished the first free throw for his personal historic point. After the brief ceremony ended he dropped in the second and the Raiders led by a 26-19 count. But Flowers kept his team right in it, scoring 8 late points to cut the Middletown lead to 29-27 at halftime. Mattes and Hughes chipped in points to keep the Raiders ahead.

After a scoreless minute and a half to start the third quarter the Raiders broke the ice on a triple by Mills and a goal by Leach that pushed the Middletown side ahead 34-27. But the Rollers came charging back and turned an 11-3 scoring advantage into a 38-37 lead with 3:32 left in the third.

And, after the Raiders misfired on three free throws, the lead grew to 41-37 with 3:09 on the clock. Leach broke the drought with a jumper at 1:56.



Photo by Bill Darrah

Tyreer Mills sails in for an easy two.



Photo by Jodi Ocker

Michael Mattes goes up against Milton Hershey on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Hughes converted a Steel-High miss and Mills assist into a momentum-swinging three pointer at 1:10 and then popped in another trey at the buzzer after picking up a loose ball on the offensive end to push the Raiders in front 45-41 with 8 minutes to play.

Defensive pressure by both teams kept the score unchanged in the early minutes of the fourth. Held scoreless through the first three periods Mrakovich finally registered his first points on a driving layup 1:45 into the final frame. Likewise, Steel-High's Tim Kater collected his first points 16 seconds later. For good measure, Mrakovich threw down a triple at 5:01 to give the Blue Raiders a 50-43 lead. But the Raiders could not put the Rollers away and Steel-High scored 4 straight points by Jelani Isom and Ramsey to keep it close.

A Mills basket at 2:55 was answered

by another Kater score at 2:16 and the Benkovich gym crowd was really into it, both sides cheering on their teams as the tension mounted.

Hughes went back-to-back, scoring at 2:03 and 1:45 to make it a 58-51 game and then sank one of two foul shots following a bucket by Ramsey to keep the Raiders ahead. Young scored with 50 seconds left to cut the lead to 59-55 and the Raiders dodged a bullet following a miss at their end when Mills picked off a Roller pass with 40 ticks left.

Hughes scored off an inbounds pass from Mills and the 6-point spread proved to be enough for the Blue Raiders to hang on for the win. A putback by Isaiah Lockette with 10 ticks left and a triple by Ramsey with :01 left rounded out the scoring as the Middletown side claimed the tense, hard-fought victory.

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Carmo now PSU Harrisburg's top all-time scorer

The Penn State Harrisburg women's basketball team managed one win last week but still stands at 4-13 on the season and 2-8 in the Capital Athletic Conference.

But there was one huge highlight: Kaitlyn Carmo became the leading Penn State Harrisburg women's scorer of all time.

Marymount (Virginia) 69, Penn State Harrisburg 42

The bright note of the tough road loss on Wednesday, Jan. 18, was Carmo, whose 9 points tied her for first in Penn State Harrisburg women's basketball program history with 1,052 points.

Penn State kept the game close vs. Marymount (13-3, 7-2 CAC), trailing only 14-12 after the first quarter. But the Saints outscored the Lions 20-9 in the second quarter and 21-5 in the third to pull away.

Penn State was outrebounded, 46-21. The Lions posted solid first and fourth quarter performances after trailing 10-2 with 4:45 to go in the first. Shanique Mattis put Harrisburg back on track with a three-pointer with 2:07 to go. Forward Tessa Dolce and Carmo cut the home teams lead to 2 points with two back-to-back baskets at the end of the first.

Katie Schwenk and Madison Hemler added a total of 7 points in the fourth. Carmo led the way for the Lions with 9 points and added 2 rebounds. Dolce had 8 points and 5 rebounds. Guard Shanique Mattis also scored 8. Janel Brown had 3 points, 3 rebounds and 3 assists off the bench.

Penn State Harrisburg 56, St. Mary's (Maryland) 53

The Lions rebounded on Saturday,

Jan. 21 as Shanique Mattis had 16 points to go along with 7 rebounds and 3 assists to lead Penn State to its second conference win of the season.

Carmo came into the game tied with former Lions forward Steph Yetter with 1,052 career points. She broke the record at the 5:47 mark in the first quarter on her first free-throw attempt of the game. Carmo finished the contest with 10 points and 7 rebounds.

Freshman Raven Ransom played arguably her most dominating game of the season, finishing a point shy of a double-double, with nine points and a season-high 14 rebounds. She was able to go toe-to-toe with the Capital Athletic Conference's second-leading rebounder 6-foot-3-inch Nina Haller.

The unsung hero of the game might have been sophomore Aireo Payne, who played 26 minutes off the bench and provided a spark for her teammates with two timely steals in the first quarter. It was a battle of turnovers for both teams from the beginning, with the Lions edging out the Seahawks 25-24 at halftime.

The third quarter was the home team's strongest of the game. They came out of the locker room trailing 25-24, but a quick 12-1 run in the first five minutes of the second half gave them their biggest lead of the game, 36-26.

The beginning of the fourth quarter saw momentum begin to shift in favor of the Seahawks, who managed to pull back within one and keep things close. The Lady Lions never forfeited their lead, however.

The final seconds of the game got tense when the Seahawks' Jane Mathiesen sunk a three-pointer with 3.3 seconds left to pull them within two. Carmo drew the foul on the ensuing play, sinking one of her two free throws



Photo by John Diffenderfer

Kaitlyn Carmo is now the leading scorer in Penn State Harrisburg's women basketball history.

and pushing the lead back up to three.

With two seconds remaining, the Seahawks' Nina Haller chucked up the half-court shot on a last ditch effort to tie the game. The ball bounced off the rim as time expired, giving the home team the win.

Alexis Nolan had 11 points in the game. Jada Pettis had 4 points and 6

rebounds off the bench.

Penn State Harrisburg travels to York on Wednesday, Jan. 25, to take on the York College Spartans (12-4, 6-3 CAC).

They will travel to Newport News, Virginia, to play undefeated Christopher Newport at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28.

PSU men split pair of games, stand at 7-10

The Penn State Harrisburg men's basketball team is now 7-10 on the season and 4-6 in the Capital Athletic Conference after splitting two games last week.

Penn State Harrisburg 65, St. Mary's (Maryland) 61

Penn State Harrisburg overcame a three-point halftime deficit with some big stops in the final minutes of play to win its fourth CAC game of the season against the visiting St. Mary's Seahawks on Saturday Jan. 21.

Marquese Daniels led all scorers with 20 in Harrisburg's 65-61 win. Penn State overcame 15 turnovers.

With 12 minutes to go in the first half, Harrisburg trailed by 8 points before four Lions worked together to tie the game up at 20. The Seahawks responded with their own 8-0 run but were stopped by Jazmon Harris with his own three-pointer and layup. Nelson Jones' jumper at the end of the first half cut the visitors' lead to three.

Penn State Harrisburg came out hot at the start of the second half with two back-to-back three-pointers from Harris and Daniels, who quickly tied the game up at the start of the half.

Both teams struggled to find the basket for the next three minutes. For the next 10 minutes there would be several lead changes and turnovers by both sides.

Davis Luethke's three-pointer in the sixth minute gave the Lions their largest lead of the half at that point with five minutes to go. Daniels added three more onto the lead with a three-pointer with 4:30 to go.

The Seahawks made three free throws in the last minute of the game but the Lions' late lead sealed the win.

Daniels also had 4 rebounds. Harris added 11 points. Derek Coleman had 9 off the bench. Gbolahan Aliiyu scored only 4 points but had 14 rebounds and 4 blocks. Kahlil Williams had 6 points and 6 rebounds.



Photos by John Diffenderfer

Marquese Daniels drives for two vs. St. Mary's on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Marymount (Virginia) 78, Penn State Harrisburg 76

A huge game by Kahlil Williams — 36 points and 10 rebounds — wasn't enough for Penn State Harrisburg to win on the road at Marymount as the Lions fell 78-76 in overtime.

Marymount made two free throws with one second to go in overtime to seal the win.

The Lions got off to a great start, jumping out to an early 12-5 lead thanks to two three-pointers in the first five minutes of the game. The home team responded with a 6-0 run to tie the game with 11:46 left in the first.

But then Marymount scored 15 straight points at the end of the first half to lead Harrisburg by 11 points at halftime.



Kahlil Williams shoots over a St. Mary's defender.

and 4 rebounds.

Penn State Harrisburg will travel to York on Wednesday Jan. 25 for an 8 p.m. tipoff then play at Christopher Newport in Newport News, Virginia, at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28.

Lower Dauphin boys win one game, lose one

The Lower Dauphin boys basketball team split two games last week, holding off Hershey before falling by a point to Bishop McDevitt.

They now stand at 9-5 overall and 6-4 in the Mid-Penn Conference Keystone Division.

A furious fourth-quarter charge by Hershey wasn't enough to catch the visiting Lower Dauphin Falcons on Tuesday, Jan. 17, in Keystone Division action.

Lower Dauphin had five players in double figures, led by Ryan Becher at 18. Will Bowen added 17, Brian Swist had 16. Brady Wilson scored 14 and Jackson Becher had 11.

The Falcons built an 18-point lead heading into the fourth quarter. But Hershey managed to outscore Lower Dauphin 36-22. Jacob Wilson had 25 and Sean Collier 20 for Hershey.

Against Bishop McDevitt on Friday, Jan. 20, it took overtime for the Crusaders to come out with a 65-64 win.

A late basket by Bowen, who led Lower Dauphin with 21 points, sent the game into overtime. But the visitors managed to outscore the Falcons 9-8 in the extra time.

It was a close game all the way: 19-18 McDevitt after one period, 30-28 at halftime, tied at 42 after three periods and tied at 56 at the end of regulation.

Wilson added 16 and Swist 12 in the losing effort.

The Falcons visited Susquehanna Township on Tuesday, Jan. 24 to start a busy week. They play at Milton Hershey on Wednesday, Jan. 25, the play host to Cedar Cliff on Friday, Jan. 27, and Mechanicsburg on Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Falcon girls reach 7-3 in Mid-Penn Keystone play

The scoring woes of the Lower Dauphin girls basketball team continued last week, but the Falcons managed to pull out a home win vs. Hershey on Tuesday, Jan. 17 in Mid-Penn Conference Keystone action.

They stand at 10-6 on the season and 7-3 in the Keystone Division.

Livi Friedrich led the way with 11 points in the 31-22 win over Hershey. Grace Day added 10 and Paulina Malinen had 8 as the Falcons built a 10-3 lead after the first quarter and never looked back. Malinen registered a pair of three-pointers. Friedrich was 6-for-6 from the free throw line.

The Falcons didn't fare as well in two road games, however.

On Friday, Jan. 20, they couldn't hold a lead after three quarters, losing 32-29 to Bishop McDevitt.

Seven Lower Dauphin players scored, but Amber Schweiger was the only one in double digits at

12. McKenna Lennox and Mailen added 4.

Lower Dauphin led 23-19 heading into the fourth quarter but was outscored 13-6 by the Crusaders, who went to 13-3 overall and 8-2 in the Keystone Division.

The next night, on Saturday, Jan. 21, the Falcons against couldn't hold a lead they held after three quarters in a low-scoring affair at Central York.

They led 19-17 going into the final period, but the Panthers held LD to only 3 points while scoring 9 to win 26-22.

Mailinen led the way with 7 points for Lower Dauphin and Schweiger and Day both added 6.

The Falcons played host to Susquehanna Township on Tuesday, Jan. 24. They will play host to Milton Hershey on Wednesday, Jan. 25, and then travel to Cedar Cliff on Friday, Jan. 27, before playing host to Mechanicsburg on Tuesday, Jan. 31.

WRESTLE

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decision win at 220 pounds.

Middletown was without some starters and would surrender forfeits at 195 and 285 pounds, bringing the team score to 31-19 in favor of the Lions.

The Raider lightweights responded. Luke Fegley and Mason Stoltzfus would each receive wins by forfeit at 106 and 120 pounds. Ryan Berstler showed his speed by scoring 22 points and a technical fall for the Raiders at 113. Chris Joseph would seal the Blue Raider victory with an impressive first-period pin over Ryan Foerster at 126 pounds.

8 on podium at New Oxford

The Raider wrestlers traveled to New Oxford on Jan 20-21 for a two-day tournament offering 30 wrestling teams from around the state.

The Raiders, who were without three starters, would end up placing six wrestlers in the varsity division and two wrestlers in the JV division in route to a 16th place finish.

In the varsity division, senior Logan Stoltzfus led the Raider wrestlers with a second-place finish in the 126-pound weight class. Stoltzfus scored three impressive wins in route to the finals, defeating Troy's Bailey Chohick 10-0, Waynesboro's

Laken Rouzer 6-4, and Southern Columbia's Jake Renn 5-0.

Stoltzfus would eventually drop a close match in the finals to Zakaria El Fernani of Marple Newton.

Freshman Chris Joseph remained in the varsity lineup for the Raiders and put up an impressive fifth-place finish. Joseph started with a 6-4 decision over AJ Knobloch of Delone Catholic and a quick pin over Brandywine's Klint Harpel. Although Joseph would suffer a setback in the semifinal round, he responded with a win and a fifth place finish overall.

Nathan Brady and Devin Martin earned three match wins in route to their seventh-place finishes at 132 and 138 pounds. Luke Fegley and Ryan Berstler would each score two wins to earn eighth-place finishes at 106 and 113 pounds.

Seniors Abel Botterbusch and Wyatt Smith would also earn two wins apiece, but fell just short of reaching the podium at 152 and 160 pounds.

In the junior varsity division, freshman Zach Malay and junior Zach Dailey each earned fourth-place finishes in the 106- and 145-pound divisions.

The Raiders will visit Milton Hershey for another important conference matchup on Thursday Jan. 26. It might determine which of the two squads will enter the postseason.

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Groups should come together on Elks Theatre

And just like that, two groups are now willing to buy the Elks Theatre for \$1. For those who support the reopening of the historic theater, this is great news. Two organizations appear to be ready to step up and take over, even though the timing — and the funding — are hazy.

We urge these groups to work together so they can achieve the goal that both have — the renovation and opening of a performing arts center at the Elks Theatre, the historic West Emaus Street structure built in 1911 that was touted as the “second longest, continuously operating cinema in the United States” before shutting down in April 2015.

But we just can’t get over how the oddities surrounding the situation continue to mount.

The long-established group, the Friends of the Elks, has had a proposal before the Middletown Industrial and Commercial Development Authority since August 2015 to run the theater. MICDA has not taken action on it.

The Friends group also long has held the position that it did not want to buy the theater — for the \$1 that MICDA member Ian Reddinger (who is also a member of borough council) suggested over the summer.

Except that at some point, after the borough twice turned down a \$500,000 state grant for the theater, the Friends group changed its mind and decided it would buy it for a dollar. The problem is, no one seemed to know that outside of the Friends group.

The Friends offer was not made during a public meeting, and Reddinger, who is MICDA chairman, learned about it when Press And Journal reporter Dan Miller asked him for comment.

We are always happy to be the bearer of news, but the fact Reddinger didn’t know of the change of heart is unusual.

We also don’t know all the details of how the new group came about. It was established by the Middletown Area Historical Society.

But we do find it unusual that a second group would be formed instead of working together with a group that already was established.

Maybe there were discussions and it was clear that joining together wasn’t going to work. If that’s the case, that is unfortunate.

Generally, having options is a good thing. But it just strikes a sour note for us if both groups go before MICDA and state their case as to why they are the better option to buy the theater for \$1. There has been enough divisiveness. It’s time for those with common goals to come together.

And then there’s the little matter of how this will be funded.

The Friends group long has said it will go seek grants from key players once it had a commitment on its plan from the borough. We assume that will remain the plan if they bought the theater for \$1.

Under the Middletown Area Historical Society plan, it looks as though they would not actually buy the theater for several years, toward the end of a 24- to 36-month effort.

Renovating and re-opening the Elks will not be cheap. Estimates range from \$500,000 to \$1.14 million. And if the groups were counting on money set aside for the Elks Theatre by the borough that was to come in from cell tower rental fees and the sale of the McNair House, they might want to reconsider. Those funds — which could be several hundred thousand dollars — might only go toward the theater if the borough still owned it, not if the borough sells it.

It’s clear that the borough is ready to sell. We hope that it would provide the group that does buy the theater the money that was set aside in the cell tower/McNair House fund so it can get off on the right foot in getting the Elks Theatre reopened.

Years of work lie ahead, but now the efforts might finally be headed in the right direction.

JOETROJCAK

Here to celebrating football, yesterday, today and tomorrow

It was a clear, cool evening in mid-October. The scene was the 8 yard line near the north end zone at Middletown’s Memorial Field. The team was pushing toward the Acme where Aaron’s is now located in the Giant Plaza.

JS the QB takes the snap and hands it off to TB. TB grabs the ball and is taken down three yards into the end zone. Touchdown! Now they are lined up to go for two. Once again, QB JS hands off to TB, but he gets hit real hard and fumbles. Suddenly the ball was on the ground in front of JT and it looked as big as a beach ball. JT dives on top of the ball and gets crushed by two defenders, but the two-point conversion is good!

This was not just another touchdown. This was the only touchdown and two-point conversion that the Seven Sorrows Eagles Pony team scored that entire season.

The year was 1975. Father Andrew Marinak, our pastor, had finally gotten a football program started. The quarterback was John Sheaffer. Running back TB was Tim Brought (Bishop McDevitt, Class of 1980) and yours truly was tight end JT (McDevitt, 1980). Our coaches included Sol Swartz, Ron Matinchek and Dr. Kolley.

As you can imagine, starting a football team from scratch was tough. The coaches did the best they could to prepare us, but each game was like war against a well-schooled and seasoned army. Most of us had never strapped on a helmet before.

Starting a football program from scratch was an intense life-learning experience. My dad Andy understood that I was not built for football and that I was more suited to play baseball and tennis. He did like the fact that there was a summertime conditioning program to get us into shape for the fall. But he pulled me aside and said: “If you sign up you are not going to quit.” This turned out to be one of his best lessons that he taught me. I still have my trophy. It was not an award for winning, it was a reminder and a thank-you for staying with the program until the last game.

They even had a banquet for the Seven Sorrows basketball and football players. They brought in Tony Dorsett (who would win the Heisman Trophy later that year, 1976) and Matt Cavanaugh (promoted this week to offensive coordinator of the Washington Redskins) from Pitt. It was great to meet these contemporary sport legends in the same cafeteria where we ate Sloppy Joes and thousands now enter to enjoy our fish fry.

Let’s fast forward to the recent months of football triumph for Middletown. The Blue Raiders had an amazing season. I was sitting at mass at Seven Sorrows when Father Ted Keating pointed out the happiness and pride of our community for the Blue Raiders playoff run right up to the edge of winning the final to become state champions. I ran into Mark Shipkowski, who informed me that the Blue Raiders had a solid



Press And Journal file photo

Headed by Tony Dorsett, the University of Pittsburgh helped highlight the All Sports Banquet at Seven Sorrows Church Hall in the spring of 1976. Front row from left are Middletown football coach Dave Yohn; Al Romano, All-American noseguard from Pitt; Jim Corbett, all-east tight end, and the Rev. Andrew Marinak of Seven Sorrows Church. In the back row are Matt Cavanaugh, first string quarterback at Pitt; Dr. Mark Cackovic, who was instrumental in getting the Pitt athletes to the banquet; Ed McConnell, banquet toastmaster; and Tony Dorsett, three-time all-American running back.

contingent of Seven Sorrows Eagles on the team. It brought a smile to my face. The program that we started years ago had truly flourished.

It was great to have the Seven Sorrows Eagles win the championship at their level as well! The competition in the Catholic Youth League is always intense. Congratulations to these young players and to their coaches and parents.

I’m a big Pittsburgh Pirates fan but was too nervous to watch Game 7 in the 1971 World Series when the Bucs beat the Orioles. Where was I? Playing two-hand touch football with a group of friends next to the Jednota swimming pool. I was way too small to play, so they made me and my friend John Lucas the centers. Hey, we got to snap the ball every time and they found out that we could run a route and pass to us as a safety valve. These games taught us the basics of football, teamwork, and they kept us off the couch and outdoors running and breathing fresh air. These pickup games are missing in the lives of too many of our kids. They need to be encouraged. They build up fantastic memories and cost almost nothing to take place.

This was pickup football. A group of neighbors and friends who met, choose up sides and played for the fun of it. The final score is not as important and the quality time of playing, imagining being a professional athlete and enjoying the chance to be alive and kicking.

The pickup experience in certain areas is getting pushed under by a huge increase in organized sports and traveling teams. Soccer was barely starting back in the 1970s and no one even heard of lacrosse. But both of these sports are taking up youth football fields. You can’t forget the allure of today’s video games, either.

They are much more interactive and realistic than my Joe Namath Electric Football Game.

Next up is the wonderful turnaround with the Penn State Nittany Lions. It is such a pity that the horrible actions of one coach, Jerry Sandusky, turned into punishments to so many students. Penn State is back, which is a good thing for Pennsylvania!

So where is football headed in the future? That is a good question.

The biggest concern going forward is highlighted in the movie “Concussion.” Are we going to need huge helmets like the characters wore in Mel Brooks hit movie “Spaceballs”? The NFL is slowly addressing head-to-head hits and concussion protocol, but they are decades behind on this issue. And then there is mom, dad and the rest of the family who may decide that football is just too dangerous. Injuries from the game are one thing, but permanent brain damage is a much bigger issue.

Pennsylvania has its two NFL cathedrals with Heinz Field for The Steelers and The Linc (Lincoln Financial Field) for the Eagles. The Ravens are a short drive into Maryland as well. Sellouts at all three are common but less so in cities such as Jacksonville and Cleveland.

The NFL is a huge economic engine. I have a huge poster in my woodshop put out by DirecTV that has a block for every NFL game that season. Beyond the tickets and the food and beverages at games, factor in the money spent on tailgates, gas for travel, hotels and NFL wearables.

Then there are forces — some of whom are just envious “good-doers” who don’t even know about the sport — who want football banned and eliminated for a variety of reasons. I do not see them succeeding, but they are out there.

My hope is that the game continues to move forward with improvements toward player safety, and that friends and family continue to gather to watch all ages play the football in organized leagues. I dream that a new generation of kids head out the backdoor, hop on their bikes, ride down to side field at Oak Hills or Little Hollywood Park in Lower Swatara, choose up sides, run some routes, fall down and get dirty, and build memories to share with their kids.

During my first visit to Heinz Field to watch the Steelers play the Cleveland Browns, I sat high in the end zone and saw the Ohio River in the distance. Then I looked down and saw the gridiron as a chess board in front of me. As Big Ben Roethlisberger dropped back for a pass, my mind dropped back to playing pickup football with the Bosnaks, Mosers, Krasjas and Magaros, Johnny Lucas and the others at Jednota. It truly was the same game, just on a much bigger scale. None of us Jednota athletes made it to the pros, but almost every pro learned something about the game by choosing up sides and playing pickup football until they were called in for dinner.

Here’s to many years of good football in the future and that a few of our Blue Raiders and Seven Sorrows Eagles get to play on Saturday in college and eventually on Sunday in the NFL. Play and enjoy the game while you can and realize the immortal words of Jerry Glanville that NFL also stand for “Not For Long.”

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MIKE FOLMER

My goals for 2017-18 legislative session

I have a number of goals for the next two years of the 2017-2018 legislative session, beginning with implementation of Act 16 of 2016 — my medical marijuana initiative.

The program is off to a fast start as in less than a year since becoming law, the Department of Health has released application forms for grower/processors and dispensaries. With hundreds of applications and thousands of pages of information expected, I look forward to continuing to work with the administration and a bipartisan, bicameral group that is seeking to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of medical marijuana in our commonwealth.

Additionally, I have reintroduced my Taxpayer Protection Act (Senate Bill 7). This legislation seeks to limit the growth of state government spending to the change in incomes over the last three years or to the average inflation rate plus population changes over the last three years



(with exceptions for extraordinary circumstances).

The Taxpayer Protection Act would also require 25 percent of any money over these limits be returned to taxpayers, 25 percent be allocated to the Rainy Day Fund to help balance state budgets during trying economic times, and 50 percent to help pay unfunded liabilities of the Public School Employees’ Retirement System and the State Employees’ Retirement System.

In 1970, Pennsylvania had a population of 11,800,766 and a state budget of \$2,619,667,000, or \$221.99 per person.

Over 46 years later, Pennsylvania’s population has increased 8.36 percent to 12,787,209 while state spending has increased 1,104 percent to \$31,533,732,000, or \$2,466.04 per person.

I believe we need to better protect taxpayers as Pennsylvania state government has grown faster than their ability to pay.

At the same time, I will continue to advocate for passage of Sen. David Argall’s Senate Bill 76 to eliminate school property taxes through expan-

sion of the personal income tax and the sales tax. These much-needed and long overdue reforms fell just one vote short in 2015, and I believe our continued work to refine this measure will allow us to pass it in the Senate.

To better protect property owners, I will reintroduce my civil asset reform legislation as Senate Bill 8. A similar measure overwhelmingly passed the Senate last session, but died in the House due to a lack of time.

I believe these recommended reforms represent major improvements over current law as the status quo provides few protections for property owners.

Under this plan, Pennsylvania property owners would see significant and unprecedented changes to asset forfeitures, including higher burdens of proof for the commonwealth, protections for third-party owners, improved transparency in auditing and reporting, required hearings to prohibit certain seizures, and an extra level of protection for those acquitted of related crimes in trying to get their property back.

I also hope the State Government Committee, which I chair, will

review 2016 election issues for possible corrective action(s), including: integrity of Pennsylvania voting and Electoral College issues (faithless electors, proportional voting, etc.).

I also believe the committee should continue discussions to better protect religious freedoms and liberty of conscience as we have seen the expansion of rights for sexual orientation, gender identity or expression across the country.

Finally, I believe the State Government Committee should work to advance a number of legislative and political reforms — beginning with possible changes to Pennsylvania’s Ethics Act, the Civil Service system, and the Procurement Code.

I was pleased with my accomplishments during the last legislative session and I look forward to advancing more reforms in the months and years ahead.

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What are your thoughts on President Donald Trump’s inauguration speech?

Cherie M Tennis Weirich: Very good speech makes one feel hopeful I hope he doesn’t let us down as he said he would not. We need change and I hope he’s the one to do it.

Jill Rishar: Same speech. Different day.

Shannon Hopple-Rico: What a joke.

Jim L Fultz: Not pretty!

Tracey Lynn Moore: Shameful

Michelle Candella Rife: Loved it!!!

Jennifer Houser: All over the place!

Kay Wealand: We’ll see what happens in his first 100 days.

Mindy Diven Keating: Loved it

Leah Bell: Very happy today!

Theresa Anderson: Hopeful!

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23 Years Ago

From The Middletown Press And Journal Files

From the Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1994 edition of the Press And Journal

Workers Save Jednota Printery Roof

A small platoon of workmen laboring in bitter cold weather last Thursday and Friday managed to save the roof of the Jednota Printery building in Lower Swatara Township, but roofs on several other industrial and commercial buildings in the area collapsed under the accumulating weight of melting snow and ice.

A crew of about 15 workmen with snow blowers and shovels spent a total of 17 hours in frigid temperatures removing an estimated 75 tons of snow from the roof of Jednota's Printery building on Rosedale Avenue. Meanwhile, most of the plant's 23 employees had to be evacuated from the building because of management's concern that the roof was in danger of collapsing.

Joseph Krajsa, plant manager, said he and other members of the staff found wall cracks and sagging ceiling tiles early last Tuesday that led them to conclude that the roof of the 28,000-square-foot building was in danger of collapsing.

"It appeared to us that something would have to be done quickly if we hoped to save the roof," Krajsa related. "The problem was that we weren't quite sure how to proceed."

Krajsa said a structural engineer called in to examine the roof confirmed those fears. He concluded that the roof would probably fail unless some of the estimated 75 tons of snow and ice was removed as soon as possible. Krajsa said he immediately called

Shane Contracting Company and Rich Hoffman, both Middletown area contractors. Workmen with the two firms labored nine hours on Thursday and another eight hours on Friday in the bone chilling cold that ranged from 1 degree below zero to 13 degrees above zero before the engineer declared that the roof was no longer in danger of collapsing.

NO More Snow!!

Take two aspirins, go to bed and set the alarm for spring. That is probably what many municipal workers and officials would like to do. Plus, pray that there is NO MORE SNOW!

Certainly, those on the receiving end of local government services, citizens, have their share of "snowstorm" headaches—digging out cars, dealing with frozen water pipes and deactivating "no-school ecstatic" children.

But what about those on the providing end of services? What have their headaches been like?

Last Wednesday the snow removal began in many area municipalities. "It will continue until emergency routes are cleared," said Middletown Council President Barbara Layne.

Layne reported fire trucks were out in Middletown, but not for fires, rather to ask via loudspeakers, residents and businesses to cut back their electrical power usage.

According to Middletown electrical supervisor Tom Hanley, within four hours usage dropped about nine percent and was still below the pre-storm usage as of Friday. "The community is to be commended," Layne said. The phones lit up like fireworks. Layne said she and Councilwoman Nancy Taxweiler helped field calls coming

into the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, Middletown had declared the Borough to be in a state of emergency, prohibiting all motor vehicle travel so snow plowing could proceed uninterrupted. The emergency was lifted Wednesday.

Lower Swatara Seeks Stipulations For Land Development

With much of the mid-state tied up in knots by the onslaught of the arctic-like conditions of the past week, the Lower Swatara Township Board of Commissioners also found itself frozen regarding a project that could add 350 to 500 jobs to the area.

Before the Board at its meeting last week was the land development plan of Watkins Motor Lines for a 30-acre site located along North Union Street north of Fulling Mill Road. The plan, prepared by Benatee Associates, was recommended for approval by the Township's Planning Commission on December 16, 1993 with stipulations.

It was the Planning Commission's stipulations that proved to be the sticking points for the Board that ended in a 2-2-deadlock vote on the plan. The Board did not want to set a precedent for other developers, while Watkins contended that most of the stipulations had been addressed.

In August, the Board first heard of the proposed truck terminal that could eventually lead to the creation of 350 to 500 jobs in the Township. Lance R. Collins, director of real estate for Watkins Motor Lines, Inc., led a team presentation before the Township officials.

At the August meeting, Collins estimated that a tax base between \$6

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



Gotta Keep A Sense Of Humor – It's good to know that at least one snow remover from Middletown kept his or her sense of humor while moving the white stuff from one place to another. Or could this be a neighbor that tried to swipe a shoveled out parking space?

million and \$7 million would be created if the terminal becomes a reality. He also added it would be attractive to manufacturers and distribution facilities in addition to providing improved service to local businesses and consumers.

In November, the Board approved the preliminary final subdivision of the land for the proposed terminal located along N. Union St., 800 feet

north of the intersection with Fulling Mill Road. The plan was approved with stipulations that included the conditional approval of a planning module by the state Department of Environmental Resources (DER).

Prices From 23 Years Ago

Country Swiss Cheese.....\$3.59/lb.
Fox's Chicken Pot Pie.....99¢/lb.
Dannon Vanilla Yogurt 32 oz...2/\$3

French Bread 19 oz. 89¢
Peanut Butter Iced
Cinnamon Buns..... 6 ct., \$1.89
Veal Chops\$2.49/lb.
Jumbo Roasted Peanuts.....\$1.39/lb.
Snow White Mushrooms
12 oz. pkg.....\$1.29
Weaver Buffalo Wings
18 oz. pkg.....\$3.15
J&J Pretzels 14 oz. pkg.....\$1.25
Super Bowl Cakes.....\$3.99/each

TOMMEHAFFIE

Hospital, Eagle Scout impressive

On Tuesday, Jan. 3, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives convened so that the oath of office could be administered to House members. The House is now comprised of 121 Republicans and 81 Democrats, including 23 first-term members.

The day also included certification of election results, election of the Speaker of the House and the House Parliamentarian and adoption of rules that will govern the chamber. To learn more about my goals for the new session, visit RepMehaffie.com.

PSU Children's Hospital tour

I recently had the opportunity to take an in-depth tour of the Penn State Children's Hospital in Hershey, and it was quite an amazing experience.

We all pray our children never need the care of the Children's Hospital, but if they do, we should all take comfort in knowing we have one of the nation's top children's hospitals right in our own backyard. This hospital and its remarkable team of doctors, nurses and medical professionals are dedicated to providing the best possible care for children and their families.

I look forward to working hand-in-hand with the Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, the Children's Hospital, the College of Medicine and all of its components to ensure this incredible community resource is able to continue to



provide high levels of care. The hospital's pediatric trauma and injury prevention program manager, Amy Morgan, BSN, RN, took me on my tour.

Impressive Eagle Scout

We have some very impressive young people in the 106th District! I recently had the chance to meet one of them and present him with a citation for obtaining the highest rank in scouting.

Congratulations again to Peter Michael Gingrich of Troop No. 203 of Hershey for achieving the coveted rank of Eagle Scout. For his Eagle project, Peter landscaped around the new Hershey Food Bank and built garden beds to grow additional food for the organization. His proud parents are Shawn and Laura Gingrich.

Farm Show attracts thousands

The 101st Farm Show wrapped up recently, with hundreds of thousands of visitors having walked through the doors at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

The Pennsylvania Farm Show is the largest indoor exposition of its kind along the East Coast. On my visit to the Farm Show, I had a chance to talk with the Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding, take in the entertaining and educational displays and taste some of the hundreds of different food items made right here in Pennsylvania.

Locally, the 106th District boasted a lot of blue-ribbon entries in this year's Farm Show. Be sure to check out the list of win-

ners on the Farm Show website at <http://www.farmshow.state.pa.us>. The site also includes hundreds of photos from the week, categorized by competition, and recipes from the award-winning baking contests.

LIHEAP helps with energy bills

Residents who are struggling with their home heating bills can apply for assistance from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program this winter.

LIHEAP is a federally funded program that helps individuals and families pay their heating bills through home heating energy assistance grants. It also provides crisis grants to help in the event of an emergency or if a resident is in danger of losing his or her heat due to broken equipment, lack of fuel or termination of utility service.

The income eligibility guidelines for LIHEAP are set at 150 percent of the federal poverty level income. For an individual, the income limit is \$17,820; for a couple, the limit is \$24,030; and for a family of four, it is \$36,450.

Residents may apply for LIHEAP online or by contacting the Dauphin County Assistance Office at 717-265-8919. Find a link to apply online on my website, Rep-Mehaffie.com.

Rep. Tom Mehaffie, R-Lower Swatara, represents the 106th House District, which includes Middletown, Lower Swatara Township and Royalton. Email him at tmehaffie@pahousegop.com. His Capitol office telephone number is 717-787-2684.

FRANKLEMENTE & RON POLLACK

Abolishing Obamacare will reward the wealthy

Republican plans to repeal the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) threaten the health care of 30 million Americans and would erode some rare progress made recently to reverse America's growing economic inequality.

By taxing rich households and big corporations to subsidize health care for working families, the ACA does what good public policy should: level the playing field to give everyone a shot, not just those at the top. Abolishing the ACA would only further tilt the field in favor of the wealthy and well-connected.

It turns out that taking away health insurance from struggling families can be a windfall for the well-to-do. The top 0.1 percent of households—those with income of at least \$3.7 million a year—would receive a tax cut of about \$197,000 in 2017, on average, if the ACA is repealed, according to the Tax Policy Center.

Meanwhile, millions of Americans would see the cost of their private health insurance skyrocket because they would lose ACA subsidies used to pay their premiums. The increased costs would range from about \$4,000 to \$6,000 per family, depending on family income. Taking away subsidies would make health insurance unaffordable for most of these families.

Denying struggling families quality, affordable health care while giving huge



ACA would also cost about \$1 trillion in lost revenues. (P3 total changes in revenues \$1,052.1)

This huge revenue loss would make it impossible for Republicans to fund any sort of meaningful "replacement" for the ACA (if that's in fact their desire). Most likely, millions would simply lose their health insurance.

It is important to look at who has gained health coverage under the ACA, which is funded mostly by \$600 billion in taxes on wealthy families and on thriving health-care industries like insurance, prescription drugs and medical devices.

Since 2010, approximately 20 million Americans have obtained coverage—in all ethnic groups in every region of the country, including nearly 3 million children. Among white adults without a college degree (often viewed as the incoming president's "base"), more than 6 million people have gained coverage.

The uninsured rate has fallen by more than one-third nationally. Some of the states that saw the biggest drops in their number of uninsured helped elect Trump, including

West Virginia (-58.6 percent), Kentucky (-57.1 percent), Michigan (-49.3 percent), and Ohio (-44.7 percent).

Who would gain from abolishing the health care law and the taxes that fund it? Among the big winners would be wealthy investors, who often don't have to work for a living but simply live off the proceeds of their fortunes. The ACA places a small 3.8 percent tax on their investment income from dividends, interest, capital gains and rent. This only affects the top 2 percent of households—couples making more than \$250,000 a year.

Much of that passive income is generally taxed at much lower rates than similar amounts of income from wages and salaries—at as little as half the rate. The ACA's investment-income surtax goes a small way towards closing that tax loophole, which is, of course, just one of many enjoyed by the wealthy. In order to strengthen Medicare, the ACA also extended a 0.9 percent tax that funds the insurance program for the elderly and disabled—applying it to all the income of the Top 2 percent. Previously, the tax phased out for married couples on any income above \$250,000.

Thanks to this tax and other changes made by the ACA, Medicare's ability to fully serve its 57 million participants was extended by 10 years and important improvements were made to benefits. If this tax were taken away, Medicare beneficiaries would face higher premiums and deductibles.

SOUND OFF

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• "I wish to thank all of you who voted for trump. <http://www.cnn.com/2017/01/12/repealing-obamacare-just-what-the-doctor-ordered-for-wealthy-investors.html>. Urged on by Trump, the Senate overnight adopted a budget resolution that clears a path for eliminating the tax-and-spending provisions of the Affordable Care Act by simple majority vote - no Democratic cooperation required. That means repeal of two provisions targeted at high-income households: a 0.9 percent hospital insurance tax on earnings above \$250,000 for couples and a 3.8 percent tax on capital gains, dividends and other non-labor income above that same threshold. Overall, eliminating those two levies would represent a tax cut of roughly \$346 billion over 10 years, according to the Congressional Budget Office. Households with million-dollar-plus incomes - a much larger group than the top 400 - would receive an average tax cut of \$49,000 a year, the center says. Your help in tax savings is very much appreciated."

• "It's pathetic the Press And Journal had to write its own anonymous Sound Off about Mayor Curry last week. Seems to me you aren't too pleased with someone calling you out for irresponsible journalism. He isn't the first to do this. Maybe you're just worried because his opinion carries a bit more weight with the public. If you truly care about the town and not just selling papers, stop printing Sound Offs."

• "Do the commissioners watch, read, or even care about what goes on in the township anymore? Apparently not. They have continuously degraded the police department from low wages, low manpower, and failing to provide adequate equipment (13 year old cars, etc.) and look at what goes on in the township. It's not Mayberry anymore. The police have to deal with rapes, assaults, stealing, and dealing drugs on a normal basis. They have to deal with child deaths. They have to deal with threats of mass shootings and now they are dealing with improvised explosive devices that are seen in war zones. Do you even see what your department does for the township? Do you even really care or are they just a replaceable tool? The mindset of the commissioners seems to look at it this way. Lose one senior officer and you can get two for the same price. Why don't you step up and back your police department? The only reason you can sleep at night with little worry is because of the men of the department working all day and all night to protect you. If the criminals knew that the state police were on call they would know they have an opportunity to do damage to the township. It's because of the tireless and selfless acts of the men of the department that many still see Lower Swatara as Mayberry."

• "Our president elect, Trump, is moving forward to complete his promises to the people of the USA. He established a cabinet that will take our country back from the bureaucratic thieves in our government and he brought millions of jobs to the USA. Agencies with three letters like CIA, FBI and EPA that have robbed our country for years will be drained of lobbyists with their own agenda. Barry is going to jail for 40 years for a fake birth certificate. The Clintons will join him because of the Clinton Foundation. The election only delayed their prosecution. I loved Trumps latest news conference. He put the fake news in their place. He has beaten everyone without any support. I cannot wait when he assumes presidential power. He will drain the swamp. You can get accurate news on the Internet and forget mainstream media fake news."

• "I love watching these local politicians, one specifically, pretend to be pro-police when they are anything but! Actions always speak louder

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than words."

• "Question: Is the new interim chief MOPEC certified???"

• "Just an FYI: the Historical Society did not receive \$10,000, the Historical Restoration Commission received that money. Get the story correct before printing."

• "We would encourage the borough to post signs to point out that fact that there is a large public parking lot behind the borough offices along North Catherine Street as well - especially as Tattered Flag is now open with its expanded hours. Additionally, the lot behind our offices on South Union Street are open for free public parking after 6 p.m. Signage showing parking areas is money well spent. We certainly expect council to update the code ordinance to create a board to hear appeals of code violations and, more importantly, address blighted properties." Sounds like someone should run for Council in the Press And Journal Office."

• "McGlone put her cards on the table with no uncertainty: 'Anybody who has a blighted property in this borough is now put on notice - we will be coming.' McGlone better check her own properties as well. The only thing McGlone is worried about is what money she can make off of this Borough."

• "Alright residents of Lower Swatara: voting for new commissioners will soon be here. Laddie Springers seat is up and you need to remember what he did for the township. I hope that female candidate will run again. Regardless of republican or democratic, she at least has the better good for the township on her side."

• "There seems to be a lot of people that see how LST operates. Silence the sheep and speak up at election time. Question why people have been fired or stepped down in the past few years. Retirements and resignations out of nowhere? Don't ignore the signs. Get these people out!!"

• "Overheard some folks talking at the grocery store today. I quote 'Donald Trump is going to get us into a war.' Excuse me, just what do these people think those boys have been doing in Iraq and Afghanistan for the last 15 years? Hello, we have been at war for at least 15 years."

• "Hi everyone, it's the P&J Pastor here. A well-known Bible verse is John 8: 'Let him who is without sin cast the first stone.' Sadly, no one can because we are all sinners. Although you wouldn't throw a stone at someone you love, you're still allowed to tell someone of their sin and encourage repentance. God will forgive us. Lets build each other up to be stronger against Satan! See you in church on Sunday."

• "Sending a huge 'Thank You' to the staff of Tattered Flag. My family surprised me with a retirement party in their upstairs. The staff (YAY Lauren and Marcie) could not have been nicer, the food was absolutely delicious and the space was perfect for both the adults and the kids. If you have not stopped in to this wonderful place, I highly recommend that you do! Thank you so much, TF, for a fantastic celebration!!"

Church

Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church Middletown

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

Please join us each Sunday to hear the Gospel.

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

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

Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown Middletown

The Presbyterian Congregation is located at the corner of Union and Water streets in downtown Middletown. We are a body of Christian people who reach out to others by sharing God's Word, love, and fellowship. Warm greetings to one and all as we seek to grow closer to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wed., Jan. 25: 4:30 p.m., Yoga in the Morrow Room; 7:15 p.m., Chancel Choir rehearsal.

Thurs., Jan. 26: 1:30 p.m., Worship Committee meeting (rescheduled date).

Church School for all ages is on January 29 from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. We encourage parents to bring the children and teens to class, and adults are welcome to the Adult Forum. The Adult Forum will hear from Kelly Rotondo as she instructs us on what to do in a medical emergency.

Please join us for worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 29. Our sanctuary is handicapped accessible, and there are also hearing devices for

anyone wanting to use one. Nursery is available during the service, as well as Bible Listening bags for children to utilize during the service. Do join us!

Tues., Jan. 31: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Bible reading together in the conference room; 1:30 p.m., Book Club at the Mateer home.

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

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

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

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church Middletown

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spring & Union Streets (121 N. Spring St), Middletown.

We are a Reconciling In Christ Church.

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

Church and Community Events:

Wed., Jan. 25: 10 a.m., Holy Communion, Chapel; 7 p.m., Chancel Choir.

Sat., Jan. 28: 5 p.m., Holy Communion.

Evangelical United Methodist Church Middletown

Evangelical Church meets on the corner of Spruce and Water streets at 157 E. Water St., Middletown, south of Main St., behind the Turkey Hill convenience store. 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 un-baptized) to partake of the holy sacrament. We invite you to experience life at Evangelical UMC. Whether you are looking for a community, are lonely, searching for the meaning of life, or want to know more about Jesus, our doors are open for you. Check our website to learn more about us: www.eumch.org.

New Beginnings Church Middletown

New Beginnings Church of Middletown is an independent body of believers offering God's invitation for a new beginning to all who seek it. We exist to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of all people through faith in Jesus Christ. We are a Safe Sanctuary congregation.

New Beginnings Church invites you to worship with us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children's church is provided. Our congregation meets at Riverside Chapel, 630 S. Union St., next to the Rescue Fire Company, Sunday School for all ages is at 9 a.m. We are handicap accessible via ramp at back door. Youth Fellowship is from 5 to 7 p.m. For additional church information call 944-9595. For security purposes our back and side doors will be locked every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the start of worship. The only door for entry after that will be the front door.

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

Sociable Seniors group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m.; Intercessory Prayer Group meets Thursdays at 6 p.m.; Blanket making is the 2nd Thursday of every month at 9 a.m. We clean the Middletown Food Bank the 3rd Saturday every other month. Everyone is welcome to participate in these important areas of our church life.

Bible Study, Spiritual Boot Camp for Overcomers meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. This study runs for four weeks

This week's worship assistants are as follows: Pastor - Lee Ellenberger; Lay Liturgist - Mike Hahn; Organist - Glenn Diritto; Audio Visual - Steve Moyer and Jamal Warren; Choir Director - Erich Schlicher; Greeters - Warren and Jean Coover and Shirley Kupp; Head Usher - Scott Green; Nursery Caregivers - Deb Lidle and Joyce Moyer and our choir members.

The alter flowers this week are given in memory of parents Walter and Dorothy Hoke by their son Walter Jr. and family.

This week's schedule of activities is as follows:

Wed., Jan. 25: 6 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous Group Book Study; 6:30 p.m., Choir practice.

Thurs., Jan. 26: 6 p.m., Girl Scout meeting; 7 p.m., Worship Committee.

Sun., Jan. 29: 4 to 6 p.m., Youth Fellowship.

Tues., Jan. 31: 8:30 a.m., Mission Central; 2 p.m., Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6 p.m., God's Kitchen at Wesley, meal provided by New Thing Community.

with emphasis on, "If you have something in your life that is hard to overcome and needs put in the past." Community welcome.

Tues., Jan. 31: 6:30 p.m., Leadership meeting.

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

Nursery: Dana Rhine, Evette Graham. January ushers: Dana and Jeff Rhine, Bonny and Joel Guzzo. Greeter for January: Dick Wagner.

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

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

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

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

Dauphin County Crops Day set for Feb. 2

Penn State Extension, Dauphin County, will play host to the 2017 Dauphin County Crops Day on Thursday, Feb. 2 at the Dauphin County Agriculture and Natural Resources Center, 1451 Peters Mountain Road, Dauphin.

Doors open at 9 a.m. and the program will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Penn State Extension's Dwight Lingenfelter will discuss herbicide resistance management strategies and new weed control options for 2017. Kim Langhans from the Dauphin County

Conservation District will discuss the Chesapeake Bay Reboot and how farmers can prepare for potential DEP inspections.


Licensed pesticide applicators can earn 2 Core and 2 Category 01 Credits.

Registration costs \$10 per person and includes a hot barbecue lunch with warm apple crisp and ice cream. To register, call the Dauphin County Extension Office at 717-921-8803 or go online to tinyurl.com/dauphin-cropsday.

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Rev. Elias S. Henry

Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Pine Grove, Schuylkill Co., Pa. Reverend Elias S. Henry, pastor in charge of St. John's Lutheran Church at Pine Grove, Schuylkill County, Pa., is a son of George M. and Lydia Strickhouser. Henry was born near Shrewsbury, York County Pennsylvania on November 30, 1823.

The Henry family is an old and respected family of York County. Rev. Henry's ancestors on both the paternal and maternal sides of the family settled in that county about the middle of the eighteenth century. They originally came from Alsace Lorraine, France, now part of Germany.

The grandfather of subject, Christian Henry born in York County and lived there all his life, dying in 1830 at the age of sixty-three years. His life work was in farming, in which he was successful. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, in the councils of which he was well known, and for the success of whose principles he was an ardent worker. He married Eva Miller, and to them was born three sons and one daughter.

George Henry, father of Rev. Elias S. Henry, was born in Shrewsbury Township, York County on 30 January 1799, died in the same township on 11 December 1864. He, like his father, pursued farming, but later in life started a Milling business. He was a man and was respected for his honesty and integrity, and was a pillar in the German Lutheran church, in which he served as Deacon and Elder. His marriage with Lydia Strickhouser, daughter of John Strickhouser, native and lifelong resident of York County, had a family of five children, three sons and two daughters.

Rev. Henry was educated in the Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, from which he graduated in the classical course in 1849 and the theological course in 1851. After his graduation from the seminary he was under the employ of the seminary as agent for their endowment fund one year.

On 21 September 1852, he came to Pine Grove Township, Schuylkill County and became the pastor in charge of St. John's Lutheran and has remained there ever since. Rev. Henry has been an indefatigable worker in his chosen field. The church of which he has immediate charge at Pine Grove was organized in 1845 with a membership of 30; it now contains a membership of 250 members. In addition to holding two regular services every Sunday morning and evening at St. John's he also preaches at Jacob's Church in Exmore and Salem Hetzel Church in Washington Township on alternate Sunday afternoons, also at St. Peter's Union Church in Pine Grove.

During the long period of his pastorate he has baptized nearly 6,000 children and 95 adults; married 1,140 couples; preached 2,260 funeral sermons; confirmed 1,558; and preached 9,375 sermons.

He was married twice; his first marriage was on 12 September 1853, to Sarah A. Conrad, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Kendell Conrad of Montgomery County, Pa. They had three children; Elizabeth, wife of Robert Irwin, a resident of Pine Grove, and a railroad conductor, under the employ of the P. & R.R.R. Co.; Rev. George C. Henry, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church of Des Moines, Iowa. He graduated in the classical department of the Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, in the class of 1876, and from the theological department in 1879; Charlotte (Lottie), married John A. Richter, a clerk for the mercantile firm of Boyer & Co., of Pine Grove. The Richter's were the parents of author Conrad Richter.

Sarah A. Conrad Henry died 12 August 1869, at the age of 46 years. Rev. Henry married his second wife Elmira L. Seidel, daughter of John and Eliza Seidel of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, on February 6, 1872.

He served eight churches at one time or another in the Pine Grove Charge - St. Peter's, Hetzel, St. Jacobs, Friedensburg, Valley View, Tremont, Donaldson, and St. John's. He preached in both German and English until the time of his death. The first English service of worship was conducted in 1863. By 1880 there were five English services preached to every two in the German language. His first salary of \$40.00 monthly was initiated in 1873. Numerous additions and renovations were added to the original church building, including a 1,600-volume library. Rev. Henry had the longest pastorate in the St. John's history. Rev. Henry died in Pine Grove on 26 April 1897. His son Rev. George C. Henry conducted the graveside services in St. John's Cemetery.

Genealogy Queries

Koch/Reber: Need parents Christian Koch, born 1790/99, probably Schuylkill County, died 1879 at New Ringgold, Schuylkill County, Pa., married probably about 1820 to Maria Elizabeth Reber. Children in 1875 - Abraham, Christian Jr, Lewis, Bernard, Hiram, Sarah, Charles, Maria, William. H., and Elizabeth. Was Christian the son of Christian and Rosina? Rosina, a widow, died in 1844, in Ross County, Ohio.

Reply to: Barbara Higgins Meyer, Rt. 2, Box 2213, Norridgewock, Maine 04957

Hall/Hawk: Need ancestry of George Hall and Rachel Hawk of Columbia County. They married in Catawissa in 1867 and lived for a while in Hemlock Township, Columbia County, Pa. with Mary E. Hawk.

Reply to: Dolores Swelgin, 415 Smith Pond Rd., Shavertown, PA 18708.

Henry Hossler: Lived in Llewellyn, Branch Township, Schuylkill County, Pa., born 1825, died after 1900. Seeking information on parents/siblings and birthplace.

Reply to: Cathy Satterwhite, 109 E. Railroad St., St. Clair, Pa.

Genealogy Tip Of The Week

Keep in mind that any digital or computerized includes second hand information.

Lecture on quilts, history of 1860s era scheduled

Ann Parsons Holte, author of "Making the Lancaster Diamond Sampler: A 19th Century Quilt Design by Fanny's Friend," will present a special lecture at 2 p.m. Feb. 12 in the community room of Zion Lutheran Church, 100 W. Main St., Hummelstown.

The location is adjacent to the 1815 Parish House at North Railroad Street and North Alley where the Hummelstown Area Historical Society and the Middletown Piecemakers Quilt Guild are staging a quilt show.

Holte's lecture is titled "Threads That Run From The Past, Through Our Lives, And Into The Future." She will bring modern quilts that are reproductions of 1860s quilts from the Lancaster area. She will discuss the history of the area during that era. Attendees can bring their own pre-1950 quilts for discussion.

The Quilt Show is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 29 through Feb. 26. There is no charge to attend the lecture or the show. Call the society's office at 717-566-6314 or Wade Seibert at 717-919-0509 for additional information.

Average gas prices down according to GasBuddy

Average retail gasoline prices in Harrisburg have fallen 4.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.53 a gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 241 gas outlets in Harrisburg. This compares with the national average that has fallen 3.2 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.30 a gallon.

Including the change in gas prices in Harrisburg during the past week, prices Sunday were 54.3 cents per

gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 13.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 1.9 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 46.6 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices on Jan. 23 in Harrisburg have ranged widely over the last five years: \$1.99 a gallon in 2016, \$2.18 a gallon in 2015, \$3.45 a gallon in 2014, \$3.49 a gallon in 2013

and \$3.49 a gallon in 2012.

Areas near Harrisburg and their current gas price climate:

- Lancaster: \$2.57 a gallon, down 4.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.62 a gallon.

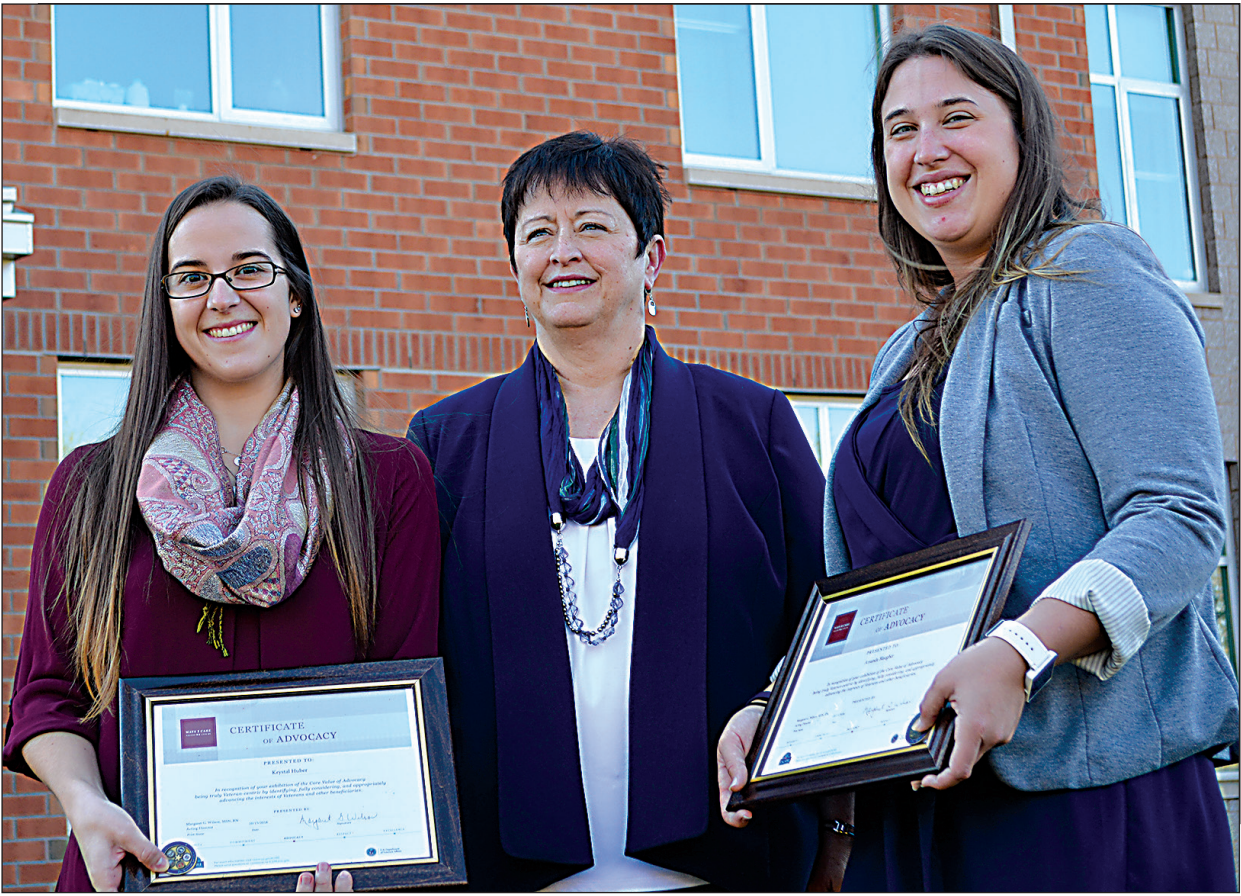
- Reading: \$2.59 a gallon, down 2.9 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.62 a gallon.

- York: \$2.49 a gallon, down 9.3 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.58 a gallon.



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Contributed photo
Krystal Huber, left, and Amanda Blaugher, right, were presented with Certificates of Advocacy by Margaret Wilson of the Lebanon VA Medical Center for their actions involving a lost veteran in November 2016.

Penn State pair honored for helping lost veteran from Frey Village home

By David Barr
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Amanda Blaugher and Krystal Huber recently were recognized for their actions to aid a lost veteran on the Penn State Harrisburg campus in November 2016.

Huber, a resident assistant, was on duty in Juniata Hall, a freshmen-only dorm, when students reported an elderly man attempting to enter the building via an emergency-exit door at about 6 p.m. Nov. 5. Huber examined the situation, found the gentleman still at the door, and proceeded to contact Blaugher.

“It was a little scary that someone, not a student, was trying to get into the building,” Huber said.

Blaugher, the assistant director of residence life, notified campus police, who arrived and defused the situation. According to both Huber and Blaugher, a Silver Alert had been

issued earlier in the evening for an elderly man named Michael Reap who had wandered away from Frey Village Retirement Center, but they were unaware of the Silver Alert. A Silver Alert is a public notification system used to alert of a missing person, usually elderly, who is inflicted with Alzheimer’s, dementia or other mental disabilities.

The officer was able to figure out the situation, identified Reap, and calmly kept him there until reinforcements could arrive. Both women described Reap as “confused” but polite and cordial and cooperative. Frey Village Retirement Center is not far from Penn State Harrisburg, and because the center and Juniata Hall look similar, the women understand how Reap could have become confused about his location.

“We just did what we’re supposed to do,” Blaugher said.

It wasn’t until after the incident that

they realized who they had been dealing with. They were contacted by the Lebanon VA Medical Center and told of Reap’s veteran status and because of Reap’s being a veteran, the VA wished to recognize their efforts to help Reap. They were honored because the VA “recognized two ladies who did the right thing when they could’ve just walked past and not stopped to help,” according to VA spokesman Doug Etter.

Margaret Wilson, acting director of Lebanon VA Medical Center, presented Blaugher and Huber with Certificates of Advocacy, which surprised both of them when it was announced what the VA wanted to do.

“I feel honored we were able to help him,” Huber said.

“We got him back to where he needs to be and that was the most important part,” Blaugher said. “I’m happy that we were able to do something extra good.”

‘Sitting is the new smoking’: Some ideas on how to get off your rear end in the new year

It’s the start of a new year, and millions of people across the country will join — or rejoin — gyms and health clubs in January. Unfortunately, there will be an estimated 80 percent drop off in gym attendance before the end of February, according to information provided by Lancaster Regional Medical Center and Heart of Lancaster Regional Medical Center.

Recent research brings good news about the most critical ways to stave off disease and early death, and it does not include spending hours each week in an aerobics class or on an exercise machine. Many of us, whether we engage in regular exercise or not, are spending more than equal parts of our days sitting on our rear ends — an average of nine hours a day for adults in the United States. Health risks from this trend are now considered by many experts to be as significant as smoking or obesity, the medical center reported.

“When we calculate hours spent in the car, at our desks and on the couch, studies show that people who exercise regularly spend just as much time sitting as those who are inactive,” said Mark Gottlieb, D.O., MBA, a family physician with Columbia Regional Health Center in Columbia. “And research shows that time spent sitting is clearly associated with an increased risk of mortality from heart disease, cancer and diabetes — regardless of whether you exercise regularly.”

Research also suggests it’s possible to counteract sitting disease. An ex-

tensive study of a million adults found that exercising one hour for every eight hours spent sitting results in a significant reduction in the risk of death from heart disease, diabetes and some cancers. And the even better news is, that hour can spread be across your day, any time and anywhere.

Here are five tips to help you get moving:

- Avoid the exercise machines. The majority of fitness machines place you in a sitting position. Go for a free weight workout focused on movements like the squat, deadlift, lunge and overhead press.
- Take hourly mini-breaks. If you sit at a desk from 9 to 5, move at least once per hour throughout the day. Moving just two or three minutes each hour can get blood moving through your body. Try one of the many apps for your desktop or mobile device that remind you to take healthy breaks — Move, StandUp! and BreakTime are three to try.
- Watch your active minutes. If you use a fitness tracker, don’t focus just on number of steps and calories. Many trackers also record active minutes.
- Schedule walking meetings. Start by engaging co-workers most likely to be receptive to the idea. As others observe the benefits, the movement might catch on.
- Designate a standing task. Pick a task that you can do while standing and make it your get up cue, such as talking on the phone, checking email

or reviewing documents. If possible, invest in standing desk equipment or a mini-stepper you can keep under your desk.

“The trick is to have it firmly fixed in our minds, that sitting is indeed the new smoking,” Gottlieb said. “It’s a phrase that was a little shocking at first, but it will stick with people and eventually embed the reality that extensive sitting is truly bad for you. That’s how behaviors start to change.”

The office isn’t the only danger zone. Studies show that each hour spent sitting in front of the TV means an 11 percent higher risk of premature death. If you can’t bear to give up your TV time, use it to move more — stretch or do squats, go through yoga transitions, lift hand weights or run in place on every commercial break.

Mural fest coming to Harrisburg

The first Harrisburg Mural Festival will be held Sept. 2-10, bookended by Kipona and the Harrisburg Gallery Walk.

The event will include the creation of 10 murals in one week.

Influenced by mural festivals in cities such as Portland, Richmond, and Vancouver, the Harrisburg Mural Festival will bring varied artists, property owners, businesses and neighbors together for a short, concentrated period of artistic activity.

In addition to the painting of murals, the festival will start with a kickoff event, feature artists talks and meet-and-greets, and end with a celebration in downtown Harrisburg.

Planning for the festival is underway, but there are still opportunities for local

organizations, businesses, artists and individuals to get involved.

Event organizer Sprocket Mural Works is looking for additional partners and sponsors, wall owners and volunteers.

Interested parties should get in touch via the Sprocket website at www.sprocketmuralworks.com.

Sprocket Mural Works is a city-wide mural project that works with neighborhoods, artists, organizations and government agencies to create community murals across Harrisburg.

Its mission is to inspire civic pride and encourage community engagement through united creative action. Since 2014, Sprocket has painted, commissioned, and collaborated on 35 projects in Harrisburg.

Photographer of Nagasaki bombing to speak at World War II roundtable

Milton Dienes served in World War II in a unit few people knew about, and even fewer remember: the 9th Photo Tech Squadron.

Despite the group’s obscurity, Sgt. Dienes and his fellow photographers played an important role in recording and preserving the history of the world-changing events that took place in May 1945.

At 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, Dienes will share his wartime experiences at the monthly meeting of the Central PA World War II Roundtable.

As U.S. troops continued their advances in the Pacific towards Japan, 21-year-old Dienes was stationed in Guam, where he helped set up processing facilities, printing thousands of photographs daily. Photos taken of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, including the iconic “Hiroshima mushroom”

image, were developed and printed by Dienes and his crew.

After the Japanese surrender on Aug. 14, 1945, Dienes was one of a group of photographers given access to Nagasaki, recording for posterity the utter destruction caused by “Fat Boy,” the name given to the second atomic bomb.

The Central Pennsylvania World War II Roundtable is a nonprofit organization that provides a forum for World War II veterans, authors, historians and citizens to share their



Dienes

knowledge and experiences related to the war. Meetings, held the first Thursday of every month, begin at 7 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 433 E. Main St., Hummelstown.

Anyone with an interest in World War II is invited to attend the meetings.

There are no membership or admission fees.

For more information, contact Charlie Lloyd at charlie.centralpaww2rt@gmail.com or 717-503-2862, or visit the organization’s website at www.centralpaww2roundtable.org.

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WEEKDAY SCHEDULE MONDAY – FRIDAY

DEPART Harrisburg	ARRIVE Penn State	ARRIVE Middletown
5:00 AM	5:35 AM	5:44 AM
5:30 AM	6:05 AM	6:14 AM
6:00 AM	6:35 AM	6:44 AM
6:30 AM	7:05 AM	7:14 AM
7:30 AM	8:05 AM	8:14 AM
8:30 AM	9:05 AM	9:14 AM
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Penn State & Middletown (MAIN & VINE STREETS) to Harrisburg (TRANSFER CENTER)

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE MONDAY – FRIDAY

DEPART Middletown	ARRIVE Penn State	ARRIVE Harrisburg
-	-	5:39 AM
5:33 AM	-	6:07 AM
6:01 AM	-	6:35 AM
6:31 AM	-	7:05 AM
7:01 AM	-	7:35 AM
7:31 AM	-	8:05 AM
8:28 AM	8:38 AM	9:13 AM
9:23 AM	9:35 AM	10:10 AM
10:23 AM	10:35 AM	11:10 AM
11:23 AM	11:35 AM	12:10 PM
12:28 PM	12:40 PM	1:15 PM
1:28 PM	1:40 PM	2:15 PM
2:28 PM	2:40 PM	3:15 PM
3:21 PM	3:33 PM	4:08 PM
3:53 PM	-	4:27 PM
4:23 PM	-	4:57 PM
4:51 PM	-	5:25 PM
5:18 PM	5:30 PM	6:05 PM
5:49 PM	6:01 PM	6:36 PM
6:19 PM	6:31 PM	7:06 PM
7:33 PM	7:45 PM	8:20 PM
8:03 PM	8:15 PM	8:50 PM

SATURDAY SCHEDULE NO SERVICE ON SUNDAYS

DEPART Harrisburg	ARRIVE Penn State	ARRIVE Middletown
7:00 AM	7:28 AM	7:34 AM
9:00 AM	9:28 AM	9:34 AM
11:00 AM	11:28 AM	11:34 AM
1:00 PM	1:28 PM	1:34 PM
3:00 PM	3:28 PM	3:34 PM
5:00 PM	5:28 PM	5:34 PM

SATURDAY SCHEDULE NO SERVICE ON SUNDAYS

DEPART Middletown	ARRIVE Penn State	ARRIVE Harrisburg
8:03 AM	8:09 AM	8:37 AM
10:03 AM	10:09 AM	10:37 AM
12:03 PM	12:09 PM	12:37 PM
2:03 PM	2:09 PM	2:37 PM
4:03 PM	4:09 PM	4:37 PM
6:03 PM	6:09 PM	6:37 PM

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ONE YEAR LATER

It might reach 50 degrees today, with not a trace of snow to be found on the ground or in the 10-day forecast. But a year ago ... yeah, remember that? Winter Storm Jonas dumped a record-breaking 30.2 inches in Middletown from Friday, Jan. 22 through Sunday, Jan. 24. Here is a sampling of the photos from the Jan. 27, 2016, Press And Journal.



Historic proportions

Middletown's historic buildings have never seen a storm dump this much snow before. From left, Alfred's Victorian, the Brownstone Cafe and Main Street.

Photos by Christine Goldbeck



Photo by Rachel Kupp



Photo by Travis Klein



Photo by Mary Cooney



Photo by Mark Henderson



Mayor James H. Curry III starts to dig out.

Photo by Alexandra Curry



Photo by Julianna Sukle

A beastly blizzard



Alpacas at the Laverty Farm, Londonderry Township, don't mind. Neither do dogs Ginger and Sidnee, top right, and Webster, below.

Photo by Kathy Laverty

Photo by Christine Goldbeck

Photo by Alexandra Curry



Having a little fun are, at top, Tracy Klein, and above, Piper Lidle, riding on the shoulders of her father, Ashley Lidle.

Photo by Mike Dalton