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# Fager changes mind, to stay on school board

ing for Tues-

day, July 11,

presumably to

accept Fager's

resignation.

Slate of 4 write-in candidates seeking election as well in fall

By Dan Miller danmiller@pressandjournal.com

Mel Fager has changed his mind and is staying on Middletown Area

School Board, Fager told the Press

& Journal in a text message on

Monday, July 10.

Fager, who has been on the board since being appointed in January 2007, had announced he was resigning in a June 21 post on his Facebook page.

The school board had set a



The meeting was canceled Monday. Fager

Fager in a statement emailed to the Press & Journal after his text message said he has decided to stay on the

board largely as a result of the being re-elected to the board for reaction from people to his earlier decision to resign.

"After hearing pretty much every day since (announcing his resignation) from people asking questions and showing a lot of support, the one thing I keep hearing people telling me is that you can do more from on the board, than off the board, for the community," Fager said.

Fager also said he will accept

another four years in November. if that is the will of the voters.

Six seats are open on the ninemember board this year. Five incumbents are on the November ballot, including Fager, Mike Corradi, and three others all appointed to the board since December 2016—Brian Keating, Darnell Montgomery and John Ponnett.

The only incumbent not on the November ballot is David John, who is not seeking re-election. The only non-incumbent on the ballot is Julie Gomboc-Turyan, who lives

in Middletown. Since announcing his resignation on June 21 Fager had told the Press & Journal he was supporting a slate of four write-in candidates seeking election to the school board in November.

The slate includes Bob Newton.

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# Another hotel in HIA area will open next year

By Dan Miller danmiller@pressandjournal.com

Agroundbreakingceremony will be held Tuesday, July 18, for a new 87-room Comfort Inn & Suites hotel to be located on Route 230 at the airport connectorin Lower Swatara Township.

Branded as the Comfort Inn & Suites Harrisburg Airport, the hotel is to open in spring 2018 — several months ahead of the 23-room Fairfield Inn & Suites hotel now under construction on HIA, which is targeted to open in August 2018.

Ground was broken for the Fairfield Inn & Suites hotel on June 15.

The Comfort Inn & Suites Harrisburg Airport hotel is also a major step forward in continued development of the Linden Centre shopping center complex, formerly known as Jamesway Plaza.

Comparisons between the two hotels are inevitable, since they are both starting at about the same time and both seek to capitalize on being close to—or

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# A stroke of luck?



Jackson Cain, 3, tries to get a hole-in-one to win a prize during the Seven Sorrows Community Festival on Thursday. See more photos in Out & About on page B6.

the deadline,

Einhorn had

told the Press & Journal that

the Friends

group never

received "a for-

mal request"

# Theater group says it will meet Elks deadline

By Dan Miller

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The group hoping to acquire the Elks Theatre in Middletown for \$1 in order to renovate it and reopen it as a performing arts center says it will meet a new Sept. 5 deadline that the borough has set for the group to provide information.

The Middletown Industrial and Commercial Development Authority, part of the borough government, owns the theater.

Gordon Einhorn, who is on the Friends of the Elks' board of directors, said that submission will include meeting a request that has been made repeatedly by Mayor James H. Curry III that the Friends group provide a letter from at least

one prospective donor, pledging that the donor will contribute a specific amount of funds to the Friends group toward renovating and re-

Curry

opening the theater. Curry, who is on the authority, was the driving force behind the  $authority voting June\,20\,to\,impose$ a 60-day deadline on the Friends group to provide all the information related to transferring the theater that the authority said it had requested from the group months ago.

In response to the author-



Einhorn

from the authority for the information. Curry told the Press & Journal that Einhorn's statement was "patently false," in light of an email that Einhorn had received from then-borough Council President Ben Kapenstein on March 30.

The email from Kapenstein, obtained by the Press & Journal, was sent within 45 minutes of Einhorn sending an earlier email to Kapenstein and ICDA Chairman Ian Reddinger, requesting what  $information \, the \, ICDA \, needed \, after \,$ the Friends group in February had submitted a letter of intent to the authority accepting the authority's offer to transfer ownership of the theater for \$1.

In the email, Kapenstein tells Einhorn that council wanted the following information: "1) Financial statements and other information for all years that the GMEDC (Greater Middletown Economic Development Corporation) ran the Elks. Please include employee records and pay as well as any capital that was put into the building. 2) Detailed information

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tion Plan Available. **A4** • LOWER SWATARA TWP: Zoning

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# Man scammed out of \$1,000 over 'personal' photos

**Press & Journal Staff** 

Someone apparently hacked the computer of a Lower Swatara Township man, stole compromising photographs, then threatened to post them on the resident's Facebook page unless he paid \$1,000. Lower Swatara Police Depart-

ment reports said the resident told  $investigators\,he\,was\,contacted\,the$ week of June 24 via Facebook by a man who said he had several photographs showing the victim and another person in "personal

Police said the man sent \$500 via Western Union and another \$500

via Moneygram to an address in Tondo, a district of Manila in the Philippines. Unfortunately for the township resident, the calls for more money continued until he contacted police June 28.

The man told police his photographs were only on his computer and he did not understand how someone could have accessed them.

Frank E. Williamson Jr., the township manager and director of public safety, said the scammer appeared to have gained access when the resident clicked on a link

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# Condemned diner on Grant Street being torn down

By Dan Miller

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Owners of a long-abandoned former diner next to Harrisburg International Airport in Middletown have started tearing the building down.

The saga of the former Gateway Diner at 312 Grant St. is a telling example of how long it can take for just one dilapidated property in the borough to be remedied, in one form or another.

The diner had been condemned as unfit for human occupancy more than five years ago — in February 2012 — by a code enforcement officer who has not worked for the borough for several years.

The building remained that way, seemingly frozen in time, until by April 2017 when Middletown councilor and former longtime borough mayor Robert Reid —the diner's next-door neighbor - started raising concerns publicly about the structure being a nuisance and a safety hazard to the surrounding area.

By then the back and side of the former diner appeared to be caving in. Someone had placed orange plastic fencing around the building, but Reid suggested that would not deter adventurous children.

In early May, Borough Manager Ken Klinepeter told the Press & Journal that the property was being handled by Commonwealth Codes of Manheim, a company that the borough contracts with for code enforcement, and that a notice had been sent to the diner's owner, William

"They never gave me a parking lot, blocked my street. We took every penny we saved to try to live."

diner owner William Heckman of Bainbridge

Heckman of Bainbridge.

On May 9, borough Interim Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer Robert L. Moyer sent a letter to Heckman giving him 30 days to respond to an order from the borough that the property be brought up to code and be made safe.

The letter advised Heckman that the borough would reinspect the property on Friday, June 9, after which Heckman could be subject to fines from \$100 to \$1,000 per day.

Essentially, Heckman was given the choice of bringing the building up to code, or of demolishing it, Moyer told the Press & Journal in a July 6 phone interview.

The borough would demolish the building and place a lien on the property to be reimbursed by Heckman, or Heckman could apply to demolish the building himself, Moyer said.

Heckman applied to the borough for a permit to demolish the building, which was granted in late June.

The permit gave the owners 180 days — six months — within which to start demolishing the

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# Bridge work now underway in 3 spots

Work to repair all three bridges in the Middletown area going over Route 283 is now underway, after rehabilitation of the Vine Street bridge started recently.

Traffic on the Vine Street bridge will be down to two lanes throughout the project, expected to last until the end of November or early December.

In addition, traffic on the Union Street bridge crossing Route 283 in Lower Swatara Township will be restricted to one lane until that rehabilitation project is completed by the end of October, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

During the repairs, traffic on Union Street is being regulated by a traffic signal, similar to how one-lane traffic has been regulated on the bridge on Route 230 crossing Swatara Creek just east of

Middletown. Finally, the Newberry Road bridge in Londonderry Township will remain closed to all traffic until that project is finished sometime in mid-August, PennDOT has said.

All three bridge rehab projects are part of a larger \$89 million project to reconstruct 6 miles of Route 283 from Eisenhower Boulevard to Route 341 in Londonderry Township.

- Dan Miller



# **NEWS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD** | LAVONNE ACKERMAN

Hi all! Can you believe it? July is almost half over. Have you been enjoying your summer? Do you have highlights to share? Feel free to email me your fun summer stories.

Remember to be focused and purposeful as you carve out your activities. We have just about seven weeks until Labor Day, so make sure the summer does not pass you by!

One of my recent highs was serving as a storyteller at my church during Vacation Bible School, a wonderful time for adults and children to experience the word of God on many different levels. We had a campout theme that carried over into all the activities. Check out the various VBS programs offered for your children.

Have a wonderful week and keep cool!

#### **Birthdays**

Happy 24th cake-and-ice cream day to Danelle Vought. She is celebrating her special day on Wednesday, July 12. I hope it is wonderful, Danelle.

**Dylan Thorn-Sohomuch** of Lower Swatara will hear the birthday song for the 24th time on Wednesday, July 12. If you see him, give him a huge happy birthday greeting!

Happy big 20th birthday to Natalie Souders of Lower Swatara on Wednesday, July 12. May your day be filled with sunny skies and cool breezes!

**Alexis Cool** of Middletown marks her brand-new-teener cake day on July 12. She is 13 on Wednesday. Enjoy!

Happy landmark 18th birthday to **Kyle Landis** of Lower Swatara. His big-deal birthday is Thursday, July 13. Congrats to you, Kyle!

Many good wishes for a fabulous birthday are sent to Joe Lawruk of Lower Swatara. I hope you get to do all things fun on your Friday, July 14 celebration day, Joe!

**Katelyn Wagner** of Lower Swatara celebrates nine candles atop her frosty-filled cake on Friday, July 14. May your weekend be filled with treats and surprises galore, Katelyn!

Celebrating his last teen birthday, Alex D'Entremont of Lower Swatara hits No. 19 on Friday, July 14. Enjoy your holiday weekend, Alex!

Happy balloon-flying day to Mike McKillip on Saturday, July 15. May your day be filled with everyone you love!

Happy golden birthday to

Jade Senior of Middletown on Monday. Jade turns 17 on July 17! I hope your week is extraspecial and fine! Dalajsha Shickley of Lower Swatara turns 15 on Tuesday,

things terrific. Happy birthday to you! If you see **Britney Mason** out and about Lower Swatara on Tuesday, July 18, wish her a

very happy 22nd birthday!

July 18. Let this day be all

#### Dean's list

Congratulations to the students named to the McDaniel College spring semester dean's

Believe it? Just 7 weeks to Labor Day

list: Rachel G. Engle of Elizabethtown, high honors, and

McDaniel College is located in Westminster, Maryland.

**Devin Loxley Timms** of Hum-

#### **Glad grad**

melstown, honors.

Congratulations to **Louinel** Jean of Elizabethtown, who graduated from The College of New Jersey, near Trenton, in June with a master of education degree and a major in education leadership.

#### **Open Door VBS**

Open Door Bible Church, 200 Nissley Drive, Lower Swatara Township, will play host to a free "Operation Arctic" Vacation Bible School from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 17-21. This is free for children ages 4 to 12. No pre-registration is needed. For information, call the church office at 717-939-5180 or email info@odbcpa.org.

#### Rummage sale

The nonprofit Essex House Residents Council is delighted to announce its big spring/ summer fun fundraiser rummage sale featuring men's and women's clothing, CDs, videos, knickknacks, books, baked goods and more.

Come one, come all, rain or shine! It's from 7 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 15 in the community room at Essex House, 320 Market St., Middletown.

#### **Township meetings**

The following Lower Swata-

ra Township July meetings will be held at 7 p.m. at the municipal building on Spring Garden Drive:

Board of Commissioners, Wednesday, July 19. Municipal Authority, Wednesday, July 26. Planning Commission,

#### **Quote of the Week**

Thursday, July 27.

"Forgiveness is about the past. Trust is about the future." — Anonymous

# **Question of the Week**

What is your favorite summer food?

"Ice cream. I like vanilla from 3Bs." — Connor Chisholm, 7, Lower Swatara.

"Watermelon." — Sofia Es**hleman**, 10, Lower Swatara. "Corn on the cob." — Ray **Hess**, 3, Lower Swatara.

"Strawberries." — **Moe** 

Fakis, 3, Lower Swatara. "Ice cream, the peanut butter chocolate kind." — Zoey **Buffington**, 8, Lower Swatara.

"Vanilla ice cream with syrup, whipped cream and sprinkles." — Brooke Camp, 7, Lower Swatara.

"Pizza." — Christopher Cooper, 9, Lower Swatara.

#### **Proverb for the Week**

Better to meet a bear robbed of her cubs than a fool in his folly (17:12).

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East Hanover Elementary School Principal Gary Messinger tells Sara Reichelderfer's classmates about her actions for which she was recognized by winning the Do the Right Thing award.

# Fifth-grader did the right thing, helped out classmates

A fifth-grader at East Hanover Elementary School was recognized in April for Doing the Right Thing by Hummelstown Police and Lower Dauphin Communities That Care.

Sara Reichelderfer was nominated by teacher Amy Sell for being encouraging and helping other students in some classroom games.

"She showed compassion for herfriends," Sell said. "She made a choice to 'do the right thing' and encourage others."

Sara was recognized with a \$25 gift card, a Do The Right Thing T-shirt and certificate, and pizza

Lower Dauphin Middle School eighth-grader Zachary McIntire was also nominated in April and received a certificate. The Do the Right Thing pro-

gram is modeled after a successful national program. Now in its 10th year, the program recognizes students in the Lower Dauphin community who have distinguished themselves through their accomplishments, attitude or outstanding efforts.

School staff members and police officers typically nominate students whose positive actions come to their attention, but any adult older than age 18 can nominate a child. A volunteer committee reviews the student nominations on a monthly basis and selects a winner for each month.

For more information, please contact Kathy Peffer at 566-6096.

## State makes available tourism information

The Pennsylvania Tourism Office has compiled a list of customized road trips for a wide variety of interests and locations.

Available at www.visitpa.com/ pa-road-trips, the road trips are designed in each of the state's 11 tourism regions, complete with off-the-beaten path stops and only-in-Pennsylvania attrac-

tions. Road trips are designed around themed destinations.

Traveler spending generated an estimated \$71.6 billion in total economic activity and supported nearly 500,000 jobs in the commonwealth, according to a 2015 report from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

# PSU grad makes pledge of \$1 million

Jane Filby Leipold, a 1988 graduate of Penn State Harrisburg's master of business administration program, 2013 Penn State Alumni Fellow, and former senior vice president of global human

resourcesatTE Connectivity, has pledged \$1 million to support scholarships and studentservices at the college. Leipold also



holds a Penn State bachelor's degree (1982) in quantitative business analysis.

Upon Leipold's retirement in 2016, the TE Connectivity Board of Directors established the annual Jane Filby Leipold Scholarship. Leipold later endowed that scholarship. She most recently made an additional pledge from her estate, committing an additional \$500,000 to enhance opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math(STEM) with first preference for women and minorities, and \$500,000 to establish the Jane Filby Leipold Human Resources and Career Readiness Fund.

"One of the greatest gifts my parents gave me was my Penn State education. My pledge to Penn State Harrisburg reflects my belief in the power of education, the importance of building critical knowledge and capabilities in the next generation and the responsibility to pay it forward, Leipold said.

Leipold's \$1 million gift is the largest gift to date to the college's "A Greater Penn State" campaign.

"This gift is a testament to Jane's belief in the college and our vision, and honors her passion for supporting women in STEM as well as her background in human resources." said Marissa Hoover director of development and alumni relations. "Aside from her financial contributions, Jane has always donated her time and talents to help our students by sharing her expertise at professional development events. She also has been a tremendous advocate for the college and helped to build the successful partnership between the college and TE Connectivity."

Leipold served as senior vice president of global human resources for TE Connectivity, a multi-national company involved in the design and manufacture of products that connect and protect power and data flow. She developed and implemented human resources processes, policies, and programs and managed the company's global security, compensation, benefits, employee relations, payroll, and human resource information systems functions.

Leipold has offered her business expertise through board memberships and as a guest lecturer to college students. She was instrumental in the establishment of the TE Connectivity Capstone Design Endowment to fund Penn State Harrisburg senior engineering capstone projects and to create the TE Connectivity Lecture Series in Connector Design, which provides opportunities for students to network with industry experts. She serves on the Penn State Harrisburg Board of Advisers.

### Potassium iodide pills available for those in TMI emergency zone

For those in the 10-mile emergency planning zone around Three Mile Island, the Pennsylvania Department of Health will distribute KI (potassium iodide) from 2 to 7 p.m. Aug. 24.

Dauphin County locations are Middletown borough, 60 W. Emaus St. in the MCSO; and Hummelstown Chemical Fire Company, 249-251 E. Main St., Hummelstown.

KI is available anytime from the Pennsylvania Department of Health in Kline Plaza in Harrisburg or by calling 877-PA-Health.

# Large truck traffic near PSU targeted OBITUARIES

# Borough wants weight limits for Wharton, Grandview, West Roosevelt

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Establishing weight limits to ban large trucks from three Middletown streets near Penn State Harrisburg was given tentative approval by Middletown Borough Council during its July 5 meeting.

Council voted 5-0 to approve advertising a proposed ordinance that would set vehicle weight limits on Wharton, Grandview and West Roosevelt avenues.

Council will need to approve the measure a second time at a future public meeting after the ordinance has been advertised in order for the weight limits to be put in place and be enforced.

The borough in recent months

has received complaints from residents living on the streets about large trucks and tractortrailers using the streets to get to the warehouse complex that is adjacent to the Penn State Harrisburg campus.

The trucks are heading south on North Union Street and are supposed to be turning right on Industrial Lane, which leads to the warehouse complex, borough officials have said.

The borough recently installed a sign at Industrial Lane in an attempt to get the truck drivers to turn on that street, instead of using the residential streets.

But the borough continues to receive complaints from residents of the three streets about large trucks, Borough Manager Ken Klinepeter told council.

not visible enough to the truck drivers, said Mayor James H. Curry III. The sign is placed in such a way that by the time the truck drivers cross the bridge going over the Pennsylvania Turnpike, it is too late for them to see the sign directing them to turn right onto Industrial Lane, Curry said.

Borough Public Works Director Greg Wilsbach is looking into making the sign more visible, said Solicitor Adam Santucci. Wilsbach was not at the meeting.

Borough officials did not specify what the weight limits will be. However, limits will be sufficient to "prohibit large truck traffic on these streets," Klinepeter said.

The borough needs an ordi-The sign at Industrial Lane is nance so that signs announcing the weight limits can be placed on the streets. Once the ordinance is passed and the signs are up, borough police can start enforcing the weight limits.

Penn State Harrisburg officials have also complained to the borough about the truck traffic, because the residential streets lead the trucks to going through the campus to reach the warehouse complex.

Council should also consider increasing the fine for trucks that exceed the weight limit, suggested Councilor Diana McGlone.

Santucci said he believed the fine is now \$100, but when court costs are added in the total is closer to \$270.

# 'Almost like touching history': St. Peter's Kierch to mark 250th anniversary of cornerstone laying

By David Barr

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St. Peter's Lutheran Church is celebrating the 250th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone at St. Peter's Kierch, at the corner of Union and High streets, with a special program at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13.

"Remembering that and being there 250 years later is an amazing moment, a faith-forming moment, to give thanks for what they did and all that has happened in the years since then. It's almost like touching history and in a spiritual way, touching our ancestors in the moment," the Rev. Richard Eckert said.

Eckert will give a brief talk on the laying of the cornerstone, the order of worship probably used when the cornerstone was laid, and the contents in the cornerstone.

Following Eckert will be Dr. Irwin Richman of Penn State Harrisburg. Richman will speak on the architecture of the kierch, followed by a question-and-answer session. A concert by Brassworks, an all-brass band playing hymns and other songs, will conclude the

"We wanted to talk about some historical issues and that seemed to be a good night to talk about some of the architecture and the history and music is always a good thing to do, so it was a combination of the reflection on the history, the meaning of exactly what happened that day and the music," Eckert said.

Dauphin County was established in 1785, meaning St. Peter's is the oldest church in the county, since it was established in 1767, eight years before the county was founded.

In 1764, Middletown Lutherans were given permission by King George III to collect funds to build a place of worship. The cornerstone was laid on July 13, 1767. Construction took two years; the first service was held



STAFF PHOTOS BY DAVID BARR

The cornerstone of St. Peter's Kierch was laid July 13, 1767.



"It's almost like touching the history and in a spiritual way, touching our ancestors in the moment," the Rev. Richard Eckert

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1769, by the Rev. Dr. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. A remodeling project took effect in 1850. The congregation raised \$1,700 to make the follow-

ing changes: transforming the

two tiered windows into one;

closing the High Street entrance and converting it into a window; moving the pulpit from the north side of the building to the west side, which allowed the gallery to be extended on three sides; and adding a main entrance vestibule with enclosed staircases on each side leading to the upper gallery.

The final regular service for the kierch was held Jan. 26, 1879. The next week, service was conducted at the new church, located at the corner of Spring and Union streets, where services are held to this day.

The word kierch means church in German. Normally, the kierch is only used for special occasions or services, such as Labor Day, Independence Day, Memorial Day, and the first Sunday in December. This year, it and the new church are the host sites for various events for the public. These are free and open to everyone.

Richard Ammon, chairman of the 250th anniversary committee,

said they want the entire community to feel welcome.

"A lot of things don't last 250 years, so this is a big deal that this church was founded," Ammon said. "Not every year is the 250th, so we wanted to make a big deal out of this.'

Planning included researching the church's history of what took place in 1917 and examining what other churches in the area did to commemorate their special anniversaries. The biggest thing the committee noticed that enticed people to come are music and food. There will be plenty of music-based events this year, and refreshments will be provided as well.

Eckert said the yearlong festivities will allow the church the "opportunity to do more things and have an opportunity to celebrate the magnitude of what has occurred and is occurring."

According to anniversary committee member John Ziats, the significance of celebrating the laying of the cornerstone is that it "promoted an entire community to grow up in central Pennsylvania and a group of people who were committed to practicing their faith and sharing their blessings with everyone.'

"It was tangible evidence that the kierch was going to be not only begun but completed and that these people with deep faith in God would have a place to gather beyond their homes with a larger group of people to worship God," Eckert said. "For the town, I think it's a reminder of what we share with each other and with those that have gone before us. It's kind of a statement of the strength and vitality of the faith here in God and also a sense of unity and what we share as people in this community. This is one of those things that can really renew our sense of community and care and commitment for each other, our community, and give thanks for how we're different but also to celebrate how we are alike.

# **LeRoy Menear**

FORMERLY OF MIDDLETOWN

LeRoy D. Menear, 87, of Berlin, Md., formerly of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Friday, June 30, 2017 at Costal Hospice at the Lake, Salisbury, Md.

LeRoy was born on February 23, 1930 in Royalton, Pa. and was the son of the late Eugene and Edna (Stroble) Menear.

He was an avid golfer and was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Berlin, Md.

In addition to his parents, Le-Roy was preceded in death by his son Daniel L. Menear and several siblings.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Philomena (Nesci) Menear; three daughters, Phyllis J. Cavanaugh of Selbyville, Del., Debra L. Weaver and her husband Alan of Wilmington, Del., and Daria A. Menear of Wilmington, Del.; a brother, Gerald Menear of Middletown; a sister, Helen Coover of Elizabethtown; seven grandchildren; and nine greatgrandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, July 6, 2017 at 1 p.m. at Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, 280 N. Race St., Middletown, Pa., with the Rev. Ted Keating as celebrant.

Visitation was from 12:30 p.m. until the time of Mass on Thursday at the church.

Burial was in Resurrection Cemetery, Harrisburg, Pa.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org.

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



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### **Terri Adams**

**MIDDLETOWN** 

Terri L. Adams, 54, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Monday, July 3, 2017 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on December 1, 1962 in Harrisburg and was the loving daughter of David G. Adams and the late Nancy (Matthews) Adams.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family.

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

Condolences may be sent online at www.matinchekfuneralhome.



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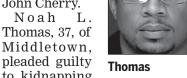
Shawn E. Carper Supervisor Code: MANSI

# Middletown man gets 5 to 15 years for kidnapping

A man charged with kidnapping a Middletown woman and taking her to Louisiana in December 2015 was sentenced to 5 to 15 years in state prison

July 7 by Dauphin County Court Judge John Cherry. Noah L. Thomas, 37, of

Middletown,



to kidnapping to inflict injury/terror. He pleaded no contest to aggravated assault, robbery, terroristic threats, and unlawful restraint, according to online court documents.

He was credited with serving 558 days in Dauphin County Prison. Middletown police say Thomas

and the woman were driving back from a hike on Christmas Day in 2015 when they began to argue. The woman got out, but Thomas forced her back into the car and he and the woman drove to Louisiana, where Thomas has relatives.

He was arrested in Lake Charles. Louisiana, on Dec. 31, 2015, and extradited to Pennsylvania.

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BALANCE SHEET

**DECEMBER 31 2016** 

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Committed-construction \$355.118

Total liabilities and fund balances

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF

LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES,

**EXPENDITURES AND** 

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

YEAR ENDED

**DECEMBER 31, 2016** 

Tapping and connection fees 37,200

Excess revenues over expenditures

Investment income \$1,060

OTHER FINANCING USES

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Net change in fund balance 1 060

FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF

FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR

We, the duly appointed auditors of the

Municipal Authority of Lower Swatara Township, for the year ended Decem-

ber 31, 2016, do hereby certify that the

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Total revenues 38.260

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YEAR 354 058

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money already raised toward the fireworks through the Mayoral Madness charity basketball game, Mayor James H. Curry III told council. The borough has also received donations toward the fireworks from Tattered Flag Brewery & Still

Works, and from Kuppy's Diner. Kuppy's is donating \$500, Curry said. Enough money is already on hand that there should be some funds left over after the fireworks,

Curry added. Zambelli Fireworks of New Castle put on last

year's show for \$18,000. The Pyrotecnico bid was the lowest of three bids received this year, Klinepeter said. One bid was incomplete.

The \$14,000 is for the same number of shells that were used in the 2016 fireworks show. Klinepeter said. The event will be held near the boat launch at South Union and Susquehanna streets.

- Dan Miller

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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER SWATARA, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVA-NIA, INTEND TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING BEGINNING AT 6:45 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2017, IN THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING LOCATED AT 1499 SPRING GARDEN DRIVE, MIDDLETOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, 17057, TO TAKE COMMENT ON AN ORDINANCE, THE TITLE AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ORDINANCE NO. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER SWATARA, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER SWATARA, PROVIDING FOR PURPOSES AND FINDINGS OF FACT RELATED TO THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDMENT, PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; ESTABLISHING CERTAIN GENERAL AND SPECIFIC STANDARDS RELATING TO THE LOCA-TION, PLACEMENT, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICA-TIONS ANTENNAS; PROVIDING FURTHER FOR THE REGULATION OF SUCH FACILITIES WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND OUTSIDE THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY; PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF SAID REGULATIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 1 of said Ordinance would amend Section 27-203, list the definitions of the Zoning Ordinance to add the definitions of Antenna, Co-location, Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS), Emergency, FCC, Height of a Wireless Telecommunications Tower, Monopole, Wireless Telecommunications Antenna, Related Equipment, Stealth Technology, Substantially Change or Substantially Change, Wireless Telecommunications Tower, WBCA, Wireless, Wireless Communications Facility (WCF), Wireless Communications Facility Applicant (WCF Applicant), and Wireless Support Structure.

SECTION 2 of said Ordinance titled Repealer and Adoption of New Wireless Communications Facilities Provisions, would repeal the provisions of Section 27-2016 ("Wireless Telecommunications Towers and Antennas") of the Lower Swatara Township Zoning Ordinance and replace in its entirety with a new

Section 27-2016 entitled and provided for as follows: §27-2016 Wireless Communications Facilities

Section A. sets forth Purposes and Findings of Fact. Section B. sets forth General and Specific Requirements for Wireless

Section C. sets forth the General and Specific Requirements for All Wireless **Telecommunications Towers** SECTION 3 of said Ordinance sets forth miscellaneous police powers, sever-

ability and effective date provisions. Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for copying at the Township Offices during regular business hours for a fee not greater than the cost thereof. Furthermore, the Board of Commissioners intend to consider said Ordinance for adoption at their regularly scheduled meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 2, 2017 in the Township Building at the address set forth above.

Frank E. Williamson Township Manager Lower Swatara Township

Telecommunications Antennas.

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# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 29, 2017, the Petition of Katie Joseph McGroarty a/k/a Joseph Remus McGroarty was filed in the above named court, requesting a decree to change his name from Katie Joseph McGroarty to Joseph Remus McGroarty The Court has fixed Tuesday, August 22, at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom No. 12, 7th Floor, Juvenile Justice Center (Human Services Building) 25 S. Front St., Harrisburg, PA 17101 as the time and place for the hearing on said Petition, when and where all persons interested may appear and show cause if any they have, why the prayer of the said Petition should not

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# Do projects mean a renaissance for Steelton?

New commercial office space, retail and housing on the way, along with marijuana dispensary, skateboard park

**By Dan Miller** 

danmiller@pressandjournal.com

STEELTON—After years of being seemingly passed over when it comes to economic activity, Steelton all of a sudden is where it's at.

The borough has landed the only medical marijuana dispensary to be approved so far in Dauphin County, and one of just four that will serve all of south central Pennsylvania.

A new skateboard park is being built and set to open by the end of

A Philadelphia developer has chosen downtown Steelton to locate a 125,000-square foot mixed use complex called Renaissance Row, which will combine commercial office space, retail and apartments.

On top of all this, the first new residential housing development to be built in Steelton in years is planned for the 100 block of Adams

But none of this is happening by accident, and none of it took place overnight, Steelton and county officials said during a media event held on Front Street on Thursday, July 6, to draw attention to the unfolding developments.

The catalyst is a broad-based program of tax relief that removes the "disincentive" that was in place standing in the way of anyone wanting to build on or improve property anywhere in Steelton, said county Commissioner George Hartwick, a former



Steelton Mayor Maria Romano Marcinko addresses the media during a July 6 event touting economic activity in the borough, near the vacant lot where a developer plans to build Renaissance Row. Dauphin County Commissioner George Hartwick, the former Steelton mayor, is on the left.

Steelton mayor.

The entire town is part of a Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance, or LERTA, zone that provides property tax breaks of up to 10 years.

In Steelton's commercial C-1 zoning district, which includes the proposed Renaissance Row mixed-use complex and the new housing on Adams Street, owners paynoaddedtaxonimprovements to their property over a 10-year

In the rest of the borough, including the East End, residential and all other types of property owners get the same tax break for five years.

In years six through 10, the tax break is reduced by a fixed percentage each year until year 10, when the improvements are taxed at the full rate.

In either case, property owners keep paying the full rate of tax on the property before it is improved, so in that respect the borough, Steelton-Highspire School District, and the county aren't losing any of the tax revenue they are already receiving.

The tax break program is "a game changer" for the borough, said Steelton Mayor Maria Romano Marcinko, adding that the benefits afforded to property owners in the commercial zone are the maximum allowed by state law.

"These incentives will bring businesses back to Steelton and address residential blight," Marcinko said. "As the flags that now line Front Street say, our renaissance starts now."

The backdrop for the event was the vacant lot along Front Street across from borough hall where developer John A. Henry Jr. of Chariot Companies plans to build Renaissance Row.

The vacant lot is assessed for tax purposes at \$35,000, and will remain assessed at \$35,000 for the next 10 years, "regardless of those improvements" that will transform the property, Hartwick said.

Underscoring how long it has taken for the borough to get to this point, Hartwick said the borough "years ago" started acquiring the property for what is to become Renaissance Row.

Acquiring the land for what will become the new housing on Adams Street began back in the late 1990s when he was mayor of Steelton, Hartwick noted.

"Not until now have we been able to move forward and see the redevelopment occur."

It also isn't all due to the tax break program, Hartwick added. For example, funding for the Adams Street town homes is "a very complicated mix" of federal and state sources and county gaming grants, all intended to make the homes "affordable" for families.

The 12 town homes will be priced in the mid-\$90,000s and made available on a lease-to-own basis, said Gary Lenker, executive director of the Tri-County Housing Develop-

ment Corp. Plans for the housing development are now before the borough, and "we're hopeful to see shovels in the ground by the end of this year or by spring 2018 at the latest," said Steelton Borough Manager Doug Brown.

The borough is optimistic that plan approvals for Renaissance Row can be in place in time to break ground by spring 2018, Brown said, adding "there will be more" developments to come.

Henry referred to having a track record in the midstate, having developed the Carlisle Crossing shopping center in South Middletown Township.

But the 10-year tax abatement is "huge" in deciding to build Renaissance Row in Steelton, said Henry, chairman and CEO of Chariot Companies.

"That's something that will incentivize (new businesses) to come in here and be that spark that this community needs," Henry said.



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# Lloyd appointed to borough's Human Relations Commission

Middletown Borough Council Relations Commission. appointed Angela Lloyd of Oak Hill Drive to a three-year term expiring Dec. 31, 2020, on the borough's recently revived Human posed to have under a borough

Lloyd's appointment on July 5 means the commission has three of the five members it is supordinance. The first three members were nominated by Mayor James H. Curry III and approved by council.

The three members are now to

find two other borough residents to fill out the commission, subject to these people also being approved by council.

- Dan Miller

# **ELKS:** Sides fight over whether official request for info was made

From page A1

on the Friends of the Elks financing plan to restore the theater (i.e., who have you reached out to for donations and what have they promised)."

Friends is the successor organization to the GMEDC, which owned the Elks Building and operated the theater from 2005 to 2014, when the authority acquired the building.

GMEDC leased the theater from the authority and continued to operate it until the authority closed the theater for renovations in April 2015.

The theater remains closed. Kapenstein in his email asks

that Reddinger, who is copied on the email, "correct me if I'm wrong" regarding the information sought of the Friends group. Curry, noting that "Ian (Red-

dinger) did not correct him (Kapenstein)," said there should have been no reason for Einhorn not to consider the email from Kapenstein a formal request for information.

Moreover, Einhorn on May 17 sent another email to Kapenstein and Reddinger, informing them that Friends was "working on getting this information together and expect to be able to get it to you around the end of the month."

Einhorn's comment that the Friends group never received "a formal request" makes no sense in light of the May 17 email from Einhorn, Curry said.

"How can you say you are compiling information for a request that has never been submitted?" the mayor asked. Einhorn's statement that Friends would submit the information by the end of May further contradicts Einhorn saying that the group never received

"a formal request" the mayor said. Today the borough has yet to receive the information from the Friends' group, despite Einhorn asserting in his May 17 email that all the information would be submitted by the end of May, Curry added.

To Curry, Einhorn saying that Friends never received a formal request makes it appear to the public that the authority has been unresponsive, a portrayal that the mayor contends is unfair and



The doors of Elks Theatre, seen here in late June, have been closed to the public since April 2015.

inaccurate.

## Lack of communication?

Einhorn when told of Curry's objections walked back his earlier comment regarding the lack of a formal request somewhat, telling the Press & Journal in a July 10 email that "the point I was trying to make  $\dots$  is that the ICDA could do a better job communicating

Einhorn said the group heard nothing from the authority after submitting its letter of intent in February until Einhorn reached out to borough Solicitor Adam Santucci in a March 24 email.

He said that the March 30 email from Kapenstein gave Friends "a general idea" what information was being sought, but the email came not from the ICDA or Reddinger, but from Kapenstein, Einhorn noted.

Curry said it should have come as no surprise that the email came from Kapenstein. The authority owns the theater, but council in early 2016 started taking steps to assert council control over the ICDA, including requiring council approval of all authority spending.

Council also replaced all previous authority members from 2015 with members of borough council, including Reddinger, who was appointed to council in May 2016. Curry is the only person on the three-member authority who is not a borough councilor. Besides Curry and Reddinger, the third authority member is council Vice

President Dawn Knull.

But as another example of what Einhorn suggested is the authority's lack of communicating with Friends, Einhorn said that it wasn't until July 5 that the authority notified Friends of the 60-day deadline that the authority had voted to impose on June 20.

Before that, the only knowledge Friends had of the authority imposing the 60-day deadline was from the Press & Journal, when the paper sought to obtain comment from Friends regarding the action taken by the authority on June 20, Einhorn said.

The email from Reddinger said that the Friends group would have until Sept. 5 to provide all the "requested information," Einhorn said.

In response, Curry said that the 60-day deadline was to start when the authority had under contract a real estate agent whom the authority hired during the June 20 meeting to list for sale the McNair House property on the northeast corner of North Union and East Emaus streets, which the author-

ity also owns. Therefore, it wasn't possible for the authority to inform Friends of the 60-day deadline until July 5, by which time the real estate agent was under contract, Curry said.

## An earlier proposal

Addressing Curry's comments at the June 20 authority meeting and in the July 5 Press & Journal that the mayor has been requesting letters from prospective donors from Friends for at least a year, Einhorn said those requests were made based on an earlier proposal from Friends that assumed the borough would continue owning the theater over the long term.

"The ICDA ultimately rejected that idea" in favor of transferring ownership of the theater for \$1, Einhorn said, prompting the Friends' submission of the letter of intent and what Einhorn has said will be a revised proposal.

What Einhorn describes as a reversal by the ICDA actually followed council's decision in late 2016 to reject a \$500,000 grant that the state had awarded the borough toward renovating the theater and reopening it as a performing arts

center. Curry said the nature of the proposal from the Friends group is irrelevant to the need for Friends to provide the information.

"If your group wants to run, buy or lease the theater, get (us) the information," Curry said. "I want to know who I am dealing with. To keep kicking the candown the road and then blame the authority—if you want to run the theater that badly, comply with the request."

The June 20 motion approved by the authority said that if Friends does not meet the 60-day deadline — Sept. 5 — the authority will reach out to a group that was put together in January under auspices of the Middletown Area Historical Society, to see if the group would be willing to take on the theater project and accept the offer to transfer the theater for \$1 — in place of Friends.

If at that point the new group is not interested, the motion calls for the authority to list the Elks Theatre for sale—using the same listingagentnowundercontractto handle sale of the McNair House.

Curry and Reddinger have both said they do not want to sell the theater, and that they would prefer the theater be turned over to

a nonprofit group for \$1. However, Curry and Reddinger have also both emphasized the need that something be done soon regarding the theater. The 116-year old theater should not be the responsibility of borough taxpayers, they contend.

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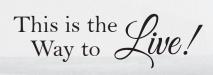
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#### **Distinguished Honor Roll**

**GRADE 12:** Jacob Barrett, Elizabeth Ann DeVelin Kelsey Vannessa Dworchak, Connor McHenry Faust, Brandi Nichole Gaumer, Lydia Grace Hursh, Celeste Lamannix Osayi, Shannon Rebecca Reese, Serena M. Rizk, Rowan Sessa, Michelle Rene Shields, Erin Nicole Templeton, Kayla Lynn Warhola.

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**GRADE 10:** Devon Marie Finsterbush, Adriene Michelle Funck, Sierra Aminata Kamara, Kaitlyn Joy-Lee Knaub, Benjamin Edward Knisely, Jocilyn Aliana Koser, Shelby Jean Miller, Aayushi Patel, Renee A. Peterson, Christopher James Reed, Jade Elise Senior, Aiden Matthew Sessa, Clayton David Wagner, Lynnsey Marie Woodley.

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# Elizabethtown students part of space project

Two students from the Elizabethtown Area School District's Bear Creek School will participate in the Cubes in Space 2017 program.

Emma Creason and Elyse Hayden entered their experiment proposal for the high-altitude balloon. Their project, Cosmic Colors, tests how cosmic radiation in space will affect the ingredients/ chemicals in common liquid food coloring. Results will show scientists if cosmic radiation, extreme temperatures and zero gravity impacts in gredients and chemicals in the food colorings tested.

Cubes in Space, a program

by idoodledu inc., in collaboration with NASA's Langley Research Center, NASA's Wallops Flight Facility and Colorado Space

Creason Grant Consortium, offers global design competitions for students 11-18 years of age to develop STEM-based experiments for launch into space.

The students were selected from more than 600 experiments worldwide from 39 countries.



Hayden

sounding rocket in June from NASA Wallops Flight Facility on the eastern shore of Virginia or will be launched by a high-altitude scientific bal-

loon in late summer from NASA's Columbia Scientific Balloon Facility in Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

Cubes in Space gave the participating students the opportunity to design and develop an experimental payload to be integrated into a 4-by-4-by-4 centimeter cube.

Experiments were launched via

# **SCAM**

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in a phishing email. This installed a Trojan horse that allowed his hard drive to be copied.

Phishing is when a scammer uses fraudulent emails or texts, or copycat websites to get you to share valuable personal information — such as account numbers, Social Security numbers, or your login IDs and passwords.

A Trojan horse is a program designed to secretly breach the security of a computer.

 $Police told \, the \, township \, resident$ to cancel his Facebook account, and report the incident to Facebook and Western Union to open a fraud investigation. Township detectives also told the victim they doubted anything more could be done in the case.

"There are so many computer scams out there that grow and evolve daily," Williamson said. "Ensure you have the latest antivirus software, ensure you know the source of emails before opening them or a link embedded in  $them, and \, check \, the \, email \, address$ of the sender. Many times the email address will be spoofed to look like it is from someone you know."

The victim is trying to get his money back through Western Union, which rarely happens, Williamson said.

He did not know how many photos were involved.

"We have heard of cases like this before and clicking on a link that is attached to an email that is unfamiliar to you. Always ensure that you know the source sending you emails before ever clicking on an embeddedlink," Williamson said.

As for prosecution, the charges would be low-grade misdemeanors, and Williamson said even if the criminal could be identified, extradition from the Philippines would never occur.

"Most times these criminals understand that for the small amount of money they extort from victims, they are sitting half a world away and they probably won't get touched," he said.

"This issue is that lots of small amounts of money can add up, when they are using robot/automated technology to send phishing emails out," he added.

# How many condemned buildings are in Middletown? Borough can't say

How many other condemned buildings are there in Middletown? It's possible that the borough itself doesn't even know.

In May, the Press & Journal subthat are condemned. mitted a Right-To-Know request, asking the borough provide a list of all properties in the borough

In a response from Open Records Officer Grace Miller dated May 11, the borough said the re-

the borough under law is not required "to create a record which does not currently exist. ... After

quest had been declined because review, it has been determined that no records responsive to your request as set forth above exist."

Dan Miller

# **DINER:** Owner Heckman says borough made it tough to keep eatery in business

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building, according to Moyer. However, by June 29 it was evident that the former diner was in the process of being razed, and work has continued since then.

Once the building is demolished, the owners have another 180 days "to completely grade and finish the project," Moyer said.

#### **Future use?**

The former diner is in an area of the borough zoned for residential use. However, the diner had been a pre-existing non-conforming use —"grandfathered"—because the structure predated the borough's current zoning map.

Because of that, Moyer said Heckman could build a new diner and reopen it on the same lot, as long as he did so within a year of the former diner being razed.

Otherwise, the non-conforming status would expire and Heckman would need to obtain special permission from the borough, such as a special exception, to open a new diner at the site.

At just one-quarter of an acre, the property may be large enough for construction of a small house. The lot could also be left as vacant open space.

Moyer said he doesn't know what Heckman plans to do with the property. Heckman did not  $respond \, to \, a \, request for \, comment$ for this article.

But Heckman did speak with the Press & Journal by telephone shortly after Reid made his public comments about the condition of the former diner during the April council meeting.

#### Long history

Heckman, a retired state police officer and a former district judge, acquired the diner for \$29,000 in 1990 through a sheriff's sale.

He claimed that he was not aware that the building had been



Damage to the side and rear of the former diner on Grant Street is evident in this photo from April.



This photo taken April 20 shows the condemnation notice from February 2012 in the window of the former diner on Grant Street. The notice has been removed and owners are demolishing the building.

condemned, contending that the borough had never informed him

However, the borough sent Heckman a certified letter dated June 26, 2012, informing him that the building had been declared "unsafe." The Press & Journal obtained a copy of the letter through a Right-To-Know request seeking all documents in the borough's possession pertaining to the diner.

The diner now being torn down

was erected in 1950, according to county tax records. However, Heckman said that a diner had

been at the property since 1938. Reid recalls it as the Gateway Diner because it was almost directly across from the entrance to the former Olmsted Air Force Base.

"I used to go into there and eat," said Reid, whose father worked on the base for 25 years. Reid worked on the base for a year and a half before he left to go to college.

Olmsted closed in 1969. The diner survived and became known as Betty's Diner under owner Betty Baumbach. By the time Heckman bought the diner in 1990, it had been closed for three and a half years, he told the Press & Journal.

#### A busy place

Heckman, 75, said he bought the diner "to make a living" because he could no longer get a job with the state or federal government.

He was able to reopen it, and said the diner had a somewhat thriving business in the 1990s. Most of his customers came from Highspire or from the west end of

Middletown.

"It was busy," said Heckman, who cooked. "We did 40 to 45 breakfasts in the morning and half that at lunch. We did very little at night. We didn't affect anybody downtown. We didn't affect Kuppy's and the Brownstone wasn't there."

Heckman said that the beginning of the end came in the late 1990s, when the borough closed Ann Street as part of a reconstruction of the intersection leading into Harrisburg International Airport.

The street being closed "killed my business totally." He said the diner also lost its parking. Heckman said he received a letter from the borough in 1996 showing plans for the borough to construct a temporary parking lotto accommodate the diner during the project, but it was not built.

"They never gave me a parking lot, blocked my street. We took ever penny we saved to try to live," Heckman said.

Heckman suggests Reid was partially responsible, saying Reid 'didn't like'' the diner.

The borough's property file on the diner does include a typewritten note that appears to be from Reid, in which Reid

says he is opposed to installing a parking lot at the diner.

However, Reid goes on to write in the same note "I further wish to state that I am not opposed to the reopening of the diner, just the installation of the parking lot."

#### **Storm damage**

The diner nevertheless survived the project and lived to see the reopening of Ann Street. But the real end came for good in September 2011, when the diner was damaged by flooding from Tropical Storm Lee. Heckman said he closed the diner the same day, and it never reopened.

He said he wanted to fix the diner and reopen it, but he didn't have the money. He said he tried to get a loan from the borough, but "they said no money for you." The condemnation, whether Heckman knew of it or not, came five months after the flood.

In April Heckman told the Press & Journal he was no longer interested in reopening the diner, and was not able to do so anyway.

He acknowledged that he owes \$6,498.26 in delinquent property taxes on the property, for the years 2014, 2015, and 2016. "I didn't pay the taxes because I

thought it was going for sheriff's sale," he told the Press & Journal.

Heckman also contended at the time that he did not know how bad a shape the building was in.

"I don't want to fight with anybody. I do care that someone doesn't get hurt," he said. "If they want to buy the place, they can buy it."

# How to best cope with summer heat

Summer can be hot, sticky and downright uncomfortable. It can also be dangerous if you are not prepared.

Cope with the heat this summer and stay healthy and safe with these helpful tips.

## Maintain your air conditioner

The last thing you need is a broken air conditioner on a hot day. Regular maintenance of your unit can help ensure it will work all summer long. The easiest, and perhaps most important, maintenance task you can perform yourself is to clean or change the filter routinely. For more complicated tasks, you may wish to hire a professional technician. Likewise, you'll want to be sure your car's air conditioner is in good working order, particularly before a major road trip or heat wave.

#### Stay informed with accurate weather information

Accurate weather information is one of the best ways to make

informed decisions and be prepared for daily outdoor activities, family vacations and travel plans. Consider a source recognized for its superior accuracy. Look for features that let you know how it actually feels outside so you can properly plan for outdoor summer activities and the day ahead-from what to pack to what to wear. If you're constantly on the go, don't worry, many weather apps deliver severe weather push alert notifications that can help keep you safe and better prepared for anything that comes your way. Know what to wear

During the summer, lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing can make all the difference to your comfort. The less fabric you have actually touching your body, the cooler you will be.

Schedule outdoor activities carefully. During periods of intense heat, stay indoors and, if at all possible, remain in an air-conditioned location. If your home does not have air conditioning, consider going to a shopping



hours - spending time in air conditioning will help your body stay cooler once you go back out into the elements. Limit your outdoor activities to morning and evening hours when it's cooler.

Stay hydrated Summer fun often means being outdoors, but listen to your body and take breaks to rest, rehydrate and cool off. Bring water or a sports drink with you when you are exercising, at the pool or even just making your way around

town. Make sure to avoid alcohol and caffeine, as they can quickly dehydrate you.

With up-to-the-minute knowledge at your fingertips and the right preparation, you will be ready to cope with heat and all weather conditions the summer season brings. —StatePoint





# Look your best when dressing casually

From fitness conscious consumers to busy moms who are always on the go, casual athletic attire is becoming a socially acceptable and on-trend style. In fact, it's so popular, it carries its own name: "athleisure." It may sound like a piece of cake to dress in casual and relaxed clothing. However, avoiding a "just rolled out of bed look" is not so simple. If you find that comfy yoga pants or joggers are increasingly becoming a staple in your wardrobe, consider these tips to ensure you always look put together when sporting them.

## The right shoe goes a long way

Forgo the traditional or "core" running shoe for this look. Such brands as Adidas, Converse, Nike and Vans have introduced updates to their classic offerings. While still inspired by an athletic lifestyle, variations in color, height, patterns and textures accommodate the growing trend for casual wear. In addition to looking good, they are breathable and functional -- just in case you wanted to sneak in a light workout during the day! **Get the family involved** 

Did you grow up loving your Chuck Taylors? The good news is that new athleisure wear is available as a full family offering, so that infants, tweens and teens can also enjoy comfortable, yet stylish, shoes.

## Polish off the look

Consider taking some extra time to do hair and makeup on the day you select a casual outfit from your closet. Or try pairing joggers and athleisure footwear with a nice handbag, statement scarf or leather jacket. This will help put the look together nicely.

To look your best when dressing casually, be sure to craft your outfits with care. — StatePoint









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# **FAGER:** Training new school board members important to Fager as he will continue to serve, he says

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former school board presidents Barbara Layne and Newton Davis, and Montgomery, a Lower Swatara Township resident and Harrisburg School District teacher appointed to the board in December 2016.

The write-in slate surfaced

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almost immediately after the board's controversial decision to transfer Earl Bright from principal of Reid Elementary School to becoming principal of the school

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district's new in-house alternative education program.

Bright from Reid. Fager and Montgomery both voted in favor of transferring Bright, as did every other member of the current board.

delay, taking action. Close to 470

people had also signed an online

petition opposing transferring

The write-in slate is being promoted through Facebook. Supporters say they are organizing public meetings to be held in August to promote the write-in candidates. It appears that incumbent board members, including those on the November ballot, also will be invited to attend.

Fager said the first such forum is tentatively set for Aug. 7 at Middletown Area High School.

After changing his mind and deciding to stay on the board, Fager on July 10 told the Press & Journal he had "a good conversation" with board President Linda Mehaffie.

"She agreed on a lot of things I had to say that frustrated me," Fager said.

for the article when contacted Tuesday.

Fager in an earlier email to the Press & Journal, after he had announced his resignation, had referred to "the new members" coming onto the board, and how Fager had tried to get the board to hold a "retreat" to educate these new members on their responsi-

Fager did not identify the "new members" by name in the email. Keating, Montgomery and Ponnett had all been appointed to the board since December 2016, to replace three veteran board members who had resigned in October and in early December — Michael Richards, Terry Gilman, and thenboard President Newton Davis.

"If someone is giving you the honor to work for them, you should have the respect to do everything you can to learn and know your job to the best of your ability, no matter what it takes. If it asks more

Mehaffie declined comment of you than you can give, then it is not for you," Fager said in the earlier email. "My feeling is, and I say this from experience, there is no way you can do your job and know what your job is, unless someone teaches you."

Fager, who lives in Middletown, in the earlier email also said his resignation had nothing to do with recent concerns expressed by residents that the board does not have enough members on it who live in the borough.

The concern was voiced by borough resident Dawn Knull when she and other Middletown residents were trying to persuade the board not to approve transferring Bright from his position as principal at Reid Elementary.

Fager said he had never thought of the board as having too many members from Lower Swatara, and not enough from Middletown. The first he ever became aware of such a concern is when he saw it on social media, Fager said.

To Fager, the issue isn't where board members reside, but how much they know about what it means to be on the school board.

"I think there is some out of balance as far as knowing whose duties are whose, and what you should be involved with and shouldn't," Fager said in the earlier email to the Press & Journal on July 1. "This can all be taught at retreats and other ways and those outlets have not been used as of the day I stepped down. I think the unbalance is a valid issue within duties of the board, but not from location of your home in our district."

Fager in his July 10 email also said he wants to stay on the board to keep working on behalf of a program he strongly feels is needed, to provide more options and opportunities for special education students who have an IEP (Individual Education Program).

The program does not currently exist in the district, Fager said.

# **HOTEL:** Room for much more growth at Linden Centre location

From page A1

on — the airport.

And there's enough business for both new hotels to succeed, said Janice Murray, director of operations for Restin Hospitality, the owner and developer of the new Comfort Suites.

The area surrounding the airport is going from zero hotel rooms to 210 in a little over a year's time.

Right now, the closest hotel for anyone coming to HIA or to Penn State Harrisburg is several miles away, whether in the Eisenhower Boulevard area in Swatara Township or in the Hershey area.

"Both hotels will add value to the area. It's a long time coming,' Murray said.

The Comfort Suites will be four stories and 47,050 square feet. Of the 87 rooms, 31 will be king suites.

The hotel will have a fitness room, indoor pool, daily complimentary breakfast, complimentary wi-fi, guest laundry, meeting room space, and a small business center where people can use computers and get online for free, and print out their boarding pass.

The hotel will also have a shuttle back and forth to the airport.

Obviously, the Comfort Suites can't match the convenience of actually being on HIA, which only the Fairfield Inn & Suites will offer. But staying in the Comfort Inn

& Suites will put you smack dab in the middle of convenience stores and other shopping amenities along the bustling Route 230 corridor, Murray said.

While "complimentary" to each other, the two new hotels serving the HIA market will also offer "two different price points," Murray said. "Ours might be a little less because theirs (Fairfield Inn & Suites) is full service," she added. The Comfort Inn & Suites will also offer free parking for visitors.

Linden Centre plans to be adding to the amenities along Route 230 to which Murray referred.

Plans for Linden Centre posted on the website of Town Retail LLC, the development company of Linden Centre owner James Nardo, show seven more buildings to be constructed on the site — besides the CVS and Sharp Shopper complex that are already



Site preparation work is underway for the new Comfort Inn & Suites Harrisburg Airport hotel to be located at Linden Centre along Route 230 in Lower Swatara Township.



Available Retail/Rest. 12,620 SF **CVS Pharmacy** 13,225 SF Comfort Inn & Suites 45,000 SF Available Retail 5.000 SF Available Bank 3,500 SF **Available Restaurant** 6,500 SF Available Restaurant 4,000 SF **Available Retail Available Retail** Sharp Shopper Verizon Wireless

Nail Salon

**Available** 

Available Retail/Rest.

11,337 SF 30,000 SF 37,000 SF 1,800 SF 600 SF 6,000 SF

7,350 SF

These Linden Centre plans appear on the development's website

there. This includes another large store next to Sharp Shopper in the 30,000-square-foot range. Sharp Shopper is 37,000 square feet, ac-

cording to the website. No timetable regarding the other buildings to be located on Linden Centre was available from Marisa Benjamin, who handles marketing and leasing for Towne Retail.

"We are currently in discussions with a number of national tenants and once those deals are finalized, we will then begin to apply for the necessary permits to begin construction on those buildings," Benjamin said in a July 10 email to the Press & Journal. "We have had positive interest in the project and I anticipate once the

hotel is under construction with a projected opening date, that we will have continued interest in our project."

What is left of the old Jamesway Plaza — the building in front of Sharp Shopper that still houses a barber and a hair salon—is being demolished. That will be completed before the hotel construction is finished, Benjamin said.

Besides HIA and Penn State, other factors expected to drive business to the new Comfort Suites includes the Air National Guard's 193rd Special Operations Wing based on HIA, the new Amtrak train station coming to Middletown, and the tourist attractions in Hershev.

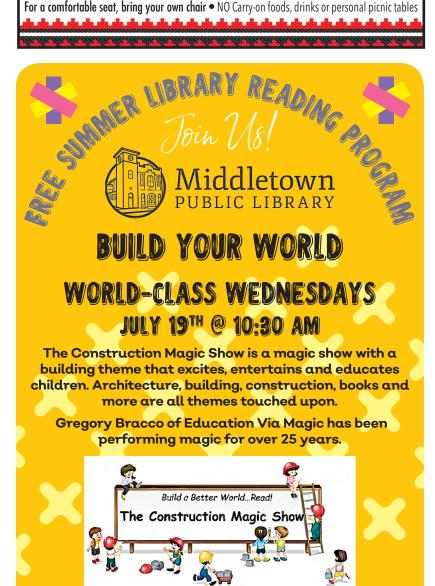
Hotels in the Hershey area are

booked a year in advance for the big annual auto shows, Murray said. The new hotel could also draw guests who come to the big auto shows throughout the year held at the Carlisle Fairgrounds.

The Comfort Inn & Suites Harrisburg Airport is the first hotel development project of Restin Hospitality, which is based in central Pennsylvania. Restin plans to develop more hotels in this region, but no specific details are available, Murray said.

General contractor of the hotel will be Professional Design and Construction of Landisville. The hotel will be managed by Prestige Hospitality of Albany, New York.

The new hotel will bring about 30 new jobs to the area, Murray said.



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## **TOWN TOPICS**

# **Historical Museum open** from 10 to 2 Saturday

The Historical Museum at 29 E. Main St., Middletown, will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 15.

Admission is free. Donations are appreciated.

### **Ornament Premiere at Middletown Pharmacy**

Middletown Pharmacy and Gift Shop, 436 E. Main St. (Mid-Town Plaza), is sponsoring its 2017 Ornament Premiere from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 15.

Be the first to see the new ornaments. For more information, call 717-944-1640.

### **Resident testimonial** brunch at Frey Village

Frey Village, 1020 N. Union St., Middletown, is sponsoring a resident testimonial brunch at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 26. Hear from Frey Village residents about how they transitioned from their homes to the retirement community.

For more information or to RSVP, call 888-995-8261.

### **Lower Swatara Fire plans** monthly dinner July 16

Lower Swatara Volunteer Fire Company, 1350 Fulling Mill Road, is sponsoring a roast beef dinner from 11 a.m. until it is sold out Sunday, July 16.

Eat-in or takeout is available. For more information, call 717-939-1759 or 717-602-3227.

### Live music on the deck by Walker at Sunset

Jeffrey J. Walker will perform on the deck at Sunset Bar & Grill, 2601 Sunset Drive, on at 7p.m. Thursday, July 13.

### **Library summer reading** program about building

Middletown Public Library's free Summer Library Reading Program is sponsoring Build Your World World-Class Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 19.

This week will have the sum-

mer reading theme of "Build a Better World" literally, and will look at tools, construction and building things.

For more details, visit middletownpubliclib.org.

### St. Peter's schedules renewal of wedding vows

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Union and Spring streets, Middletown, is sponsoring a wedding day for any couples that would like to renew their wedding vows. A reception will follow. The event will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 15.

### **Upcoming class reunion** for LD Class of 1977

Lower Dauphin High School Class of 1977 will hold its 40th reunion on Saturday, Sept. 9 at The Cocoa Beanery in Hershey.

Class members are requested to send their contact information to ldclassof77@gmail.com or

Cindy Bechtel Gould at 671-8562. Class members are asked to include their name, address,

phone number and email address, and are also encouraged to join the Lower Dauphin Class of 1977 Facebook group.

### **Rep. Mehaffie plans** concealed carry class

Rep. Tom Mehaffie invites you to attend a concealed carry class from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, at Hummelstown Chemical Fire Company No. 1, 249 E. Main St.

Seating is limited and registration is required. RSVP by July 20. Register by calling Mehaffie's Hershey office at 717-534-1323.

### **Slavic American Festival** is July 16 in Harrisburg

The Slavic American Festival will be held from noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, July 16, at St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church, 5408 Locust Lane, Harrisburg.

There will be ethnic foods, raffles, bingo, kids games and entertainment. The public is invited. Parking and admission are free. For more, call 717-652-1415 or visit stannbyz.org.

# Weaver and Williams selected as PSU's top student-athletes

Men's soccer forward Victor Weaver and cross country/ women's track and field standout Ashley Williams are Penn

State Harrisburg's 2016-2017 Male and Female Student-Athletes of the Year.

The Penn State HarrisburgStudent-Athlete of the Yearisawarded to the male and female studentathlete who has excelled above and beyond normal standards



**Williams** 

academically and athletically, according to athletic director Rahsaan Carlton. In addition, the recipients of this award demonstrated strong leadership abilities.

Weaver had a tremendous junior year for the men's soccer program by helping to lead the Lions to a fourth-place regularseason finish in the Capital Athletic Conference and a trip to the conference playoffs. After the conference playoffs, the Lions were selected to compete in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament, where

"Victor is a great teammate, puts others first, and is truly a leader who leads by example."

coach Dan Krzyzanowicz

they lost in the semifinals.

Weaver led the CAC in assists as well as being the top pointearner for the Lions. He either scored a goal or had an assist in 11 of the 13 wins for Penn State Harrisburg last season.

Weaver claimed All-CAC second team honors along with beingnamed All-ECAC and making the ECAC All-Tournament team.

"Victor is a great teammate, puts others first, and is truly a leader who leads by example," said his coach, Dan Krzyzanowicz. "As captain, instead of pushing responsibility on others, he helps with equipment daily and also helps all his teammates on and off the field."

Weaver has a 3.33 GPA, even though he considers English his second language.

Williams is a three-sport athlete. She started her fall with the cross country team before moving to her dominant sports of indoor/outdoor track and field.

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# Middletown Legion baseball makes quick exit from tourney

**By Larry Etter** Press & Journal Staff

The Middletown American Legion baseball team's appearance in the postseason was a short one, the season ending in an 8-1 loss at Hummelstown on Saturday afternoon.

They stand at 9-9 on the season. With six players missing the game due to vacations or work schedules, the short-handed Post 594 squad trailed by just one run, 2-1, midway through the fourth in-

three runs in the bottom of the frame and then added three more in the home half of the fifth to end the Middletown team's season.

"Hummelstown's defense was the difference in the game, and we just didn't make some plays when we needed them," Middletown coach Mark Chimel said following the loss.

But the season may not yet be finished.

This is the first year the Legion initiated a Division II tournament

ning before Hummelstown scored for the smaller teams. "We might have a home game next weekend in a regional AA game. We have to wait and see if that works out for us," Chimel said.

> Hummelstown, a loser to Linglestown earlier in the day, was forced into the loser's bracket in the Legion tournament and needed a win to stay alive. Middletown lost to Paxton 2-0 on Wednesday in the double-elimination playoffs.

Middletown batters produced seven hits against Hummelstown starter Jared Dunkle but rewarded themselves with just one run for their efforts. Hummelstown made the most of eight hits, seven walks and a couple of errors and moved on to play another round.

In the top of the first inning, leadoff hitter Isaiah Lockette poked Dunkle's first pitch through the gap on the left side for a single. After stealing second, Lockette went to third on Matt Shopf's one-out single. But he never made it home as Dunkle induced a 4-6-3

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# Hooping it up, summer-style



The Middletown Area High School girls basketball team played host to a basketball clinic for young girls for three one-hour sessions on Monday nights in June. Girls coach Ron Stetler, his high school assistants, and members of last year's team served as coaches for the 25 girls, who learned about the fundamentals of basketball. The event was open to girls in grades one through eight. This was the first year Stetler hosted the clinic. "I'd like to do this next year since I thought it went well," Stetler said. Above, Sa'nya Togans takes part.



Keller, above, and Makaila Nester, right, have some fun with basketballs while helping out at the clinics, which were held in the Middletown **Area High** School gymnasium.





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Middletown Area High School basketball players who took part in helping at the clinic included, back row, Makaila Nester, Caroline Gill and Nakia Scott; and front row, Jocelyn Koser, Jaelynn Keller and Kate Fitzpatrick.

# Antlerless deer license sales underway for hunters

Dauphin County Treasurer Janis Creason announced recently that antlerless deer license sales began Monday, July 10, for Pennsylvania residents.

Hunters who wish to apply for an antlerless deer license must hold a current hunting license for the 2017-18 season. The cost for the antlerless license is \$6.90 for residents and \$26.90 for nonresidents.

Only one license per hunter may be issued in the first round; hunters may apply for a second and third license in subsequent rounds until the supply is exhausted.

Send a check or money order made payable to the county treasurer. Do not send cash.

Hunters are encouraged to mail their application in the pink envelope provided by the Pennsylvania Game Commission on Friday, July 7, to ensure timely delivery to the treasurer's office. Applications that were received prior to July 10 will be rejected.

Send the application to the Dauphin County Treasurer's Office, 101 Market St., Room 105, Harrisburg, PA, 17101. Place a first-class stamp on the outer and inner envelopes.

If you are applying with others as a group, Creason suggests submitting separate checks with each application. If two or three applicants apply together with one check, all of the applications may be rejected and returned if there is a problem with any one application or if any wildlife management unit is sold out.

Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis through the U.S. Postal Service only.

The treasurer is not responsible for applications that are not received through the U.S. Postal Service. Hunters are encouraged to check the Game Commission website frequently to confirm that his/her application has been processed.

If the license allocations for all wildlife management unit preferences are sold out, the application will be returned to the hunter. The hunter may apply for another wildlife management unit where licenses are available by using a new pink envelope.

Questions or concerns may be submitted to the Game Commission at 717-787-4250, or visit www. pgc.pa.gov.



# Area resident harassed with 80 phone calls in one day, police say

block of King Drive, Carlisle, has been charged with harassment on allegations she placed about 80 telephone calls in one day to an area resident, according to Lower Swatara Township Police.

Police said Volgelson was the victim's landlord when she was a resident of Mechanicsburg

Dora G. Volgelson, 57, of the 20 and claimed she had received numerous calls from Volgelson when she lived on the West Shore. The victim recently moved to the township.

The most recent calls from Volgelson were made June 28, police said. She is scheduled to appear before District Judge Michael Smith on July 27 for a hearing.

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# MUSSER'S TREE SERVICE



# Case of Middletown woman charged in death of her baby heading to county court

By Dan Miller danmiller@pressandjournal.com

TheMiddletownwomancharged in the December 2016 death of her infant son waived a preliminary hearing on July 6, meaning that the charges are going to Dauphin County Court.

Arissa Katelyn Ward, 23, will face charges of involuntary manslaughter and endangering the welfare of children. She is free afterposting\$50,000 unsecured bail, and is scheduled to be arraigned  $in \, county \, court \, before \, Judge \, John$ F. Cherry on Sept. 1, according to online court documents.

Ward was charged by borough police on May 25, following the investigation into the death of her 2-month, 5-day-old son at their residence in the 300 block of Lawrence Street on Dec.

Ward's boyfriend and the father of the

child, Arthur Thomas Livering of Middletown, on July 6 also waived his preliminary hearing on charges of endangering the welfare of children, and possession of marijuana. Livering had been released on his own recognizance and is also to be arraigned on the charges before Cherry on Sept. 1.

Ward

According to court papers, Ward told police that she had been

drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana before lying down on the couch with her son. Ward told police that she thought she had rolled over on the boy.

Police arrested Ward after results of an autopsy conducted in January determined that the boy's death was caused by complications of traumatic asphyxia combined with smothering.

Toxicology results from the autopsy also found that the boy had 0.65 nanograms of THC — the active ingredient in marijuana — in the boy's system at the time of his death. The THC was in the infant because Ward had been breast feeding the boy, county District Attorney Ed Marsico said during a press conference on the day of

Ward's arrest.

Marsico emphasized that Ward had cooperated with investigators from when police responded to Ward's residence to find the child unresponsive on the couch on Dec. 30. The arrest prompted Marsico calling the press conference to increase awareness of the danger of parents and other adults sleeping with children — a phenomenon known as "co-sleeping."

Marsico at the time also announced formation of a county task force to investigate what the DA said was a rising number of incidents in the county of children being killed as a result of co-sleeping. The task force is expected to come for th with recommendations sometime in September.

# Pennsylvania Turnpike going after toll violators

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission is warning 10,611 PA Turnpike motorists with overdue toll violations and invoices that they could risk having their motorvehicle registrations suspended if they don't make good on their debt.

The PTC on Wednesday unveiled a partial amnesty program to encourage its top toll scofflaws motorists who together racked up invoices and violations worth \$17.1 million — to pay now before the law kicks in Aug. 4.

The 10,611 turnpike motorists with six or more outstanding toll invoices or violations—or unpaid tolls and fees totaling \$500 or more — are at risk of suspension when the law, known as Act 165

of 2016, takes effect next month. Until then, motorists who pay now can have additional fees waived through the turnpike's partialamnesty program.

Dauphin County motorists owe \$140,873.34, and 2,106 drivers were sent letters last week (16th most of any county). That's far behind Montgomery County's 60,687 letters sent. Montgomery County also leads in amount owed at more than \$3.8 million.

The top six interchanges where violations occur are in Bucks and Montgomery counties, led by Ne-

shaminy Falls with 11.1 percent. "Our customers pay tolls so we can keep our roadway safe and

in good repair and meet our ob-

ligation to PennDOT to help fund mass-transit services statewide," said turnpike CEO Mark Compton. "Now, those who are habitually taking a free ride — both private and commercial drivers — will have to stop doing that, or risk a suspension. It's simply not fair to those who do pay their fair share."

Act 165, enacted last fall, provides stronger enforcement tools to all tolling agencies to ensure motorists who use a toll road or bridge pay what's owed.

"While repeat violators may have ignored multiple past attempts to collect outstanding tolls and penalties, this is a notice they should not ignore," Compton said. "Also, anyone with an outstand-

Londonderry residents face sewer fines

ing toll bill or violation can take advantage of this month's partialamnesty program—not just those

at the highest levels of violation.' As of June 23, the 10,611 turnpike motorists at risk of suspension of their motor-vehicle registration were mailed a total of 280.855 violation notices and invoices — or more than 26 letters per scofflaw.

To learn more about the partialamnesty program, or to check if you have unpaid PA Turnpike toll violations, visit www.PATurnpike. com/violationenforcement. To pay now, call 877-PennPass (877-736-6727) from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays. Callers can leave a message and will receive a return call within 24 to 48 hours.

# MISS A WEEK. MISS A LOT.

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**By David Barr** 

More than two dozen properties in the Londonderry Township face penalties if they don't comply with township ordinances regarding sewer management.

Several properties in the northeast part of the township have not responded to a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection-mandated inspection/ pumping of the sewage system. According to Jeff Burkhart, the township codes and zoning officer, notifications have been placed on the doorknobs of those residents.

"They have had multiple notices, at least four or maybe five notices, since January 2016 that these were things needing done," Burkhart said. "We are now in a position that by our ordinance, we could actually send out a citation."

According to the township's ordinances, pumping and inspection for the area where the two dozen properties are located was to be held between June 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.

"Every OLSDS in the Township shall be inspected and every treatment tank or cesspool associated with every OLSDS (on-lot sewage disposal system) shall be pumped at least one time.'

Once the initial pumping and inspection occurred, the treatment tanks or cesspools in an OLSDS are to be pumped out at a minimal interval of once every four years after the initial or latest pumping.

During the pumping, there is to be someone there to report on the condition of the OLSDS and give it to the township. However, some of these reports have not been given to the township yet. Until those come in, the township won't know which properties are in violation.

Sometime between Monday, July 10 and Friday, July 15, the fines will be issued to the properties in violation. These fines are \$300 daily and could be increased to \$1,000. Those fines would come on top of the \$25 it would take to report the results of the inspections necessary by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Officials are waiting until this week to see how many late reports come in before administering the fines.

## Pesticide-free gardening

There will be a free pesticidefree gardening workshop held at the township office from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday July 15.

The workshop will cover the benefits of having a pesticidefree garden for both homeowners and the environment. The gues speaker will be Rodale Institute.

The first 20 registrants will receive a Yarrow plant. Yarrow is native to the area and is a natural insect repellent. The first 20 registrants will also be given a 32-ounce bottle of Bobbex spray, a natural spray effective in repelling deer.

Those interested have until Thursday, July 13, to register. Register by contacting Tyler Erb, Londonderry's MS4/environmental specialist, via email at terb@ londonderrypa.org or by phone at 717-944-1803.

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# **LEGION:** Hummelstown blows game open late

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double play to end the threat.

Hummelstown scored its first run in the bottom of the opening frame when Jarek Bacon's infield single drove in Josh Saufley from third. The home team threatened to add more after Hunter Eisenhour walked to load the bases with two outs. Lockette struck out Daniel Snowden to prevent further scoring.

Following a one-out single by catcher Cameron Peters in the top of the second, Dunkle induced another double-play grounder. Hummelstown went up 2-0 in the home half of the inning with a twoout RBI triple by Mike Geesaman.

 $The Middletown\, team\, broke\, the$ ice in the top of the third with one out. Stephen Kleinfelter's dribbler  $down\,the\,third\,base \,line\,put\,him\,on$ first base and Lockette's triple to center drove in what turned out to be Post 594's lone run of the game. Lockette stranded two Hummel-

stown runners in the bottom of the third to keep the score unchanged at 2-1 and the Middletown squad threatened to tie the game in the top of the fourth. With two outs, Peters singled to shallow center and went to second on a hit to left by Michael Mattes.

But Post 594 was robbed of a tying run on a hustling, shoestring catch by left fielder Snowden, his second such defensive gem of the inning. Hummelstown broke the game open in the bottom of the fourth by plating three more runs.

Hunter Crawford led off with a single to left, but was forced out at second on a fielder's choice. With Geesaman at the plate, Saufley stole second and third. Geesaman walked, Saufley scored on a fielder's choice,

Geesaman scored on an error and Matt Kephart scored on a the host team.

bloop single by Eisenhour to complete the three-run surge. The runs came against Mattes, who had replaced Lockette on the mound. Middletown batters went down in order in the top of the fifth and Hummelstown plated three more run in the bottom of the frame to put the game out of reach.

Two Middletown errors, a single, a bases-loaded walk and a sacrifice fly produced two runs and the other came on an RBI single by Bacon.

Trailing 8-1, the Middletown batters again went down in order in the top of the sixth.

Jimmy Fitzpatrick took over on the hill for Post 594 in the bottom of the sixth and kept Hummelstown from padding its lead. But the Middletown squad could not stage arally as relief pitcher Ryan Gerst struck out the side in the top of the seventh to lock down the win for

# **PSU:** Williams recorded record-breaking time

From page B1

Williams not only led Penn State Harrisburg's indoor track and field team last winter, she came home with a CAC championship in the 60 meter hurdles. She broke her own championship meet record when she claimed a second straight victory at the CAC indoorchampionship. Herrecord-

breaking time earned her a trip to This year she took a great step the ECAC championships, where she took first place and a trip to the NCAA Championships. She earned second team All-American status after placing 11th at the indoor nationals.

"Growth, trust and transformation remain a constant theme for Ashley Williams on her journey to being a national champion.

toward that goal by making it to the national championship. She is a trailblazer for our team for women's sports at Penn State and for her family," her head coach, Danielle Lynch, said. "As she gets stronger, faster, and more mature, she refocuses her sights on the title for next year."

She finished with a 3.37 GPA.

# CHURCHNE

### **Evangelical United Methodist Church**



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

casually in jeans and sneakers. Come as you are.

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

This week's worship assistants are as follows: Pastor – Lee Ellen- GCC prep; 6 to 8:30 p.m., GCC berger; Organist - Don Cowsert; Special Music – Sarah Snyder and Alexis Moyer; Audio Visual - Steve Moyer and Jamal Warren; Greeters - Delores Mortimore, Bill Mortimore and Gloria Clouser; Children's Time - Cliff

Flick; Head Usher – Julie Kupp; Nursery Caregivers - Deb Lidle and Joyce Moyer.

The alter flowers this week are in memory of Lois Coleman and loved ones by David and Teri Naples.

This week's schedule of activities is as follows:

Wed., July 12: 9 a.m. to noon, God's Clothes Closet prep; 6 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous Book Study Group; 6 to 8:30 p.m., God's Clothes Closet prep.

Thurs., July 13: 9 a.m. to noon, GCC prep; 6 to 8:30 p.m., GCC

Sun., July 16: 9 a.m., Sunday school; 10:15 a.m., Worship Ser-

Mon., July 17: 9 a.m. to noon, prep.

Tues., July 18: 8:30 a.m., Mission Central; 2 p.m., Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6 p.m., God's Kitchen at Wesley, meal provided by Geyers.

Needed are kids pasta cups, fruit

cups/applesauce, Rice Krispies

bars/granola bars, small cere-

als (cups or boxes), and fruit

snacks. Items always needed

are toiletries: shampoos, cotton

detergents, razors, deodorants

and foods: soups, cereals, ketch-

up, mustard, mayo, jellies, cake

mixes, vegetables, canned beans,

white noodles, pastas, boxed po-

meats/tuna/salmon, vegetable/

canola oil. Items collected are

taken to the Middletown Area

Interfaith Food Pantry located

at 201 Wyoming Street, Royalton.

Individuals may also take items

is open Tuesdays and Fridays,

from 10 a.m. to 12:30 pm. The

same location.

tersmiddletown.org.

directly to the food pantry, which

Community Action Commission

days, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the

Visit our website at www.stpe-

Scripture for July 16: Zech 9:9-

12; Ps 145:8-14; Rom 7:15-25a; Matt

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office is open Tuesdays and Fri-

tatoes, rice, canned fruit, canned

swabs, toothpaste, toothbrushes,

tissues, toilet paper, paper towels,

### St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church



We are a Reconciling In Christ Church located at Spring & Union Streets (121 N. Spring St), Middletown. Please join us for worship. Our worship times are: Wednesday morning at 10 a.m., Saturday evening at 5 p.m., Sunday morning worship at 10 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. Sunday Church School for all ages will resume September 17 at 9 a.m.

Church and Community

Wed., July 12: 10 a.m., Holy Communion – Chapel.

Thurs., July 13: Anniversary Day with Brass Works music and Architectural History presented by Dr. Irwin Richman, Professor Emeritus of American Studies, Penn State. Join us a t 6:30 p.m. at Sant Peter's Kierch, corner of High and Union Sts., Middletown. There is no cost to attend and all are invited.

Sat., July 15: 2 p.m., Reaffirmation of Wedding Vows and Reception; 5 p.m., Holy Communion.

Sun., July 16: 6Pentecost. Preaching: Pastor H. Richard Barley; 10 a.m., Holy Commu-

Vacation Bible School "Way to Go! Good Neighbor Tours" is July 17-21 from 6:30 to

8 p.m. The opening will be held in the sanctuary, students should be there by 6:15 p.m. Parents are welcome to stay for the 30 minute opening each night; the closing (including announcements) will be held in Luther Hall and parents must meet their children 11:16-19, 25-30. there each night at 8 pm. No child will be permitted to leave the church premises without a parent. All children who are age 3 (who are potty trained) to those who just completed 5th grade are welcome to join us. Adult VBS will be conducted at 6:45 p.m. in 2nd floor youth room. The schedule of scripture is: 7/17 Good Samaritan: Luke 10:25-37-Oscar León; 7/18 Ruth and Naomi: Ruth 1-2-Mary Hunt; 7/19 Two Disciples and Jesus: Luke 24:13-35-Matthew Hunt; 7/20 A Widow and Elijah: 1 Kings 17:8-16-available for you to teach; and 7/21 Philip and the Ethiopian: Acts 8:26-39-Don Hossler. Registration forms can be picked up at the church; when complet-

church office. St. Peter's is a location for Middletown Area School District's free summer lunch program. Monday through Friday, 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. through August 11, any child can come and eat a free and nutritious lunch.

ed they may be returned to the

Food Pantry News: Kids summer food bag items are needed while kids are out of school for the summer: The pantry gives an additional food bag for each child in a family.

# **New Beginnings Church of Middletown**



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

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

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

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

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

Saturdays: We clean the Middletown Food Bank the 3rd Saturday every other month. Everyone is welcome to participate in these important areas of our church life.

Pastor Britt writes a daily devotional on Facebook page, "One Way, One Truth, One Life." In addition, he posts a podcast of Bible study many days. We invite

everyone to tune him in for inspi-

ration for their day. Wooden pickets for our prayer garden, inscribed for the fence, are being sold for a cost in memory of, honor of, or family name. Contact Michelle Strohecker at 717-982-5068. Our 8 ft. cross, made out of nails, is in the prayer garden in the back of the yard and is illuminated every night. Two additional crosses are now in the garden, one on each side of the

main cross. Benches are provided

for folks to sit on and meditate or

enjoy the beauty and quietness

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

www.newbeginningschurchmid-

dletownpa.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

### **Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church**



Calvary Church has been a part of the Middletown Borough community since 1936. It has been our privilege to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ all these years and to do so knowing the good news has never changed in over 2000 years. We firmly hold to the Apostles Creed and the Westminster Confession of Faith and its Larger and Shorter Catechisms as clearly

teaching what Scripture teaches. If we believe the Gospel of Christ, then by trusting in his death and resurrection for sinners we can and will be forgiven and saved from God's wrath. Please join us each Sunday to hear the Gospel

Our services are at 10:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. We are located at the corner of Spruce and Emaus streets here in Middletown. We have a fellowship meal following the 10:15 a.m. morning service on the first Sunday of every month, free to all who come. We

also have Sunday school classes for all ages at 9 a.m., and a Bible Study each Wednesday at 7 p.m. We are now studying the Gospel of Luke.

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

# **Ebenezer United Methodist Church**



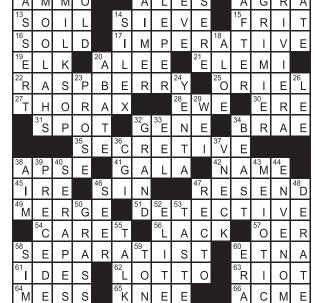
Ebenezer United Methodist Church and Childcare, 890 Ebenezer Road, Middletown invites everyone to join us for worship on Sunday mornings lead by Pastor Brad Gilbert. Our services are relaxed and casual. We offer a traditional service at 8:45 a.m. and a contemporary service with a band (electric guitars)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

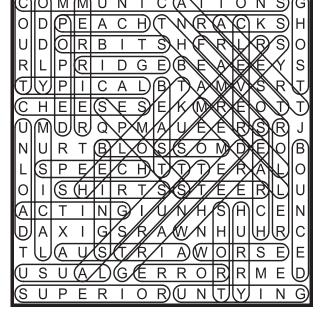
Christian Education classes for all ages.

ing at Ebenezer and all are welcome. Come join us for our free outdoor Movie Night on Friday, July 21. Free refreshments start gin at dusk. Please bring chairs and blankets. For additional information you can contact the church or e-mail the childcare at ebenezercc890@yahoo.com. There is a prayer time, "Partners enezerumc890@comcast.net.

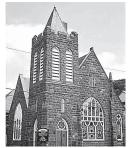
We have several things happen- in Prayer" that meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Through scripture, song, and meditation we experience the joy of God's presence. Have a favorat 8:30 p.m. and the movie will be- ite board game? "Game Night" is every third Monday at 6:30 p.m. We also offer a variety of other groups including Bible studies. Any other questions please call us at 939-0766 or e-mail us at eb-

# **ANSWERS** | PUZZLES ON B5





#### **Presbyterian Congregation of 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.. July 12:

6:30 p.m., Bible Study at Lisen-Sat., July 15: Summer Gather-

ing of Presbyterian Women at Green Ridge Village in Newville,

Please join us for Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. on July 16. Our sanctuary is air-conditioned and handicapped accessible, and there are also hearing devices for anyone wanting to use one. Nursery is available during the service, as well as Bible Listening a part-time organist/keyboardbags for children to utilize during pianist and choir director. Visit the service. Do join us!

Tues., July 18: 1:30 p.m., Book discussion at Mateer's.

Wed., July 19: 10 a.m., Mary's Circle; 6:30 p.m., Bible Study at Lisenby's.

Our electronic newsletter can

be accessed anytime at www.pcmdt.org...click on "resources"... click on "newsletter." (These are PDF files should open with Adobe Acrobat).

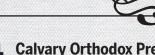
The Parish Nurse is available

by calling the church office at 717-944-4322. For further information, see our website www. pcmdt.org, visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PresbyterianCongregation), or call the office. The Presbyterian Congrega-

tion of Middletown is seeking www.pcmdt.org for more information.

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# Directory of Services





Evening Worship - 6 pm www.calvaryopc.com **Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church** 



# 329 Market Street, Middletown

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



#### **Ebenezer United Methodist Church** "Love God, Love People, Make Disciples'

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



# **Evangelical United Methodist Church**

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



**Geyers United Methodist Church** 1605 South Geyers Church Road, Middletown

PASTOR STEVAN ATANASOFF Worship - 9 am - Followed by Coffee Fellowship

Sunday School - 10:30 am



#### **New Beginnings Church** at the Riverside Chapel

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



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



#### St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church 121 N. Spring Street, Middletown

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



## **Seven Sorrows BVM Parish**

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



## **Wesley United Methodist Church**

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

To list your church service here, call 944-4628 or email info@pressandjournal.com for more information.

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# **EDITORIALVIEW**

# Mouchette deserves raise, should stay on as chief

We urge Middletown Borough Council to pay interim Police Chief George Mouchette a reasonable salary to keep him on permanently.

Since coming on in early January, our impression is that he has done a very solid job under trying circumstance to improve a department that needs cohesion and continuity.

There has simply been too much turnover and uncertainty with the chief position in the last five years to start all over again when an extremely qualified candidate already has the job.

It would make little sense to boot him out of the position over money, even if that amounts to \$10,000 or \$20,000 above what the borough has budgeted for the position.

We realize that amount is not small change. However, it is but a tiny percentage of the overall borough budget, and it would be money well-spent.

Mouchette currently makes \$60,000 a year with no benefits or 401(k). That is a steal, so to speak, for the borough. He took the job knowing that talks with Lower Swatara Township over regionaliza-

tion of the departments or a contract for services were in the works, which might render the chief's job

But those talks are over.

The borough budgeted \$108,542 for salary and benefits of a police chief in 2017, Middletown Finance Director Kevin Hartman told the Press & Journal. Following a private industry standard of 35 percent for benefits would mean that the borough budgeted \$70,553 for the salary of the chief.

That's simply not enough. We are not sure why so little was budgeted when former Chief John Bev was making more than \$80,000 in salary alone when he left in late December. Even more curious is that Keith Reismiller was making about \$95,000 a year when he stepped down as chief in 2012, and his replacement was being paid the same until he left after four months.

Going backward for the salary of the most important full-time borough position simply doesn't make

It's possible so little was budgeted for the chief position in 2017 because the borough knew there



**Police Chief George Mouchette hands out** stickers to children that attended the police Easter egg hunt in April at Hoffer Park.

would be an interim chief or the position would be open for some amount of time, and they were be-

ing financially conservative. But for 2018, that must change.

Also, consider this: If \$108,542 was budgeted for the position, that would mean about \$54,000 for six months of the year — half of what is budgeted. Mouchette is making \$60,000 a year, so let's assume for the first six months he's made \$30,000 — and that would be the total expenditures since he does not have benefits. That's a savings of \$24,000 to the borough right off the

Let's face it, Mouchette is an exemplary candidate for the job who fell into the lap of the borough. He is a retired New York Police Department lead detective who retired from the force after more than 20 years when his wife took a job with The Hershey Co. several years ago.

If the borough decides it can't pay Mouchette what he is worth, what candidate could come along who would be more qualified? We just don't see it.

Despite his big-city background, he has never given us the impression he feels like he's a big fish in a small pond. Just the opposite. He has told us that here, he can directly impact people's lives and make them better.

"Every Middletown citizen, their safety is my responsibility," Mouchette said. "It makes me feel good when I see moms bringing kids to school and the kids are safe because we are there. I enjoy working with the community and having a direct influence on people's lives for the better."

Mouchette has the support of Mayor James H. Curry III and the borough council, according to that body's president, Damon Suglia. He already knows what the job entails. He has been doing it for more than six months. The revolving door must stop. Curry has worked with four chiefs — including Mouchette - since becoming mayor in Janu-

This is a perfect situation to hire a superior chief who could serve for years. A salary in the \$95,000 range, with some benefits package, doesn't seem out of line to us.

Should the borough pay Mouchette an outlandish amount? Of course not. But he is well worth a reasonable raise.

Get it done.

# YOU SAID IT

The following is some of the comments posted on the Press & Journal Facebook page on our link to the story "UPS hub might bring hundreds of jobs to area."

Tim Wright: I would assume that would require a total repaving and widening of that 1+mile section of Union Street since it is not designed to handle that type of tractor trailer usage, but I suppose that is what part of the "infrastructure improvements, which include mitigating any traffic concerns, road improvements, and improvements to utilities would be \$20 million" is for. I think this will be great for local jobs and tax revenue. **Dennis Heisey:** I think they (UPS) would need to invest in more infrastructure upgrades. The roadway out that far doesn't appear to be able to handle the heavy truck traffic that this facility would briing. **Bryon Haas:** For those that will come along and cry "NIMBY" Are you going to reduce my taxes?

**Mark Imler:** Maybe the Township Residents can get a tax break!!! Lorilei Lynn: And they will still RAISE our

Dan Magaro: Bad location!! No way! **Sherri Krehling:** We need the tax revenue. Katrina Blaydon: what, if any, are potential oppositions to this? Traffic issues, maybe? I can't really see a drawback to allowing this

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off the top of my head....

# Your views are welcome

Send letters to: letters@pressandjournal. com, or 20 S. Union St., Middletown, Pa. 17057. Letters may be edited for accuracy,

# Stupid Americans don't know Fourth of July history



A belated Happy July 4th holiday! Of course, all you history buffs know the reason for the celebration and day off, right? Well, I will not let the cat out of the bag in case you are a little fuzzy about this holiday.

If you are not quite sure, check this YouTube video and it will help jog your memory: tinyurl.com/y95fs6kc.

It is hard to believe that Americans are so stupid. I take that back. It is easy to believe, especially the loony, left-coast libtards.

We decided on a little pre-July Fourth getaway for Olga's birthday. For those of you that don't know, Olga was born in Russia. So, we took a jaunt to the beach for a week to a top-rated bed-and-breakfast, Villa de Los Suenos, located in the small fishing village of La Entrada, Ecuador.

Transportation was in a 15-passenger Volkswagen van with 10 other gringos. The trip took almost seven hours covering 200 miles from Cuenca, over the Andes at 12,000 feet, then to the coast.

The three-story, beach-front facility with a spiral staircase was beautiful and the grounds immaculately groomed. The owners of the villa are an American couple.

They were great and treated us like family. They had a welcome dinner for the group and a surprise birthday cake for Olga.

If you have been to any of the East

Coast shore points and tried walking the beach, you know that it is almost impossible to navigate because of the mass of humanity. We walked 8 miles on the beach and passed only about 10 people on the hike.

Many small fishing towns line the coast, and we enjoyed fresh seafood during our stay served in open air restaurants on the beach. We experienced one problem — the weather. It was warm, humid, overcast and rainy during our stay. We did not see the sun in five days.

In lieu of frolicking in the Pacific, we went on some interesting side trips. We had never been to the coastal city of Salinas; hence we chose this day trip. We saw many interesting places along the way including a church constructed in the 1700s of wood — almost unheard of due to termites and fire. We stood on the farthest western point of Ecuador, a peninsula that juts into the Pacific Ocean.

# Here comes the president

Ecuador finally has a new president. The loser conceded the day before the inauguration. It didn't take him long to

I had mentioned in past ramblings that there is a \$232 million light rail system being built in Cuenca. Construction began in 2013 and it was to be completed and running in 2016. The main purpose was to eliminate pollution in center city. It is \$35 million over budget and the latest estimated time frame for completion and operation is

All the while the heart of the city has been torn up. Many, many businesses are closed, and traffic is a nightmare. The thing is, this system known as the "tranvia" does not access the entire city. When (if?) it is completed, I would have to walk 25 minutes to reach it.

Right now, maintenance must be performed on track that was laid three years ago and never used. The big polluters in the city are the diesel busses. The city should have used all those millions to purchase a fleet of nonpolluting propane and/or electric busses that could have served the entire municipality. As usual, if it absolutely positively must be screwed up — have government do it.

## **Random thoughts**

Just when you thought all the squirrels were in the woods — there is an American woman here in Cuenca who claims she can communicate with dead dogs. There are more gringo nuts here than in a Planters Peanut factory.

What's going on in your slice of Wolfsylvania? I see that Three Mile Island will be closing in 2019. I remember when it was being built. One of the catch phrases to promote the construction of TMI was that the electricity would be "too cheap to meter." How did that work out?

In 1973, I was working in Elizabethtown for \$100 weekly — my take-home pay was \$88.68. To supplement my income, I was tending bar part-time for \$2.50 per hour. Men who were in construction at the island would come in the hotel/bar where I worked and show me their paychecks. I was astounded! More than \$1,300, and that was take-home.

According to figures that I have seen, the TMI yearly payroll is \$60 milSimple division shows that the average wage is \$88,888 yearly. Not bad work if one can get it. Maybe there should be a fundraiser

lion and 675 personnel are employed.

or concert to help these poor souls. We could call it "Hands Across The Reactor.

Pennsylvania keeps being honored: It is No. 2 for having the most cities with the most abandoned homes, and No. 13 for having the highest property taxes in the nation.

Filthydelphia International Airport is the third-most-hated airport in the USA. On a brighter note: Knoebels Amusement Resort was rated as the fourth-best small-town theme park in America.

When will Steve Reed, Barbara Hafer and Kathleen Kane (all Democrats) be hosting the "Honesty And Ethics In Government" workshop? I don't want to miss it.

I see that Bon Appetit magazine named South Philly Barbacoa as the sixth best new restaurant in the United States for 2016. It is owned by an illegal Mexican immigrant (undocumented Dumbocrat).

We need an investigation here in Cuenca! This past weekend there was a Russian Day in one of the large parks highlighting Russian culture. I'll bet the Russians hacked into the city computers. I even found a Russian in my bed!

Until later from beautiful Cuenca ... Eddy the Expat

Ed O'Connor, a former resident of Middletown and Lower Swatara Township, is an expatriate living in Cuenca, Ecuador.

# Raising minimum wage is a strong tool for economic revitalization



Pennsylvania's minimum wage is stuck in the past and that's bad for busi-

Set at \$7.25 an hour since 2009, Pennsylvania's minimum wage is lower than all six of our neighboring states.

Our state minimum wage, which amounts to just \$15,080 a year for fulltime work, is a drag on Pennsylvania's customer base, tax base and economy.

I own the Harrisburg Midtown Arts Center, a multi-venue arts and entertainment complex, which includes The Kitchen & Gallery Bar, a 150-seat restaurant. We won the 2016 Tourism Business of the Year award from the Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau. Paying fair wages has been a

big part of our success.

While Pennsylvania's minimum wage has stagnated at \$7.25 for eight years, at HMAC we've raised our starting pay because it's vital for our employees and good for our business. Our starting pay is \$12 for employees who don't earn tips. Tipped staff earn an average \$18 to \$25 an hour with tips.

In the service industry, staff turnover is typically very high — as much as 100 percent a year or higher. This low pay, high churn business model is actually very costly — businesses are constantly training new staff and starting the process over again when someone leaves to make a little bit more someplace else. By contrast, we pay a fair wage and our turnover is very low, which saves us considerable money in hiring and train-

ing costs. That's not all. I know from experience that building a brand with loyal employees is the most important thing for customer satisfaction and long-term growth.

With lower turnover and more experienced staff, we have less waste in our kitchen, better products and stronger customer service. Satisfied customers are not only more likely to return themselves, they tell their friends and family, spurring new business.

Most businesses have more customers than employees. Raising the minimum wage boosts the consumer spending that allows businesses to grow and add jobs.

Minimum wage increases put needed money in the pockets of workers who are most likely to turn around and spend every extra dollar — benefiting businesses all around Pennsylvania.

When the minimum wage is too low for workers to make ends meet, it hurts businesses as well as workers.

One way or another, society pays for low wages. When companies pay employees so little they cannot afford the basics like rent, groceries and transportation, they are counting on taxpayers to subsidize their inadequate pay with public assistance. They are essentially shifting part of their labor bill to the state budget and private charity. That's not fair or efficient.

Raising the minimum wage is smart budget policy. Gov. Tom Wolf's proposal to increase Pennsylvania's minimum wage to \$12 per hour would boost state revenue by about \$95 million annually.

Opponents of raising the minimum wage don't speak for me or for most businesses. A 2016 survey of 1,000 business executives, conducted by a leading Republican pollster for the Council of State Chambers, found that 80 percent of respondents supported raising their state's minimum wage. Only 8 percent opposed it.

We can debate how high to raise the minimum wage, but let's not pretend that it makes sense to keep it at \$7.25.

Legislation introduced in the General Assembly would raise the minimum

wage to \$15 by 2024. I think that makes good sense for workers, businesses and communities.

HMAC is one of the cornerstones of the redevelopment and revitalization of Midtown Harrisburg. We are listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings and were given a 2016 Historic Harrisburg Preservation Award by the Historic Harrisburg Association. Revitalization is not just about preserving our architectural heritage. It's about creating good jobs with decent wages that allow people to better support themselves and grow our local tax base and economy.

Raising the minimum wage is one of the strongest tools we have in revitalizing our economy and building thriving communities.

John Traynor is the owner of the Harrisburg Midtown Arts Center and a member of Business for a Fair Minimum Wage.

# FROMTHEVAULT

News from the Thursday, July 11, 1935 edition of the Daily Journal

### **Headlines from the edition**

- Church of God boys on picnic at Clifton
- Two Scranton youths' canoe upsets in river
- · Plan to erect high school at Palmyra · Local lad cuts gash in his leg while swimming
- · Harrisburg golf meet opens; annual tournament at the Colonial Club course
- Truck driver was killed by falling spring
- The New Deal forces win test on TVA
- School tax set by Susquehanna Township

#### **Hot buys**



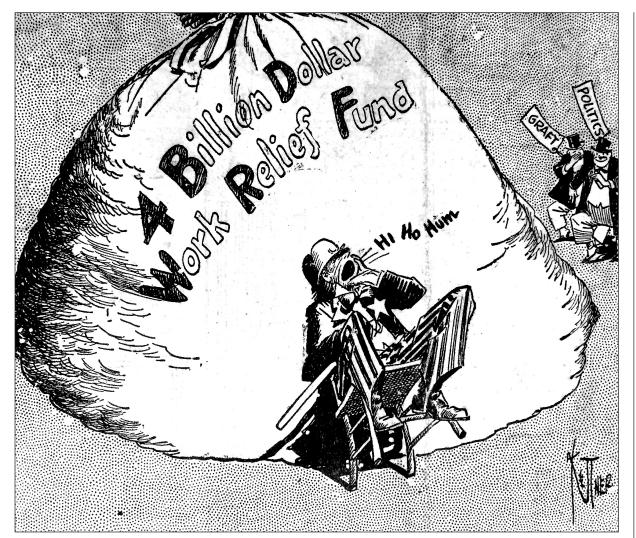
Almost all of what we would consider photographs in newspapers of the 1930s appeared in advertisements like this one for Lucky Strike cigarettes, of which a part is shown above.

• Free dancing at the Kline House, every Thursday and Saturday night; the Silver Moon Orchestra will furnish music this Thursday night; sandwiches, crab cakes, liquors and beer; plenty of free parking space in rear.

(Editor's note: The Kline House was a hotel in Middletown; its address might have been 108 E. Main St., according to advertise*ments from other publications of the time)* 

 $\bullet$  Drink Graupner's Beer and Jolly Scot Ale. There is nothing better than an ice cold drink of good beer and ale to quench your thirst in this hot weather. It is good for every member of the family. Inquire about our low price. Call Bell 296. Middletown Graupner Distributors, 310 S. Union St.

Quality unchanged, variety unlimited. July reductions. Throughout the Central Pennsylvania region, in every city, town and village, you'll find Doutrichs good clothes because most men and young men prefer this "always reliable" store for dependable known quality merchandise. All \$45 and \$50 suits reduced to \$37.50. All straw hats half price. Florsheim shoes, \$7.45. Doutrichs, Union and Emaus streets, Middletown.



Editor's note: This front-page editorial cartoon bore the headline "Better Keep Away," and illlustrated that even more than 80 years ago. politics and graft were threats to a huge government program.

# Census of public school children fixes enrollment at 1,494 for coming term

Taking of the census for 1935-36 of the public school children in town has been completed by Miss Mary Wealand, secretary of Superintendent G.W. Feaser, who was named enumerator by the school board.

According to the compiled figures, there will be an enrollment of 1,494 boys and girls, with a possibility of at least 25 more coming here from the townships

and Royalton.

The result of the census shows that there are 1,068 grade children worked out as follows: first grade, 144; second grade, 136; third grade, 141; fourth grade, 140; fifth grade, 136; sixth grade, 132; seventh grade, 147; and eighth grade, 92.

The seventh and eighth grade represent the Grammar School. The enrollment in the high

school today is 426, and the boys and girls are classed as follows: freshman, 151; sophomore, 133; junior, 89; and senior, 53.

The enrollment in all the schools will be approximately as large as it was in the past several

In order to properly care for and educate the boys and girls, it is necessary that the board secure the proposed grade building.

# Temperature at 100 today; water recedes

The sun drove the thermom eters up to near the hundred mark at noon today, making this one of the hottest days of this summer.

The Swatara Creek at the point in Royalton was very high this morning, evidently from back water from the Susquehanna River.

It is reported that the creek from the Frey's Grove Bridge to Stoverdale has receded, and had several feet to go until it would have covered the Middletown-Hummelstown highway.

With water from the New York state floods making its presence felt in the Susquehanna River at Safe Harbor, where it was believed to be well under control, high water in the Lancaster County streams Wednesday had subsided and almost normal flows prevailed.

Construction of the hydroelectric power dams on the Susquehanna River at Holtwood and Safe Harbor have played a large part in reducing the danger of floods along the banks of that river in this section of the state, Theodore H. Kain, superintendent of the Columbia Water Co., said Wednesday evening.

Prior to construction of the two power dams, through which the waters of the Susquehanna can be controlled some distance both up and down stream, there were several bad floods which caused great damage in Columbia and other river towns, Kain said.

At Columbia, where a rise of 8 inches was recorded Tuesday night, the water rose 4 feet, 7 inches from 4 p.m. to midnight.

At that time of the day, the water was still rising and was 8 feet, 6 inches above normal, it was reported.

32. Super-duper

33. Moray, e.g.

36. Computer-

(acronym)

37. Sweater style

38. Order between

40. Sonora shawls

43. Relating to 4

46. Merlin, e.g.

47. Odd-numbered

"ready" and "fire"

divides of a nucleus 44. To make poison-

generated image

34. Brute

39. Lead

ous

# PUZZLES AND HOROSCOPE

## **WORD SEARCH** | ANSWERS ON B3

Acting	Communica-	Oddly	Spots
Alert	tions	Orbits	Steer
Arrest	Court	Peach	Summer
Assist	Error	Popped	Superior
Austria	Favor	Racks	Themes
Barrel	Ghost	Ridge	Trust
Beast	Granted	Roller	Typical
Beings	Helmet	Search	Unload
Blossom	Hurry	Serves	Untying
Bounced	Medal	Shirts	Usual
Cheeses	Merrier	Short	Where
Clever	Musical	Speech	Worse

COMMUNICATIONSG ODPEACHTNRACKSH UDORBITSHFRLRSO RLPRIDGEBEAEEYS TYPICALBTAMVSRT CHEESESEKMREOTT UMDRQPMAUEERSRJ NURTBLOSSOMDEOB LSPEECHTTTERALO ISHIRTSSTEERLU ACTINGIUNHSHCEN DAXIGSRAWNHUHRC TLAUSTRIAWORSEE USUALGERRORRMED SUPERIORUNTYING

Each of the following cryptograms is a clue to the identity of an American president Using the hints I=O and A=S, decipher the clues to name the president. OPFVIXWEG **2**UITZJ QSXDIWU G W E F E A T W U 4 AITGQCFAG AVSGQAIZSEZ

This president called for westward expansion during his campaign:

James K. Polk Treasury, 4) Southwest, 5) Smithsonian, Answers: 1) Democrat, 2) Young Hickory, 3)

## **CROSSWORD** ANSWERS ON B3

## **ACROSS**

- 1. BBs, e.g. 5. Brews
- 9. City on the Yamuna River
- 13. Earth
- water
- 15. Fused material for
- glazes
- 17. Mandatory
- 20. On the safe side,
- 28. Female sheep 30. "... \_\_\_ he drove
- out of sight"

- carrier

## orbit)

axis of an elliptical

35. Hidden

- 41. Apple variety

- 14. It doesn't hold
- 16. Auction cry 51. Investigative
- 19. \_\_\_ Grove Village,
- at sea
- 21. Fragrant resin
- 22. Small wild fruit
- 25. Architectural projection
- 27. Where the heart is

- 34. Highlands hillside
- 31. Advance, slangily 32. Characteristic
  - 64. Bungle, with "up" 65. "Trick" joint

- DOWN 1. Declare

- 42. Finger, in a way

line (major

- 45. Anger

- 46. Anger, e.g.
- 47. Forward
- 49. Combine
  - agent
  - 54. Addition symbol
  - 56. Dearth 57. "\_\_\_ the fields we

  - 58. A person who
  - withdraws from a church
- 60. "Empedocles
- on \_\_\_" (Matthew
  - Arnold poem)
  - 61. Bad day for
    - Caesar 62. Kind of ticket
    - 63. Brawl

65

2. Slang term for moneys

66. #1 spot

- 3. Ineffectual person
- 4. Aged
- 5. Archer, at times
- 6. Colony member
- 7. "The Three Faces of \_\_\_\_'
- 8. Arid
- 9. Behind
- 10. Dirtier
- \_ Maya 11.
- 12. Absorbed, as a
- cost
- 14. Flint

24. "Fiddler on the

Roof" role

director

26. "Malcolm X"

29. Dynasties that

from 220-265

ruled North China

- 48. Assessing a lower 18. \_\_\_ vera 20. Decrease
- value 23. Nonpoetic writing

page

- 50. Ground cover
- 52. A-list 53. Spoonful, say
- 55. Chitchat
- 58. Actor Alastair
- 59. Elephant's weight, maybe 60. Victorian, for one

#### 13 14 16 17 19 20 21 22 26 27 38 39 45 48 46 52 53 50 55 54 59 60 61 62 63

# **HOROSCOPE** | WEEK OF JULY 12

**CAPRICORN** DEC. 22 – JAN. 19 Stop it, Capricorn. There is no use in getting worked up about something that has yet to hap-

pen. You can cross that bridge when you come to it. **AQUARIUS** JAN. 20- FEB, 18 The ball is in your court now, Aquarius. Think through your decision carefully. A lapse in concentration leads to quite the amusing turn of events at

home. PISCES FEB. 19 - MARCH 20 About to burst, aren't you, Pisces? Keeping secrets is not easy for anyone, especially you. This is one confidence you do not want to break.

**ARIES** MARCH 21 – APRIL 19 Change can be good, Aries. Don't shy away from it. Vacation plans get put on hold, but luckily for you, it is only tempo-

rary. A memo provides clarity. **TAURUS** APRIL 20 – MAY 20 Clearly a loved one is out of line. Is it your job to tell them, Taurus? That might come better from someone else. You will start to see drama begin to

**GEMINI** MAY 21 – JUNE 21 Some issues are worth revisiting, and this is one of them, Gemini. Open up the table to discussion once again, but this time, be prepared.

unfold at work.

**CANCER** JUNE 22 – JULY 22 Clever Cancer. You have the answer when a problem presents itself, impressing many. A promotion of some sort could be in order. The stakes are

raised at work. **LEO** JULY 23 – AUG. 22 Feeling gleeful, Leo? If not, you're about to be. Loads of fun are in store this week, as old friends and new drop by. Finances perk up with an offer.

**VIRGO** Aug. 23 – Sept. 22 Romance takes a back seat to work this week, and if you aren't careful, you could pay for it dearly, Virgo. Make time for that special someone.

**LIBRA** SEPT. 23 – OCT. 22 Some people have it all, and they don't even know it. Don't be one of them, Libra. Look around, take stock of what you have and be grateful.

**SCORPIO** Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Good-byes can be hard, but

sometimes they are necessary. Consider if a relationship is worth saving. If not, say ta-ta and don't look back, Scorpio. **SAGITTARIUS** 

Nov. 22 - Dec. 21 Soon, Sagittarius, soon you will have that which your heart most desires. It won't come easy, but it will come. A change in diet reduces health risks.

# OUT & ABOUT



Old and new cars were on display despite late afternoon rain showers at the Seven Sorrows Community Festival on Thursday.

# Plenty of fun at Seven Sorrows Festival

15th annual event featured car show, food, games of chance, flea market and entertainment



Mother and daughter Marian and Brenda Chesney enjoy an Italian dinner at the festival.



Shelby Reitz shines up his Shelby GT 500 Ford parked on Water Street during the festival.



Emma Kieffer and her younger sister Phoebe show off their crayon balloons they won playing games at the Seven Sorrows Festival.



Leo Greenawalt, 14, prepares to see how fast he can pitch a baseball.



Donna Fallinger examines items for sale at the Seven Sorrows Festival flea market held in the gym Thursday evening.



Stacey Mulligan and her daughter Mia Hohenwarter eat dinner at the festival.



Nicholas Oberto, 8, tries to win a balloon by sliding a hockey puck through a

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