

On Tuesdays, her soup costs only a smile

By Noelle Barrett
Press And Journal Staff

“Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you.” Words spoken by Mother Teresa. Words that Natalie Dixon, owner of Center Square Bakery in Elizabethtown, lives by.

The quote is typed on a small sign that sits near three bubbling kettles of soup inside her bakery. On Tuesday nights, people can reach for a roll or scoop some soup without the fear of not being able to afford to pay, or to eat that night.

Dixon started community soup night after a day at work a few weeks ago left her feeling too caught up in the business side of her bakery.

“I was way too focused on the numbers,” she said. “I

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thought, I need to get back to who I am.”

So she did. From 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, customers can pay what they can afford – whether that's a nickel, \$3, or a smile – for her soup.

And Dixon really enjoys the smiles.

“People are very appreciative . . . I cried a lot last week for all of

them,” said Dixon.

The response from supporters was also overwhelming.

“Some people walk off the street and want to wash dishes, or help,” said Dixon.

Giving back is something that has always been a priority

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Photo by Noelle Barrett

At Center Square Bakery in Elizabethtown, owner Natalie Dixon will sell you her soup on Tuesday nights for \$3, a nickel or a smile.

FISCAL CRISIS?

A “perfect storm” leaves borough on the brink, consultant tells crowd

By Daniel Walmer
Press And Journal Staff

A series of factors has led Middletown to the brink of a fiscal crisis, financial consultant Mark Morgan told a crowd at a town hall meeting on Thursday, March 28 – and he told residents in frank terms about the pain he believes residents may soon face.

If the borough does not get enough contract concessions from its employee unions, he warned, it may be forced to choose between three undesirable options: Become an Act 47 distressed municipality like Harrisburg, double property taxes over a 20-year period, or triple electric rates.

“This is almost like the perfect storm hit Middletown,” Morgan told an attentive crowd of about 35 residents at the MCSO Building during a solemn report about the borough's financial situation. “I hate to say it, but it did.”

Morgan's basic narrative is familiar to followers of borough news.

In the past, according to Morgan, the

borough had received electricity at bargain rates, so it used electric fund profits to balance its general fund budget. But when the borough lost its cut-rate electric contract in 1998, it kept over-charging residents for electricity to pay for borough operations – resulting in “asinine” electric rates as much as three times higher than in other municipalities – while not raising property taxes or cutting expenses.

The result? A \$2.8 million “structural deficit” in 2012 – the amount of money transferred from the borough's electric fund to its general fund to pay for basic government operations.

“You're left here holding the bag for 15 years of past sins,” Morgan told the crowd.

But while the background remains the same, Morgan's predictions are direr than ever.

He said the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) is recommending the

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MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOLS

New high school moves one step closer

Quotes sought for new athletic fields and track

By Daniel Walmer
Press And Journal Staff

The Middletown Area School Board voted to advertise for bid the construction of new athletic fields and a renovation of the school's athletic track at a Monday, March 25 meeting.

The construction of new soccer and football fields – estimated to cost \$400,000 by David Franklin, assistant to the superintendent for finance and operations – is one of the preliminary steps to be completed before the proposed construction of a \$44.8 million new high school.

The board embarked on the first planning steps for the new high school in 2012, with members emphasizing that a final decision on whether or not to move forward with the project had not yet been made. That decision will still wait until at least 2014-15, according to Franklin, but now the district is moving forward with additional preliminary phases of the project.

The new soccer and football fields, which will be built near Middletown

Area Middle School and Reid Elementary School in the Lower Swatara Twp. school complex, need to be completed before the new high school construction because the new school would be built on currently existing athletic fields, he said.

The district has also authorized a \$148,000 expenditure to Raudenbush Engineering for engineering services for the new high school project and the completion of full architectural designs for the project by Crabtree, Rohrbaugh and Associates. The architect will be paid 6 percent of the total cost of the project for their services, Franklin said.

“We decided to go forward with the design so we'd be ready to move,” he said, if interest rates and other factors make it advantageous to continue with the project more quickly than currently planned.

As the design moves forward, the district will authorize additional expenses as they become necessary, Franklin said.

For instance, the board approved sev-

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Ravaged by fire, a landmark is demolished

Demolition of Demp's Corner Pub in Middletown began on Wednesday, March 27, nearly three months after the landmark building was destroyed by a New Year's Day fire.

The demolition will be done gradually to salvage some of the building's brick, but the entire building will be torn down, said Ann Dimeler, girlfriend of owner Robert Hanula.

Hanula has not yet decided on any future plans for the property beyond the demolition, Dimeler said.

The 2-centuries-old landmark at East Main and Race streets burned down around 3 a.m. on Jan. 1. It had served as a general store, restaurant or bar since the late 1700s or early 1800s.

Fire marshal Harry Cleland said the fire was definitely accidental, but there is still uncertainty over the exact cause of the blaze.

Clockwise from above: A crew begins the demolition of Demp's; an American flag flies on top of the charred shell; signs on the front door; the remains of Demps.,

CROSS WALK

The youth of New Beginnings Church re-enacted Christ's carrying of the cross to Calvary, the site of his crucifixion, on Friday, March 29 – Good Friday to Christians – down Union Street in Middletown.

Participants quietly carried the cross from Main Street to the Riverside Chapel on South Union Street, where the church's congregation meets.

A community worship service was held at the chapel at the end of the procession.

Christ was accompanied on his walk to Calvary by Simon of Cyrene, a man forced by the Romans to help Jesus carry the cross, according to accounts in the New Testament.



Press And Journal Photo by Jim Lewis

Middletown codes officer picked for Londonderry job

By Daniel Walmer
Press And Journal Staff

Londonderry Twp. has hired longtime Middletown codes enforcement officer Ed Kazlauskas as a part-time codes enforcement officer, township manager Steve Letavic said during a township supervisors' meeting on Monday, April 1.

Kazlauskas will begin working for Londonderry Township by mid-April, Letavic said.

It is not known whether Kazlauskas intends to leave his Middletown position. Chris Courgen, Middletown borough secretary and director of communications, could not be immediately reached for comment on Tuesday, April 2.

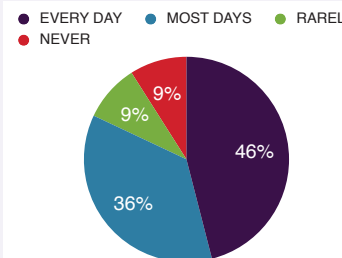
Middletown Borough Council voted to eliminate two borough codes positions in October, leaving Kazlauskas as the only remaining codes enforcement employee.

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Quick NEWS

Couple cited after argument over shopping list

A Williamstown couple were cited for disorderly conduct and harassment after they allegedly shoved each other during an argument over their shopping list at the Sharp Shopper on West Harrisburg Pike around 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 14, police said.

Jodi L. Ferris, 34, of the 200 block of Tunnel Street, and her husband, Scott A. Ferris, 47, of the same address, were arrested as they argued while walking with their three children along Rosedale Avenue, police said. Witnesses told police the couple had been arguing inside the store as well.

Police called Dauphin County Children and Youth because they believed the children were under-dressed for the cold weather – and because they heard the kids say they had no food to eat at home.

Marathon swim for animal charities

A swimming instructor at Penn State Harrisburg's Aquatic Center will swim for 24 hours in the campus pool to raise money for two animal charities.

Holly McKenna will begin swimming at 8 a.m. on Thursday, April 4 and end at 8 a.m. Friday, April 5.

Her marathon, which she calls “Critic Crawl,” will raise money for CorgiAid, a Seattle charity that rescues corgis and find them a good home, and Castaway Critters, the James A. Hueholt Memorial Foundation, a Harrisburg charity that rescues lost, abandoned and sick dogs and cats.

Van service needs volunteers

Volunteer drivers are needed by VIP, a Londonderry Twp. van service that takes senior citizens and physically disabled residents in the township to the doctor's office, grocery store and other places they need to go.

Volunteers are also needed to answer phones. Readers interested in helping may call 717-944-9080. Need a ride? Call 717-944-1777 between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on Monday through Friday.



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Obituaries

Gail Richards

Gail R. Potts Richards, 82, of Middletown, entered into rest on Saturday, March 30, at Frey Village Nursing Center, Middletown, with her loving husband by her side.

She was the daughter of the late Howard Potts and Ruth (Betty) Potts Hill.

Prior to her marriage to George, Gail was a former employee at Olmsted Air Force Base, Lower Swatara Twp. After their union she became a homemaker while her children were growing.

Gail was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Middletown. She served many years on the Middletown Library Board from the former two locations; the Old High School Gym and the Down Town Store Front to its present location. She was a volunteer at Elizabethtown College Library, the Hershey Medical Center and Frey Village Nursing Center. She also was a former member of the Middletown Historical Society, Women's Club and the Order of Eastern Star.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter Ann Elizabeth Richards and sister Lois Potts Shilling.

She is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, George G. Richards Jr.; two sons George G. Richards III



of Round Rock, Texas, and Randall T., husband of Barbara Richards of Londonderry Township; daughter Pamela R., wife of James Ceilinski of Emmaus; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A Tribute to her life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 5, at the Frank E. Matinchek and Daughter Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 260 E. Main St., Middletown, with the Rev. Dr. J. Richard Eckert, her pastor officiating.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until time of service on Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Hillsdale Cemetery, Londonderry Township.

Donations may be made in her memory to her church, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 290 N. Union St., Middletown, PA 17057 or to Frey Village Nursing Home, 1020 N. Union St., Middletown, PA 17057.

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Margaret Caldwell

Margaret E. Caldwell, 89, of Londonderry Township, passed away on Tuesday, March 26, at Frey Village, Middletown. She was the wife of the late Allen G. Caldwell, who died April 12, 1985.

Born in Lancaster, she was the daughter of the late Henry Charles and Margaret Viola Schwebel Haefner.

Known by all as Betty, she was a graduate of Penn Manor High School, class of 1941; was retired from M&M Mars, Elizabethtown; and she was a member of Evangelical United Methodist Church, Middletown. Betty was an avid gardener and seamstress who lived in and maintained the family home on Beagle Road in Londonderry Township up until two years ago.

She was preceded in death by her son Allen J. Caldwell.

She is survived by three children Sybilla A. Mitchell (Albert) of Harrison, Ohio, Annette M. Deimler of Bainbridge, and Daniel G. Caldwell (Betsy) of Cardiff-By-The-Sea, Calif.; her sister Sybilla F. Doll of Hershey; seven grandchildren Melinda B. Runyon, Gerald N. Kreiser III, Theresa I. Moore, Brock A. Kreiser, Daniel A. Caldwell, Courtney B. Archer, and T. Cody Caldwell; and seven great-



grandchildren.

Margaret's Life Celebration Service was held on Monday, with the Rev. Robert Graybill officiating.

Interment was in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice for All Seasons, 2741 Paxton St., Suite 200, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

Arrangements by Coble-Reber Funeral Home, Middletown.

To share your fondest memories of Betty, please visit www.lifecelebration.com.

H. Louise Weber

H. Louise Weber, R.N., 86, of Hershey, passed away peacefully on Good Friday, March 29, at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, surrounded by her family.

She was born April 20, 1926 in Harrisburg, to Jenny Ruth and Jacob J. Beckey. She was the widow of George W. Weber, M.D.

She was a graduate of Middletown High School and Harrisburg Hospital School of Nursing, where she served as President of the Class of 1947. She was later employed at the Admissions Office of the Alpine Retirement Center in Hershey. "Beckey" was a member of the Harrisburg Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association and an active card player, including bridge and pinochle. She was also a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Hummelstown.

Beckey is survived by her sister Betty Mountz; her three sons Geoffrey, G. Thomas and wife JoAnn, and




Gordon; her daughter Beth Ann; eight grandchildren Branden and wife Dana, Marissa and husband Ken, Gregory, Erin, Rebecca and husband Dan, Emily and husband Ryan, Sarah, Jean; and seven great-grandchildren.

Graveside Memorial services will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. The family would like you to arrive a little early at the cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to People Mover, the Derry Township Senior Citizens Council's transportation service, 215 W. Chocolate Ave., Hershey, PA 17033.

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I'm shouting out a loud, warm welcome to April and to spring! Let there be warm breezes and load and loads of sunshine. We made it, folks!

We made it through another cold and somewhat snowy wintry season. Celebrate and enjoy what hopefully will be a wonderful, sunny season.

This sure is a busy time of year with all the spring cleaning going on and sports being played—and tons of yard work to be done. Wishing you all a wonderful season. I hope you can find the time to get outside and enjoy it.

Have a great week, and be sure to share your news with your neighbors by e-mailing or calling me.

Birthdays

Sweet 16 birthday greetings go out to **Harry Kapenstein** of Lower Swatara Twp. He is celebrating his honk-beep-honk day on Wednesday, April 3.

Cathy Voithofer of Lower Swatara will hear the birthday song Wednesday, April 3. I hope it is a sweet sound to your ears, Cathy.

Happy balloon-flying day to **Jason Wagner** in Lower Swatara. Best wishes for a beautiful birthday on Wednesday, April 3.

If you see **Brandon Wertz** out and about Lower Swatara on Thursday, April 4, be sure to give him a loud and jolly happy birthday holler. He is now 19.

Matt MacDonald of Lower Swatara observes his frosty-filled 23rd cake day on Thursday, April 4. Enjoy this week, Matt.

Best wishes to **Scott Klinepeter** for a thrilling birthday. He celebrates on Thursday, April 4. Enjoy!

Candace Lines of Lower Swatara will blow out eight candles atop her birthday cake on Thursday, April 4. Hope you gets lots of treats, Candace!

Megan Martz marks her 17th confetti-popping day on Thursday, April 4. What a super day to be born—hope your dreams come true, Megan.

Ben Kapenstein of Middletown observes his quarter-of-a-century

birthday on Friday, April 5. All the best to you, Ben.

Sending a happy birthday message to **Kathryn Fulton** of Lower Swatara. She turns 22 on Friday, April 5. I know this will be a special one for you, Kat!

Happy 22nd cake day to **Meghan Clark** of Lower Swatara on Friday, April 5. Wishing you a day full of sunshine and smiling faces.

If you see **Karen McKillip** out and about Lower Swatara on Saturday, April 6, be sure to give her a bubbly happy birthday greeting. Best wishes to you, Karen, for a wonderful weekend.

Brandon Light of Lower Swatara turns 20 on Saturday, April 6. My, how the time flies. Hoping the very best for you, Brandon.

Joe Hile marks his treats and fun day on Saturday, April 6. May the day be full of joy all for you, Joe.

Kyle Shields of Lower Swatara turns into a legal-eagle on Saturday, April 6. Happy 18th to you!

Happy 23rd cake and ice cream day to **Jordan Hughes** of Lower Swatara. He celebrates on Saturday, April 6. Congrats, Jordan, and be sure to have some fun!

Happy real-adult-birthday to **Matt Mittereder** of Lower Swatara as he turns 21 on Sunday, April 7. Hoping your birthday week is mighty fine, Matt.

Happy 17th razzle-dazzle birthday to **Haley Lynn Albright** of Lower Swatara. Her day is Monday, April 8. Make it a full of fun day, Haley.

Carol Arnold will be celebrating her smiles and surprises day on Monday, April 8. Wishing you a day full of pleasant things, Carol.

Here is a shout out to **Lisa Carricato** of Lower Swatara. Hoping your cake day on Monday, April 8 is too much fun and relaxing, too!

Jim Stauffer of Hummelstown will observe his 'and-holding' birthday on Tuesday, April 9. Have a delightful week, Jim.

Thought for the Day

Thank you to D. Novak of Middletown for sharing this:

"Remember, do not regret growing older, it is a privilege denied to many."

— Anonymous

Township meeting

The Lower Swatara Twp. Board of Commissioners will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3 at the Lower Swatara municipal building on Spring Garden Drive.

Anniversary

Happy 32nd anniversary to Tom and Lynn Shank, who celebrate their special day on Thursday, April 4. Best wishes for a joyous day to both of you.

Best pork chop recipe

- 4 or 5 thick cut pork chops
 - 1/3 cup garlic and herb seasoning
 - 2/3 cup seasoned salt
 - 1 tablespoon Crisco
- Mix seasoning together. Rub on chops. In skillet, fry chops on medium heat in Crisco and a little water until golden brown on each side with no pink inside.

Quote of the Week

"The whole difference between construction and creation is exactly this: that a thing constructed can only be loved after it is constructed; but a thing created is loved before it exists."

— writer G.K. Chesterton

Question of the Week

What is your favorite board game or card game?

"I like to play the card game Pounce."

— Alex Pryor, 9, Rutherford.

"The board game called Life." — **Rebecca Fulton**, 17, Lower Swatara.

"I like playing Trouble with my family and friends." — **John Rhodes**, Hummelstown.

"Euchre with three friends, and I always liked Chutes and Ladders." — **Cheryl Rondorf**, Virginia Beach, Va.

"Rummikub! I spend hours playing all year long — and even on the beach!" — **Adam Shaffer**, West Hanover Twp.

"Bull." — **Zoey Bright**, 12, Middletown.

Proverb for the Week

A fool's talk brings a rod to his back, but the lips of the wise protect them (14:3).

LOWER DAUPHIN SCHOOLS

21 teachers, administrators retire

Twenty-one longtime teachers, administrators and coaches in the Lower Dauphin School District will retire by the end of the current school year.

The Lower Dauphin School Board approved the retirement of 18 staff members on Monday, March 19. Three others were approved for retirement at a previous meeting.

The retirees are:

Timothy Bartholomew, a fifth-grade teacher at Nye Elementary School, outdoor education teacher and academic/science fair coordinator. He has been employed by the district for 33 years.

Frank Crawford, a third-grade teacher at East Hanover Elementary School and formerly a second-grade teacher at Londonderry Elementary School and East Hanover. He has been employed by the district for 34 years.

Nadine Espenshade, a sixth-grade teacher on the Silver Team who served as a reading specialist at Lower Dauphin Middle School, an English teacher at the junior/senior high school and an assistant junior high girls' basketball coach and field hockey coach. She has been employed by the district for 33 years.

Dodie Etter, a social studies teacher, debate advisor, class advisor, cheer-leading advisor and National Honor Society co-advisor. She has been employed by the district for 34 years.

Nancy Gamber, secretary for disbursements and former athletic comptroller. She has been employed by the district for 28 years.

Randy Garrett, a guidance counselor at Londonderry, Conewago and Nye elementary schools and outdoor education counselor. He has been employed by the district for 26 years.

Susan Gourley, health and physical education teacher at Lower Dauphin High School. She has been employed by the district for 30 years.

Deborah Hess, an elementary school teacher at East Hanover and Nye/Hummelstown elementary schools and an advisor for the swing flags and majorettes. She has been employed by the district for 35 years.

Kenneth Hess, a custodian at East Hanover. He has been employed by the district for 36 years.

Tom Knackstedt, a social worker. He has been employed by the district for 32 years.

Elizabeth Kreider, a first- and fourth-grade teacher at Conewago,



Submitted photo

Lower Dauphin School Board President Todd Kreiser, left, and Superintendent Sherri Smith, right, present commemorative plates to Ron and Cindy Wise for their work in the school district. Ron Wise, the district's supervisor of buildings and grounds, retired on Friday, March 29 after 33 years of service at Lower Dauphin, while Cindy Wise, assistant to the business manager, retired Friday after 18 years of service.

Nye and East Hanover elementary schools and elementary curriculum coordinator for grades 3 to 5. She has been employed by the district for 22 years.

Donna Kumpf, a speech and language therapist. She has been employed by the district for 32 years.

Peggy Long, a health and physical education teacher at Lower Dauphin High School, head tennis coach and a former softball head coach and assistant coach. She has been employed by the district for 34 years.

Debra McKee, a mathematics teacher at Lower Dauphin High School, mathematics department coordinator for grades 9 to 12, National Math Honor Society co-advisor and an assistant coach in track, girls' basketball and field hockey. She has been employed by the district for 35 years.

Lisa Meyer, a music teacher at East Hanover and honors band director and choral, elementary band and strings advisor at East Hanover. She has been employed by the district for 36 years.

James Neidinger, a music teacher at Londonderry and South Hanover elementary schools, assistant director of the high school band, outdoor education teacher, honors band director,

elementary massed band director and elementary choral, strings and band advisor. He has been employed by the district for 35 years.

Edward Neiswender, dean of students, former health and physical education teacher at Lower Dauphin Middle School, head wrestling coach and assistant football, track and wrestling coach. He has been employed by the district for 35 years.

Ella Smith, secretary to the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction and a former clerical-instructional aide at South Hanover and secretary to the principal. She has been employed by the district for 26 years.

Ronald Wise, supervisor of buildings and grounds and former district maintenance engineer. He has been employed by the district for 33 years.

Cindy Wise, assistant to the business manager, substitute caller, school board treasurer and former district comptroller and secretary to the principal at Londonderry. She has been employed by the district for 18 years.

Thomas Wright, computer network technician and former computer repair technician. He has been employed by the district for 9 years.

Easter named to dean's list



Submitted photo

Collin Easter (35), a center for the men's basketball team at Penn State Mont Alto, was named to the dean's list at his college for the fall semester. Easter, son of Connie and Edward Easter of Middletown, earned a 3.60 GPA and is currently taking classes in the health care field. He is a 2012 graduate of Middletown Area High School.

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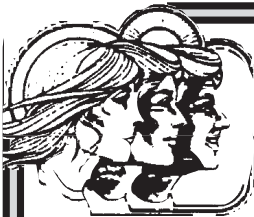
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Finding The Truth Through DNA Testing -By Pete Keefer
Through the years I have collected the names of many Kieffers, Keefers, Keffers, Kifers, etc., from various places - too many to keep track of all of the sources. Some of the information I have been able to verify, much more I have not. When I was publishing the Keefer Family Newsletter, I frequently pointed out that I was just a reporter passing along information that was submitted to me. There were numerous times that I cautioned readers that I had reservations about some of the data, hoping that they would check it out before passing it along as fact.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, many counties published annals or histories of their counties including biographies of some citizens. Most of those biographies were written from verbal information. While this is a good source for obtaining clues about ancestors, there were many errors in names and dates, sometimes they were skipped and often people were incorrectly assigned to the wrong family. Unfortunately, many times this information was recorded as fact, and repeated throughout the years until generally accepted.

Census records are great sources, but there have been many names misspelled, wrong ages recorded, and some of the writing is almost illegible. I have even found errors in names and dates carved on tombstones. And often people are recorded by a middle name or even a nickname. The most insidious of genealogy crimes is committed by people who are searching for an ancestor and find a family where the date seems "to fit" and record it as a fact, then pass it along to others.

Now that DNA testing is available to us, it is finally possible to verify whether or not we have reliable information. At the outset of our Keefer DNA project we have already learned that one story carried down through generations was and is unquestionably wrong. I am sure more errors will turn up as more and more participants join the DNA project.

The family I am immediately concerned about is that of Johann Peter Keiffer, reportedly the son of the immigrant Abraham Kieffer. This Johann Peter, born ca 1736, was said to have come to America with his father and uncle and other family members on the ship "Two Brothers" in 1748. He has been listed as living in Berks County, Pennsylvania, later in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, and married to a Susanna Butts, with whom he had children Jacob, John, Susan, Margaret, Daniel and Frederick.

Although it has previously been questioned by some as to whether or not Frederick was indeed the son of Johann Peter Kieffer, it came as somewhat of a surprise to learn from the first DNA test of two descendants of Frederick that there is obviously no relationship, and it appears that Frederick was from an entirely different family, most likely from Valentine Kueffer who arrived with a Vincens Kueffer (probably his brother) on the Bilander Townsend in 1737. It is entirely possible that someone assumed Frederick was the son of the Johann Peter Kieffer of the Abraham line, but Valentine Kueffer also had a son Johann Peter born ca 1735. Valentine's son Johann Peter was married to Anna Waibel of Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, in 1761. I have no record of any children but it is entirely possible that Frederick Kieffer, born in 1762, was a child of the couple. A brother of Johann Peter Kueffer, John Martin Kueffer, is also listed as having a son Johann Frederick, also born in 1762.

In 1994, I wrote in the Keefer Family Newsletter about some of the descendants of Valentine, some had moved into Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, others to Adams and Fulton counties, Pennsylvania and some across the line into Maryland. I also included the information I had available about Vincens Kueffer, some of whose descendants had changed their surnames to Cooper. DNA tests of Vicens descendants match with descendants of the Frederick Kieffer who lived at the Little Cove.

This brings me back again to questions about some of the information I have in my files about the Johann Peter Kieffer who is listed as the son of Abraham. The only child I have listed for Johann Peter for whom I have any information is Jacob, who was said to be married to an Elizabeth Reese, and later after the death of Elizabeth, to her sister Margaret. I have some serious questions as to the information that has been passed along about Johann Peter and his family. It has always been a question about his marriage to Susanna Butts, for Jacob had a son David who was said to be married to a Susan Butts. Could this be a coincidence, relative or just worse information? (I don't believe that he married his grandmother).

I have many more questions, Frederick Keefer of the Little Cove is said to have had two sons, David and Samuel, for whom no one seems to have information. Jacob Kieffer is said to have had a David Kieffer born in 1800 in Fulton County, Pennsylvania, and a Samuel Kieffer, born 18 June 1804, listed as dying at the Little Cove 11 December 1875.

The dates of birth for David and Samuel correspond with the dates of birth for the David and Samuel from the family of Frederick. Are these two the same or different, another coincidence or errors in passing along information?

It has become apparent that there are many, many questions like this that can be answered with DNA testing, but we need to get more participants in the DNA project in order to clean up the family histories that have been passed along through the years. The problem is that the initial testing is a 12-marker y-chromosome test which is limited to mady Keefers/Kieffers/Keffers/Kifers/Kueffers/Coopers (and other surname variations) because it is the y-chromosome that is genetically transferred from father to son that can be used to determine the relationships. It is unfortunate that many times family lines "daughter-out" and very often there is a problem finding a living male descendant whose line of descent is on the paternal lines. Those female descendants who are interested in getting more information about their families should seek out any living male descendants bearing the surname and get them to join the worldwide Keefer DNA project. The special testing fee is \$99, and it could be helpful if relatives of a participant would be willing to chip in to help defray some of these costs.

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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.

The ministries scheduled at Evangelical United Methodist Church from April 3-9 are always open to everyone.

Wed., April 3: 10 a.m., Spring Bible Study; 6:30 p.m., Senior Choir rehearsal.

Thurs., April 4: 5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts meeting; 7 p.m., Spring Bible Study.

New Beginnings Church Middletown

New Beginnings Church invites you to worship with us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children's church provided. Our congregation meets at Riverside Chapel, 630 S. Union St., Middletown, next to the Rescue Hose Company. Sunday school for all ages is at 9 a.m. We are handicap accessible via ramp at the back door. For additional church information call 944-9595.

Nonperishable food items are collected every Sunday for the Middletown Food Bank.

Followers of Faith Bible Study resumes after Easter; Intercessory Prayer Group is held every Thursday at 7 p.m.; The Craft Group meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.; Youth Fellowship meets Sundays from 5 to 7 p.m.

Our Sunday worship service will

Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown Middletown

Come to worship on Sun., April 7, at 10:30 a.m. Visitors are most welcome and expected. Nursery is provided. The church building is handicap accessible and we also have listening devices for those needing assistance. Just request them from the sound technician in the rear of the sanctuary. There are Blue Listening bags for children to use during this service, which have paper activities in them. Just ask an usher for one and you may leave it on the pew upon departure.

Church school is from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. The children meet in the Morrow Room, the teens meet in the Teen Room and the adults meet in Fellowship Hall. For the Adult Forum Sun., April 7, Pastor Potter and Phil Susemihl will lead a Bible Study on Genesis. You may order your copy of "Genesis from Scratch" by Don Griggs and Eugene March from amazon.com. It is reasonably priced and is a 144-page paperback book. Come even if you don't read the book and refresh your memories of familiar and beloved stories of God's creation of the universe, Adam and Eve, Noah and the flood, Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham and Isaac. This will be a 5-week study.

Mon., April 8: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Community dinner at St. Peter's

Sun., April 7: 9 a.m., Sunday Church school, with classes for all ages. Adult Sunday school devotional leader for April: Bill Harris; 10:15 a.m., worship service. The worship center is handicap and wheelchair accessible. Nursery Helpers: Gloria Clouser, Vickie Hubbard. The altar flowers are given in memory of husband and father Bob Rowland presented by Mary Ann and Leanne. This week's bulletins are sponsored in loving memory of daughter Denise by Ken and Kathy Frisbie.

Mon., April 8: 1:30 p.m., Frey Village Communion.

Tues. April 9: 5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts meeting; 6 p.m., Finance Committee meeting; 7 p.m., Church Council meeting.

be 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.

Acolyte for April is Colin Graham. Children's Church leader is Michelle Strohecker.

Join us for Holy Thursday Communion Service on March 28 at 7 p.m.; Good Friday Service on March 29, community worship at New Beginnings Church at noon; Easter sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. and Easter worship celebration at 10:30 a.m. on March 31.

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

Lutheran Church, Spring and Union Streets The menu is Swedish meatballs and noodles. The next Community dinner at Presbyterian on April 29, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The menu will include chicken parmesan, spaghetti, salad, rolls/butter, dessert and beverage.

Tues. April 9: 10 a.m., Presbyterian Women Bible Study meets in the Memorial Lounge. They are studying some of the Epistles.

Sat., April 13: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Yard and Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall.

Remember there are Summer Camping opportunities for children and youth at Krislund Camp, our Presbytery Camp in Centre County, providing great Christian experiences. You can view the dates and camps on www.Krislund.org. Parents are urged to register their children/youth ASAP.

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Open Door Bible Church Middletown

"I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: For whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ. (Philippians 3:8).

Open Door Bible Church, located at 200 Nissley Drive, Middletown, invites you to worship Jesus Christ with us this week.

Our April 7 Sunday worship service commences at 10:40 a.m. with a 9:30 a.m. Sunday school hour with classes for all ages. Children from ages 4 to second grade are welcome

First Church of God Middletown

First Church of God, 245 W. High Street, Middletown, invites you to join us for worship at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. this Sunday. Childcare is provided. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:15 a.m. Classes for special education are also available.

Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. classes are available for Youth (grades 6-12), FROG Pond (kindergarten through 5th grade), Nursery (infants-age 3), and Adult classes, which offer a variety of Bible studies and electives.

Sundays: A Collective Service at 6 p.m. with dinner at 5:15 p.m. In April we begin a study of the Sermon on the Mount. We will explore the concepts of humanism, authority and how to dress better than the flowers. As always dinner will be at 5:15 p.m. and the party begins at 6 p.m. Come explore and discuss with us. You are not alone in your faith, your doubts and your desires.

Wednesdays: Wednesday Night Live: Come join us for supper at 5:30 p.m. (no charge, donations accepted). Wednesday Night Live classes for everyone, birth to 100, begin at 6:30 p.m. Winter class lineup: The Gospel of John; The Essential Jesus Class; Contemporary Culture Class; Craft/Quilting Class; Parenting Class; Youth group (Grades 6 thru 12); Children's classes for Grades 4 and 5; Grades 1 to 3; Kindergarten, babysitting for wee ones 3 and younger.

Thursdays: 8 a.m., Breakfast Club Bible Study; The Sunshiners meet from 6 to 8 p.m. for a time of Christian fellowship, teaching and worship. They are a group which exists to meet

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CRISIS

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borough consider becoming an Act 47 distressed municipality to reduce employee costs if contract negotiations do not turn out in the borough's favor.

"That's not me, that's the state," Morgan said.

But DCED spokeswoman Marita Kelly said DCED has made no recommendation on Middletown entering Act 47, especially since Morgan has not yet submitted a written report on Middletown's financial situation.

"We don't make those recommendations - it's up to the municipality," Kelly said. "We don't have the authority to go in and tell them how they proceed... We generally don't get involved in recommendations."

Any decision on Middletown entering Act 47 would be "very premature," at this point, she said.

Act 47 municipalities - like Harrisburg - are given a state-appointed coordinator who has the power to require the municipality to reduce staffing, change collective bargaining agreements, alter ordinances and even merge the town with another municipality.

The borough cut its alleged structural deficit to \$1.4 million in the 2013 budget by closing the borough communications center, defunding

the Middletown Public Library, and reducing staff - but Morgan believes a remaining \$1.4 million electric fund transfer to the borough's general fund should also be eliminated, and there are no more non-core services to cut.

Most of the borough's remaining costs are personnel-related, and Morgan says those costs are out of control due to unreasonable compensation packages in the borough - things like lifetime medical benefits, defined benefit pension plans and guaranteed overtime.

If the borough unions do not make enough concessions, Act 47 might be necessary so the borough can set aside its union contracts, he said.

"It is going to turn on [this] single issue," Morgan said.

Kelly said employee costs can be a challenge for any municipality with collective bargaining agreements, but she does not see Middletown's employee costs as uniquely problematic.

And although Morgan says the borough "really shouldn't" be transferring money from the electric fund to cover general fund expenses, there are questions about whether the borough really needs to eliminate the entire \$1.4 million remaining transfer.

"Nobody has ever said there shouldn't be any transfer from the electric fund," Chris Couragen, borough secretary and director of communications, said in October. In fact, many Pennsylvania municipalities with municipal-owned electric companies transfer electric revenues to their general fund, and Pennsylvania Municipal Electric Association attorney Anthony Adonizio called such transfers "entirely appropriate."

At the meeting, Morgan warned of a bill state Sen. Tim Solobay, a Democrat from western Pennsylvania, had introduced that would prohibit such transfers. But Hannah Walsh, Solobay's legislative director, said that Solobay did not re-introduce the bill for the current legislative session and has no plans to re-introduce it at this time.

Not all of Morgan's thoughts and recommendations went unchallenged at the town hall meeting.

Resident Dawn Knoll criticized the Act 47 option, saying it would result in decreased property values.

Borough Councilor Scott Sites, who opposed the borough's entry in 2012 into the Act 47 Early Intervention Program to prevent the borough from becoming an Act 47 distressed municipality, also said he would not support applying for Act 47 status because of the effect on property values. However,

he agreed with Morgan that employee costs need to be addressed.

"We do have to make sure we get what we want in the union contract," he said. "If we don't get our union costs under control, we could get to a bad place."

Resident Rachelle Reid, a former council vice president who is running for a First Ward council seat, criticized some of Morgan's statements, such as the borough's responsibility to pay lifetime medical benefits for 61 retired employees, including 21 under 65 years of age. While the borough is responsible for their medical benefits, Medicare is the primary insurer for former employees over 65 years old, and some of those under 65 may have their medical costs covered by disability programs, she said.

She also challenged Morgan's comment that employee health care costs are "virtually 100 percent paid by the borough," saying that employees do make a monthly contribution to their health care costs.

Under the current contract, borough non-uniformed employees pay \$40 per month toward their medical insurance premiums and pay half the cost of their dental insurance, according to Shawn Clark of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, which represents some borough employees.

Clark would not elaborate on current union contract negotiations with the borough, but said the union has already made concessions from its original contract proposal.

Morgan will soon be submitting a final report detailing his recommendations for the borough for the future - and one of those recommendations will be a property tax hike, he said.

"There has to be a tax increase," he said. "I know these [council members] don't want to hear that, because they say they're not going to raise taxes, but ... you've got to raise the revenue to fund [the general fund]."

And if the alleged structural deficit was not enough, Morgan identified additional problems on the horizon for Middletown. For example, properties lost in Tropical Storm Lee hazardous mitigation buyouts and Harrisburg International Airport noise buyouts will decrease property values and hence property tax revenues, he said.

Still, Morgan's message was not without hope.

"It's not a pretty picture, but it's not an insurmountable picture," he said. "But, by the same token ... here are some other tough decisions that are going to have to be made."

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Town Topics

News & happenings for Middletown and surrounding areas.

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Londonderry Fire Company, 2655 Foxianna Rd., Middletown, will hold a Gifts Bingo on Sunday, April 7. Doors and kitchen open at noon, bingo starts at 2 p.m.

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Blue and Gold Club meeting

The next meeting of the Blue and Gold Club will be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 7 in the Middletown Area High School library. Everyone is welcome.

Two local cops, firefighter receive Legion awards



Middletown Police Officer Mark Laudenslager, center, receives the Middletown American Legion Post 594 Police Officer of the Year Award from Dominic DiFrancesco of the American Legion, left, and police Sgt. Mark James Bennett, right.



Lower Swatara Firefighter Jason Brown, center, receives the Middletown American Legion Post 594 Firefighter of the Year Award from Dominic DiFrancesco, left, of the American Legion and Fire Chief Chris DeHart, right.



Lower Swatara Police Detective Robert Appleby, center, receives the Middletown American Legion Post 594 Police Officer of the Year Award from Dominic DiFrancesco of the American Legion, left, and Police Chief Richard Brandt, right.

Laudenslager, Appleby, Brown win for their work, dedication

Two local police officers and a local firefighter have won the Middletown American Legion Post 594 Police Officer of the Year and Firefighter of the Year awards.

Middletown police officer Mark Laudenslager and Lower Swatara Twp. police detective Robert Appleby won the law enforcement awards, while Lower Swatara firefighter Jason Brown won the firefighter award.

The Middletown Police Officer's Association nominated Laudenslager for the award because of his work in maintaining stability through recent turmoil involving the department, including frequent turnover in the police chief position, according to Mayor Robert Reid.

"He was kind of the person that held them together," Reid said. "He's a good officer as far as police work is concerned also."

Appleby received his award for successfully manning Lower Swatara's criminal investigation division by himself in 2012, according to Police Chief Richard Brandt. His work included handling two unusually high-profile cases for the township, Brandt said: The shooting death of Michael Snyder at a camp in the township - Appleby "got most of the major evidence that led to the arrest" - and the fake kidnapping of a youth group at Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church that was staged by church officials to simulate the experience of religious persecution.

Appleby has a "gift" for interviewing both victims and suspects, Brandt said.

"If I need somebody to interview somebody, he's the one to do it," he said. "He has very good people skills."

Meanwhile, Brown won the Firefighter of the Year award for extensive hours of volunteering for fire calls, administrative duties, fundraising and training, according to Fire Chief Chris DeHart.

DeHart called Brown "dedicated" and "always willing to learn new things."

SCHOOL

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eral new capital fund expenditures for architectural and engineering services for the project at the March 25 school board meeting, ranging in cost from \$3,795 to \$78,500. According to Franklin, the district should be reimbursed for the most expensive of the items - architectural design services to make the building Green Globes certified, a green building certification.

Meanwhile, the track renovation approved by the board - necessary because the current track is "in very poor condition," according to Franklin - is estimated to cost \$150,000.

Also at the March 25 meeting, Superintendent Lori Suski announced that the district's comprehensive plan was approved by the state, and she thanked all the participants involved

in forming the plan.

"It was truly a team effort," Suski said.

In other action, the board recognized students in a variety of disciplines - including academics, athletics, and music - at the March 25 meeting.

"We have well-rounded students ... and it's all because of the staff we have in this district that makes our job worthwhile," said Board President Barbara Layne.

Five Middletown graduates of Harrisburg Area Community College's Nurse Aide Training Program - Ashley Bechtel, Julie Glasmire, Alex Seiger, Johnnessa Mummert and Kaitlyn Flowers - were among those recognized.

The district's participants in the American Choral Directors Association National Choir - Tama Betz, Will Botterbusch, Sarah Crippen, Joshua

Hurley, Autumn Miller, Jalen Morra, Carly Oldham and Brynne Schlicher - were also honored.

"Our music department, and the time they put in with each of the kids, is unbelievable," said board member Melvin Fager Jr.

Varsity wrestlers Bryce Killian, Zachari Ulerick, Levi Sterner, Todd Houser, Steven Cain and Zachary Buell were also recognized for their achievements.

At the elementary school level, Sara Starliper and Jose Lopez-Quinones were recognized as Outstanding Fink Elementary School Students and Justin Yohn and Angelina Torres were recognized as Outstanding Kunkel Elementary School Students.

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SOUP

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to Dixon since she was young.

Growing up in a family as one of six children, Dixon can only describe her childhood as wonderful. But things weren't always easy. There were times when her family leaned on the kindness of others.

"There was definitely times things like this (soup night) came in handy for my family," Dixon recalls. "There were times we needed food banks and needed help, and it just stuck with me."

Dixon has a few memories of coming home to groceries on the porch or gifts that made holidays a little brighter. She also recalls the strength of her family, and the close-knit bond they share. Now she hopes to pay it forward.

"I want to be someone else's help," she said.

After opening the bakery last August,

Dixon knew it was the perfect avenue. Like community soup night, buying the business was a spur of the moment decision.

"It went quickly," she said. "Looking back, we made some rookie mistakes."

In January, Dixon moved across the square to her current location, and hasn't looked back since.

Dixon put a lot of herself into her business, and added personal touches.

"We really did have a great childhood that was full of creativity and imagination," she said. "My mom taught us how to be frugal and creative, and I carry all of that with me into the bakery."

Her life is crazy to say the least - juggling being a full-time mom, baker, business owner and a blogger can be difficult at times, but a life she wouldn't change.

She is extremely grateful for her

family's support.

"My family has helped support the business since the first day I mentioned that we were considering buying the bakery," said Dixon. "They were there helping paint, clean, and lay floors."

On opening day, they were donning aprons, and baking and cooking side-by-side with Dixon. Her dad helps often - he even makes the soup for the community soup nights.

Some days, it really hits Dixon that she made her dream a reality. Dixon has other dreams too, including writing her own cookbook.

Starting a small business today can be risky, but it was one Dixon knew she needed to take.

"I don't put more weight on money than I do on dreams," she said.

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MIDDLETOWN BASEBALL

PITCH PERFECT



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Middletown pitcher Zack Sims struck out 15 batters in a 5-3 victory over Susquehanna Twp.

Sims, Ocker shine on mound

Middletown's two starters combine for 24 strikeouts in victory and loss.

By Larry Etter
Press And Journal Staff

Middletown pitchers Zack Sims and Nathan Ocker combined for 24 strikeouts in a pair of varsity games last week as the Blue Raiders went 1-and-1 in the first full week of action.

Sims struck out 15 batters in a 5-3 win over visiting Susquehanna Twp. on Wednesday, March 27 and Ocker fanned nine in a 4-2 loss at East Pennsboro on Thursday, March 28.

The big story line here, however, is that both players are sophomores and project a promising picture for success at Middletown.

Although the Middletown offensive game plan is still a work in progress, and there were a couple errors made by the defense in the team's first three games, the solid pitching has been a real plus for Coach Mike Carnes' 2013 squad. That aspect alone will keep the Raiders in contention as the other parts of the game catch up.

Middletown 5
Susquehanna Twp. 3

Using a really good fastball and timely curve ball against Susquehanna batters throughout the game, Sims consistently threw strikes in his big outing on Wednesday at Middletown on his way to a 5-0 shutout through the first six innings.

The Indians scored all three of their runs in the top of the seventh to break up the shutout.

Matched up against pre-season league all-star and all-state potential pitching candidate LeRon Mitchell, Sims won the battle on the hill. Mitchell finished with eight strikeouts in the loss.

Sims struck out the side in the first inning and then recorded three more K's in the second after giving up a leadoff walk. After going scoreless in their first at-bats, the Raiders (1-2) manufactured three runs in the bottom of the second inning to take the lead.

Nick Drawbaugh and Jordan Flowers were safe on errors to lead off the inning, and Eddie Finsterbush made it to first on another Indian error that allowed Drawbaugh to score from third.

Yet another Susquehanna error with Ocker batting gave Flowers a free pass home for run nNo. 2.

An RBI groundout by Kyle Finsterbush with one out pushed in the third run as the Raiders jumped out to a 3-0 lead.

Sims again struck out the side in the top of the third, then gave up his first hit, an infield single, in the fourth. He set down



Photo by Jodi Ocker

Middletown's Eddie Finsterbush slides into second base against East Pennsboro.

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MIDDLETOWN SOFTBALL

COMEBACK

Raiders rally twice, beat Panthers, 6-5

By Daniel Walmer
Press And Journal Staff

It's early in the season, but the Middletown softball team may be earning a reputation as cardiac kids — and comeback kids.

The resilient squad overcame a 3-run sixth-inning deficit and a one-run seventh-inning deficit against East Pennsboro on Thursday, March 28 in Middletown, eventually emerging the victors, 6-5 in 9 innings.

It was sweet redemption for the Raiders (1-1), coming on the heels of a 3-2 loss in 10 innings to Susquehanna Twp. in their opener the day before.

"It's the kind of games that give you a heart attack," Coach Michael Thomas said after the March 28 victory.

The Raiders manufactured offensive threats throughout the game against East Pennsboro, but early scoring chances were thwarted by problems in the running game.

In the bottom of the first inning, Middletown's first base runner was thrown out at third on a controversial call. Then in the home team's second stanza, catcher Emily Mattes singled

but was thrown out at second.

The Raiders got on the board in the second inning when pitcher Sarah Gossard, who threw all 19 innings of Middletown's first two games, blasted an inside-the-park home run to give Middletown a 1-0 lead.

But East Pennsboro's bats awoke in the top of the third frame. With one out, Gossard made an errant throw to first base when fielding a dribbler by East Pennsboro pitcher Renee Stouffer that rolled into right field and allowed Stouffer to reach third base. The Panthers scored two runs in the inning, a rally capped off by catcher Casey Saussaman's bloop double.

Both teams threatened in the fourth stanza without success. In the top half of the inning, East Pennsboro placed runners on second and third base with one out, but Gossard induced a strikeout and a groundout to wiggle out of the jam.

In the bottom half of the frame, the Raiders loaded the bases with one out but could not erase the 2-1 deficit.

In the top of the fifth, Saussaman struck again with another double, hitting it hard to deep center field. Sau-



Photos by Phil Hrobak

Middletown's Kaitlyn Feltenberger slides safely into second base in the Blue Raiders' 6-5 victory over East Pennsboro.

ssaman and first baseman Raechelle Hilbish would eventually score when left fielder Jaime Bolig belted a double to left.

Faced with a 4-1 deficit in the bottom of the sixth, some teams would have decided this just wasn't their day. But not Middletown. "There's no quit in us," Thomas said. "We just did not want to start the season 0-2."

Second baseman Emilee Ernst started the rally in the bottom of the sixth with a walk, followed by an infield single by Mattes. Then Gossard belted a two-run triple, cutting the Panther lead to 4-3 with a runner on third and nobody out.

And that's when the Raiders' running

game fortunes began to turn around.

Left fielder Michaela Shaver hit a ground ball, and Gossard ran on contact. The play at the plate was close, but Gossard scored to tie the game at 4-4.

Middletown still had no outs in the inning, but they were unable to muster any more offense.

In the top of the seventh, two walks and an RBI single by East Pennsboro's Kaitlyn Whiteaker gave the Panthers a 5-4 lead. But the Raiders weren't done yet.

With one out, shortstop Halle Marion belted a triple to right-center field.

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Middletown pitcher Sarah Gossard throws to first baseman Cynthia Becker to record an out against East Pennsboro.

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RAIDERS

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the Indians in order in the fifth to preserve the 3-0 lead. Mitchell kept the Raiders from scoring in the third and fourth.

Needing some insurance runs to hold onto their advantage, the Raiders picked up one in the home half of the fifth. With one out, Cody Fox drove a double to the left field fence and ran to third on a wild pitch to set up the run. Ryan Popp's clutch RBI single pushed home run No. 4for the home team.

Sims recorded strikeout number 13 in the sixth and the Raider defense did the rest to keep the Indians (0-2) off the board. Dylan Bower scooped up a hard grounder at third and threw the second batter out a first and Ocker followed with a duplicate play from shortstop to end the inning.

In the bottom of the sixth, Flowers led off with a walk and stolen base but appeared to be left stranded as new Susquehanna pitcher Laures Malia got two quick outs. But a throwing error by the Indians allowed Bower to make it safely to first base and allowed Flowers to score the fifth Middletown run.

The Indians rallied in the top of the seventh with a leadoff single, a one-out base hit and a walk that loaded the bases with two outs. A hard hit double by Bryce Siebert that stayed just fair down the third base line cleared the bases to make it a 5-3 game.

Sims, however, induced another groundout to short to end the threat and lock up the Middletown victory.

East Pennsboro Middletown 2

On Thursday afternoon in Enola, the Raiders worked their way to a 1-0 lead in the second inning, but the host Panthers scored one run in the bottom of the frame, added two more in the third and another in the fifth on their way to the win.

Trying to rally late, the Raiders scored

a run in the top of the seventh and had two runners on base before the Panthers ended the threat with a good defensive play for the final out.

Ocker, who had lost a tough decision at Elizabethtown in the season opener, struck out nine East Penn batters and gave up just five hits in the loss.

The Raiders got off to a good start by recording their first run in the top of the first inning. Fox led off by drawing a base on balls and went to second on a sacrifice bunt by Popp. A sharp single to left by Sims drove Fox home with the initial run of the contest. But Sims and Flowers, who had drawn a two-out walk, were left stranded.

The Panthers (2-1) tied the game in the bottom of the second with an unearned run. Good defense by the Raiders prevented further damage.

The Raiders left another runner stranded in the top of the third and East Pennsboro broke the deadlock in the home half of the inning, punching out three singles and taking a 3-1 lead.

A scoreless fourth inning and a 1-2-3 outing by the Raider offense in the top of the fifth kept the score unchanged.

East Penn picked up another run in the bottom of the fifth on just one hit after the Middletown offense made a pair of fielding errors with two outs.

In the top of the seventh, Eddie Finsterbush led off with a single, went to second on a throwing error and reached third on a groundout by Ocker. After Bower made it to first on a fielding indecision by the Panthers, Eddie Finsterbush raced home on Kyle Finsterbush's fielder's choice ground out.

Fox's infield single put two Middletown runners on base with two outs as the rally was kept alive. But Panther second baseman Chase Shulda made a nice defensive play on a hard grounder by Popp and tossed to first for the final out of the game.

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COLLEGE TENNIS

Lions cruise past Cazenovia, 9-0

By Tom Klemick
For The Press And Journal

Penn State Harrisburg began the 2013 portion of its conference schedule the same way it ended its 2012 league slate – by winning.

The two-time defending North Eastern Athletic Conference champions won their second straight match, beating Cazenovia, 9-0 on Friday, March 29 in Middletown.

It was all Blue and White in doubles play as the Lions surrendered just two games in three matches. The team's top pair of Josh Cartmill and Tyler Miller bested the Wildcats' Alex McCarthy and Greg Ducasee, 8-2, while the Lions' Zachry Warriner and Vincent Lepore III took down the Wildcats' Zach Fullen and Greg

Rizzo, 8-0, in the No. 2 doubles match.

Ben Leibig and Alex Koltun shut out Cazenovia's No. 3 doubles team of Mark McDermott and Sanjiu Varhese, 8-0, to give the home team a nice cushion heading into singles action.

Cartmill, the conference's 2012 Player of the Year, picked up his first solo victory since rejoining the team for the spring season, a 6-1, 6-1 decision over McCarthy. Evgeny Matigullin, the Lions' No. 2 singles player, used a 6-4, 6-1 line to handle Ducasee, while Miller, the reigning conference Student-Athlete of the Week, remained undefeated with a 6-0, 6-0 blanking of Fullen.

Leibig and Lepore swept Cazenovia's Blass and Rizzo 6-0, 6-0 in the four and five slots. Neither Lions lost a game on the day.

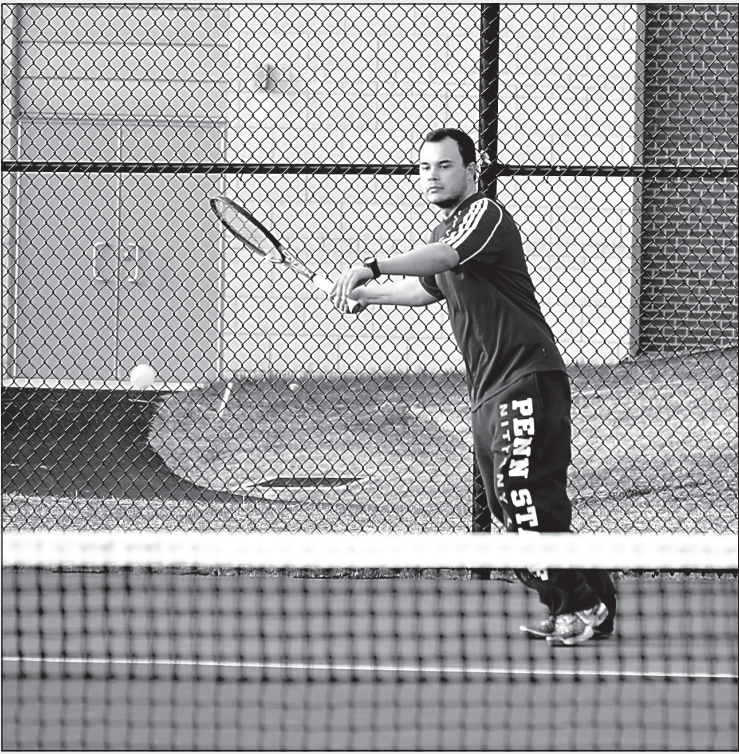


Photo by Adam Clay

Penn State Harrisburg's Evgeny Matigullin returns a ball against Cazenovia's Greg Ducasee in a No. 2 singles match. Matigullin won, 6-4, 6-1.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Lions bounce back, beat Stevenson, 8-6

By Adam Clay
For The Press And Journal

Penn State Harrisburg blew a 5-run lead, then bounced back to beat Stevenson, 8-6 on Saturday, March 30 in Middletown.

Clint Hicks, the Lions' starting pitcher, gave up a lead-off double in the first inning, then battled back to shut out Stevenson (16-8) for the first four innings.

The Blue and White's offense started strong after Travis Crammer walked and Colton Houseal got on base in the first inning. Brian Balshy hit a double to score both runners and give the Lions (8-9) a 2-0 lead.

Clay Thrasher, a Lower Dauphin graduate, helped build the momentum for a big inning when he doubled to left field in the third inning. The Lions continued to pour it on with an additional three runs thanks to RBIs from Thrasher, Crammer, and shortstop John Cataldo to take a 5-0 lead after three.

The fourth, fifth, and sixth inning went pretty quick as both teams' defense kept the play moving quickly.

But in the seventh inning, Stevenson put together an impressive offensive effort to score six runs and take the lead. It took two pitching changes to get out of the inning, but eventually the Lions' Dan Samick took control of things and worked Penn State Har-

risburg out of a tight spot to end the disastrous inning.

The Lions did not let it get them down and responded immediately. Cataldo earned another RBI, scoring Cody Henry to tie the score. Then Tim Gonzalez connected for an RBI, and two throwing errors helped the Lions take an 8-6 lead going into the final two innings.

Samick finished things out to earn his first win of the year.

Right fielder Ross Baker, another Lower Dauphin graduate, hit strong for the Lions going 2-for-4, while Cataldo earned the high mark of the day going 3-4 with 2 RBIs and scoring one run.

Gettysburg 4, Lions 3

Balshy hit a home run in Penn State Harrisburg's 11-inning loss on Friday, March 29 in Middletown.

The Blue and White went down in the second inning after a walk and two base hits gave the Bullets (12-6) the first lead of the day. Solid pitching from the Lions' Dustin Rutt helped keep the first half of the game tight.

The Lions scored in the bottom of the

fourth on Balshy's monster home run to left field, his third of the season.

After a solid five innings from Rutt on the mound, Derek Slagle came in to pitch for the next two innings. Both teams got a run in the seventh keeping the game tied at 2-2 after seven.

In the most exciting game played so far this year at Penn State Harrisburg, the game came down to the final inning – and then some. After Gettysburg scored one run in the ninth, the Lions were three outs away from another one-run loss.

The Lions' John Cataldo singled to left field to start things off and was directly followed by a bunt single by Travis Crammer. A sacrifice bunt by Colton Houseal then moved the runners to second and third. After catcher Branden Rutt grounded out, Balshy was intentionally walked, loading the bases.

Henry faced a 3-2 count with two outs and handled the pressure well, hitting a ground ball just inside the grass of right field. Cataldo scored and Crammer rushed for home. The play at the plate could have been called either way as it appeared the catcher

missed the tag, but it was not going to be a storybook day for the Lions – he was called out, and the game went into extra innings.

After two intense innings, Gettysburg scored the winning run in the top of the 11th.

The Lions again fought back, but came up empty in the bottom of the inning.

Lions 8, McDaniel 1

Penn State Harrisburg pitcher Jim Klingerman remained flawless, gaining his third win of the season, and the Lions scored five runs in the third inning to beat the Green Terror (10-7) on Thursday, March 28 in Westminster, Md.

The Blue and White defense was strong early, and Klingerman kept the Green Terror at bay throughout the early innings.

Houseal singled to start the Lions' big third inning. Branden Rutt reached first on a muffed throw before Balshy singled through the left side for one of his three RBIs, scoring Houseal.

It was the Lions' biggest inning of the season.

COLLEGE TENNIS

Lion women shut out Wildcats, 9-0

By Tom Klemick
For The Press And Journal

Penn State Harrisburg picked up its second straight win, beating Cazenovia, 9-0 on Friday, March 29 in Middletown.

Sophomore Gabrielle LeGendre and senior Theodora Avramidis got things rolling in doubles action for the Lions, beating Cazenovia's pair of Katelyn Fragnoli and Francesca Domano, 8-5.

The Lions' No. 2 doubles team of Amanda Herr and Alejandra Portillo notched an 8-3 decision over the Wildcats' Bri Davis and Rebecca Bossin, while Emilie Jussaume and Sarah Dartiguanave picked up a forfeit victory in the No. 3 slot.

LeGendre won the battle of top singles players, 6-2, 6-1 over Fragnoli, and Avramidis used a 6-1, 6-1 line to dispose of Domano in the No. 2 spot.

Portillo defeated Davis, 6-1, 6-3 in the No. 3 slot while Penn State Harrisburg's No. 4, Herr, beat Bossin,



Photo by Adam Clay

Penn State Harrisburg's Gabby LeGendre serves during a doubles team victory against Cazenovia.

6-2, 6-2.

Jussaume won her No. 5 match over the Wildcats' Megan McGerati, 6-0,

6-3 while Dartiguenave completed the sweep thanks to another Cazenovia forfeit.

SOFTBALL

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Marion was unable to score on a groundout, and Middletown was down to its final out. Then a Stouffer pitch got away from Saussman, and that was the opening Marion needed. She rushed home to tie the game at 5-5 and send Middletown to extra innings for the second straight game.

After a quiet eighth inning, Gossard pitched out of a jam in the top of the ninth.

In the bottom of the ninth, Caitlyn Feltenberger blooped a double into right field and stole third. With the winning run 60 feet away, the Raider faithful could taste victory. Center fielder Kirsten Hrobak delivered with a single that sent Raider fans home with a 6-5 win.

Thomas said the team hit the ball well, and gave credit to the squad's six returning starters for the team's resilience and determination.

"It shows a lot of leadership," he said. "They didn't quit."

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Standings for 4-3-13

BASEBALL MID-PENN CONFERENCE Keystone Division			
	W	L	OVERALL
Hershey	1	0	2-1
Mechanicsburg	1	0	2-1
Middletown	1	0	1-2
Lower Dauphin	0	0	2-1
Harrisburg	0	0	0-0
Palmyra	0	1	2-1
Bishop McDevitt	0	1	1-2
Susquehanna Twp.	0	1	0-2

Last week's games
Middletown 5, Susquehanna Twp. 3
East Pennsboro 4, Middletown 2
Lower Dauphin 5, Cumberland Valley 4
Spring Grove 8, Lower Dauphin 2
Lower Dauphin 3, Dallastown 1

This week's games
Thursday, April 4
Mechanicsburg at Middletown, 4 p.m.
Lower Dauphin at Hershey, 4 p.m.

Monday, April 8
Shippensburg at Middletown, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9
Middletown at Bishop McDevitt, 4 p.m.
Mechanicsburg at Lower Dauphin, 4 p.m.

Capital Division			
	W	L	OVERALL
East Pennsboro	1	0	2-1
Trinity	1	0	1-0
Northern	0	0	1-0
West Perry	0	0	1-0
Camp Hill	0	0	1-1
Susquenita	0	0	0-1
Milton Hershey	0	1	0-1
Steelton-Highspire	0	1	0-2

Last week's games
East Pennsboro 10, Steelton-Highspire 0

This week's games
Thursday, April 4
Camp Hill at Steelton-Highspire, 4:15 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9
Steelton-Highspire at Trinity, 4:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL MID-PENN CONFERENCE Keystone Division			
	W	L	OVERALL
Mechanicsburg	1	0	2-0
Susquehanna Twp.	1	0	1-0
Palmyra	0	0	1-0
Harrisburg	0	0	0-0
Lower Dauphin	0	0	0-1
Hershey	0	0	0-1
Middletown	0	1	1-1
Bishop McDevitt	0	1	1-2

Last week's games
Susquehanna Twp. 4, Middletown 2 (10 innings)
Middletown 6, East Pennsboro 5 (9 innings)
Cumberland Valley 6, Lower Dauphin 2

This week's games
Thursday, April 4
Middletown at Mechanicsburg, 4:15 p.m.
Hershey at Lower Dauphin, 4:15 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9
Bishop McDevitt at Middletown, 4 p.m.
Lower Dauphin at Mechanicsburg, 4:15 p.m.

BOYS' TENNIS MID-PENN CONFERENCE Colonial Division			
	W	L	OVERALL
Camp Hill	4	0	5-0
Middletown	3	1	3-2
Trinity	2	1	2-2
Bishop McDevitt	2	2	2-3
James Buchanan	1	1	5-1
East Pennsboro	1	4	1-5
Susquenita	0	4	1-5

Last week's matches
Trinity 5, Middletown 0
Middletown 5, Susquenita 0

This week's matches
Monday, April 8
Camp Hill at Middletown, 3:30 p.m.

Keystone Division			
	W	L	OVERALL
Hershey	3	0	5-0
Palmyra	2	3	2-7
Lower Dauphin	1	0	4-2
Susquehanna Twp.	1	1	2-3
Harrisburg	0	0	0-0
Mechanicsburg	1	2	3-3
Northern	0	1	2-3
Gettysburg	0	2	0-4

Last week's matches
Lower Dauphin 3, Mifflin County 2

This week's matches
Thursday, April 4
Lower Dauphin at Hershey, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, April 8
Palmyra at Lower Dauphin, 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS' LACROSSE MID-PENN CONFERENCE Keystone Division			
	W	L	OVERALL
Central Dauphin	2	0	3-0
Lower Dauphin	1	0	3-0
Central Dauphin East	1	1	1-1
Hershey	0	1	2-1
Palmyra	0	2	0-3

Last week's games
Lower Dauphin 19, Northern 1
Lower Dauphin 11, Elizabethtown 5

This week's games
Thursday, April 4
Lower Dauphin at Hershey, 4:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 6
Lower Dauphin at Spring Grove, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, April 9
Carlisle at Lower Dauphin, 7 p.m.

BOYS' LACROSSE Keystone Division			
	W	L	OVERALL
Hershey	1	0	3-0
Palmyra	1	1	3-1
Central Dauphin	1	1	1-1
Lower Dauphin	0	1	1-1
Bishop McDevitt	0	1	1-2
Central Dauphin East	0	1	0-2

Last week's games
Lower Dauphin 12, Cedar Crest 6

This week's games
Thursday, April 4
Hershey at Lower Dauphin, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 6
Spring Grove at Lower Dauphin, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, April 9
Lower Dauphin at Carlisle, 4:15 p.m.

BOYS' VOLLEYBALL MID-PENN CONFERENCE Keystone Division			
	W	L	OVERALL
Hershey	1	0	3-0

Red Land	1	0	3-0
Lower Dauphin	1	0	1-1
Cedar Cliff	0	1	0-1
Mechanicsburg	0	1	0-2
Northern	0	1	0-3

Last week's games
Lower Dauphin 3, Northern 0
Central Dauphin 3, Lower Dauphin 2

This week's games
Monday, April 8
Lower Dauphin at Spring Grove, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9
Mechanicsburg at Lower Dauphin, 5:15 p.m.

GIRLS' TRACK MID-PENN CONFERENCE			
Last week's meets			
Lower Dauphin 98, Red Land 56			
This week's meets			
Saturday, April 6 Lower Dauphin at Bruce Dallas Invitational (Cumberland Valley), 9 a.m.			

Tuesday, April 9
Trinity at Middletown, 4 p.m.
Susquehanna Twp. at Lower Dauphin, 3:45 p.m.

BOYS' TRACK			
Last week's meets			
Lower Dauphin 88, Red Land 62			
This week's meets			
Saturday, April 6 Lower Dauphin at Bruce Dallas Invitational (Cumberland Valley), 9 a.m.			
Tuesday, April 9 Trinity at Middletown, 4 p.m. Susquehanna Twp. at Lower Dauphin, 3:45 p.m.			

COLLEGE BASEBALL NEAC			
	W	L	OVERALL
Penn State Harrisburg	0	0	8-9
Cazenovia	0	0	5-6
Penn State Abington	0	0	9-13
SUNY-IT	0	0	5-8
Gallaudet	0	0	8-14
Lancaster Bible	0	0	4-9
Penn State Berks	0	0	4-12
Keuka	0	0	0-5

Last week's games
Penn State Harrisburg 8, McDaniel 1
Gettysburg 4, Penn State Harrisburg 3 (11 innings)
Penn State Harrisburg 8, Stevenson 6

This week's games
Saturday, April 6
Penn State Harrisburg at Keuka, 2 p.m.

Sunday, April 7
Penn State Harrisburg at Cazenovia, 12 noon

COLLEGE SOFTBALL NEAC South Division			
	W	L	OVERALL
St. Elizabeth	0	0	4-0
Penn State Berks	0	0	12-2
Penn State Abington	0	0	5-3
Gallaudet	0	0	10-10
Penn State Harrisburg	0	0	3-11
Wilson	0	0	0-8

Last week's games
None

This week's games
Wednesday, April 3
Penn State Harrisburg at Penn State Berks (2), 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 6
Wilson at Penn State Harrisburg (2), 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 7
Penn State Harrisburg at Penn State Abington (2), 1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9
Notre Dame (Md.) at Penn State Harrisburg (2), 3 p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS NEAC			
	W	L	OVERALL
Penn State Harrisburg	1	0	6-2
Rutgers-Camden	0	0	4-1
Lancaster Bible	0	0	3-1
Penn State Abington	0	0	7-4
Penn State Berks	0	0	2-3
Keuka	0	0	0-1
Cazenovia	0	1	0-4

Last week's matches
Penn State Harrisburg 9, Cazenovia 0

This week's matches
Wednesday, April 3
Lebanon Valley at Penn State Harrisburg, 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 6
Rutgers-Camden at Penn State Harrisburg, 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 7
Penn State Abington at Penn State Harrisburg, 12 noon

WOMEN'S TENNIS NEAC West Division			
	W	L	OVERALL
Keuka	2	0	4-1
Penn State Harrisburg	1	0	4-5
Penn State Berks	0	0	3-3
Penn State Abington	0	0	4-7
Lancaster Bible	0	0	1-2
St. Elizabeth	0	0	0-1
Cazenovia	0	2	0-3
Wells	0	1	1-7

Last week's matches
Penn State Harrisburg 9, Cazenovia 0

This week's matches
Saturday, April 6
St. Elizabeth at Penn State Harrisburg, 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 7
Penn State Abington at Penn State Harrisburg, 12 noon

BOWLING
LEAGUE STANDING SHEET
Results for Week No. 30 of 34 03/26/2013
Kegler Early Birds - ABC East

Pos	Team	Won	Lost
1	Robins	80.5	39.5
2	Eagles	76.0	44.0
03	Cardinals	72.5	47.5
4	Chickadees	65.5	54.5
5	Hummingbirds	65.0	55.0
6	Peacocks	63.5	56.5
7	Doves	62.0	58.0
8	Swans	56.5	63.5
9	Flamingos	51.5	68.5
10	Ghost	0.0	0.0

Year To Date High Scores	
High Scr Game	Score
Eagles	726
Robins	705
Hummingbirds	694

High Scr Game	Score
Sherry Enterline	236
Theresa Green	227
Donna High	223
Shirley Whitley	223

High Ind. Ave.	Average
Sherry Enterline	169.36
Theresa Green	165.11
Shirley Whitley	163.00

Most Improved	Increase
Joanne Houck	7.39
Wink Womack	7.39
Elsie Coble	6.90

LEAGUE STANDING SHEET
Results for Week No. 30 of 34 03/28/2013
Lower Paxton Golden Age - ABC East

Pos	Team	Won	Lost
1	Camels	34.0	18.0
2	Chipmunks	34.0	18.0
3	Deer	33.0	19.0
4	Foxes	32.0	20.0
5	Elks	32.0	20.0
6	Antelopes	28.5	23.5
7	Geckos	27.0	25.0
8	Jack Rabbits	25.0	27.0
9	Groundhogs	24.0	28.0
10	Cougars	24.0	28.0
11	Alligators	23.0	29.0
12	Beavers	21.5	30.5
13	Bears	19.0	33.0
14	Ghost	0.0	0.0

Year To Date High Scores	
High Scr Game-Men	Score
Paul Witmer	289
Leroy Davis Sr.	279
Henry Solt	278

High Scr Series-Men	Score
Paul Witmer	748
Leroy Davis Sr.	748
Harry Trout	730

High Scr Game-Women	Score
Colette Wagner	235
Theresa Green	233
Judy Souders	224


High Scr Series-Women	Score
Carol Wallace	622
Colette Wagner	592
Theresa Green	559

High Ind Ave-Men	Score
Woody Wagner	211.71
Henry Solt	208.50
Paul Witmer	207.51

High Ind Ave-Women	Score
Carol Wallace	166.42
Colette Wagner	162.84
Theresa Green	162.79

Most Improved-Men	Score
Paul Witmer	19.51
Leroy Davis Sr.	17.80
John Mescan	16.89

Most Improved-Women	Score
Nancy Staab	12.80
Linda Walker	11.00
Patsy Price	10.33



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Lower Swatara Twp. Police News

Following is a compilation of reports from the Lower Swatara Twp. Police Department. Please be aware all those charged/cited are presumed innocent unless proven otherwise in a court of law.

Assault
Juvenile allegations of simple assault and disorderly conduct are under consideration against a 15-year-old student who allegedly punched another 15-year-old student in a class at the Middletown Area High School around 11 a.m. on Monday, March 18, police said.

The suspect was not a member of the class in which the victim was attending, but ran into the classroom and assaulted the student, police said.

The classroom teacher confronted the suspect, who fled the room, police said.

The suspect was subsequently found in a stairwell and police were contacted.

Attempted burglary
A homeowner of a residence in the first block of Hoke Lane told police someone broke into his home between March 9 and 15.

Police said they found pry marks on one of the doors to the home. Investigators believe a pry bar may have been used to gain entrance.

The homeowner reportedly is moving from the area and only had a few items in the residence, police said.

Drug possession
A student at Middletown Area High School may face drug-related charges following an incident at the school at 7:48 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12, police said.

According to a preliminary report, a student was questioned by school officials and police after it was shown he was in possession of marijuana and synthetic marijuana.

Police were called to investigate the incident by the school's dean of students. Tests showed a substance in one small container on the student's key chain was marijuana, while the substance in another container was, according to the student, synthetic marijuana, police said.

The student told police he had purchased the synthetic marijuana from a business on Derry Street.

The student's name has been with held until further action is taken in the investigation.

DUI
Harry J. Varner, 52, of the 3000 block of E. Harrisburg Pike, has been charged by police with DUI, DUI -highest rate, driving with a suspended license, disregarding traffic lanes and failure to use turn signals, police report.

The charges were filed after police stopped Varner for allegedly driving erratically in his SUV around 12:45 a.m. Feb. 24 in the 700 block of S.

Eisenhower Blvd.

A breath sample analyzed with a portable breathalyzer showed the presence of alcohol, police said.

Varner was taken to Harrisburg Hospital where blood tests were performed to determine Varner's blood-alcohol level. Charges were formally filed after the tests' results were reported. Results of the tests were not provided to the Press And Journal.

DUI
Trevonne A. Jones, 21, of the first block of Park Lane, York, was charged with DUI, DUI-high rate of alcohol and disregarding traffic lanes after a one-vehicle crash at 2:56 a.m. on March 16 in the area of Lawrence and West Main streets, police said.

Jones suffered minor injuries and was taken to the Harrisburg Hospital for treatment. Blood tests were taken at the hospital, after which police filed charges against Jones. The blood/alcohol level from the blood test was not noted by police.

Cash stolen
A representative of Pinnacle Health Family Practice told police \$128 in cash was stolen from the facility between 11:20 a.m. and 12:54 p.m. on March 27.

Officers said the money was in a clear plastic envelope in the front of the facility. Police are investigating several leads.

Criminal mischief
Extensive damage was reported to a room at the Congress Inn on South Eisenhower Boulevard on March 23, police said.

The room's door frame was cracked, a toilet was cracked, a microwave oven was stolen and litter was scattered throughout the room. A damage estimate was not reported.

The manager told investigators he did not have the telephone number of the room's guest.

Crash investigation
Police are continuing their investigation of a two-vehicle crash at 7:55 p.m. on March 24 in the area of West Harrisburg Pike and Meade Avenue.

According to police, a 1996 Buick Century operated by Richard H. Wolfe Jr., 65, of the 3000 block of Wakefield Rd., Harrisburg, struck a 2004 Jeep Wrangler that was being driven by Highspire resident. Neither driver was

injured, police said although Wolfe was taken to the Harrisburg Hospital for blood tests

EDITOR'S VOICE

Two worthy initiatives to help the area's needy

If you're looking for a sign that our economy has not improved, here's one: The number of local residents seeking food at the Interfaith Food Pantry in Royalton has increased from 360 a month to almost 500 recently.

More than 40 percent of the students in the Middletown Area School District qualify for free or reduced-price lunches, including two-thirds of the student body at Fink Elementary School – numbers that have increased over the past 10 years, the district says.

"There's an awful lot of poverty, I think more than is often recognized," said John Cooper, a self-sufficiency counselor for the Tri-County Community Action Commission, who has opened an office in the food pantry.

There's such a need for help among the local poor that the local church council that operates the food pantry and the school district are moving to do more to connect the needy with charities and social agencies.

Cooper's new office is one example. "It gives me more access to people who have problems," he said, citing a sufficient lack of jobs in the area and past-due electric bills in Middletown as some of the problems he sees.

The school district will host its second annual Social Services Fair, an initiative to help more needy people, from 2 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 4 at the MCSO Building. Representatives from more than 30 local social service agencies offering help in housing, career development and other needs will be available.

We applaud the efforts of the local churches and school district to present more help to the growing number of needy residents.

We also applaud those of you who generously give to charities that help. "It amazes me how generous the people of Middletown are," said JoAnn Shipkowski, the food pantry's coordinator. Even during such uncertain economic times.

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GRACEBOATRIGHT

Vote on dialysis drug will save taxpayers money



Rarely do federal lawmakers come upon a policy that can expand access to critical health care services and simultaneously save taxpayers money.

But according to a new report from the Congressional Budget Office, a tweak in the way Medicare pays for certain kidney disease drugs could do just that – preserve the availability of crucial treatments to rural patients and save the program billions.

At issue is Medicare's handling of a few "oral-only" dialysis medications designed for end-stage renal disease, the most severe version of chronic kidney disease. In 2011, Medicare switched to a payment system that reimbursed for all dialysis-related treatments in one "bundled" rate. Instead of paying prevailing market prices, the government opted to compensate health care providers according to a formula.

But the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services – the government agency that oversees the program – decided to exempt certain oral dialysis medications from the bundle through 2014. January's fiscal cliff deal extended the exemption through 2016. Instead, those drugs will continue to be dispensed by local pharmacies through Medicare Part D, the prescription drug benefit.

That's the right call.

Setting appropriate compensation is a particularly time-consuming and complicated task. It requires a remarkable volume of medical data. If officials had simply thrown the oral dialysis treatment into the price-control bundle, they almost certainly would have set compensation too low.

Indeed, the Government Accountability Office explicitly warned of "a potential underestimation of the total cost" and said that there were still "questions about payment adequacy beginning in 2014."

If policymakers had proceeded with bundling the oral dialysis medications, patients could have lost access to them. Health care providers serving the Medicare population would have started losing money when dispensing these drugs. Many would have been forced to stop offering them, leaving patients in the lurch.

Patients suffering from end-stage renal failure are some of the most vulnerable in the entire Medicare population. They typically require at least three rounds of treatment every week. Even minor disruptions to their health care regimens can lead to serious deterioration of their already fragile condition.

Those in rural areas would have been hit particularly hard. Many communities outside urban centers depend on just one or two health clinics to meet their medical needs. A single clinic may serve patients coming from 50 miles away or more. These clinics typically run on very thin profit margins and depend heavily on Medicare payments to stay afloat.

Aware of the potential adverse consequences in rural communities, legislators responded by maintaining these oral medicines under the Part D prescription drug benefit. This move helped to maintain the viability of small clinics servicing rural communities. This was good for patient access but, according to the government budget accountants, also good for the Medicare program and taxpayers because it saves money.

The CBO projects that extending the exemption through 2018 would save taxpayers approximately \$1.3 billion.

Because Congress acted in the best interests of rural patients, Medicare enrollees suffering from renal disease can now rest assured that they will retain access to treatments they need.

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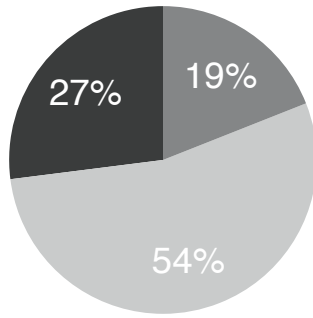
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READERS' VIEWS

Seniors deserve better

Editor,

A letter to President Barack Obama on behalf of all seniors and the poor:

I voted for you, and you promised to take care of the seniors, the poor and the downtrodden.

I am really upset because, as a senior, we got a big \$12 raise on our Social Security – whoopie! – and then they took \$7 or more from us on our food stamp card, which means we got a big \$5 raise. Could you or Congress live on this?

Yes, we got a raise. Then we got punished for it.

I am an 82-year-old senior who was diagnosed with congenital heart failure and am supposed to be on a special diet. With the price of food, and the fact they are taking more from my food stamp card, how am I supposed to live? Try living on \$712 a month or less after paying rent, phone, cable and medicine.

I am not the only senior in this position. There are many who cannot stay on their diets and eat what they can afford – and die. Is that fair?

We seniors helped to build this country – died for it, paid into Social Security, paid taxes, etc. We deserve better.

We are the richest country in the world and should be able to take care of our own instead of throwing them away.

I think congressmen should have their money taken away for a month and try to live like we seniors do. They might learn something and be more compassionate.

There should also be term limits so they can't stay in office all there lives.

Thanks, Mr. President, for reading my letter. We need someone like you in the White House to continue fighting for all seniors, the poor and the downtrodden.

Gloria Faulkner
Middletown

A common-sense approach is needed

Editor,

One of the reasons I am running for Middletown Borough Council is to correct what I see as a serious misdirection by our current council.

All boroughs are challenged with fiscal responsibility. However, under the guise of saving money the current council has chosen to dismantle or limit community services such as the communications center and the Middletown Public Library and remove access to the police, borough administration and management personnel. If money is being saved, where is it?

Recent statements by this council suggest the water rates may go up and the electric rates may "spike." There has to be a logical, sensible balance to costs and services.

I believe the current council is using a crisis management style in an attempt to scare everyone in town. Through my 39-plus years of living in Middletown, each council has been forced to make difficult choices in order to maintain the standard of living we expect from our community. When faced with a difficult situation, the current council made decisions that impacted the quality of life in Middletown, and to gain the favor of some residents they have used a Chicken Little approach, claiming the sky is falling.

As soon as the current council was seated, an alleged deficit of \$3.5 million was discovered. This "discovery" occurred even though there were a number of incumbents who were on council two years prior and they never warned us of this looming debt. The same council later found another deficit of nearly \$1 million with the Middletown Borough Authority. This "discovery" occurred only after this council gained a majority on the authority.

Eventually, the same council identified a million-dollar loss in the Electric Trust Fund through alleged mismanagement. Upon the discoveries of these losses, accusations and implied wrongdoings were rampant. However, this council has shown no evidence of misconduct or mismanagement. The only evidence provided is this council's unique ability to "discover" losses.

Based on a lack of evidence, lack of communication and lack of transparency, I can only see three possible logical explanations for this pattern:

- Everyone involved in any financial capacity in the borough for the past 5 to 10 years was incompetent. This alleged gross incompetence would include all councilors (including some incumbents currently running), financial advisors, bond councils, borough managers, financial directors and auditors for the borough and authority, as well as the banks.
- All of these people and their related firms were involved in a vast conspiracy to defraud the borough.
- These are scare tactics used by the current councilors to scare residents into believing only they are smart enough to uncover these deficits – and only they can save you through these drastic measures.

I believe we can resolve these financial issues and keep our community services through the use of common sense and a rational business approach to the challenges the borough is facing.

You the voters have the power to influence a new direction for the borough. You can make your voice heard by replacing all of the incumbents running for council.

I am running for a seat on council because I believe I can offer an informed, rational, common-sense approach to managing the challenges the borough is facing.

I chose to work, live and raise my family in Middletown because of the sense of community it offered. I do not wish to see the demise of this borough that we call home. Help me restore it to a prosperous and safe home for our families.

Thomas Handley
Middletown

(The writer is a Republican candidate for a seat representing the First Ward on Middletown Borough Council.)

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SHELDON RICHMAN

Media is to blame for Iraq War, too



The 10th anniversary of the start of America's illegal and aggressive war against Iraq should not pass without

recalling that the mainstream news media eagerly participated in the Bush administration's dishonest campaign for public support.

It is no exaggeration to say that most news operations were little more than extensions of the White House Office of Communications. Abandoning even the pretense of an adversarial relationship with the government, the media became shameful conduits for unsubstantiated and outright false information about Saddam Hussein's alleged threat to the American people.

Included among the falsehoods were reports that Saddam had a hand in the 9/11 attacks, had trained al-Qaeda fighters, and had attempted to obtain uranium ore and aluminum tubes for nuclear bombs.

Put bluntly, the disastrous invasion of Iraq, which was sold on the basis of lies told by President George W. Bush and others in his administration, might not have happened without the enthusiastic help of the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, ABC, NBC, MSNBC, CBS, CNN, Fox News and others. The blood of more than 100,000 – perhaps more than a million – Iraqis and 4,500 Americans is on their hands, too.

Today, like the Bush administration alumni attempting to duck responsibility, the media blame "bad intelligence" for their conduct. But that will not wash.

The dissenting reports of Knight Ridder's Warren Strobel and Jonathan Landay, along with a very few others, show definitively that

in 2002-03 solid intelligence information undermining every propagandistic administration claim was readily available to anyone willing to use traditional reporting techniques. Strobel and Landay were mostly ignored.

On the rare occasions when the New York Times or Washington Post reported on the doubts intelligence personnel had about the Bush narrative, the stories were buried deep in the paper.

The media did not merely pass along baseless assertions; the television channels also attempted to shape public opinion with a biased selection of guests. Pro-war voices abounded, while informed war skeptics were scarce.

Even when an opponent of war was featured, he or she had to share the time with a pro-war advocate, yet the pro-war side was often featured unchallenged.

What motivated those who covered the run-up to the Iraq invasion this way? Several factors were surely at work. Groupthink and the fear of going out on a limb must have played a large role. The vaunted courage of journalists is more pose than fact.

"Pack journalism" is reinforced by a fear that reports suggesting skepticism about a military action will be interpreted as unpatriotic. The smear factories run by militarist right-wing media watchdogs ensure this will be the case.

Moreover, being branded un-American for doubting a president's case for war may lead to viewer or reader boycotts, which in turn may lead to pressure from advertisers. Thus, the corporate bottom line played a role.

Another factor is the simple truth that war makes better news than peace. No one wins a Pulitzer Prize for being a peace correspondent. We must not underestimate this as a motive for favoring war.

Finally, we can't overlook that many in the media were simply motivated by nationalism and deference to the state with its dazzling war technology.

This story of media malfeasance would be bad enough if it were just history. Unfortunately, even as media figures now issue mea culpas about their shameful Iraq "coverage," they are engaged in precisely the same shoddy business with respect to Iran and its alleged but unproven nuclear-weapons program.

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☺“Council, like it or not, what you need to do is bring Sweitzer back. Nobody knows the police department better than he does. Nobody knows this town and its people better than he does and nobody is as respectful and respectable than he is. Please stop embarrassing us with all the bad decisions. Bring Sweitzer back, let him run the department and stop making our police department the punch line of everyone’s jokes.”

☹“In regard to the parent who wrote about Kunkel’s cafeteria employees not wearing hairnets and gloves: Have you been in the cafeteria to see for yourself that they aren’t wearing these items? I don’t believe you have. I believe you’ve taken your child’s word for it. I know for a fact that all of the cafeteria employees wear gloves, hairnets and hats while preparing food, as well as cleaning up after the children’s lunch. Maybe next time you feel like placing blame, you should do your research first. Those employees work hard to provide for you and the children to ensure they are fed healthy meals during the school day.”

☹“Borough Council plans to hold a town meeting Thursday night? Isn’t that Maundy Thursday? Why not hold a community day on Good Friday and elections on Easter? You guys are an absolute joke!”

☺“Great job, ‘Alice in Wonderland!’”

☹“When I was growing up, you weren’t embarrassed to say you were from Middletown. It was a nice town. Nowadays you hope nobody asks you where you’re from. When they do, it’s embarrassing to answer (and it’s usually followed by some kind of joke from the person that asked, or just laughter). I’m surprised council doesn’t experience the same reaction.”

☹“Haven’t you done enough damage to the employees of this borough, council? Now you’re not happy just picking on the employees, you’re aiming for the retired personnel. It’s a coward who picks on the elderly who are trying to make it on a fixed income. Shame on you!”

☹“The borough has so few union employees left I doubt they will bankrupt the town. If that were the case why would the borough spend all that money on silly decals for

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the trucks? Or spend money on their professionals to talk at town meetings when the council people could talk for themselves? Don’t get me started on how much they’re spending for their attorneys. Now those are things that are wasting my tax dollar. The only people bankrupting this town are the ones running it.”

☹“Borough Council, where do you come up with all the money to redecorate? All these buildings are being renovated and painted. You moved offices around more than the tires on my car. The Red Cross is upstairs, then it’s downstairs, and the police department is in this building, then that building. Our local government is just plain dysfunctional.”

☼“It’s nice to see that the new Sharp Shopper has opened and that work continues on the shopping plaza. Now, if only we can do something about those ‘pajama people.’”

☹“Last weekend I was walking down Main Street and a young child fell over the railing on the cement steps outside his apartment building and landed on his face. I saw Detective Sweitzer pull over in his personal car with his family inside and rush over to offer his help with the injured child. That was very unexpected from the police officers in this borough. This is the kind of guy I want to have my back if I ever need it. Bring him back, and make him stay this time. Our current police department is pathetic.”

☹“When will Royalton fix the road at the 441 railroad crossing? It’s an accident waiting to happen! Stop patching it and fix it properly.”

☹“I guess nobody, not even Middletown employees, like working in a hostile work environment. Most of the town’s employees are management/professionals. I didn’t hear the so-called leaders of this town call for the citizens to demand management and professionals take a pay cut or drop their benefits. They (upper management/professionals) are the ones who are going to bankrupt this town. Typical council – trying to impose hardship on the middle class and the retired on a fixed income. Have you read what they are spending on attorney fees, and all their lawsuits and fights? Waiting to see what they will be, when not only the borough gets sued, but individual council members. Should be interesting.”

☹“Isn’t it a hoot that this town was always in financial good standing until these goofballs took over. They blame past councils, but the ones on past councils that are to blame are still sitting on council now. Then to make it worse, they are now following King Little’s mad ideas. All of which are shrouded with deception. The only one who knows, at most, 90 percent of King Little’s full agenda is the borough secretary. He’s as crooked as they come. Why do you think they can’t get rid of him? He knows too much.”

☹“They talk about the real estate market recovering. Ha! This council is doing everything to insure it won’t recover in Middletown. When this Mark Morgan is done bleeding us dry, our homes won’t be worth a dime.”

☹“The damage done to our town this year will be our financial ruin for years to come. But we have names. They will be held responsible. Then we can watch karma work its magic.”

☹“When will Middletown officials stop sinking our town to this new low? I am now ashamed to tell

others where I’m from. I don’t like being laughed at for where I live.”

☹“Check Swatara Twp. Susquehanna, even Harrisburg. Our employees make less than them. It’s odd that the borough praises them during times of need, then crucifies them when their contracts are up for renegotiation. Shame on you. UNPROFESSIONAL! I’ve been around this town long enough to see what’s really going on.”

☹“These are not the people I want representing my town. I have so much more pride in this town than to let this happen for another three years. They are destroying all that’s good. Please get out and vote this primary. Vote in some respect, honor, honesty and intelligence.”

☹“Who plows an inch of snow? That was a waste of time, money and manpower. But it was definitely good practice for tomorrow’s snow.”

☹“I tried calling the borough several times for a member of management. I was then transferred and I kept getting his voice mail message, then was told his mailbox couldn’t take messages. This administration has created a mess. How can you operate professionally with the mess you’ve made? All the money you’re paying Councilman Brooks to fix the phones – another example of mismanagement, not to mention a huge conflict of interest. And if I recall, his company was the highest estimate. Things that make you go, ‘Hmmm.’”

☹“Is council really going to borrow money from capital improvement fund to buy police uniforms and brand new computers for the police? I thought you could only use money from capital improvement funds for capital improvements. Where is ethics in our local government? And what’s wrong with the computers you purchased last

year for the police? Middletown administration said getting rid of the communication department would benefit the residents, and look where that got us. We can’t even get in to knock on their door. Great people in the police department. If only we got someone on council who could manage.”

☹“You can read this current council. They are running scared. That’s more transparency then we’ve seen all year.”

☹“Talk about dirty politics: Your Facebook page MCU is as dirty as they come. Everything you type is nothing but opinion. People want to run against this crew because they actually care about this town. Respected people who will do whatever it takes to save this town from the likes of you and your deliberate misinformation!”

☼“It’s amazing what you can find out over the Internet. Shame on you, Mr. Reporter.”

☹“Over the weekend, a few mommy friends and myself took our kids to Possibility Place in Harrisburg. Yes, we drove all the way there, even though we have a park just like it in Middletown. Why? Kids Kastle is filled with trash, broken items, nails sticking out. What happened to that place? Has no one been keeping up on it? All that time, money and effort was spent to build it and it was such a nice addition to the town – and now it’s in shambles. It’s a shame. It seems like nothing in our town can be kept up on or be highlighted. The only thing people know about Middletown is the bad. If we could keep up on all of the good things we have to offer, our

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☹“‘Snollygoster’ is a term used to describe a politician who works for his self-interest and not for the people. I can’t think of a better term to describe our Borough Council!”

☺“I am a frequent out-of-town visitor to Middletown and I would like to say that I think Middletown is a very lovely little town. I LOVE the Victorian style homes on Union Street. Absolutely beautiful! It makes your downtown shopping area a unique experience. I do not understand why there are so many negative comments in Sound Off, except that negativity sometimes breeds more negativity. It’s somewhat of a shame, really. But I just wanted to post something positive from an outsider’s perspective.”

☺“Want to give a shout out to the Ladies Auxiliary, Middletown VFW Post 1620 for the great job you ladies did for the Easter party this past Sunday. And a big shout out to the great job your ‘Easter Bunny,’ Kobe Sprecher, did. Great job, Kobe!”

☹“The Borough of Middletown has the 2011 ‘Audit,’ otherwise known as the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). It is required by federal law as part of municipal financial auditing. The reason it is not being distributed to the general public is because the powers that be at Middletown Borough haven’t figured out how to spin, hide or hoodwink what cannot be hidden. They certainly do not want Pennsylvania DCED, or anyone else that has provided grant funding to Middletown in the last few years, to see the truth. Oh, and by the way, DCED manages the Act 47 program and have begun a new Act 47 auditing process for 2012 and 2013. And guess what broken-down, poor municipality that is always in the news is gonna be on the list? Bingo! Hold onto your teeth folks, the ride is gonna be bumpy.”

☹“The Middletown Citizens United Page on Facebook has a flag for its timeline picture. The flag is the same flag used by the Patriot League college basketball conference. Who do we know that has a website that specializes in Patriot League basketball? I smell severe corruption and ethics violations.”

☹“Being against homosexuality doesn’t make me a homophobe or a bigot. Homosexuality is a sin. When you stand before God, be prepared to say, ‘Oh, I support the sin of homosexuality.’ See how that goes over!”

☹“In regards to the man who wrote about Pineford’s electric problem: We, too, are having problems. My estimated bill was over \$500! What’s wrong with this picture? They don’t send someone out to physically read the meters because they are ‘digital’ and the numbers are supposed to be able to be read ‘in office,’ so how come our bills are being estimated? When I call the office, no one can give me a clear answer. When I was a homeowner, my bill was from Jan. 1 to Jan. 31. But my bills from Pineford are Jan. 1 to Feb. 1. Then my next was Feb. 1 to March 1. So how come I’m being billed for the Feb. 1 twice? The PUC said they don’t regulate Middletown Borough because they own their own. However, the PUC did say that certain protocols must be followed. The guy Chris from the borough told me he would look into this and get back to me. That was two months ago! Village of Pineford is ripping off their renters and making a profit. Just like the other person wrote, it’s just me, my husband and our son – I don’t understand how they can say we use so much electric. We are gone all day, don’t use the dishwasher (doesn’t work half the time anyway) and use only one light in the evening and in bed by 10 p.m. because we both work. We take our laundry to the Laundromat because

it’s cheaper and quicker. Tell me how I’m using over \$300 a month in electric, and tell me how you can estimate my bill at over \$500? The problem is no insulation, leaky windows, leaky patio door, old, outdated, inefficient appliances. That’s where the problem lies. I’m sure some people did take advantage of the electric, but don’t punish everyone. This place is a joke. I was also told that our rent wouldn’t go up for a couple of years, but my rent went up nine months after we started paying the electric when my lease term was up. Now that I’m back to work, we are going to start looking for another place to live – out of Middletown. Until then, the tenants need to unite and file a class action so that an investigation can be conducted. I’m contacting the Attorney General’s office to see what we can do because we aren’t getting anywhere calling the Rental Office because they have no clue what they are talking about – and the borough, well, they are a joke, too, and of no help either. Something needs to be done.”

☹“I disagree with homosexuality. There, I said it.”

☺“I would vote for Rachelle Reid ANY day of the week! When I was operating the coffee house in the Bradley Mansion, she was wonderful support, a fascinating character and simply a great person to know. Although I no longer live in the state, I read the Press And Journal periodically and honestly can see that some things never cease to change – you people have definitely perfected the art of low-class bickering. Lower Swatara Twp. included.”

☼“I was eating some good dinner at JD’s Junction and had to listen to a ‘lady’ (using it loosely) say how she gets \$1,750 a month for two kids and that is why she can patronize places like this. Appalled, first of all, that you would say such a thing and brag how you don’t have to legally work and, second, shame on you!”

☼“I can’t wait ‘til the NEW COUNCIL comes in and gets the old and dishonest ones out – like they did with the employees – so they can see what it feels like.”

☺“GIVLER for mayor. Best thing for this town.”

☼“Rhen and Bowman, you have the balls to run for mayor after what you done on council? Rhen, agreeing to get rid of the good employees and all the other stupid concerns you agree to with McNamara. Ha, ha. I agree with others when they say we will laugh about that once you are a puppet, just like the rest of them.”

☹“So if giving the employees a short notice that they were getting laid off wasn’t bad enough, now the borough has made the employees pay more for their prescription and didn’t have the nerve to tell them ‘til after some went for medicine refills and found out that way. They put a notice in their paychecks and that is how the employees found out. How sad.”

☹“Where is the borough employees’ union rep and why aren’t they helping these employees? They have who knows how many grievances now that are not being tended to just pushed aside and nothing being done. If it were me, I would be getting ahold of International, they would love this one – maybe all you employees should think about doing that. Can’t believe no one has yet – there is so much time for them to be handled. Don’t let them puppets scare you – it’s your right to do something. You’re paying the union dues.”



Bill eases inheritance tax burden


The House Finance Committee recently approved a bill aimed at easing the tax burden on family-owned enterprises. House Bill 48 would eliminate the Pennsylvania inheritance tax, also known as the death tax, on assets of family-owned businesses transferred upon death of the owner to other family members, allowing business owners to keep their businesses viable and within the family.

Under current law, any business assets transferred upon death of an owner are subject to different rates of taxation depending to whom the business is being transferred. Those rates can range from 4.5 percent to 15 percent, sometimes forcing business owners to sell essential business resources to pay the tax. People work hard to grow family businesses, and these businesses create 65 percent of Pennsylvania jobs. This bill seeks to stop punishing the success of our most productive employers and encourage them to keep growing the jobs our citizens need instead. Similarly, a bill was signed into law in the last legislative session that eliminated the Pennsylvania inheritance taxes on the transfer of agricultural assets when the receiving heir is a sibling or child of the deceased farmer.

Senior Health Fair

My eighth annual Senior Health Fair will take place from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, April 26 at the Hummelstown Chemical Fire Company. The Senior Health Fair brings together a wide range of services and programs that are focused on senior citizens and their needs. This event has attracted hundreds of senior citizens over the years, and I anticipate that this year’s event will be just as successful. The purpose of the event is to give seniors the opportunity to gather information about health care, state government programs, federal assistance and home-based services available locally. Representatives from state and local agencies and the health care industry will be on hand to speak with seniors about available options as well as answer any questions or concerns that seniors or their caregivers may have. I encourage all seniors, their families and caregivers in the 106th District to come out, enjoy the fellowship and gather information on a wide variety of subjects. Hummelstown Chemical Fire Company is located at 249 East Main St., Hummelstown. For additional information, contact my Hershey office at 717-534-1323, or visit my website, www.RepPayne.com.

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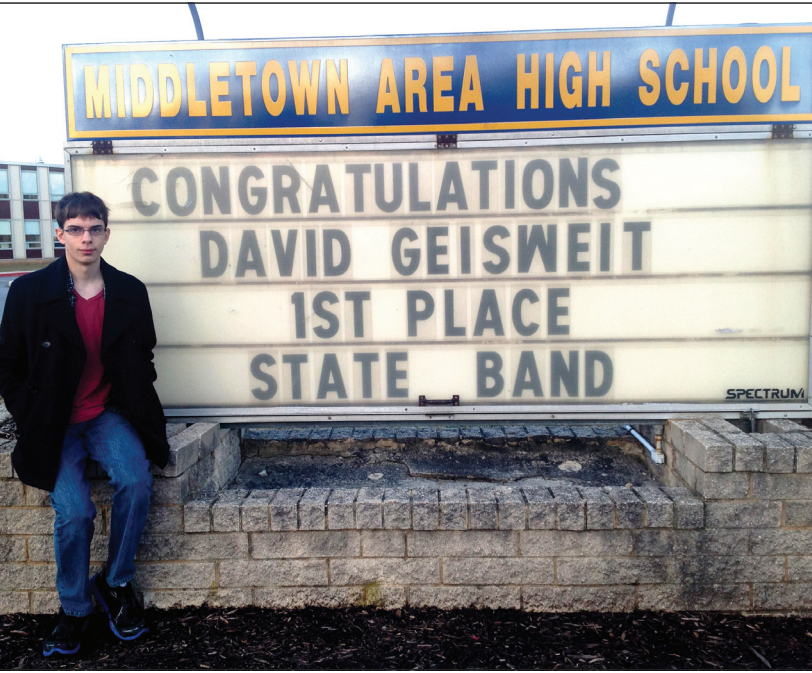
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Eight student-musicians named to All-State bands, chorus



A successful audition has earned David Geisweit, an alto clarinetist at Middletown Area High School, a spot in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association's All-State Concert Band, which will perform April 17-20 in Erie.

Eight local students will perform in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association's All-State Music Festival April 17-20 in Erie.

The association also will honor a local band director for his work in teaching music.

David Geisweit, an alto clarinetist at Middletown Area High School, and Hailey Cole, a French horn player at Lower Dauphin High School, will perform in the All-State Concert Band, while trombonist Ryan Smith of Lower Dauphin will perform in the All-State Wind Ensemble.

Five other students will perform in the All-State Chorus: Middletown's Joshua Hurley (tenor 1); Lower Dauphin's Melanie Weidner (soprano 1) and Daniel Snyder (tenor 2); and Elizabethtown Area High School's Alison Levosky (soprano 2) and Alicia Weber (soprano 2).

All of the students were chosen through an audition.

The association also has awarded Gregory Hutchison, director of the Lower Dauphin Middle School band, its District 7 citation of excellence.

LONDONDERRY SCOUTS



Scouts stand before the congregation at Geyers United Methodist Church in a makeshift camp and tell worshippers how Scout Law is intertwined with the Bible. They also led parishoners in a camp song.

Scouts lead Sunday service at Londonderry Twp. church

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts conducted a "Scout Sunday" service at Geyers United Methodist Church in Londonderry Twp. on Feb. 24, delivering scripture and prayers, serving as ushers and offering coffee to worshippers afterward.

The service was designed and conducted by Scouts from Troop 97 of Londonderry Twp. under the guidance of Pastor Donald Walters. Pack 97 Cub Scouts and area Girl Scouts also participated in the service.

Scouts served as flag bearers, ushers and speakers. Star Scout Colby Stiffler served as an acolyte, while Star Scout Garrett Little delivered an opening prayer.

Scouts and their leaders demonstrated for the congregation how the Scout Law is connected to the Bible through an interactive responsive reading conducted by Star Scout Jake O'Donnell and Life Scouts Evan Ungar and George Heberlig.

First Class Scouts Richie Varner and Christopher Kiessling read scripture, and the morning message was delivered by Life Scout Matt Pauley and Scout Master Kevin Little.

George Heberlig, who has volunteered his time for the Scouts in various roles during the last 40



Life Scout George Heberlig, center, pins the Veteran Award pin of recognition on his grandfather, George Heberlig, right, a long-time volunteer, while his father, Eric Heberlig, left, watches.

years, was presented the Veteran Award from the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Heberlig, of Londonderry Twp., has served as a Scout leader, committee chairman and member, organizational representative for the Londonderry Fire Co., and board president of the Londonderry Scouting Complex.

He received the award from his son,

Eric Heberlig, while his grandson, George Heberlig, presented him the Veteran pin on behalf of the national council, Troop 97 and Cub Scout Pack 97.

Afterward, Scouts served coffee and other refreshments to thank the congregation. The church provides space for Scout meetings and supports Eagle Scout projects.

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News From District Judge Michael J. Smith

Following is a compilation of action in cases filed before District Magistrate Michael J. Smith. Please be aware all those charged/cited are presumed innocent unless proven otherwise in a court of law.

Guilty pleas

Jacob L. Radabaugh, 45, of George Dr., Middletown, pleaded guilty to a citation for harassment. Radabaugh had been charged with harassment but that charge was lowered to the non-traffic citation. A charge of simple assault was withdrawn. The case was filed following an incident on Jan. 24.

Michael Rivera, 21, of the 200 block of W. Main St., Middletown, pleaded guilty to a citation for disorderly

conduct filed following an incident on Jan. 20.

William Schubiger, 22, of the 200 block of W. Main St., Middletown, pleaded guilty to a disorderly conduct citation that stemmed from an incident on Jan. 20.

Edwin Torres, 21, of the 200 block of W. Main St., Middletown, pleaded guilty to a disorderly conduct citation that stemmed from an incident on Jan. 20.

Waived

Daniel L. Marion, 25, of the 500 block of Mountain View Dr., Middletown, waived to Dauphin County Court charges of simple assault and harassment. Both were filed following recent incidents in Lower Swatara Twp.

April M. Straining, 30, of the 800 block of Clifton Heights Rd., Hummelstown, waived to Dauphin County Court charges of retail theft and conspiracy to commit retail theft. Both were filed following recent incidents in Lower Swatara Twp.

Martin W. Kropp Jr., 36, of the 800 block of Clifton Heights Rd., Hummelstown, waived to Dauphin County Court two counts of retail theft that were filed following recent incidents in Lower Swatara Twp.

Sultan A. Alsultan, 25, 200 block of W. Main St., Middletown, waived to Dauphin County Court charges of DUI, DUI-highest rate and speeding. All were filed following an incident on Nov. 1.

Patrick J. Bashista, 27, of the 2000 block of M. Gretna Rd., Elizabethtown, waived to Dauphin County Court two counts each of terroristic threats and harassment. The charges stem from an incident on Jan. 18.

Matthew C. Hoffner, 41, of the 100 block of S. Hanover St., Hummelstown, waived to Dauphin County Court charges of DUI and DUI-highest rate. A charge of careless driving was withdrawn. Hoffner was arrested on Jan. 4.

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