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Budget: no tax hikes, new police officer

By Dan Miller
Press And Journal Staff

Middletown residents don't have to worry about borough taxes or the electric rate going up in 2017. After two public meetings, borough council is set to tentatively adopt Nov. 15 the budgets for the general fund at \$5.8 million and electric fund at \$8.3 million that will add one new full-time police officer, and one new full-time

Public Works employee also in the borough plan for 2017

position in public works. The price borough residents pay for trash collection also will not go up in 2017, said Borough Manager Ken Klinepeter. At this point, nothing residents pay when it comes to the borough and borough services is going up in 2017, although that could change even after

final approval of the budget.

How can it be done?

A number of factors go into explaining how the borough can add new positions without raising taxes or the electric rate, said Council President Ben Kapenstein. It starts with the continuing impact

of the borough's 2014 decision to lease its water and sewer systems to Suez, Kapenstein said. The move still has its detractors, but the lease has "drastically changed our financial picture for the better" by paying off borough general obligation debt, and reducing how much money the borough has to pay out to cover its

pension and health insurance obligations to retirees, Kapenstein said. The lease also provides for an annual payment of \$725,000 from Suez into the general fund. He also noted council's decision to bring financial administration in house instead of having it done by outside consultants for about \$202,000 a year.

Lower Swatara, Londonderry townships move ahead on budgets. See page A5.

That move saves at least \$100,000 in 2017, even with the hiring of the borough's own new finance director, Bruce Hamer. Other costs for outside consultants

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ON TO THE PLAYOFFS

The undefeated Middletown Blue Raiders football team walk back on to the field after their 42-7 win vs. Steel-High on Friday night at War Memorial Field. The team starts the District III Class 3A playoffs at home on Friday. See page B1.

Photo by Jodi Ocker



Site looks nice, but Amtrak station isn't arriving soon

By Dan Miller
Press And Journal Staff

As ground is being broken on a new train station in Mount Joy, the word for Middletown remains "patience." Amtrak before the end of this year was supposed to start the track relocation work that has to be done before construction of the train station in Middletown can begin. Now, the latest word from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is that the track work in Middletown is "tentatively scheduled to begin in mid-2017, contingent upon availability of the Amtrak and Norfolk Southern workforces," PennDOT spokesman Rich Kirkpatrick said in an update provided to the Press And Journal. In the meantime, PennDOT is working with Amtrak to relocate its signal hut in conjunction with the new Middletown station to be located on West Main Street between the Westporte Centre shopping center and the Ann Street bridge. The hut must be moved before the track relocation work can be done, Kirkpatrick said. Otherwise, preliminary responses from private companies interested in building two other components of the train station project — the pedestrian bridge across West Main Street and a possible parking garage — are due in December. PennDOT expects to award a contract in late 2017 or early 2018, Kirkpatrick said. The train station project also includes PennDOT extending West Emaus Street to West Main Street, to provide a more direct



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A view of the new Amtrak train station site from near the Ann Street bridge. The extending of West Emaus Street to West Main can be seen near the top of the photo.

pathway into downtown Middletown for pedestrians in general and Penn State Harrisburg students in particular. Borough officials view the extension as key to plans for revitalizing downtown, but it is currently slated as one of the last parts of the train station project to be completed.

The schedule for extending West Main Street has not changed, Kirkpatrick said, despite the timetable being pushed back for the track relocation work — and thus for construction of the train station itself. Middletown residents can derive some solace from seeing the progress that has been made and is plainly evident at the train station site. Fresh black top is in place and the West Emaus to West Main Street connection beckons future travelers. All the work to prepare the site for construction should be completed by November, including demolition, grading, drainage and fencing, Kirkpatrick said. Meanwhile, on Wednesday Oct. 26, PennDOT Secretary Leslie S. Richards hosted the groundbreaking for improvements to the Amtrak station in Mount Joy. Expected to take two to three years to complete, the \$25 million improvement project includes replacing low-level platforms with covered elevated ones, improving access by adding elevators and enclosed stair towers, and a pedestrian overpass between the east and westbound platforms. In addition, 42 parking spaces are being added and 112 existing spaces are being improved. The Mount Joy project and the new Middletown train station are among improvements PennDOT is undertaking to the 104-mile Amtrak Keystone Corridor. The Amtrak stations at Elizabethtown and Lancaster have already been improved. The Coatesville station is also to be improved, along with the brand new station in Middletown, PennDOT says.

Elks grant requires matching \$500,000

By Dan Miller
Press And Journal Staff

A \$500,000 state grant to help reopen the Elks Theatre that has been authorized by Gov. Tom Wolf is good news for Middletown — but it isn't free money. The borough to get the grant must come up with \$500,000 in local "matching" dollars, based upon requirements of the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program, the state program which is the source of the grant funds. The Elks project must cost at least \$1 million to qualify for the RACP grant, according to a list of frequently asked questions about the program posted by the state online. The borough has received a letter from the state dated Oct. 28 authorizing release of the \$500,000 for the Elks Building by Wolf. Money that has been spent before the authorization date — in this case Oct. 28 — cannot be counted toward the \$500,000 matching requirement, according to the list of FAQs.

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Residents head in to the MCSO Building to vote on Tuesday morning, Nov. 8.

Voters do their part in Election 2016

By Eric Wise
Press And Journal Staff

Middletown, like the rest of the nation, went to the polls Tuesday to vote in a number of races, including the most contentious presidential election in recent memory. Kevin Rogers said he turned out to vote because it's his "constitutional ability." "There was no wait at all," Rogers said at the Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown polling place. "I want to make sure we get the right person

in the White House and show my son it's important," said Eva Green. She said it took no more than a minute to check in and start. "That was fast beyond compare," said another leaving the MCSO Building. Another person said, "Be glad when it's all over," as he headed in the door at the MCSO. However, Lori Shafaye, who stood on the sidewalk at the church in support of several Republican candidates, said she found the wait to be "longer than before." "The turnout is great, 240 since 7 this morning," she said just after 10 a.m. Tuesday.

'I want my neighborhood back': borough crime meeting is Nov. 16

By Dan Miller
Press And Journal Staff

Kay Wealand has seen enough. She has lived in the same house on her street on Keystone Avenue in Middletown for more than 60 years. Until this year she could count on one hand how many times she had ever had to call borough police. But before the end of January she had already called the cops enough times in 2016 to require both hands, Wealand told borough council on Nov. 1. It got worse. In March a man was arrested a few doors down from where Wealand lives. He had been selling heroin "for years" to support his own addiction to crack, according to court records. The arrest alarmed Wealand, who remains worried about what she says is going on around her, despite the man — Geraldo Troche — pleading guilty in August and being sentenced to two years to Dauphin County's Intermediate Punishment Program. "I want my neighborhood back. I'm tired of it," Wealand said. She urged borough residents to come out to the public meeting on crime to take place at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the Liberty Fire Hall on Adelia Street. Residents should not be naive about the extent of the problem, Wealand said. "It's not just happening in my neighborhood. I hear and read what is happening in this town,



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Kay Wealand stands on the porch of her home in the 100 block of Keystone Avenue.

so I am highly encouraging the residents of this community to get involved," she said. The Nov. 16 meeting was put together by Councilor Dawn Knull, working with Middletown Police Chief John Bey and the fire department. Bey and Knull both see Nov. 16 as the first in a series of at least three public meetings. All three will focus on neighborhoods developing their own crime watch programs, and upon addressing what the chief calls "quality of life issues" that, unattended, provide the breeding ground for criminal activity. Bey listed things such as blighted properties,

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Rep. John Payne



Rep. John Payne presented a United States flag to the oldest veterans representing the branches of the military who attended his annual veterans breakfast. Back row, from left, Rep. John Payne, Deb Payne, Lester Smith (Air Force), Rosemary Connolly (Air Force, oldest female veteran), Lowry Lance (Pennsylvania National Guard), Richard Fanning Jr. (Air Force). Front row, from left, Rene McCurdy (Army), Stanley Stewart (Marines), Quentin Smith (Army Air Forces) and Josiah Bethards (Navy). Fanning was presented a flag as the veteran who most recently returned from overseas (Kuwait).



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OUT & ABOUT

Rep. Payne hosts breakfast for veterans

State Rep. John Payne treated 300 veterans from his district to breakfast Nov. 4 at the Spring Garden Reception and Conference Center. Payne presented flags to the oldest veterans from each branch of the service, including the oldest

veteran, Rene McCurdy, 96, who served in the Army during World War II and lives at the Middletown Home. Payne presented videos in tribute to the service of all veterans. Payne recalled his father's service in

World War II in the Pacific, although his father had seldom mentioned it. Veterans who attended served collectively for a period covering the past 70 years, the World War II era to the recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. They also represented all branches of service, including the Army, Navy, Marines, Army Air Corps/ Air Force, the National Guard, Coast Guard and Women's Army Corps.

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Panelists: Communication, confronting biases key to race issues with police

By Dan Miller
Press And Journal Staff

The problem of race and policing is real, but the solution lies in honest communication and in confronting the biases that exist in all of us and that have been part of the fabric of American society since the nation was founded.

Those were the takeaways from a panel discussion on Race and Policing that was held at Penn State Harrisburg on Thursday, Nov. 3.

Among the panelists were Middletown Police Chief John Bey, Penn State Harrisburg Police Chief Kevin Stoehr, and Harrisburg Bureau of Police Chief Tom Carter, who was joined by his Community Relations Coordinator David Botero and two other Harrisburg police officers.

Carter said racial divisions are played up in the media, when in fact people of different races have much more in common than that which is different. “We have to start thinking for ourselves,” Carter said.

Nevertheless, the evidence shows that young black men are treated differently than young white men, Carter said.

“There are more young white men killed in this country by police on a yearly basis than young black men, but there are more young black men of color killed by police that don’t have guns. That is what they are saying — treat us the way you treat everyone else,” he added.

Clem Gilpin, a Middletown resident and former urban sociology professor at Penn State Harrisburg who attended the panel, cited as further evidence of the disparity over race a recent study reporting that 79 percent of people stopped by police on the

streets of Charlottesville, Virginia, were African-Americans — despite them being less than 11 percent of the city’s population.

“Many of those calls came from an unidentified person with one simple message — ‘There’s a black guy in my neighborhood who looks suspicious,’” said Gilpin, who is African-American.

“If I were to go into an establishment in this part of Pennsylvania with three of my white colleagues, I am less suspicious than if I was to go in with three of you guys up there,” Gilpin added, referring to Bey and Carter, who are both African-American. “Is that the media’s fault, or is it part of our culture?”

Bey said the start of an honest conversation about race lies in acknowledging the bias that we all carry.

“Bias exists in us as human beings, but because one is bias doesn’t make one racist,” Bey said.

When a shooting does occur, there is a rush to judgement based upon a quick video “snippet” that instantly goes out on the news and all over the Internet, Bey noted.

“What it shows you is five seconds of time. It doesn’t show you what happened before and it doesn’t show you what happened after,” Bey said. “What we can do is allow the investigation to take its course. Don’t react so quickly and be the judge, jury and convactor right off the bat.”

Asked by a woman in the audience how “we are supposed to act when we see police brutality,” Bey responded that people have a constitutional right to protest.

“But don’t confuse protest with hooliganism. Burning down cities is not protest. That’s a crime and they need to be dealt with as criminals,” Bey said.



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Middletown Police Chief John Bey (far right) was among panelists for a discussion on Race and Policing at Penn State Harrisburg on Nov. 3. The panel also included (from left) Moderator Dr. Shaun Gabbidon, Distinguished Professor of Criminal Justice; Harrisburg Bureau of Police Chief Thomas Carter; Harrisburg Bureau of Police Community Relations Coordinator David Botero; Amanda Arbour, Racial Justice Program Coordinator for the YWCA of Harrisburg; Penn State Harrisburg Police Chief Kevin Stoehr; and Bey.

“But by all means peacefully protest. That’s all of our right and I’ll die for you to do that.”

Bey also noted how during his time as a State Police officer he had to go out and protect the Ku Kux Klan as it was marching in West Chester.

“Can you imagine how conflicted I felt?”

Having African-American police officers patrol in mostly black neighborhoods is desirable, but hiring qualified minority officers is a challenge for police departments everywhere that is getting worse, said Capt. Deric Moody, uniformed patrol commander for Harrisburg police.

“Right now the perception of policing is a bad profession to get into” and even

when a young black man or woman aspires to be a cop, their family works against it, Moody said.

Even so, Moody suggested that a good cop of any color who possesses “common sense” can succeed no matter where he or she is assigned.

“My first training officer” in Harrisburg “was with a white officer” who worked in the projects of the city, said Moody, who is also African-American. “I thought, ‘what is this white guy gonna teach me about policing my people?’ This guy opened my eyes to a whole other level of policing and the level of respect that I have for this white officer who actually showed me how to police my own people. It happens a lot more than what you believe.”

Police roundup: Borough man charged with domestic assault, items stolen from cars

By Dan Miller
Press And Journal Staff

The following is a compilation of major criminal activity reported by Middletown Police Department, based upon the incident log for the week of Oct. 27 to Nov. 2. Some of the information also comes from criminal complaints obtained through the office of District Judge David Judy.

A total of 140 incidents were reported by police for the week, among them 16 traffic stops resulting in an arrest or citation, including two DUI arrests.

Police also reported three cases of criminal mischief, four cases of harassment, two cases of disorderly conduct, two reportable accidents, and two cases reported of suspected child abuse.

Police reported five separate residential burglaries, all related to the ongoing investigation of copper thefts from vacant homes in the borough, according to Police Chief John Bey.

The residential burglaries were reported in the 200 block of Adelia Street on Nov. 1, in Genesis Court on Nov. 1, in the 500 block of North Spring Street on Oct. 31, in the 900 block of Vine Street on Oct. 27, and another in the 200 block of Adelia Street on Oct. 27.

Man charged in domestic assault

Anthony Daniel Seitz, 28, was charged with aggravated assault, simple assault, recklessly endangering another person, and criminal mischief after he allegedly assaulted a woman at a residence in the first block of Caravan Court on Nov. 1.

The fight stemmed from a dispute over not paying a delinquent electric bill to the borough, according to arrest papers filed by borough police.

Seitz was placed in Dauphin County Prison on \$100,000 bail. A preliminary hearing is set for Nov. 14 before Judge.

Theft from car

Personal checks and other papers were reported stolen from inside a car that was parked in the 300 block of Conewago Street. The theft was reported to police shortly before 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31.

Man charged with stealing iPod

Brandon Brooks, 34, of the 3500 block of Fifth Street in Harrisburg, was charged with theft by unlawful taking and theft by deception related to the theft of an iPod from a residence

in the first block of Vagabond Road on Oct. 30.

A preliminary hearing is set for Nov. 28 before Judge.

Items stolen from unlocked car

Various tools and a pair of Oakley-brand sunglasses were reported stolen from a victim’s unlocked car in the 400 block of South Catherine Street on Oct. 29.

The driver’s side door was unlocked, police said.

Borough keeps Nixle for emergency notification

By Dan Miller
Press And Journal Staff

Middletown will keep using Nixle to inform residents of emergencies for at least the next three years, borough council decided on Nov. 1.

Since 2013, the borough has been using Nixle to communicate information about emergencies to residents through text messages, email or telephone.

The borough’s contract with Nixle was to expire at the end of 2016. Councilor Dawn Knull — who three years ago as a private citizen championed the borough switching its emergency alert system to Nixle — had in recent weeks been investigating whether the borough should instead go with a crime watch alert system run by Dauphin County for \$1,500 a year.

However, Knull questioned if the county service would always be available at that price.

In addition, the county system could only be accessed by police, whereas any designated borough official can put out Nixle alerts, Knull said. The borough would also have to start from scratch in getting residents to sign up for the county alerts, whereas about 1,200 of the borough’s roughly 8,900 residents are already signed up for Nixle.

Nixle was looking to charge the borough \$4,635 for a one-year deal in 2017. However, Knull said that when she told Nixle the borough was “looking elsewhere,” Nixle dropped the price to \$3,000 and agreed to lock that in for each of the next three years. The deal council approved with Nixle will run from Jan. 1, 2017 through December 2019.

Council Vice President Damon Suglia was surprised that only about 1,200 residents are signed up for the free Nixle service. Knull intends to work to try and increase that number.

All residents have to do to sign up for the service is enter their email and

a phone number. The process takes about two minutes or less, Knull said. Residents can sign up for Nixle by

going to the borough website, or they can register for the service on their cellphone, Knull added.

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Obituaries

Robert Young

Robert “Bob” G. Young, 85, of Middletown, passed away on Monday, October 31, 2016, at Brookdale Assisted Living in Selinsgrove.

He was born in Marion, Ohio on August 8, 1931 and was the son of the late Orvil C. and Josephine Hinamon Young. He married the former Evelyn Jean Miller on July 3, 1954.

He graduated from Richwood (Ohio) High School in 1949 and served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War from 1951 to 1955. He was formerly employed at AMP, Inc. Bob is survived by his wife Evelyn; a son Stephen Young and his wife Vicki Young; and two grandchildren Elizabeth Young, and Jessica May of Trevorton.

Interment will be in the Indiantown Gap National Military Cemetery, Annville.

Arrangements by the Jerre Wirt Blank Funeral Home, 395 State St., Sunbury.

Earl Bitner

Earl G. Bitner, 92, of Kinkora Pythian Home, entered into eternal rest on November 4, 2016. Graveside services will be held at Indiantown Gap Cemetery on November 10, 2016 at 12:30 p.m. SHALONIS-MARYSVILLE.

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LD students recognized for doing the right thing

Two Lower Dauphin Middle School students were recognized as “Do the Right Thing” students for September after they found a wallet with \$150 in cash and credit cards in the Subway parking lot and turned it in to restaurant employees.

Seventh-grader Trey Carlson and eighth-grader Chase Bixler found the wallet in June in the Hummelstown restaurant’s parking lot and immediately handed it to a Subway employee.

For their efforts, the students were recognized with \$25 gift cards, Do The Right Thing T-shirts and certificates, and Papa John’s pizza coupons. This month’s program sponsor was Subway.

Two other students were nominated for September and received certificates for their good deeds. They included South Hanover Elementary School third-grader Cassie Rudy and high school sophomore Marykate DeNotaris.

The “Do the Right Thing” program is modeled after a successful national program and is a partnership between Lower Dauphin Communities That Care and the Hummelstown Police Department. Now in its 10th year, the program recognizes students in the Lower Dauphin community who have distinguished themselves through their accomplishments, attitude or outstanding efforts. This program provides a way to recognize good deeds



Students Chase Bixler and Trey Carlson recently were recognized in front of their peers by Hummelstown SRO Eugene Spencer, Subway owner Bob Rogers, Lower Dauphin Communities That Care program director Kathy Pepper and LDMS assistant principal Maria Miller.

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

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So, we made it! We got through Election Day and I hear a sigh of relief. We welcome some quiet time, tired and weary of all the drama of electing a president. We have entered the dark season of the end of daylight-saving time. This just seems to plunge us into deep autumn, almost wintertime.

November is nice. We have some cold days, but once in awhile we get some sunny warm ones, too. We think about being grateful and thankful during this month. Here are some other things we should be aware of in November.

It’s awareness month for adoption, Alzheimer’s disease, American diabetes, national blog posting, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), Crohn’s and ulcerative colitis, epilepsy, fun with fondue, Georgia pecan, homeless youth, lung cancer, model railroad, Movember, Native American heritage, “no shave” November, national novel writing, pancreatic cancer, peanut butter lovers, pepper, pulmonary hypertension, national pomegranate, prematurity, raisin bread, real jewelry, stomach cancer, stuffing and sweet potato.

Did you read through that list? There are even more than these! Are you wondering what Movember is? I was, too. Movember is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during November to raise awareness of various cancers, such as prostate cancer. The Movember Foundation is the leading global organization committed to changing the face of men’s health.

So here we have it. So many things to be aware of and supportive of, if one wishes to, you may celebrate this month by donating to the various charities spotlighted above. This is the time to wear real jewelry, eat raisin bread and enjoy peanut butter. I like how Movember coincides with “no shave” month. I gather we will see many men with hairy faces in the next few weeks!

Let me know your news to share and enjoy the week!

- Citizen Quiz**
1. Who wrote “The Star Spangled Banner”?
 2. What is the date of Independence Day?
 3. Independence from whom?
 4. What is the Constitution?
 5. Can the Constitution be changed?

Birthdays

Happy confetti-popping day to **Brett Relken** of Lower Swatara. His 24th birthday is Wednesday, Nov. 9.

Best wishes for a fine, sunny birthday to **Judy Hurlock** of Lower Swatara. I hope the sun is shining for you on Thursday, Nov. 10.

Gabbie Frost of Royalton marks her brand-new teener birthday on Friday, Nov. 11. Wishing you the very best day, Gabbie. Happy 13th!

Happy 19th balloon-flying day to **Angelina Spagnolo** of Lower Swatara on Nov. 12. She celebrates her last teen birthday on Saturday. Enjoy!

Ian Sipe of Royalton joins the teenercub on Saturday, Nov. 12. I hope your 13th birthday is the best so far, Ian!

Briana Knaby marks her big 25th birthday on Sunday, Nov. 13. Enjoy this special day, Briana!

Eric Belles of Lower Swatara turns 19 on Sunday, Nov. 13. I hope your weekend is full of sunshine and fun, Eric. Happy birthday!

Edward Flowers of Lower Swatara will hear the birthday song on Sunday, Nov. 13 as he turns 51. Wishing you a beautiful day!

Kyle Brennan of Lower Swatara hits No. 19 on Monday, Nov. 14. I hope it is very fun-filled!

If you see **Alyssa Ebersole** out and about Middletown on Monday, Nov. 14, be sure to give her a huge happy birthday smile! Happy 19th.

Devin Martin of Royalton marks his 17th cool-parade cake day on Monday, Nov. 14. Have a wonderful birthday, Devin!

Best wishes for a snappy-happy birthday to **Joe Hile** of Lower Swatara on Tuesday, Nov. 15. Enjoy it all week, Joe!

Alexander Gipe of Lower Swatara celebrates his cool-parade 22nd birthday on Tuesday, Nov. 15. Have fun.

Wishing **Kassidy Deibler** of Lower Swatara a terrific 19th Tuesday birthday on Nov. 15. Hoping your week is just how you like it!

Morgan Baumbach of Middletown turns 19 on Tuesday, Nov. 15 and joins the “last year to be a teen club!” Hope your week is remarkable!

Best wishes for a wonderful Tuesday

birthday are sent to **Leandra Cruz** of Middletown. She turns 18 on Nov. 15. Have a super exciting day!

Anniversaries

Happy anniversary to **Charles and Deb Turner** of Lower Swatara. They celebrate this romantic 31st holiday on Wednesday, Nov. 9. Congrats!

Best wishes to **Ray and Lisa Shaver** of Lower Swatara on Nov. 14. They celebrate 24 years of wedded bliss on Monday. Enjoy!

Thought for November

“November always seemed to me the Norway of the year.” — Emily Dickinson

Quiz answers

1. Francis Key Scott
2. July 4
3. England
4. Supreme law of the land
5. Yes

Quote of the Week

“The beautiful falling leaves remind us that God has a season for everything in our lives. He understands.” — Bonnie Gray, author

Question of the Week

What can you do to make this country great?

“I was thinking that my brothers and I could save our papers and recycle more. Eventually our trash ends up in the ocean.” — **Sofia Wilkinson**, 8, West Hanover.

“Make a straight-up rollercoaster, 200 feet! Then come down fast.” — **Carter Defelice**, 9, Swatara.

“Be kind to people!” — **Rachael Alden**, Harrisburg.

“It starts with yourself. Treat others the way you want to be treated. Start now, whoever is next to you, show them kindness, love and understanding.” — **Jenny Hammer**, Hershey.

“Each person in this country taking personal responsibility for themselves.” — **Scott Ackerman**, Lower Swatara.

Proverb for the Week

Evil words destroy. Godly skill rebuilds (11:9).

Students of the Month
LOWER DAUPHIN HIGH SCHOOL

Lower Dauphin High School seniors **Elise Musser** and **Nick Scipione** recently were recognized as their school’s students of the month for September.

Musser was honored by the Hummelstown Women’s Club. She is the daughter of Jason Musser and the late Tami Musser, and an accomplished student, athlete and community member at Lower Dauphin.

She is a four-year member of the field hockey team. She is also a four-year member of Student Council (treasurer) and Volunteer. She is a three-year member National Honor Society (secretary) and National Spanish Honor Society and a two-year member of the National Science Honor Society and National English Honor Society. She is also very involved with Mini-THON serving as a committee captain this year.

In the community, she is active with

Spooky Nook Field Hockey and participates in the Hershey Medical Center’s Healthcare Career Exploration Program. She volunteers with the Hummelstown Historical Society, the Hummelstown Food Pantry and as a coach at Red Rose Field Hockey Camp.

She plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh and major in nursing.

Scipione was honored by the Rotary Club of Hummelstown.

Nick, the son of John and Angie Scipione, is an accomplished musician, student and school community member. He is a four-year member of the marching band and served the past two years as drum major. He is also a four-year member of the jazz band and concert band where he plays bass. He has played bass in the pit orchestra the past three years.

Nick is a four-year member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society and is a three-year member of the National Honor Society. He has participated in Mini-THON for the past four years and is serving as student executive his senior year.

In the community, he earned his Eagle Scout award and has worked various part-time jobs.

He plans to attend either Millersville University or Penn State.

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Prevention

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. Diabetic retinopathy is a leading cause of preventable blindness among adults. Individuals with this condition are 25 times more likely than the general population to become blind.

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Town Topics

News & happenings for Middletown and surrounding areas.

Middletown Crime Watch meeting Nov. 16

A Middletown Crime Watch meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16 at Liberty Fire Hall, Adelia Street, Middletown.

This will be the first of three initiation meetings where spirited discussions will take place regarding quality of life issues in Middletown Borough. Come together as a community to show our support and commitment.

Family Fun Night to be held at church Nov. 15

Ebenezer United Methodist Church and Childcare's Free Family Fun Night will be held at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15. The event will be held at the church, 890 Ebenezer Road, Middletown. There will be a light meal followed by craft making.

For more information, call 717-939-0766, ext. 103.

Bingo mania coming to fire company Nov. 13

Londonderry Fire Company, 2655 Foxianna Road, Middletown, will hold its Bingo Mania on Sunday, Nov. 13. Doors and kitchen open at noon, bingo starts at 2 p.m. For more information, call 717-944-2175.

Middletown Pharmacy Open House coming up

Middletown Pharmacy, 436 E. Main St., is sponsoring its Holiday Open House on Friday, Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information call 717-944-1640.

Program is for those who want CNA training

A part-time evening nurse aide training competency and evaluation program will be held at Dauphin County Tech, 6001 Locust Lane, Harrisburg. Classes begin on Jan. 31, 2017. The training prepares applicants for the PA State Competency Exam needed to become a certified nurse aide. For information, application and appointment call 717-652-3170, Ext. 7437.

Lower Dauphin Craft Fair is this Saturday

The 33rd annual Lower Dauphin Craft Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 at Lower Dauphin High School, 201 S. Hanover St., Hummelstown.

Featured will be more than 150 vendors, and concessions are available. Admission is free.

Mohler Center Holiday Bazaar is Nov. 20

The Mohler Center, 25 Hope Drive, Hershey, is sponsoring a Holiday Bazaar from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20. Featured will be vendors and crafters.

Money and donations from vendors benefits the U12 Mid Penn Prospects Baseball Team.

4th annual Pre-Turkey Bazaar is Nov. 19

The fourth annual Pre-Turkey Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at the MCSO Building, 60 W. Emaus St., Middletown.

Do holiday shopping, grab lunch and support the Middletown Area Historical Society.

Fall Book Sale continues at Middletown Library

The Fall Book Sale is being held at the Middletown Public Library, 20 N. Catherine St. Hours for the sale are as follows: Wednesday, Nov. 9; 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10 (half price); and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 (\$4 bag sale, specials half off).

The Craft Group will sponsor a bake sale on Nov. 12.

Lower Swatara budget keeps taxes at same level

By Eric Wise
Press And Journal Staff

Taxes will remain the same in Lower Swatara Township under the proposed budget its commissioners discussed Nov. 2.

Commissioners will consider the \$6.9 million budget Nov. 16, said Tom Mehaffie, president of the board of commissioners. If they vote to advertise the budget, they may vote for final adoption during the commissioners' legislative meeting Dec. 21.

Overall revenue and expenditures are up about 13 percent from the 2016 budget.

The property tax millage rate remains at 4.24 mills, the rate since the commissioners last raised taxes in 2015. It includes 3.75 mills for the township and 0.49 mills for fire protection. The typical home in Lower Swatara, valued at the median assessment of \$94,850, will pay \$402 in municipal real estate taxes. The budget also calls for \$740,000 transferred from the capital improvement and highway funds in

Revenue and expenditures up about 13 percent over 2016

the coming year.

The 2017 budget funds the position of township manager at \$75,000, as the position is vacant and will likely remain open for a portion of 2017. Another line item lists \$95,000 for three months of management consulting and the development of a plan under the state's Early Intervention Program, of which 60 percent would be reimbursed through state grants.

Salaries are budgeted with a 3 percent increase, although individual salaries have yet to be determined, said Frank Williamson Jr., the director of public safety and assistant township manager.

The township will continue to rely on Zelenkofske Axelrod as a financial consultant, budgeted for \$63,900, said Michael Davies, a commissioner and chairman of the finance committee. In September, the board voted to hire the firm after a vote to fire the township's former director of finance. The firm has been astute in helping the

township correct problems noted in a recent audit, Davies said.

The township keeps the same number of police officers under the budget, Davies said. The township is in the midst of a study, to be completed early in 2017, that will determine whether the township should add any police. Williamson is heading the study, which will result in a police manpower recommendation drawn from a formula developed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

The township began 2015 with 16 officers, and two officers left the force during the year. The 2016 budget included 15 officers, although they began the year with just 14. By mid-summer 2016, a patrolman resigned and the police chief retired. Following the recent hire of two patrolmen, the township now has 14 police officers and a director of public safety. There is also a full-time office administrator for the police, which remains unchanged.

The township, which placed a new police car in service during the past month, has budgeted one additional police vehicle for 2017. In addition, the budget has included the costs of outfitting four police vehicles with cameras at a cost of \$5,000 each. Cars will have a front-facing camera, a 180-degree view and a view of the prisoner compartment.

The plan calls for four vehicles to be outfitted with cameras in 2017, and the other four vehicles to get cameras the following year, Davies said.

Mehaffie argued that the township should move forward with all eight cars at once instead.

"I think it would do us justice if we do all the cars," he said.

The township contributes about \$460,000 to fire protection in the budget, including its general contribution of \$318,000 for the Lower Swatara Fire Department. This year, the commissioners budgeted \$56,000 to pay

off the fire chief's Chevy Tahoe, which Mehaffie said will help put the department in a better position as it seeks to make a significant investment in fire apparatus in the coming year.

While the budget anticipates no major paving projects for the year, it does invest \$220,000 in stormwater improvements that will protect roadways from damage or collapse from beneath. Stormwater drainage improvements are planned for the park in Woodbridge Development, Swatara Drive, the Green Plains Development and Cockley Road.

Four areas are targeted for replacement of stormwater drainage, as the existing pipes have deteriorated under the road. "We're trying to stay ahead of that when we can," Davies said.

The budget does call for a \$10,000 contribution to the Olmsted Recreation Board, the same amount budgeted for 2016. The township did not contribute to the board in 2015. Historically, this board has been jointly supported by the township, Royalton, Middletown and the Middletown Area School District.

Londonderry Township budget calls for no tax increase; islands an issue

By Eric Wise
Press And Journal Staff

Londonderry Township residents and property owners will see no tax increase under the proposed 2017 budget approved by unanimous vote Nov. 7.

The supervisors voted to advertise the \$3.2 million budget, which they may consider for a final vote during their Dec. 5 or Dec. 20 meetings.

"The biggest thing we'll have is the ongoing compliance issues with the islands," said Steve Letavic, township manager. "The budget includes a \$200,000 increase in legal fees with that project."

Township officials have said that they must begin strict enforcement of the township's floodplain development ordinance to stay in compliance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or the township risks losing federal disaster assistance and residents risk losing government-backed flood insurance. There are nearly 500 properties on five islands in the Susquehanna River, and township officials have said many of these properties with recreational cabins and cottages are not compliant with the ordinance.

"Our budget has been severely impacted by unfunded mandates: the OLSDS program from DEP, the MS4 from EPA and DEP, and now the islands," Letavic said. "The outcome of those things will make all the difference on

whether we will have a tax increase."

The township developed an ordinance requiring a four-year rotation for pumping and inspection of onlot sewage disposal systems in 2013 to comply with regulations from the state Department of Environmental Protection. Environmental regulations from DEP and the federal Environmental Protection Agency forced the township to address its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) to protect waterways from runoff pollution.

"Our five-year cash flow does not incorporate unfunded mandates over time," said Supervisor Mel Hershey.

The budget includes \$150,000 for road maintenance and paving projects. Letavic said the township will analyze the condition of the roads in the spring and determine which roads need attention.

There are no new vehicles budgeted, although the cost of a new skid loader was included. Letavic said the township is trying to maximize the use for its existing equipment, and he hopes it holds out for another year. "We won't buy it if we don't need it," he said.

The budget is posted in the township building for anyone to review, and it will be posted online, Letavic said.

"We're glad to answer any questions you have about the budget," he said.

A more detailed version with three years of comparisons are available for discussion, if residents call and arrange a time to meet with the township staff.

BUDGET

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inherited from previous years were zeroed out, because no information was available regarding who these consultants are or what they were doing, Kapenstein said.

Finally, the borough is looking to reduce its information technology costs by about \$3,000 a month for 2017 by putting out for bid the contract the borough has with its current IT provider.

Waste fees

The borough's new contract with its trash collector, Penn Waste, includes an increase charge to the borough for residents to use dumpsters provided in the south end of town near Susquehanna Street.

Right now borough residents can use this service for \$30, but the borough might need to increase the rate to reflect the higher cost being charged by Penn Waste, Klinepeter said.

However, this is a voluntary service that residents can use which is not related to their weekly trash pickup, Klinepeter added.

In addition, council likely will continue discussing raising fees related to zoning hearing board submissions and for residents to use the Woody Waste brush disposal program. However it could be months before any such changes are made and no such increases are reflected in the 2017 budget.

The budget discussions began with the first public meeting on Nov. 3 with a roughly \$335,100 deficit proposed by staff.

However, this was based upon adding two full-time police officers requested by Chief John Bey, and two new full-time public works employees sought by department director Greg Wilsbach.

Instead, council decided to go with one new full-timer each for police and public works, which reduced the deficit considerably, said Hamer.

The starting salary for a police officer is about \$55,000. However when benefits are added in, the total expenditure tops \$100,000. A Public Works employee costs slightly less than a police officer.

No positions are being added to

the codes department, which currently consists of one full-time position — unfilled for close to a year now — and two part-timers in property maintenance. The borough also contracts with a company in Manheim for building inspection services.

There are still changes and adjustments to be made before the budget goes before council for tentative adoption Nov. 15.

For example, Wilsbach is asking for more seasonal labor from May to September to make up for not getting a second full-timer. The fire department has requested \$145,000 for 2017, but Councilor Diana McGlone is pushing for \$150,000.

Not final yet

Otherwise, council is looking to provide funds for the paving of Ann Street, which has been identified as a priority for 2017. Council is also putting funds in the budget to do two studies in 2017 to determine if the electric rates currently charged to all classes of customers — residents and businesses — are where they should be based upon actual costs.

While council in the past has transferred money from the electric trust to help balance the budget, no such transfer will be necessary in 2017, Hamer said.

Funds will be transferred from the electric fund itself to the general fund, but no more than the amount that was transferred in 2016, Hamer said.

The electric fund itself expects to run a surplus in 2017 as a result of significant savings obtained through the five-year contract with a wholesale electric generation provider that council recently approved, according to Hamer.

Finally, the 2017 budget earmarks \$10,000 as the borough's contribution to the Olmsted Regional Recreation Board, \$50,000 to support Middletown Public Library, and \$15,000 to put on fireworks.



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Man faces charges after owner catches him breaking into his car

By Eric Wise
Press And Journal Staff

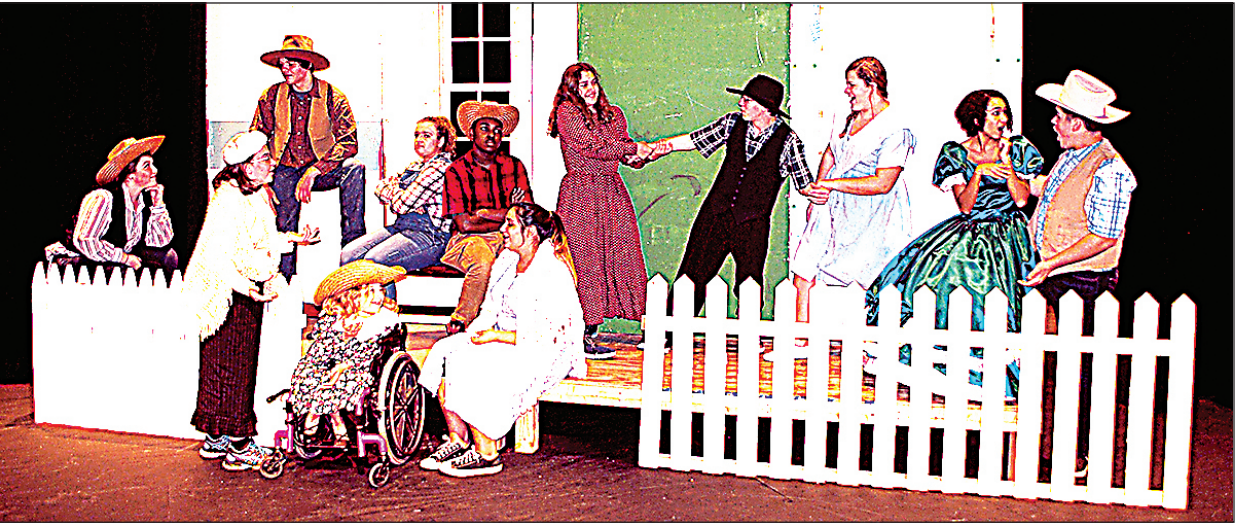
A Lower Swatara Township was caught breaking into a car at Schiavoni Park in August, and now faces charges from the incident, police reported. Shelby Miller, of the 400 block of Hollywood Drive in Lower Swatara, faces charges of theft from a motor vehicle, criminal mischief, disorderly conduct-hazardous/physically offen-

sive conduct and public drunkenness. Miller approached the car's owner, who was preparing to take rafts on the Swatara Creek with his wife and sister at about 8:45 p.m. Aug. 14, according to the affidavit of probable cause. Miller asked to go along with them, but the car owner refused. The man said that when they got to Schiavoni Park, he heard his car alarm going off, and found his 2016 Honda Accord with a broken driver's side

window and Miller in the vehicle, rummaging through belongings, according to the affidavit. Miller was wearing the man's sunglasses atop his head, the affidavit said. The car owner confronted Miller and "became threatened," the affidavit said. He then wrestled Miller to the ground, struggled with him, and then held him there until Hummelstown Police arrived at the scene, the affidavit said.

Police found Miller was carrying two Samsung Galaxy S6 phones valued at \$699 each, \$26 cash and a pair of sunglasses valued at \$17. The car owner's wallet was not located. Police said there was a minimum of \$1,000 damage to the car, including the broken window, dented door and fender. Miller is scheduled to appear for a preliminary hearing on the charges at 10 a.m., Nov. 23 before District Judge Michael Smith.

MAHS fall play is this weekend



Submitted photo

The Middletown Area High School fall play "Much Ado About Nothing" will be presented in the high school auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13. General admission tickets of \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens are available at the door, which opens 30 minutes before each performance. Pictured here is the cast, from left to right Zoey Bright, Lydia Hursh, John McDevitt, Kelsey Dworchak, Sarah Fluke, Amir Simmons, Melanie Rentas, Cassidy Anderson, John Hursh, Alexis Fischer, Angela Torres, and Jared Knaub. Not pictured are Mitch Carson and Khasai Cornish.

CRIME

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burnt-out street lights, overgrown shrubs and weeds, potholes, and even dogs that bark at all hours of the night and prevent people from getting the rest they need. The ongoing wave of copper thefts that Middletown police have been dealing with for months is an excellent example of how a quality-of-life issue can spawn criminal activity, the chief said. In this case, owners of vacant properties who don't take precautions like putting lights on timers or doing landscaping to make the house look occupied are basically providing a target of opportunity for criminals. "When you Monday morning quarterback these thefts, it seems that there are a lot of common sense (precautions) but people are not doing them," the chief said. It's not the responsibility of police alone to fix these things, but of the entire community, Bey said. That's where neighborhood crime watches come in. Besides preventing crime by being proactive about quality of life issues, a crime watch can help police solve crimes after they occur. For example,



Bey

a crime watch can be a way that neighbors know which residents in their area have a surveillance camera. Then if something happens that someone may have caught on video, that information can be relayed to police, Bey said. The chief has invited David Botero, community policing coordinator for

the Harrisburg Bureau of Police, to come to the Nov. 16 meeting in Middletown to talk about how residents can establish a crime watch in their own neighborhood. Refreshments will be served at the Nov. 16 meeting. Dates for follow-up meetings have not been announced.

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Anthony Stains of Seven Sorrows who was MVP of the game, takes a pass into the end zone in the Super Bowl on Sunday.

Seven Sorrows takes home Pony Super Bowl title

Seven Sorrows won its first Super Bowl championship at the Pony level on Sunday, taking home the CFA Federal Conference championship.

The Eagles defeated Boiling Springs 28-12 at John H. Frederick Field in Mechanicsburg. They were undefeated on the season.

Seven Sorrows received the opening kickoff and converted a 3rd and 15 on two runs by Michael Barilla. Anthony Powell then ran under a Braelan Huber pass for a 42-yard touchdown. Anthony Stains was successful on the extra point kick and the Eagles led 8-0.

The first quarter ended on a turnover on downs for Boiling Springs when Chad Sipe made a tackle in the backfield on 4th and 5.

After a Huber pass to Amari Betha for a 20-yard gain, the Eagles appeared to convert on 4th and

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UNDEFEATED!

Raiders wrap up magical regular season as playoffs await

By Larry Etter
Press And Journal Staff

With the cheerleaders leading the chants of "We are undefeated! We are undefeated!" in a postgame ceremony at War Memorial Field on Friday night, the Middletown football team and its happy fans celebrated an unbeaten regular season as the Blue Raiders won for the 10th straight time this season.

The victory, a smashing 42-7 defeat of visiting Steelton-Highspire, locked down the outright Mid-Penn. Conference Capital Division championship for the Blue Raiders that sent the Middletown team into the District III 3A playoffs as the No. 1 seed. The Raiders will play host to Littlestown in a first round contest this Friday at home.

Any plans the visiting Rollers had of throwing up a roadblock on the expressway to the Raiders' drive for the undefeated season were cast aside early as the home team jumped out to a 20-0 first-quarter lead. Once again, all three phases of the game were carried out to near perfection by this impressive, senior-led squad.

"These guys love to play football and they love to compete against each other in practices, and that's what makes them good," head coach Brett Myers said following the win.

Coming into the 2016 season, Myers knew he had a good team. How good the team would be at the start was purely speculation.

"Now you know," he said with a smile on his face. "They come off the field and talk to each other about what the other team is doing and make their own adjustments. And that's how smart they are."

Predictions about how a team will do following a huge win like the Raiders experienced the week before at Milton Hershey are hard to determine. Coming off that triumph against the Spartans and facing a dangerous Steel-High team could have had adverse effects on the Raiders. But that didn't happen.

It started early. Taking the opening kickoff and starting at its own 39 yard line, the Middletown offense needed just six plays to register its first score. Mixing passes from quarterback Chase Snively of 16 yards to Chris Plummer and 13 yards to Jose Lopez, along with

runs by Brady Fox, the Raiders reached the 8 yard line quickly. Jaelen Thompson, the school's all-time leading rusher, capped the drive with an 8-yard sweep around left end for the touchdown at 10:01. Donovan Brady added the point after for a quick 7-0 lead.

Steel-High's initial possession of the game ended in a punt and, as the game progressed, the Rollers turned out to be no match for Middletown's physical defense. In fact, the Rollers

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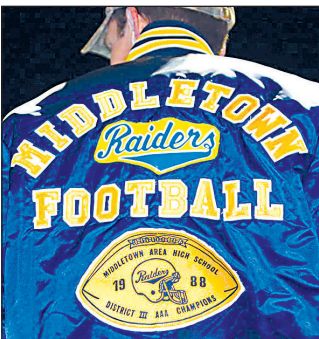


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This fan's jacket remembers the 1988 district champions.

Party like its 1988

The Blue Raiders will play host to Littlestown at 7 p.m. Friday in the first round of District III 3A playoffs at War Memorial Field.

The Thunderbolts earned the No. 4 seed with an 8-2 record that included a 5-1 finish in the York Adams Leagues' Division III, one game behind York Catholic. While the Raiders and Thunderbolts have not met in a regular season game, they have faced each other in several scrimmages in recent years.

The two teams faced one common opponent, Boiling Springs. The 'Bolts beat the Bubblers 28-0 while the Blue Raiders whipped Boiling Springs 42-6 on Homecoming weekend.

Littlestown won district titles in 1984, 1989 and 2004. The last district crown that Middletown claimed was in 1988.

The winner will play the winner of Wyomissing-Bermudian Springs on Nov. 18.

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Shaffer has another big game as LD beats Hershey

By Gabe Mink
For the Press And Journal

The Lower Dauphin Falcons football team closed out its 2016 season with a 28-0 win against the Hershey Trojans at Hersheypark Stadium, bringing their record to an even 5-5 under first-year head coach Greg Kratzer.

Once again, Brendan Shaffer carried the team offensively.

The junior scored three more touchdowns and rushed for 242 yards. After not totaling more than 100 yards rushing in any of the first seven games, he totaled 651 in the last three: 263 vs. Cumberland Valley, 146 vs. Bishop McDevitt, and the 242 vs. Hershey. He had 1,116 yards on the season, averaging 7 yards a carry, and scored 13 touchdowns overall.

“This is a very important win to the seniors. I love them all, and I’m going to miss them next year. A lot of them are going off to play football and do great things. They’re great guys, and I’m going to miss them,” Shaffer said.

In his final game, senior Isaac Ray



Photo by John Offenderfer

Brendan Shaffer looks for running room vs. the Hershey defense on Friday at Hersheypark Stadium.

picked up the final points of the game. He had 10 carries for 71 yards.

The Falcons had a total of 73 plays and 19 first downs in the game, and



Skyler Swartz intercepts a Hershey pass that led to a Brendan Shaffer touchdown run.

405 yards total — 332 rushing and 73 yards passing.

“I’m happy for the guys. I just told them, where we were Week 1 against Middletown (a 27-7 loss) to really play

through and winning some games and beating some good teams, we really grew as a football team,” Kratzer said.

Halfway through the first quarter, the Falcons had the opportunity for a field

goal but it was no good.

In the second quarter, the Trojans’ Jimmy Sheehan sacked quarterback Ryan Kutz, and Joe Brittain recovered the fumble to give the Trojans 1st and 10 at the Falcons 16 yard line with a little more than 8 minutes left.

But then Trojans QB Grant Santangelo was intercepted by Skyler Swartz, and the Falcons took over at their own 4 yard line.

Kutz handed off to Shaffer, who bounced around the pile until he caught open ground and sprinted for the Trojans end zone, completing a 96-yard touchdown run with 6:42 left in the half. Clyde Tamburro made the extra point.

Shaffer scored again quickly at the start of the fourth quarter, a 20-yard touchdown just 8 seconds in.

He scored his third time on a carry up the middle for a 55-yard touchdown with a little more than 8 minutes left in the game.

On third down and only 45 seconds to go, Ray ran the ball for a 6-yard touchdown to finish the game.

Quarterback Aidan Klassen saw action in the in the beginning of the

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Lower Dauphin’s Brendan Shaffer

game with 10 attempts and 4 complete passes. Kutz had 4 attempted passes for 3 completions.

Senior Dan Beaver led the team with 6 total tackles. Senior Justin McIntyre had a sack.

“The seniors stepped up and started playing a lot better, took more of a leadership role. And defensively, I can’t say enough about our defense. They’ve been playing well all season long,” Kratzer said.

Added Shaffer: “Some people might look at it like we went 5 and 5, we went .500, but with some of the opponents that we played, with our schedules, we weren’t blown out by a lot of teams. We always ran it and we were playing hard the whole time. We worked through adversity and kept coming back after every loss. We were working hard.”

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Tyreer Mills takes off with support from Laron Woody and Christian Plummer.

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would be held to just 8 total yards in the first three quarters of play. With Bobby Graham, Haden Landis, Griffen Rada- baugh and Tristan Maxwell leading up front, and linebackers Hunter Landis, Blake Jacoby and Laron Woody star- ring as well, the Rollers went nowhere. To add to the dominance, backs Tyreer Mills, Kyle Truesdale, Jonah McCoy and Tre Leach gave up nothing through the air as Roller quarterback Steven Pryor was held to just one completion.

Meanwhile the Middletown offense was charging ahead and scored on its second possession of the first quarter. A 22-yard run by Fox and a 29-yard reception by Mills moved the ball to the Steel-High 15 in just four plays. On first and five at the 15, Thompson broke a couple tackles at the 12 and darted into the end zone for the tally with 5:18 left. Three plays into the Rollers’ ensuing drive, Mills inter- cepted a Pryor pass near midfield and his return set up the Raiders at the Steel-High 32.

Following a Roller penalty that moved the ball to the 14, the Raiders were flagged for a pair of infractions that pushed them all the way back to the 40. But that setback mattered little as Snavelly connected on a pair of 20-yard passes, the second one a touchdown strike to Mills at the 2:34 mark. The extra point try missed but the Blue Raiders were in command with a 20-0 advantage.

Hurt by a pair of penalties the Roll- ers were eventually forced to punt again and the Raiders took over at the Steel-High 41 with 16 seconds left in the first quarter.

Undefeated seasons

Prior to district, state playoffs:

1948: 11-0-0
1969: 11-0-0
1971: 11-0-0
1975: 10-0-0
1989: 11-0-0, lost in first round of the playoffs
1999: 10-0-0, lost in first round of the playoffs
2000: 10-0-0, lost in first round of the playoffs

Following a 13-yard run by Lopez on the final play the teams exchanged penalties to start the second stanza. Fox got into the scoring act on first down at the 23, shooting through a left side gap for the Raiders’ fourth touchdown at 11:24. Brady’s PAT pushed the home team’s lead to 27-0 and the stunned Rollers were in trouble.

Steel-High did pick up one first down on the following series and earned another via a Raiderer penalty. But Truesdale dropped Isaiah Lockette for an 8-yard loss on the next play and a delay call cost the visitors five more yards. On third-and-19 Woody sacked Pryor for a 10-yard loss, forcing another Roller punt.

The Blue Raiders followed with an 8-play, 67-yard drive that ended with a 36-yard Snavelly-to-Mills scoring pass. On the play, Steel-High just missed an interception that could have been returned for a defensive touch- down. Instead, Mills caught the ball and raced down the left side for the tally with 2:05 left in the half. A trick play earned the Raiders a two-point

Photo by Earl Hammaker

Hunter Landis takes down a Steel-High ball carrier.

conversion and a 35-0 lead. A double reverse from Snavelly to Fox to Leach worked as planned as Leach tossed the completion to Snavelly.

That 35-0 advantage brought on the mercy clock for the second half and, after stopping Steel-High’s opening drive of the third quarter, the Blue Raiders put the game out of reach with yet another scoring drive. With the Middletown offense staying exclusively on the ground, Fox and Lopez split four carries that moved the ball from the midfield stripe to the Steel-High 28.

Following a penalty, Fox carried four straight times to the 14. From there he went left on a sweep before cutting across the middle of the field and dashing into the end zone for the touchdown with 3:27 left in the third quarter.

With the 42-0 lead the game was technically over. Steel-High finally broke into the scoring column in the fourth quarter, scoring on a 3-yard run by Lockette three plays after Devauje Lee connected with Javion Grant for

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Sept. 2	@Lower Dauphin	27-7
Sept. 9	Northern York	33-0
Sept. 16	@West Perry	35-6
Sept. 23	East Pennsboro	60-14
Sept. 30	@Trinity	69-7
Oct. 7	Palmyra	14-10
Oct. 14	@Camp Hill	49-14
Oct. 22	Boiling Springs	42-6
Oct. 28	@Milton Hershey	49-20
Nov. 4	Steel-High	42-7

TOTALS
10-0 record, 410 points scored, 91 scored against

45 yards to the Middletown 7 against the Raider reserves.

The Middletown offense ran three minutes off the clock before turning the ball over on downs to the Rollers at the 39 yard line. After picking up one first down, the Roller drive was stung when Lee was sacked for an 11-yard loss by Dustin Holliman, Cole Senior and John Etter. The clock ran out on the visitors three plays later bringing on the celebration for the Middletown side.

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Above, the Lower Dauphin soccer team celebrates its second straight District 3 Class 3A boys soccer championship on Thursday, Nov. 3. Below, Lower Dauphin's Nick Iagnemma goes in for a kick.

LD soccer continues incredible run

The Lower Dauphin boys soccer team continued its amazing run on Thursday, Nov. 3, by defeating Gettysburg 3-0 to win their second straight District 3 Class 3A boys soccer championship.

The Falcons are now 24-0 on the season. They played Holy Ghost Prep on Tuesday night at Hersheypark Stadium. The winner of that game plays Saturday vs. the winner of Hollidaysburg and Mars.

Lower Dauphin has given up only five goals all season while scoring 96. They game up almost half of those goals in a 3-2 win over Central Dauphin East on Sept. 12. They have 20 shutouts on the season.

Against Gettysburg, Lower Dauphin scored one goal in the first half — by Nick Iagnemma — and two in the second — by Timmy Townsend and Jackson Becher.

Assists went to Becher as well as Steven Schankweiler and Josiah Ramirez.

Goalkeeper Brady Wilson has starred for the Falcons all season. He had two saves vs. Gettysburg.



Seven Sorrows won its first Super Bowl championship at the Pony level on Sunday, taking home the CFA Federal Conference championship.

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2, but a holding call turned into an incompletion on 4th and 9. The Bubblers would score two plays later on a 59-yard touchdown run. The extra point attempt failed and the Eagles led at halftime, 8-6.

Powell recovered an onside kick for the Eagles to open the second half, but another holding call worked against them.

Despite a Huber-to-Jadyn Maple pass for 11 yards, the Eagles were forced to punt. And the defense responded. Stains, Sipe, Powell, Marquis Beasley, Collin Minto and Jaydon James gave the Bubblers little room to run.

Betha made a tackle in the backfield on 3rd and 10 to force a punt. After several penalties forced the Eagles into 3rd and 25, Huber threw to Stains in the right flat, and he went 72 yards for a touchdown.

The extra point kick failed and the third quarter ended with the Eagles leading 14-6.

The defense forced a turnover on

downs and the Eagles went on a championship-winning scoring drive. Huber passed to Stains for 15 yards. On a halfback pass, Stains passed to Betha for 20 yards. Titus Carter then blasted his way into the end zone from the 4 yard line behind blocks from James, Beasley, Steven Ramsey and Ben Staker. Stains converted the kick for a 22-6 lead half-way through the fourth quarter.

The Bubblers returned the kickoff to the Eagles' 13 yard line, and scored two plays later to pull within 22-12. The Bubblers would get one more chance with the ball, but on the last play of the game, Stains returned an interception 60 yards for a touchdown to make the final score 28-12.

Stains was named the game's MVP.



Amari Betha splits the defense and makes a catch for a first down.

Malachi Brooks, Michael Carr and Shawn Eden played great defense. Xander McClinton, Aaron Nordai, and Jayden Rider also played in the championship game.

Middletown field hockey says goodbye to seniors



The Middletown Blue Raiders field hockey team held its Senior Night on Oct. 10. Seen on top are seniors Sidonie LaPlante, Cammee Johnson, Marisa Mayhew, Dae Collins, Riley Elhajj, Gabby Krupilis, Victoria Hansen, Sierra Smith and Moriah Nickel. Above, Dae Collins makes a leap for the ball. The team lost to Big Spring that night, 5-0. They finished 2-15-1 overall and 0-9-1 in the Mid-Penn Capital Division.

Summer Londonderry Bocce League announces winners

Winners of the 2016 Summer Londonderry Bocce League are:

- **Monday morning league:** Ann Kopp (captain), Sue Gardner, Robert and Barbara Miller; alternate player, Susan Petrina.
- **Tuesday morning league:** Ken Bleiler (captain), Richard Rice, Charlie and Carol Chew, and Rich Johnson.
- **Tuesday evening league:** Charles Starr (captain), Dolly Goodhart, Julie Kupp, Warren Coover; alternate player, Dominic Deimler.

Fall bocce continued at Sunset Park until Oct. 18.

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Human trafficking isn't just a plot in some scary movie

It sounds like the plot of a movie.

But in this case it's not.

Pennsylvania State Police report that a 20-year-old Londonderry Township woman was kidnapped and held against her will and forced into committing multiple acts of prostitution in Tennessee and South Carolina over the summer.

If you think human trafficking is only something that occurs in foreign countries, when women on vacation are grabbed off the street by mysterious men in vans and whisked away, you are wrong.

What allegedly happened is far from that scenario. If the charges are true, it wasn't hulking men who helped carry out the kidnapping. It was another young woman who the victim believed to be her friend who helped carry out the crimes.

Trooper Robert Hicks, spokesman for state police Troop H in Harrisburg, said it is "pretty rare" for a case like this to be reported here, but "we know there are plenty of occurrences that go unreported." It's sad. It's scary.

The short version of the story is that the victim thought she was going on a weekend vacation road trip to Myrtle Beach. Instead, she woke up to find herself in a "dope house" in Knoxville, Tennessee. Later, over a period of four days in June while she was being kept at a Myrtle Beach hotel against her will by her friend and another man, the victim told police that she had been forced to have sex with three clients. Then the victim and the other two drove back to the dope house in Knoxville, where the victim told police she was forced into having sex for money with as many as six men a day.

The man allegedly assaulted the victim until she agreed to perform the sex acts. It's fortunate that the victim was able to escape, fleeing from gas station off Exit 104 of Interstate 81 in Schuylkill County when the accused woman stopped to get gas while back in Pennsylvania. The victim went into the gas station, told an employee she was in danger, and asked to use a telephone, police said.

The man and woman are suspects in "active investigations" of similar acts of kidnapping and human trafficking that had been reported to law enforcement agencies in other jurisdictions.

The Londonderry Township woman was very lucky to escape. She also had a mother who was concerned for her well-being. She made phone calls to try to find her and eventually listed the victim as a missing person in a national database. Sometimes, the young women who are trafficked have no close family ties. It makes them easier to take without anyone noticing.

The woman charged is Rachel Shearer, 21, of Old Forge in Lackawanna County. She was taken into custody just one day after the alleged victim escaped at the gas station.

Shearer is charged with kidnapping to facilitate a felony, conspiring to kidnap for ransom, conspiring to kidnap to facilitate a felony, conspiring to involuntary servitude, trafficking in individuals, and two felony counts of conspiring to promote prostitution.

Shearer is also charged with two misdemeanor counts of conspiring to unlawful restraint. She is in Dauphin County Prison on \$200,000, and a preliminary hearing has been set for Nov. 14 before Judge.

The man has not yet been charged in the incident involving the Londonderry Township woman.

We must point out that the victim told police she had known Shearer from before from having purchased heroin from Shearer. So she knew Shearer allegedly was involved in illegal activity. But the events that apparently took place go far beyond that.

According to the Department of Homeland Security: Every year, millions of men, women and children are trafficked in countries around the world, including the United States. It is estimated that human trafficking is a \$32 billion per year industry, second only to drug trafficking as the most profitable form of transnational crime. This involves not only sex trafficking but trafficking for other reasons, including forced employment.

You can help protect yourself and others. Go to www.dhs.gov/Bluecampaign and to www.state.gov/j/tip/id/help, the website of the U.S. State Department, for information and tips on fighting human trafficking.

The life of the Londonderry Township woman is forever changed. Do your part to help prevent it from happening to yourself or others.

'We are undefeated!': Blue Raiders roll to 10-0

"We are undefeated! We are undefeated!"

That's a chant that few high school teams can claim after 10 games.

But it's a phrase that Middletown Blue Raiders fans joyously yelled after the football team's 42-7 defeat of visiting Steelton-Highspire on Friday night.

And now, it's on to the playoffs, vs. Littlestown, for Mid-Penn Conference Capital Division champions.

We urged you several weeks ago to jump on the bandwagon, that the team is something special. If you didn't listen then, it's not too late to get to the game Friday.

The numbers are staggering. They have scored 410 points this season (averaging 41 a game) while giving up only 91 (9.1 a game). Only one game was closer than 20 points. That was their Week 6 win vs. Palmyra, a game in which they did not play their best but that seemed to inspire the team for the remainder of the season.

While it was a team effort, we do want to give kudos to senior running back Jaelen Thompson, who set a new career rushing record this season. He surpassed Rodney Ramsey's 3,409 yards from 2006 to 2008 and now stands at 3,459.

This team is already special, but it should have some lofty goals ahead of it. Come out Friday and show your Raider spirit. Beat Littlestown!

JOETROJCAK

Here's a star-spangled teen from Middletown of which to be proud

It was a typical morning here in my studio in early July when an incoming email caught my attention. It was from Middletown's school superintendent, Dr. Lori Suski.

We were overdue to get together to discuss the Pathways Program the school district uses to help students identify their best possible career path as well as Fire Up Now, my presentations that encourage career-building and entrepreneurship. I knew that she was swamped with the final phase of building the new high school, so I was surprised that she had time to reach out to me.

She wanted to know if we could record a Middletown Area High School student singing the National Anthem so it could be used for the fall and winter indoor sports events. A few emails were exchanged and a studio date was set up for early August.

Zoe Bright entered the studio along with her grandparents, who drove her to the session. The grandparents were very proud of this moment while Zoe was just a bit nervous. After all, this was her first session in a full recording studio. I sat behind the keyboard and worked out that the key of F instead of Bb allowed Zoe to sing "The Star Bangled Banner" at her best.

The next step was to adjust the microphone to the best height to capture Zoe's voice and to make



Editor's note: We are happy to announce that Joe Trojcek is joining the pages of the Press And Journal as a columnist starting with today's edition.

sure her headphones level was set just right. The first take was decent. The second take was better. The third take was the absolute winner. The passion was there. The pitch was good. Pronunciations were great. We had the take that we needed.

It was about this time that Zoe's mom, Karen, was able to leave work and attend the session in the studio. I saved the audio files that we captured and we began discussing Zoe's love for music and her passion to go into theater or speech therapy.

It was during this discussion that I turned to Zoe and asked the question: "Why don't you want to sing 'The Star Spangled Banner' live? You have performed in live shows? You have the talent."

Zoe's response was: "I want to make sure that our National Anthem is performed properly."

I shook my head in agreement and did not give it much additional thought until the NFL season was about to get started. That is when and small hand full of players decided that they were going to use the occasion of honoring America to raise attention for police shootings that are questionable or at times downright wrong and criminal.

What needs to be understood is that in the rush to turn the National Anthem into a protest piece, you set aside the emotions that many others recall during its performance. When the National Anthem is sung, a widow is given a moment to recall the ultimate sacrifice of their husband or wife. The orphan recalls the sac-



Zoe Bright

riche of their parent and the void of their absence in their life is broaden to encompass the bigger picture of freedom. Many other recall the desperate conditions that Gen. George Washington led in battle against the gigantic British Army, or brother vs. brother in Gettysburg. Some recall world wars, especially the second one, which had the intention to force Nazi domination worldwide. We recall Vietnam veterans who finally are treated with respect after decades of rejection. And we recall the veterans that we see from recent battles in the desert many who have lost limbs and suffer from post-traumatic stress.

Has every action of the United States military been perfect? By no means. Our nation has all sorts of problems. As Charlie Jones stated: "I could fill a book with what is wrong with America but I could fill a library with what is good about America!"

The contrast of these well-paid athletes who bounce from city to city within the United States vs.

the simple small town life of Zoe Bright deserves recognition. The performance and its meaning were much bigger than an opportunity to stand in front of the crowd and belt out a tune. The NFL players have many other options to bring up their concerns about police actions with out insulting those of us who cherish our freedom and all who sacrificed for it.

So I invite you the citizens of 17057 and all other neighborhoods near by to make a trip up to the high school gymnasium. Take a look at your tax dollars at work in the magnificent new building. And rise to your feet, take off your caps and listen as your Zoe Bright's voice fills the room with the words "and the home of the brave."

A few days later take a moment to go watch some young kids playing at the old Main Street Gym and consider how far Middletown has come. TMI could have taken us out. 9/11 happened above us in New York City, below us in Washington, D.C., and to the west of us in Shanksville.

We so often hear about the trouble our kids are in. Lots of kids have an entitlement mentality. But I challenge you to keep your eyes open.

There are Zoey's out there bringing a bright spark to the future of Middletown and the the United States of America.

Joe Trojcek is the owner of Progressive Enterprises Sound Studios in Elizabethtown. He gives motivational presentations to encourage career building and entrepreneurship under the title "Fire Up Now." He may be reached at joet@progressivestudios.com.

READERVIEW

I'll build Historical Society railings for free

To the trustees of the Middletown Historical Society regarding their Nov. 2 letter to the editor: Regarding your new treated lumber steps — if you like them, I'm happy for you. They go well with your plastic mini-blinds.

To anyone else who agrees with me that they are an architectural travesty, please support the zoning overlay being proposed to Borough Council.

The purpose of my original letter was to express my support for the overlay. I wasn't trying to offend the well-meaning members of The Historical Society. Ironically, in a very pleasant phone conversation with a trustee of the Historical Society, she said that they also support the overlay. I guess that means they support it for everyone else.

In an attempt to avoid the unpleasantness of a letter-to-the-editor battle, I offered, in an email to the trustees, to pay to prepare plans for their approval; to provide all material, consisting of red mahogany, Western red cedar and Douglas fir and; to provide all labor to rebuild the steps, along with appropriate handrails, posts, caps and balustrade.

This material (all to be purchased from Middletown Lumber, unlike your treated lumber) would be primed with three coats of paint (you don't have to wait a year to paint good quality material) and be ready for a colored finish coat.

These suggested woods have been chosen throughout colonial times to the present because they hold up well to weather and, unlike treated

lumber, they don't twist, check, crack and splinter.

I guess my offer was rejected since I never received a response, other than the letter to the editor from all the trustees, defending their creation.

Finally, whether you received a building permit or not, the flat 2-by-4 stair rail doesn't meet building code requirements for "graspability." An actual, appropriately sized, enclosed hand rail should be added on both sides, inside your treated-lumber-railing-thing. I would be happy to supply and install these railings after submitting pictures for your approval, at no charge.

Herbert C. Moore
Middletown

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PSU Board of Trustees must work to be more transparent

Is it really any surprise that the leadership of the Board of Trustees at Penn State is looking to re-write its governing charter to silence dissenting viewpoints from board members and the public?

Remember, these are the same board leaders who agreed to crippling NCAA sanctions without due process and hurriedly restructured the make-up of the board without an act of the state legislature.

It is no surprise, but still profoundly disappointing.

With the price tag for the opaque nature of trustee governance now exceeding \$150 million dollars, should the Penn State University Board of Trustees be moving to place further limits on trustee transparency and public participation?

Public institutions of higher education should be dedicated to the pursuit of academic excellence and the encouragement of inquiry, debate and enlightenment.

While the false perception of unanimity may help prop up the board's fragile public relations image or assuage a few personal egos, it flies in the face of everything a prestigious public university should represent.

An open dialogue, an exchange of ideas and public discourse should be the governing hallmark of a public institution like Penn State



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University. Orchestrating the false impression of unity undermines board transparency and further erodes the board's accountability to students, faculty, alumni and the taxpayers of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Michael Poliackoff, president of the American Council of Trustees and Alumni said it best: "As public fiduciaries, trustees are obligated to act in the public interest, and, when appropriate, to challenge conventional wisdom, to ask difficult questions, and to express dissenting opinions."

The Penn State University Board of Trustees should listen to esteemed governance organizations, like the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, and reverse their persistent efforts to make board governance less transparent and less accountable.

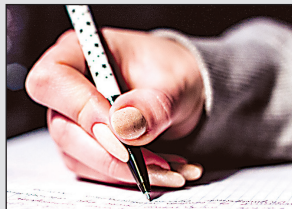
Sen. John Yudichak is a Democrat from Plymouth Township who represents Luzerne and Carbon counties in Pennsylvania's 14th Senate District.

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23 Years Ago

From The Middletown Journal Files

From The Wednesday, November 10, 1993 Edition Of The Press And Journal

Community Action Center Looks To Expand

An “after-school enrichment program” and a “discovery room,” those were the main topics discussed at a recent meeting of the Middletown Community Action Center (CAC).

CAC is one of five satellite branches of the Community Action Commission, a private, non-profit social service agency partially funded by the state Department of Community Affairs.

Formerly located on South Union Street, CAC relocated its operation in October 1992 to a 2,250 square-foot basement area of Woodlayne Court, the area having been donated by Pennrose Properties, the Philadelphia-based developer and manager of the housing complex.

Since June of this year, CAC personnel and representatives from other social agencies have been meeting to exchange ideas and form partnerships in the delivery of existing services and the development of new services.

Bill Gross of Three Mile Island and GPU Nuclear Corp. and employee Pat Conlon were present to propose a new program, a GPU/TMI-sponsored after-school enrichment program. Leah Kauffman, of Girls Inc., also proposed a new program, a discovery room. The discovery room would be equipped with shoeboxes containing materials, which if properly assembled produce a result, such as a light bulb lighting up.

Elaborating on their proposed after-school program, Gross and Conlon stressed it would be more than a tutoring center and more than a homework assistance program. It would also include social development skills, they said.

It is hoped that both new programs will be up and running sometime in early 1994. Gross hopes the after-school program will be available by January. “It’s just what this town and

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



23 YEARS AGO - Students Jump Rope For Heart – Students of Middletown’s George Feaser Middle School literally jumped at the chance to fight heart disease at the schools sixth annual Jump Rope for Heart. The event was held on Friday, November 5.

the school needs,” he said.

DiFrancesco Announces Run For Lt. Governor

A prominent local figure has kept a year old promise that he would seek a high-ranking political position in Pennsylvania when the time was right.

Dominic DeFrancesco, the Lower Swatara Township resident who gained national prominence and acclaim as the National Commander of the American Legion in 1991 and 1992, told the Press And Journal on Monday morning that he would run for Lieutenant Governor in the 1994 gubernatorial election.

DiFrancesco was scheduled to make a formal announcement of his candidacy Tuesday morning in the Capitol Rotunda.

Stressing that he will pursue reform-oriented themes in his coming cam-

paign, DiFrancesco criticized the state’s current Democratic leadership during an interview on Monday.

“We can’t go on with politics the way they are today,” DiFrancesco stated. “They’re closing down the Senate while our economy is going to heck, and you have a lot of partisan politics taking place. Nothing is being done right now and yet we’re paying high salaries for these people.”

A Korean War veteran who fought for long-term benefits and health care during his tenure in the Legion’s top post, DiFrancesco insisted that he would work for the people of Pa. as vigorously as he did while traveling the globe on behalf of veterans. And, he said, although he will run for office as a Republican, he will not subscribe to “heavy party affiliation” as some officials do when elected.

“I don’t have the baggage that other politicians have,” he explained. “I

don’t owe anything to the political action committees (PACs), so I don’t have to worry about doing what they ask me to. I feel there is a change needed. I want to try to get this state moving again.”

As national Commander, DiFrancesco traveled more than 200,000 miles as the official spokesman for the world’s largest veterans’ organization, representing more than 3 million members. He met with President George Bush in the Oval Office numerous times during his one-year term, as well as with other U.S. leaders, the Pope and foreign heads of state. He also testified before Congress on various veteran issues, including the Persian Gulf War registry, a new GI Bill of Rights, Agent Orange compensation and the management of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

TMI Intrusion, Trade Center Bombing Highlighted

Nuclear Industry Battling Threat Of Sabotage With New Measures

The February intrusion at Three Mile Island by a Berks County man continues to play a substantial role in the future of the nuclear power industry.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), which has studied the incident at length and presented its findings to Congress, has now proposed security changes that would require nuclear plants across the nation to prevent against acts of sabotage involving the use of land vehicles.

In a press release issued last Thursday, NRC officials named the TMI intrusion and the truck bombing of the World Trade Center in New York City as the primary reasons for the security policy upgrade. Based on those incidents, the release said, “The NRC believes that a vehicle intrusion or bomb threat to a nuclear power plant could develop without warning in the future.”

The amendments would modify the NRCs “design basis threat” - by which the nuclear industry postulates

possible risks to plant security – to include the use of land vehicles “for transporting personnel, hand-carried equipment and explosives,” the statement noted.

According to officials, nuclear plants would require under the amended regulation to establish vehicle control measures to protect against unauthorized entry into vital areas. The proposed rule would also call on individual plant operators to submit their revised security plans within 90 days after the amendment becomes effective.

Plants would then have 360 days to implement the new measures.

The intruder in the TMI incident drove his station wagon through security gates and fences at the plant on Feb. 7 and evaded an army of security personnel and police officers for four hours.

Less than three weeks after the intrusion at TMI, the terrorist bombing of the World Trade Center caused an even greater wave of concern that the U.S. may not be as safe from extremists as it had been previously.

Water Main Break Cuts Service To W. Donegal Twp.

Just four days after it had assumed control of the Rheems Water Company, the West Donegal Township Authority (WDTA) survived a major crisis as it was forced to deal with a water main break that cut service to most of its customers in the Rheems area Monday night.

According to the WDTA’s chief operator, Raymond “Bid” Witmer, the break occurred shortly before 9:30 p.m. at a point almost in front of the Rheems Fire Station on Harrisburg Avenue at Lime Street.

Witmer said a six-inch main that carries water from the pumping station on Harrisburg Avenue to the system’s storage tank in the northwestern section of town broke open and water soon covered more than a block of Lime Street.

Efforts to control the water leak were thwarted by the lack of emergen-

cy shut-off valves, Witmer explained, and the Township Authority’s crew was finally forced to turn off the water to about 95 percent of its customers at about 1 a.m., Tuesday. Witmer said the system lost an estimated 175,000 gallons of water before service was shut down.

Service to the John Cope Company and a number of homes between that plant and the Rheems Nursing Home weren’t affected by the break, Witmer explained. Service to the rest of the community was finally restored at about 11:30 a.m., he added.

“It really caught us by surprise,” Witmer declared. “We had no idea that anything was wrong until we got the first call just before 9:30.

Witmer said he and Steve Jarvis, assistant system operator, were on duty from that point on until water service was restored just before noon Tuesday.

Witmer and Township Authority engineers are investigating the incident in an effort to determine what might have caused the break. He conjectured that a partially blocked storm water drain might have forced storm water to run under the water main and that, in turn, may have seriously undermined the main, which cracked open in that affected area.

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• “One thing this board doesn’t fully realize is how much this community loves our police officers and eventually they are going to figure out what you’ve been up to, then you’ll have many residents asking you tough questions. You should avoid that and try embracing and supporting “your” police department because you got a pretty good one and that reflects on you positively.”

• “I wonder what would make the Press and Journal think that it is a good idea to put in an article that the Security Cameras are not working in town? I went back and listened to the LIVE council meeting and NOT ONCE was that stated. It was stated that Hoffer Parks cameras are not working. I just really think that this council needs to stop doing business with the Press and Journal, they clearly do not have Middletown’s residents best interest in mind.”

• “While I agree that people need to be informed do you Press and Journal think it is a wise idea to do an article telling the entire town that the security cameras are not working at all. I understand that the meeting was live broadcasted but if you listen closely it is still hard to hear that they are not working. After reading this article I cannot believe that the Press and Journal has Middletown in its best interest I think that they are truly just out to sell papers and maybe just maybe that is why the previous council did not use them. Maybe this current council needs to stop using them as well.”

• “Ron Paul certainly is more than qualified to be on this Board. He would be an asset and should be applauded for volunteering. He has been very good to this community. The four of you that have the responsibility of selecting

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the person to fill this vacancy would be wise men to choose him.”

• “If Herbert C Moore thinks the new front steps at the Middletown Historical Society museum are so “ugly and architecturally incorrect”, why didn’t he step up and volunteer to build and/or donate money BEFORE the steps were built? He does not like the fact that treated lumber was used for the new sturdy steps. If he had looked closely at old unsafe steps, he would have seen that they we also covered with treated lumber. If he had looked closely, he would have seen a building permit in the window which means there was an architects design that went along with it. Rather than slapping the face of the museum and their volunteers who spent days on this project, why don’t you applaud them for a job well done?”

• “It is sad when people who constantly post things on Facebook cannot be bothered to verify their authenticity. I’m tired of seeing pages from insubstantial websites and blogs being shared and accepted as truth. Agreeing with the contents of an article or a post does not make it verifiable fact. Society and social media would be greatly improved if people would do an ounce of research before they hit the share button.”

• “How can a politician create jobs? They don’t manufacture anything. How can they lower the cost of college, Ohhh I see raise taxes, and spend so that the national debt will increase.

But all those unemployed college grads will think they are such great providers. ‘Cept they will all have passed on before the stuff really hits the fan.”

• “Great job Boy Scouts Trooper 97, Londonderry Township on your haunted house and woods. You guys were wonderful.”

• “Hi Everyone. It’s your P&J Pastor. While hanging on the cross next to Jesus, a murderer/thief put his belief in Christ prior to death. Years of doing bad were suddenly forgiven by our Lord. Jesus promised him he’ll be with him in eternity. Don’t you think it’s time you do the same? Repent of your sins and accept Jesus. See you in church on Sunday.”

• “As the Mayor of Caravan Court, I am saddened by the fact that at the last council meeting, I was ignored and not taken seriously about my concern regarding the official side dish of Middletown. I nominated the always delicious creamed corn. Creamed corn plays a significant role in Middletown’s history. I learned how to make it when I was a Blue Raider in home economics class, I hope it is still in the circiculum.”

• “Parents who are complaining about the excessive violence on the best show on TV. THE WALKING DEAD. Then why do you watch it. Hey dummies just change the channel. I love the show. All these people that complain need a life.”

JOHN PAYNE CAPITOL REPORT

Thank you, veterans, this week and always

Each year, Veterans Day gives us all an opportunity to reflect on the valuable contributions veterans have made on behalf of our country.



On Nov. 11, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson declared a national day of remembrance, marking the first anniversary of the armistice, or peace agreement, that ended hostilities in World War I. Armistice Day, as it was then known, began in the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

In the years that followed, our nation’s attention to the contributions of veterans grew. In 1926, Armistice Day became a national day of observance. In 1938, Nov. 11 became a national holiday.

It wasn’t until President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation in 1954 that the name was changed to Veterans Day, in honor of veterans who served in all American wars and in peacetime.

Thousands of veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families reside in the 106th District. I’d like to personally offer my thanks and appreciation to them.

Every year, I hold a special Veterans Breakfast event to personally thank our servicemen and servicewomen for their sacrifice. I held my last breakfast on Friday, Nov. 4, before I retire at the end of the month.

Over the years, this event has grown substantially, with 300 veterans in attendance this year. I will miss this

annual opportunity to pay tribute to our veterans, but will continue to do so in other ways in my retirement. I hope all residents of the 106th District will take time in their daily lives to thank our service members — past and present.

From the Revolutionary War to the Civil War, from World Wars I and II to the Korean War, and from the struggle in Vietnam to Iraq and Afghanistan, our country has always been blessed with brave men and women who proudly wear the uniforms of our nation’s armed services. These individuals felt an obligation to their country, their homeland and to the freedoms they hold dear. Whatever we have and whatever we are today, we owe it to our veterans.

Today and every day — thank you.

ID restrictions for Pa.

Residents of the 106th District are advised that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has announced Pennsylvania residents will face new restrictions gaining admittance to federal facilities beginning Jan. 30, 2017, due to Pennsylvania’s state-issued driver’s licenses and identification cards not being in full compliance with federal Real ID requirements.

Unless Pennsylvania comes into compliance, residents will need an alternative, secure form of identification to gain admittance to all federal facilities, military bases and nuclear power plants.

The only exception is admittance to federal facilities for the purpose of applying for or receiving federal

benefits.

Each federal agency determines which secure identification it will accept.

DHS also pointed out that if Pennsylvania does not come into compliance by Jan. 22, 2018 (or is not granted an extension), Pennsylvania residents will need to present an alternative form of identification acceptable to the Transportation Security Administration to board a commercial flight.

According to PennDOT, Pennsylvania is out of compliance for limited technical reasons and because existing state law bars it from fully complying.

In order to comply, the Pennsylvania General Assembly must agree to lift the compliance ban, after which PennDOT could make significant additional system changes to accommodate a fully compliant Real ID process.

DHS has been granting states not in compliance a series of extensions, but announced that no further extensions will be granted unless there are new developments or information provided on why standards remain unmet and the reasons for continued noncompliance.

For additional details or updates on this issue, visit www.pennidot.gov.

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NATALIA OLSON-URTECHO

Women business owners are the rule, not the exception, in our region of U.S.

As we move into November and close out October’s National Women’s Small Business Month, I’d like to talk about a woman-owned business here in Eastern Pennsylvania that exemplifies



the spirit of entrepreneurship. In the last several decades, women have made remarkable progress in starting and growing their own businesses in the United States.

SBA’s Mid-Atlantic Region, which

includes Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia and West Virginia, is home to some of the largest concentrations of woman-owned enterprises.

In Washington, D.C., 45.2 percent, and in Maryland 40.1 percent of businesses are owned by women relative to men-owned and equally owned businesses. What were once considered “traditionally female” careers like health care, social services, and education are on top. Jobs for home health aides alone are expected to grow 48 percent by 2022. With a large

concentration of Science and Tech education opportunities in the mid-Atlantic Region, Eastern Pennsylvania is poised for significant growth in Science, Technical, Engineering and Mathematics fields for women.

President Barack Obama’s “Race to the Top” put a priority on STEM education by rewarding states taking specific steps to ensure all students have opportunities in these fields at an early age, and helped more than 2.3 million more young women afford higher education with increases to Pell grants.

A National Women’s Business Council report released in 2014 shows women increased representation in STEM; achieving “parity for PhDs in biological and medical sciences” (though enrollment lags in bioengineering, mechanical, civil engineering and materials science). This increase should be an early notice for those of us in the entrepreneurial-support sector that we must prepare to respond to an influx of women STEM entrepreneurs.

SBA and our partners like SCORE, Small Business Development Centers, Women’s Business Center and

preferred lenders comprise a team of support providers who help businesses like InnovateHER Challenge winner Bethany Edwards of LIA Diagnostics to break through. Edwards’ Philadelphia-based firm designed an eco-friendly, discreet pregnancy test that is easy to use and understand and provides a better experience for women at a stressful moment in their lives.

Supporting women in STEM is not only essential to those women (they earn 33 percent more than those in non-STEM occupations), it is part of

America’s strategy to out-innovate our competitors. Increasing opportunities for women in these fields is an important step towards realizing greater economic success and equality for women across the board.

Will your woman-owned small business be the next LIA Diagnostics? Check us out at www.sba.gov/pa and make an appointment to explore the many pathways to your dream.

Natalia Olson-Urtecho is the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Mid-Atlantic regional administrator.

Church

Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church Middletown

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

saved from God's wrath. Please join us each Sunday to hear the Gospel.

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

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

Evangelical United Methodist Church Middletown

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

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

The ministries scheduled at Evangelical United Methodist Church for November 9-15 are always open to everyone.

Wed., Nov. 9: 6 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous Book Study; 6:30 p.m., Senior Choir rehearsal.

Thurs., Nov. 10: 6 p.m., Girl Scout Troop #10067.

Sun., Nov. 13: 9 a.m., Sunday Church

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church Middletown

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

Please join us for worship. Our worship times are: Wednesday morning at 10 a.m., Saturday evening, 5 p.m., and Sunday morning worship is at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages begins weekly at 9:45 a.m. Please Note: Sun., Nov. 3 is one combined service at 10 a.m. and Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. Our Sunday worship service is broadcast at 11 a.m. on WMSS 91.1 FM. Our Saturday service is a casual traditional service. This service usually is 45 minutes in length. Please enter the church through the parking lot door.

Church and Community Events:

Wed., Nov. 9: 10 a.m., Holy Communion, Chapel; 1:30 p.m., Interfaith Apts. Holy Communion; 7 p.m., Chancel Choir.

Thurs., Nov. 10: Newsletter Deadline.

Sat., Nov. 12: 5 p.m., Holy Communion

Sun., Nov. 13: 9 a.m., Sunday School/Confirmation Class; 10 a.m., Holy Communion (C); Annual Congregation Meeting following worship.

Mon., Nov. 14: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.,

school with classes for all ages. Adult Sunday school devotional leader for November: Bill Harris; 10:15 a.m., Worship service. The worship center is handicap and wheelchair accessible. Greeters: Wendy Kauffman, Kathy Frisbie. Liturgist: Wendy Kauffman. Nursery helpers: Gloria Clouser, Vickie Hubbard. The altar flowers are given in memory of son Jamie Lindsey presented by Debbie and Don Reinfeld and family. The chancel flowers today are given in memory of husband Dick Heaton presented by Nancy; 11:30 a.m., Cookie Fellowship and Refreshments.

Tues., Nov. 15: 8:30 a.m., Volunteers will travel to Mission Central; 2 p.m., Prayer Shawl Ministry; 7 p.m., Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting.

St. Peter's Community Dinner. All are invited to our pork and sauerkraut dinner. There is a cost per meal and tickets are available at the door.

Food Pantry News:

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

Visit our website at www.stpetersmiddletown.org.

Scripture for November 13: Mal 4:1-2a; Ps 98; 2 Thes 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19.

Ebenezer United Methodist Church Middletown

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

We have several things happening at Ebenezer and all are welcome. Come join us for a free Family Fun Night

on Tues., Nov. 15 at 6:15 p.m. The evening will begin with a light meal followed by creating seasonal crafts. There is a prayer time, "Partners in Prayer" that meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m., through scripture, song, and meditation we experience the joy of God's presence. Have a favorite board game? "Game Night" is every third Monday at 6:30 p.m. We also offer a variety of other groups including Bible studies. Any questions, please call us at 939-0766 or e-mail us at ebenezerumc890@comcast.net.

New Beginnings Church Middletown

New Beginnings Church of Middletown is an independent body of believers offering God's invitation for a new beginning to all who seek it. We exist to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of all people through faith in Jesus Christ. We are a Safe Sanctuary congregation. Our church steeple bell tolls four times at the beginning of worship, one for the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit and you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown Middletown

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

Wed., Nov. 9: 6:15 p.m., Presbyterian Bells of Praise rehearsal; 7:15 p.m., Chancel Choir rehearsal.

Fri., Nov. 11: Veteran's Day, church office closed.

Church School for all ages continues on Nov. 13 from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. We encourage parents to bring the children and teens to class and adults

are welcome to the Adult Forum. The Adult Forum will hear from Rev. Howard West who will review some of the common but often unacknowledged emotional challenges that people face during the holidays. He will address the impact of anxiety and depression associated with materialism and high expectations, the important role of loss and grief, which often lies beneath the surface during the holidays, and the importance of embracing the true meaning and spirit of Advent.

Please join us for worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sun., Nov. 13 as we welcome guest preacher Rev. Howard West. Our sanctuary is handicapped accessible, and there are also hearing devices for anyone wanting to use one. Nursery is available during the service, as well as Bible Listening bags for children to utilize during the service. Do join us.

Mon., Nov. 14: 10 a.m., Fellowship Committee meeting; 7 p.m., Session.

Tues., Nov. 15: 7 p.m., Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) meeting.

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

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

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

Home heating grants available

The state's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program is accepting applications for home heating assistance grants.

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

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

Residents may apply for LIHEAP online at liheap.org or by contacting the Dauphin County Assistance Office at 717-265-8919.

Derry Seniors to host beekeeping program

Hummelstown native Stewart Mathias, a beekeeper for more than 40 years, will present "Let's Look Inside a Beehive" when the Derry Seniors gather at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15. The program will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Derry Presbyterian Church, 248 E. Derry Road, Hershey.

No reservations are needed, and no admission will be charged. Handicapped parking and an elevator are available.

Mathias was named Pennsylvania State Beekeeper of the Year in 1999 and is well versed on issues including the declining bee population, colony collapse disorder, and the important role pollinators play in where our food comes from. His presentation will include time for audience questions.

At his Honey Crest farm in Hummelstown, Mathias grows hay, buckwheat,

clover and broom corn, and raises and trains homing pigeons. He has taught a class on beekeeping at the Milton Hershey School and has represented the Pennsylvania State Beekeeper's Association at its booth in the food court at the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

At 9:30 am free blood pressure screenings will be offered. Following devotions and the program, lunch will be available in Fellowship Hall for \$3 per person. A pharmacist will also be on hand to answer questions regarding medications.

The Derry Seniors offer all adults age 55 and older an opportunity to gather, socialize and learn about people and places within the community. The group is affiliated with Derry Presbyterian Church, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). For more information, call the church office at 717-533-9667 or visit derrypres.org.

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Johann Adam Wirth Of Berod, Westerwald, Germany

Johann Adam Wirth was born on August 30, 1727 in Berod, Westerwald, Germany. Johann Adam Wirth immigrated to America on the ship "Two Brothers," Thomas Arnot, Commander, qualifying on September 28, 1753 at the Court House in Philadelphia, Pa. He was the son of Johann Jacob Wirth, born February 11, 1697 in Hochstenbach, Westerwald, Germany, died 1734 or 1735, and Maria Eva Sohn, born July 1, 1704 in Berod, Westerwald, died March 13, 1784. Maria was the daughter of Johann Peter Sohn, who died on November 9, 1749 in Berod, Westerwald, Germany. The name of Johann Adam Wirth is spelled that way on the ship passenger list. The name of his mother's brother, Johann Peter Sohn (born January 18, 1725) appears next to Johann Adam's on the ship list. There are immigration records specifying that on the ship "Two Brothers" in 1753, (see more Palatine Families, Henry Jones, Jr., 1991, pg. 506). His birth date was found in the Parish records at Hochstenbach, Westerwald Region of Germany.

This date corresponds to Johann Adam's birth, death date, and age given on his tombstone and found in the Old Wirth Evangelical Lutheran Church records at Killinger, Dauphin County, Pa.

John Adam Wirth married on August 3, 1755 by Rev. John Caspar Stover at Bindnagels Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lebanon County, Pa. to Eva Elizabeth Schnug (1730-1800), daughter of J. Matthias Schnug, Snoke, Schnoke (1711-1795) and Elizabeth Schall. The Schnug's, like the Wirth's, were also from Berod, Westerwald, Germany and they came to America in 1740. One of Eva's brothers, Christian Schnug, was born at sea in 1740, died in 1783, and he resided in Berrysburg, Pa., area of Dauphin County, Pa. not far from where his sister resided. Records on the Schnug's can be found in the parish of Hochstenbach, Westerwald, Germany.

Johann Adam Wirth may have first settled in Montgomery County, Pa., then removed to the Tulpehocken Settlement, and on to the Lebanon area, then finally to Clover Hill in Lykens Valley, Upper Paxton Township, Dauphin County. This area was then still part of Lancaster County. Records indicate that Johann Adam traveled from Lebanon on several occasions between 1763-1768 to claim and clear land in Lykens Valley. He was one of the first five families settling in Lykens Valley, others being Andrew and Jane Lykens, Ludwig Shott, John Rewalt, and Abraham Shora (Jury). Buffington's, Hoffman's Umholz's and Woodsides' were also early settlers of Lykens Valley.

The original Wirth homestead was located on what is currently known as the Harrisburg North

Golf Course near Killinger, Pa. Wirth land holdings included numerous farms in around Killinger, land, which Johann Adam had divided among some of his sons. On June 6, 1774,


John Adam had 352 acres warranted to him and again on June 8, 1774, he had 360 acres warranted to him from Province of Pennsylvania. He had already cleared about 20 acres of land by that time. One record, the History of Dauphin County, indicates that he increased his land holdings to about 1,200 acres. In addition to dividing some land among his sons, he gave one farm to the Reformed Congregation and for Wirth's Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation in Killinger. In the early years, both congregations utilized the same church. According to early records, the original Wirth's Evangelical Lutheran Church was located near the present day Old Salem Lutheran Church Cemetery, then Wirth Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery. Originally the Salem Lutheran Church was called Wirth's Evangelical Lutheran Church and Cemetery, and some references can still be found to support this. In the early years, armed members of the Church congregation stood guard outside during services to protect the preacher and congregation from Indian attacks.

Johann Adam Wirth was very committed to Christianity and the Lutheran faith, and he served as an Elder and the church treasurer for a number of years. The script on Johann Adam Wirth's tombstone in the Old Wirth Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery at Killinger reads, "The purchaser of the land and donor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church together with the burial places upon which his remains slumber until the morning of the resurrection." Both tombstones for Johann Adam and his wife Eva Elizabeth Schnug Wirth were made of white marble. They were badly eroded, but still were legible in 1991. A new granite tombstone was made for Johann Adam and Eva in 1992.

Four of Johann Adam and Eva's children were born in the Lebanon County area. Johann Adam Jr., born 1755; Johannes 1758; Johann Christian, born 1759; and Johann Jacob Wirth/Wert, born 1764. Johann Adam Wirth, Jr. married Elizabeth Preiss Nye and it is thought that he moved to Virginia after 1805; Johann Christian Wirth married Catherine Magdalena Bretz and resided in Chapman Township, Snyder County, Pa.; and Johann Jacob Wirth married Sophia Miller and resided in Killinger, Pa. near Millersburg. Records indicate that Johann Adam and Eva Elizabeth Schung Wirth had a total of 11 children. In addition to the four named above who were in Lebanon, the others included: Anna Catherine Wirth, who married Sebastian Metz and resided near Berrysburg, Pa.; Johann Peter Wirth, born 1766, married to Elizabeth Sheesley and resided in Carlisle Springs, Cumberland County, Pa.; Johann Henrich Wirth, born 1769, married to Elizabeth Enterline, daughter of Rev. Michael Enterline (1726-1800), and resided in Stone Valley, Hickory Corners, Lower Mahanoy Township, Northumberland County, Pa., he was a minister from 1774-1784, on the Lutheran side. Rev. John Michael's surname was also spelled "Enderlein."

Before I go on starting with my great-grandmother Susanna Zerbe Meck (surname Zerbe) paternal side, her parents were George Zerbe (Civil War soldier who died of small poxes in 1875; mother Phoebe Spengler also died of small poxes. George Zerbe's parents were Daniel Zerbe (1757-1858) and Maria Elizabeth Wirth (24 September 1788-died 5 April 1857), buried at Stone Valley Church Cemetery. Phoebe Spengler Zerbe's grandparents were, John Henrich Wirth, born 22 December 1769 near Killinger, Dauphin County, Pa., died 2 June 1846, also buried at Zion Stone Valley Cemetery. He married Elizabeth Enterline, born 1771 in Elizabethtown, Pa., died 6 September 1838, Hickory Corners, Lower Mahanoy Township, Northumberland County, Pa. Her parents were Rev. John Michael Enterline, born 14 September 1726 in Fischbach, Germany, married 10 November 1760 at St. Michael Zion Church, Philadelphia, Pa., the father died 6 March 1800 in Lykens Valley, Dauphin County, and her mother Anna Barbara Pfeiffer, born 1734 in Bavaria, died August 1796 in Lykens Valley, Dauphin County, Pa.

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