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DEP moving ahead on crematory

Fager-Finkenbinder lawyer says funeral home has been working with agency despite pending appeal

By Dan Miller
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Even as Middletown continues waiting on a Dauphin County judge to rule regarding whether to allow a crematory at Fager-Finkenbinder Funeral Home, state regulators are moving closer to their own approval of the crematory, according to a lawyer representing the funeral home.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has issued a “draft plan approval” of a permit to build and operate

the crematory at the funeral home that Fager-Finkenbinder applied for in October 2015, said Mark Dausch, an attorney with Babst Calland in Pittsburgh.

DEP spokesman John Repetz confirmed that the agency has issued a draft plan approval regarding the Fager-Finkenbinder crematory permit.



Dausch

Notice of intent to issue the draft plan approval was published in the Jan. 14 and Jan. 21 issues of the Pennsylvania Bulletin, including information on how people could review the draft and submit comments.

DEP received at least three sets of public comments in response. “At this point no final determination has been made” regarding approval of the permit, Repetz said.

In August 2016, opponents who live or own property near the crematory appealed to Dauphin County Court a 1-1 decision by the

Middletown zoning hearing board. Under law, the tie vote upheld the June 2015 decision by a former borough zoning officer granting Fager-Finkenbinder, located at 208 N. Union St., a use permit to allow the crematory on the funeral home property.

“We have valid zoning approval right now,” Dausch told the Press & Journal, adding that the Babst Calland lawyers have been “working with DEP moving the project forward.”

Briefs have been filed by lawyers representing both the opponents

and the funeral home. A brief was also filed by a lawyer on behalf of the borough, which has signed on as an intervenor in the case.

Now, it’s in the hands of Senior Judge Lawrence F. Clark. Lawyers on both sides said they don’t know when to expect a ruling from Clark.

Likely not the end

No matter how Clark rules, his decision might not be the end of the controversy. The funeral home

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Ball in Lower Swatara’s court on police

Middletown says it has provided numbers for service contract, now awaits response

By Dan Miller
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Middletown Borough is waiting on Lower Swatara Township to offer a proposal regarding the possibility of the borough entering into a contract with the township for police services.

“The ball is in Lower Swatara’s court,” Middletown Mayor James H. Curry III told the Press & Journal in response to a list of questions posed regarding the status of police talks between the two municipalities.

In December, Curry and former borough Council President Ben Kapenstein began a discussion with Lower Swatara officials aimed at seeing if the township was interested in partnering with the borough on some kind of regional police arrangement.

Talks have focused on an arrangement where the borough would enter into a contract with Lower Swatara to pay the township to provide police services in Middletown — as opposed to the two municipalities creating a brand new regional police force.

Council during its Feb. 21 meeting set a 90-day time limit on the talks regarding contracting with Lower Swatara for police services. That timetable would run out shortly after borough council’s scheduled May 16 meeting.

No face-to-face meetings have been held between representatives of the borough and the township since the last meeting was held in the Municipal Building in Middletown on Jan. 12, Curry said.

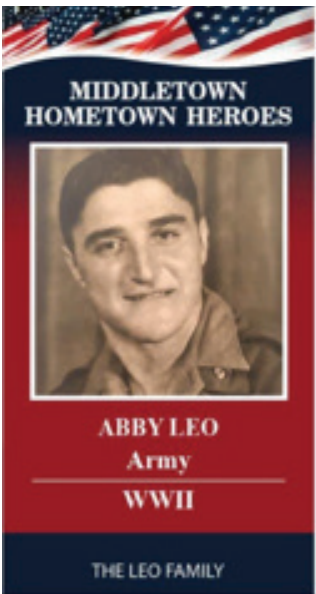
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This is one of the banners that is being made for Middletown and will go up in the borough, according to council member Diana McGlone.

Memorial Day target for military banners

About 90 have been sold already, with more residents interested

By Dan Miller
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Banners paying tribute to military personnel from today and long ago have been ordered and should be up in Middletown by Memorial Day, Councilor Diana McGlone has told the Press & Journal.

Almost 90 banners are being made by Rileighs Outdoor Decor of Allentown, a company from which the borough has ordered banners in the past.

The borough in 2016 also purchased from Rileighs about

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Giving it a shot



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Middletown Blue Raiders shot-putter Hunter Landis draws a watchful eye from other competitors on Tuesday, April 11. For more on how the boys and girls teams fared at the meet, see page B1.

New Steel-High group helps students cope with having family in prison

POPS the Club is the first such chapter in the state

By David Barr
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Jennifer Morrison is using the power of art and words as a way to help students cope with a sensitive topic that is not normally discussed in public — dealing with having a parent, family member, or friend in prison.

Morrison, a Steelton-Highspire High School art teacher, partnered with Heather Bobula to implement a California-based program called POPS the Club at the school in January — the first chapter of the organization in the state of Pennsylvania.

POPS stands for Pain of the Prison System. Meetings are held Thursday mornings prior to the start of the school day and last for half an hour.

Plans to install POPS the Club at the school began last summer and approval was granted in September 2016 after Bobula, now a POPS the Club volunteer, contacted POPS co-founder and executive director Amy Friedman about starting a POPS the Club in Pennsylvania.

“Amy was on board immediately,” Bobula said in a January email. “She believes strongly in the idea that kids in these circumstances are undeserved. They often hide the fact that someone in their life is incarcerated, and Amy is on board with taking the POPS Club to any school that could benefit. They’ve found the model to be incredibly effective in California, and she’s excited about helping kids everywhere with it.”

Because Steelton-Highspire’s chapter is the first in the state, it will be a blueprint on how to begin and run a POPS the Club, and the idea is to introduce other



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Jennifer Morrison and Heather Bobula are responsible for implementing POPS the Club at the Steelton-Highspire High School.

schools to the program.

“We’re going to be the model on how to run the club,” Steelton-Highspire Principal Sheri Woodall said.

Friedman said this club will be a success because of Morrison and Bobula.

“The great thing about Heather and Jen is they’re doing it right,” Friedman said. “It’s going to be a really strong club, I know.”

Finding POPS

Bobula has seen what can happen when a friend or family member is forced to spend time behind bars, because her father has spent time in federal prison. “I understand what that feels

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NRC: Three Mile Island operated safely in 2016; discussion planned

Press & Journal Staff

Three Mile Island Unit 1 operated safely during 2016, with no inspection findings or performance indicators outside the normal band.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission made that announcement Thursday via a press release.

As a result, Three Mile Island

Unit 1 is under the NRC’s baseline level of oversight, which entails thousands of hours of inspection each year.

NRC staff will be available to discuss the 2016 safety performance of the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant, operated by Exelon Generation Co., during an open house on April 20 in Middletown.

The open house will run from

4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Londonderry Township Municipal Building, 783 S. Geyers Church Road. NRC staff responsible for inspections of the plant, including the site-based resident inspectors, will discuss the plant’s performance and the NRC’s oversight of the facility.

Under the NRC’s Reactor Oversight Process, the agency gauges plant performance through the

use of color-coded inspection findings and performance indicators, which are statistical measurements of performance that can trigger additional oversight if exceeded. Any inspection findings or performance indicators that are greater than green (very low safety significance) trigger increased NRC oversight.

Day-to-day inspections are per-

formed by two resident inspectors assigned to the plant. Reviews are also carried out at the site by specialist inspectors assigned to the agency’s Region I office in King of Prussia.

The annual assessment letter for Three Mile Island is available on the NRC website, www.nrc.gov. Current performance information is also available.

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Community yard sale set for April 29

TheMiddletownAreaHistorical Society is hosting a “Spring Has Sprung” community yard sale from 6 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29, on the lawn of the Swatara Ferry House and the Liberty Band Hall, South Union and Ann streets.

Families, clubs, other non-profits and businesses are invited to rent a space as a seller. Admission is free. Reservations are not needed. There is no rain date or electricity provided, and pets are not allowed. Terms and rules can be found on the society’s Facebook page and website, www.middletown-areahistoricalociety.org, or by calling Bob at 717-460-8700.

Proceeds from the society’s food concession, cash donations and the space rentals benefit the mission of the society to preserve the history and artifacts of the area.



NEWS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD | LAVONNE ACKERMAN

Warm weather brings fresh air and flowers

Hello, people! I hope you are enjoying this very mild spring-like weather. Some days are too hot, yet some are still a bit chilly, but it sure beats January temperatures!

What do you like to do in April? So many of us can’t wait to get out into the yard to noodle around in the dirt. Sometimes it is nice to sit out on a porch or patio, or even a front stoop to just breathe in the fresh air and lovely aromas.

This spring it seems that the grass is very green. In fact, I don’t think it yellowed or browned out over the winter. I love seeing the daffodils, tulips, crocus, and hyacinths popping up everywhere. They look beautiful against the rich bright green grass. Of course, the flowering trees are also a treat to behold.

People seem to have an extra

bounce in their step once warm weather hits.

Everyone is so grateful for the longer days and the mild temps. Kids are riding their bikes, playing outside and enjoying the fresh air. You see neighbors in their yards and out walking around. Yay for spring! I hope you are taking full advantage of it!

Please let me know your news to share and enjoy!

Birthdays

Marley Kinsey of Lower Swatara celebrates her Sweet 16 honk-beep-beep day on Wednesday, April 19. Many wishes of love, peace and joy to you!

Happy 20th cake day to **Lindsay Truesdale** of Lower Swatara. She celebrates her big day on Wednesday, April 19.

If you see **Terry Lupia** out and about Lower Swatara on April 19, be sure to give her your jolliest happy birthday greeting! She will have her cake on Wednesday. I hope it is sweet like you, Terry!

Kordre Butts of Middletown hits No. 14 on Wednesday, April 19. Enjoy your birthday week, Kordre!

Justin Musser of Lower Swatara marks his 22nd balloon-flying day on Thursday, April 20. Sending you sunshine and smiles, Justin!

Happy big-deal birthday to **Evan Grogan** of Lower Swatara. He is 15 on April 21. I hope your Friday is fantastic, Evan!

Best wishes for a fun Friday birthday to **Patrick Krepps** as he adds another candle on April 21. Happy 26th, Patrick!

Samantha Romberger of Lower Swatara turns 19 on Friday, April 21. Enjoy your last teen year, Sam. Have the best birthday yet!

Aubrey Carberry celebrates her cake and ice cream day on April 21. Hoping your Friday is fantastic and your weekend is perfect!

Happy glitter and twinkles birthday to **Julia Hughes** of Lower Swatara. She turns 12 on Friday, April 21. Have a super-duper weekend, Julia!

Rochelle Gonzales of Middletown marks her 14th confetti-popping day on Friday, April 21, too. May this be a beautiful celebration day for you, Rochelle!

Jackie Leonard of Lower Swatara will hear the birthday song on Sunday, April 23. I hope it is a beautiful sound to your ears as you celebrate your day!

If you see **Pat Lippert** out and about on Monday, please give her a friendly happy birthday holler! I hope your April 24 is special like you, Pat!

Allison Lawyer is 22 on Tuesday, April 25. Best wishes to you for a fantastic last week of April birthday, Allison!

Here is a shout-out to **Ed-die Mecca** of Lower Swatara! Best wishes to you as you turn a quarter-of-a-century on your golden birthday, April 25! Hope your Tuesday is terrific, Eddie!

Tokar attains Eagle Scout Rank

Congratulations to **Michael Tokar**, son of Leonard and Marlene Tokar of Greenwood

Hills, Lower Swatara. Michael officially became an Eagle Scout on Oct. 6, 2016.

He celebrated this honor last month with his Troop 594, and his family and friends at his Eagle Court of Honor on March 18. It was held at the American Legion Post 594 in Middletown.

State Rep. Tom Mehaffie was in attendance and presented Michael with a certificate of recognition for the honor of achieving the Eagle Scout rank. Michael shared his appreciation and thanks with two special people: Joseph McGovern and Joseph Tokar (Michael’s older brother, who earned his Eagle Scout rank in 2013.)

Both men are Eagle Scouts who helped and inspired Michael to work towards his Eagle Scout rank. Michael presented them with a special mentor pin.

Congratulations, Michael. You are an asset to our community.

Anniversaries

Best wishes for a wonderful 16th anniversary to **Tim and Joan Nissley** of Lower Swatara. They were married on April 21, 2001. I hope your Friday is fantastic!

Joe and Karen Bendgen of Lower Swatara celebrate 28 years of wedded bliss together on Saturday, April 22. Enjoy your romantic weekend!

Happy 22nd anniversary to **CD and Cathy Farr** of Lower Swatara as they observe their flower and candy day on Sunday, April 23. Enjoy!

Happy jade anniversary to **Mike and Karen McKillip** of Lower Swatara on Monday. These kids were married on April 24, 1982. That is 35 years. Congrats!

April Rain

So April has come around again,

Today I sit and watch the rain.

Can’t work outside, it’s much too wet,

Guess we have to settle for what we can get.

Hoping the rain will use its powers,

To nourish the grass and the various flowers.

So up from the ground they will continue to spring,

With such beauty and happiness will bring.

— SLAP

MAHS Class of 1997 event

The Middletown Class of 1997 will celebrate its 20-year class reunion in the fall.

It is holding an event to raise money for a scholarship/gift to the school and to offset the cost of the reunion. The event will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, at the Black Horse Tavern. All tips at the bar will be donated to the fund.

Mike Tretter, from the Class of 1997, will work as a celebrity bartender. Gourmet cupcakes, made by classmate Kathleen O’Donnell Gross, will be on sale. Additionally, for a \$5 donation, patrons can receive a \$5 coupon good toward a future food purchase at the Black Horse.

Contact information is being gathered on the class Facebook page, MAHS97, or it can be

emailed to acs161@hotmail.com.

Supper time

The Church of God April dinner will be held Monday, April 24. All are invited to come out at 4:30 p.m. to enjoy roast turkey, filling, whipped potatoes, a veggie and desserts. The church is at 245 W. High St., Middletown.

Slippery Rock success

Cameron D. Welsh of Harrisburg, whose grandparents live in Middletown, achieved a 4.0 grade-point average in his first semester at Slippery Rock University, where he majors in electrical engineering.

He is a 2016 graduate of Susquehanna Township High School, and is the son of Tammi Cowan Welsh and Geoffrey Welsh.

He is the grandson of Debbie Cowan and the late David Cowan and Jan and Tim Aichner, all of Middletown, Ruth Ann Hansen of Elizabethtown, and George and Lyndsy Welsh of Virginia.

Life hacks

1. Don’t know what to buy someone for their birthday? Have them make three guesses of what they think you got them. Boom! There’s your shopping list!
2. Febreze kills ants on contact and it leaves your house smelling fresh! (I also tried this on flying insects, too!)
3. Clean your toilet with Kool-Aid. Pour a packet of lemon- or orange-flavored Kool-Aid into your toilet bowl and scrub away stains with a toilet brush. The citric acid and abrasive texture of the powder help break down and dissolve stains. Plus, it smells much better than chemical cleaners.

Yard sale

Check out Old Reliance Farms’ semi-annual two day yard sale at 8 a.m. Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29.

Quote of the Week

“Forgiveness is a choice, not an emotion.” — Anonymous

Question of the Week

What is your favorite spring activity?

“Being back outside, riding my bike!” — **Jenny Hammer**, Hershey.

“Getting flower beds and garden ready for planting!” — **Louisa Morgan**, Middletown.

“Celebrating Easter this year!” — **Josh Sutherly**, 10, Middletown.

“Walking on new trails in the woods with my husband, and seeing the new green growth and buds on the trees.” — **Sue Lawruk**, Lower Swatara.

“I’m looking forward to playing some golf.” — **Jay Whye**, Hershey.

“Waiting for all the trees and flowers to start blooming and working out in my garden.” — **Bernie Sobotka**, Lower Swatara.

Proverb for the Week

Evil men will bow down in the presence of the good, and the wicked at the gates of the righteous (14:19).

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Carson, Kurtz get MAHS honors

Middletown Area High School seniors Mitchell Carson and Arianna Kurtz recently were selected as Students of the Month for April.

Mitchell Carson is the son of Steven and Krisaundra Carson.

He is involved in bowling, tennis, marching band, concert band, chorus, county chorus, the fall play and musical, PRIDE Club, WMSS, TV production, honor roll and Mr. Middletown.

He was PRIDE club secretary during his junior year. He was bowling co-captain his senior year, as well as WMSS assistant manager.



Carson



Kurtz

He is involved with the Grace United Methodist Youth program (GUMY) in Hummelstown, and does community service through church.

He was part of the league champions in bowling, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. He qualified for districts in bowling, 2015-2016, and participated in Senator for a Day. He won an award for covering local sports on the radio. He was part of the marching band that won the Tournament of Bands Atlantic Class 2A Championship in 2016.

He works a volunteer radio shift at WMSS.

He plans to attend HACC for one year and then transfer to Millersville University, majoring in media and broadcasting.

He said he was “extremely honored to have been chosen student of the month. There are many deserving seniors and I am very honored that I was able to stand out to have been chosen.”

Arianna Kurtz is the daughter of Danyelle and Paul Kurtz.

She is involved in Linkcrew; Pinnacle nurse aide program; Epidemiology Challenge and EPI mentor, Kunkel Elementary School; yearbook; and band.

She has earned a CNA certificate. Employment includes Sharp Shopper (1 ½ years) and a new CNA job at Frey Village.

She plans to attend York College to become a registered nurse. She said she was “shocked and excited” to be selected as Student of the Month.

PSU panel to discuss police body cameras

Penn State Harrisburg will present a panel discussion on perceptions of police body-worn cameras from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, in the library Morrison Gallery.

Panelists are Dr. Jennifer Gibbs, assistant professor of criminal justice from Penn State Harrisburg; Andy Hoover, communications director of the ACLU of Pennsylvania; Patrick Cawley, executive director and counsel for the Pennsylvania Senate Judiciary Committee; and representatives from local departments that have used body cameras.

Gibbs and the Center for Survey Research at Penn State Harrisburg recently researched Pennsylvanians’ perceptions on the topic. About 88 percent said they would feel safer.

For more information, call 717-948-6058.

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Gas prices see 7-cent increase in Harrisburg area

Average retail gasoline prices in Harrisburghaverisen 7.1 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.59 a gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy’s daily survey of 241 gas outlets in Harrisburg. This compares with the national average that has increased 1.1 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.40 a gallon.

Including the change in gas

prices in Harrisburg during the past week, prices Sunday were 31.6 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 16.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago.

The national average has increased 11.1 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 29.2 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices on April 17 in Harrisburg have ranged widely over the last five years: \$2.27 a gallon in 2016, \$2.54 a gallon in 2015, \$3.63 a gallon in 2014, \$3.44 a gallon in 2013 and \$3.96 a gallon in 2012.

Areas near Harrisburg and their current gas price climate:

Lancaster: \$2.59 a gallon, up 4.5 cents per gallon from last week’s \$2.55 a gallon.

Reading: \$2.60 a gallon, up 1.4 cents per gallon from last week’s \$2.58

a gallon.

York: \$2.58 a gallon, up 7.2 cents per gallon from last week’s \$2.51 a gallon.

“The national average gasoline price climbed to its highest level since Sept. 5, 2015, on the \$6 per barrel rise in oil prices over the last few weeks, supported by last week’s decline in oil inventories and pressure from geopolitical tensions,” said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy.com.

“The national average may reach its peak for the year in the next few weeks,” he said. “While average prices are far below their 5-year average, they remain notably higher than last year. Today shows just 405 gas stations in the U.S. selling gasoline at \$2 per gallon or less, a far cry from a year ago when over 80,000 stations were at the level.”



MIDDLETOWN POLICE ROUNDUP

Parents charged after little girl found wandering away from home alone

Middletown police have charged the parents of a 3-year-old girl after the child was found wandering in a parking lot by herself with no shoes on several blocks from home.

Police said a caller reported seeing the girl walking west on Emaus Street toward Wood Street at about 4:15 p.m. Sunday, April 9. Police said the girl could not tell them her name, but she led an officer to her residence in the 100 block of Ann Street.

On April 10 the girl's mother, Shelby Lynn Burkett, 38, was arraigned before District Judge David Judy and charged with felony endangering the welfare of children. She was placed in Dauphin County Prison on \$25,000 bail. A preliminary hearing for Burkett is set for April 20 before Judy.

The girl's father, Jerry Ryan Shope, 32, was charged with misdemeanor endangering the welfare of children. His preliminary

hearing is May 11 before Judy.

Burkett and Shope both have criminal histories and are on probation, according to court records filed by Middletown police with Judy.

Police: Man tried to strangle boy

A Middletown man has been charged with allegedly trying to strangle an 11-year-old boy April 8 in the 100 block of Keystone Avenue.

Police said that Roceen Dior Nigel Brown, 29, put both of his hands around the boy's neck and squeezed and then released, causing the boy to fall to the ground, according to court papers filed with District Judge David Judy. Brown also allegedly assaulted the boy's grandfather during the incident, police said.

Brown is charged with felony strangulation, and also misdemeanor simple assault.

He is awaiting a preliminary hearing.



Fire damaged this mobile home in Harborton Place in Middletown on Wednesday night, April 12. The home was vacant at the time of the fire, said borough Assistant Fire Chief Kenny Whitebread.

STAFF PHOTO BY DAN MILLER

No one injured in fire at vacant mobile home

Fire damaged a vacant mobile home in Harborton Place in Middletown on Wednesday night, April 12, officials say.

Firefighters were dispatched shortly before 9 p.m. and arrived to find "heavy fire" from out of the front and rear of the mobile home in the 100 block of Pathfinder Drive, Middletown Assistant Fire Chief Kenny Whitebread told the Press & Journal.

Firefighters were told that the mobile home was vacant by Dauphin County dispatch and by witnesses at the scene. Firefighters went inside the home and searched, but found no occupants, Whitebread said.

The fire is being investigated

by a fire marshal with the county district attorney's office, according to Whitebread.

There was no damage to any adjacent trailers or property. No firefighters or civilians were injured. Firefighters stayed on scene for close to three hours.

Besides Middletown, fire companies responded from Londonderry and Lower Swatara townships.

A company from Elizabethtown responded to provide rapid intervention in case of any injuries. A company came from Bressler to fill air cylinders for those fighting the fire, Whitebread said.

— Dan Miller

Loyalty Day events slated for May 1 at State Capitol

The Pennsylvania Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold its annual Loyalty to America Day event on Monday, May 1, starting at 10 a.m. at the State Capitol, by the fountain outside of the East Rotunda.

Combat veterans will lead a celebration of the U.S. flag, freedom, of the role veterans have played in preserving freedom, of troops who defend freedom and of the liberties made possible by democracy.

State lawmakers, government officials, veterans, military representatives and the Hanover High School band will all participate in the free program, which is expected to last 45 minutes.

Loyalty Day originally began as Americanization Day in 1921 to counter the Communists' May 1 celebration of the Russian Revolution. Through a resolution adopted in 1949, May 1 evolved into Loyalty Day.

Observances began in 1950 on April 28 and climaxed May 1 when more than 5 million people across the nation held rallies.

In 1958, Congress enacted Public Law 529 proclaiming Loyalty Day a permanent fixture on the nation's calendar. Since then, the State Headquarters and local VFW Posts have held events on May 1.

"Many people take freedom for granted, and forget that around the world instability today threatens to take freedom away from millions of people. Citizens in some countries have never experienced freedom like ours due to oppressive governments," said Pennsylvania VFW State Commander Thomas A. Brown of Swarthmore, a Korean War veteran. "This event will inspire everyone to celebrate the powerful and unique ideals that make living in America so special.

"We are very blessed in America to have freedom and a form of representative government," he said. "We may not all agree on issues, but we value our right to freely speak our minds and to vote on the nation's leadership. We appreciate those who have served because they have sacrificed so much to protect and preserve our freedom."

The Pennsylvania Department of VFW consists of 85,000 members in 440 posts throughout the commonwealth, which makes it the largest VFW state department in America. In Pennsylvania, VFW organizations annually donate more than \$15 million in financial donations and volunteer community service combined, according to the organization.

OBITUARIES



Guy Stum
MIDDLETOWN

Guy H. Stum, 91, of Middletown, passed away Sunday morning April 16, 2017 at home with his loving family by his side. He was born March 1, 1926 in Cumberland County to the late William and Mae (Neidigh) Stum.

Guy proudly served in the United States Air Force during WWII. He retired from J.C. Snavely & Sons as a truck driver and was a member of Valley Baptist Church, Middletown.

He was preceded in death by his wife Stella J. (Hoover) Stum, April 6, 1991.

He is survived by four children, Connie (Edward) Easter, Jeffrey (Susan) Stum, Guy (Sharon) Stum Jr., and Bonnie (Gordon) Seiber, all of Middletown; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, with one on the way October 2017; and two siblings, Charlotte Lang and Samuel Stum, both of Middletown.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, April 21, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Fager-Finkenbinder Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc., 208 N. Union St., Middletown, PA 17057, with Pastor Paul Maulfair Jr. officiating. Family and friends are invited for viewing from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Burial will follow the funeral service in Woodlawn Memorial Gardens, Lower Paxton Township.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made in his honor to the American Heart Association, 610 Community Way, Lancaster, PA 17603; or the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.



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Doris Dougherty
MIDDLETOWN

Doris Marie Dougherty, 89, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, April 15, 2017 at her home.

She was born on July 26, 1927 and was the daughter of the late Russell and Meriam (Habig) Menear.

She was of the Protestant faith and enjoyed volunteer work at the local food bank and thrift store. Doris was a graduate of Middletown High School, class of 1945.

In addition to her parents, Doris was preceded in death by her loving husband George R. Dougherty and a son Dan R. Dougherty.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law Pamela Dougherty of Middletown; and a son Michael D. Dougherty of Middletown.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Hillsdale Cemetery, Middletown, with the Rev. Dr. J. Richard Eckert officiating.

Memorial contributions, in Doris's name, may be made to the PA Wounded Warriors, 1117 Country Club Rd., Camp Hill, PA 17011.

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

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Gloria Bibb
FORMERLY OF MIDDLETOWN

Gloria Faith Bibb (Nauss), 84, of Hershey, formerly of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Friday, April 14, 2017 at Country Meadows of Hershey.

She was born on July 9, 1932 in Elizabethtown and was the daughter of the late Samuel and Eva (Kaylor) Nauss.

Gloria was a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Middletown and the Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed making ceramics and playing cards.

In addition to her parents, Gloria was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Samantha Bibb.

She is survived by her loving husband of 65 years, Richard D. Bibb; three children, Beverly A. Bailey and her husband James of Harrisburg, Richard D. Bibb and his wife Laura of Reading, Jordan Bibb, Brett Bibb, Alanna Leon and Olivia Leon; and two great-grandchildren, Lianna Jackson and Makiyah Jackson.

A tribute to her life will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 11 a.m. at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Spring and Union Sts., Middletown, with the Rev. Dr. J. Richard Eckert officiating.

There will be a visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Thursday at the church.

Inurnment will take place immediately following the service in the St. Peter's Kierch Memorial Gardens, Middletown.

Memorial contributions may be made in Gloria's name to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Spring and Union Sts., Middletown, PA 17057.

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

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G. Edward Carpenter
MIDDLETOWN

G. Edward Carpenter, 70, of Middletown, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, April 13, 2017.

He was born May 30, 1946 in Harrisburg, Pa. and was the son of the late H. Douglas and Helen (Brestle) Carpenter.

Ed was a graduate of Middletown Area High School, The Pennsylvania State University, and Syracuse University. Ed was retired as a metrologist with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He was a youth soccer, baseball, and softball coach. He loved music, and throughout his life was involved with the Bainbridge Band, Highspire Singers, the church choir, the PSU Blue Band, and he got much joy from his hobby running audio/visual programs that he established at church. He was also involved in Jeeps. Us, and he loved gardening and working in his yard. Ed was a member of Highspire First Church of God, where he served as Sunday School Superintendent, deacon, elder, and council president.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by sister Mary Ann (Carpenter) Boroski.

He is survived by his wife Mary Ann (Huey); daughter Amy Burghdorf and husband Gus of Middletown; son Tim and wife Becky of Middletown; and his two special grandchildren Megan Burghdorf and Grant Carpenter.

A celebration of Ed's life was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at Highspire First of God, 115 Second Street, Highspire, PA 17034 at 12 p.m., with Pastor Dave Anderson officiating. Visitation was held at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

Inurnment was private and at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to his church or Doubling Gap Center, 1550 Doubling Gap Road, Newville, PA 17241.

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TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLETOWN

Notice is hereby given that the Borough Council of the Borough of Middletown will consider for adoption the following Ordinance at the Regular Business Meeting on May 2, 2017 at 7 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Middletown Borough Council located at Borough Hall, 60 West Emaus Street, Middletown, PA 17057.

ORDINANCE NO. _____
FOR THE YEAR 2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLETOWN ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLETOWN NON-UNIFORM PENSION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Borough of Middletown did adopt a Non-Uniform Pension Plan for the Borough and has on various occasions amended and/or restated the Plan document.

WHEREAS, the applicable law provides that the amendment of such pension plan may be by Ordinance and the most current amendment and restatement was April 16, 2012 (the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, Borough of Middletown desires to update the Plan to maintain compliance with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and make other changes. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Middletown, Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section 1: The Borough hereby confirms the Plan document dated April 16, 2012.

Section 2: The Borough hereby terminates its relationship with Standard Insurance (StanCorp.) related to Plan matters.

Section 3: The Borough hereby supersedes Ordinance No. 1325 and adopts the defined contribution provisions (Exhibit I) effective as follows:

A. Effective for all full-time non-bargaining unit employees appointed, hired, or re-hired on or after January 1, 2016, the defined contribution arrangement as set forth in Exhibit I attached is adopted.

B. Effective for all bargaining unit employees represented by the Teamsters Local Union No. 776 hired on or after May 17, 2016, the defined contribution arrangement as set forth in Exhibit I attached is adopted.

Section 4: The attached Article XII (Exhibit II), General Provisions, is adopted effective January 1, 2017.

Section 5: The Applicable Provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) (Exhibit III) are hereby adopted effective January 1, 2017. The provisions in Exhibit III supersede any contrary provisions in the existing Plan document including:

(i) The Compensation Limit in Section 1.11;

(ii) IRC "415 Compensation" definition in Section 1.20;

(iii) The "Leased Employee" definition in Section 1.29;

(iv) Section 1.44 "Section 401(a) 7 Participant";

(v) IRC Section 401(a)(9) provisions in Section 5.6(c) (d) and (e);

(vi) Section 5.8 "Minimum Distribution Requirements";

Section 5.13 "Domestic Relations Order Distribution";

Section 5.15 "Direct Rollover";

(ix) Article VI "Code Section 415 Limitations".

Section 6: All ordinances or resolutions, or parts of ordinances or resolutions inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this ____ day of _____, 2017.

If you would like to obtain a copy of the proposed Ordinance including Exhibits prior to the Regular Business Meeting, please contact the Borough Secretary at 717-902-0706 or at gmiller1@middletownborough.com.

BOROUGH OF MIDDLETOWN
Grace Miller, Borough Secretary
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The Elizabethtown Borough Zoning Hearing Board will hold a public meeting on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Elizabethtown Borough Office, 600 South Hanover Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022, to consider the following:

1. The property owner of 19 North Market Street seeks to erect an addition, enlarging a legal nonconforming building and use within the Central Business District. The application is relative to Chapter 27, Part 19, Section 1903 "Extensions or Enlargements." Interested persons are invited to attend.

Rodney Horton
Zoning Officer

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Pursuant to Section 3031.10, it is the right of the Chairman of the County Committee of each political party which is entitled under existing laws to participate in Primary, Municipal, Special and General Elections within Dauphin County, and the chairman or presiding officer of any organization of citizens within Dauphin County which has as its purposes the investigation or prosecution of election frauds and which has registered its name and address and the names of its principal officers with the Dauphin County Board of Elections at least fifty (50) days before the upcoming election, or of their respective certified representatives, to be present during the preparation of the electronic voting system and its components and to see that they are properly prepared and are in proper condition and order for use. However, such representatives shall not interfere with the preparation of the electronic voting system and its components, and the conduct of such representatives may be subject to such reasonable rules and regulations promulgated by the Dauphin County Board of Elections.

Any qualified person desiring to be present during the preparation of the electronic voting system should contact Gerald D. Feaser, Jr., Director, Dauphin County Bureau of Registration & Elections, first floor, Administrative Building, 2 S. 2nd St., Harrisburg, PA 17101 (780-6360).

This Notice is given pursuant to provisions of the Election Voting Systems Chapter of the Election Code in effect in Pennsylvania.

BY ORDER OF THE DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Dauphin County Board of Elections will commence the computation and canvassing of the returns of votes cast at the Municipal Primary, held on Tuesday, May 16, 2018, at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 19, 2017, in the Bureau of Registration and Elections Office, 2 South Second Street, Harrisburg, PA, 17101.

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ESTATE NOTICE

ESTATE OF: George J. Lowe
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TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLETOWN

Notice is hereby given that the Borough Council of the Borough of Middletown will consider for adoption the following Ordinance at the Regular Business Meeting on May 2, 2017 at 7 P.M. in the Council Chambers of Middletown Borough Council located at Borough Hall, 60 West Emaus Street, Middletown, PA 17057.

ORDINANCE NO. _____
FOR THE YEAR 2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLETOWN AMENDING AND RESTATING THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLETOWN EMPLOYEES OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) RETIREE BENEFITS PLAN AND AMENDING AND RESTATING THE DECLARATION OF TRUST OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLETOWN OPEB INTEGRAL PART TRUST

WHEREAS, Borough Council has reviewed certain items related to the long-term financial viability of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council desires to establish a clear funding policy to fund OPEB benefits for its retirees and active employees and announce its intention to fund the OPEB Integral Part Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Middletown, Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section 1: The Borough hereby adopts the Borough of Middletown Employees Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Retiree Benefits Plan and the Borough of Middletown (OPEB) Integral Part Trust, both originally effective April 7, 2009.

Section 2: All ordinances or resolutions, or parts of ordinances or resolutions inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this ____ day of _____, 2017.

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BANNERS

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\$10,000 in lights for the town Christmas tree that was put up on the square, McGlone said.

The banners were purchased for \$85 each by family members to honor veterans. Some area businesses also sponsored a banner on behalf of a family, said McGlone, who organized the banner drive.

McGlone's son Dan received the Purple Heart for injuries sustained in combat while in Afghanistan, while the councilor's father is a retired Army colonel.

The banners are to be hung on utility poles and street lights along the main streets of the borough; including North and South Union and Main streets, and possibly other streets such as Vine, Ann and Emaus.

There could be other locations as well, based upon comments that were made by other borough councilors and by Terrance Jefferson, council's liaison to Middletown Area School District, during council's April 4 meeting.

Some of the banners should be put in areas where people congregate, such as public parks, suggested Jefferson, who is a sophomore at Middletown Area High School.

Exactly where all the banners will be is still something of a work in progress, McGlone said. Everyone buying a banner will be told what street their banner is on, she added.

The banners will stay up until the fall, perhaps through Veterans Day. Then they will be taken down and kept in storage by the borough over the winter until they go up again before Memorial Day 2018. The banners will then come down in the fall of 2018, and at that point be returned to the people who purchased them, McGlone said.

The response to the banners was "overwhelming," she said. Close to 30 people wanted to buy banners after the deadline to order them had passed.

She said she hopes that the borough will provide more opportunities to buy banners in the future for these people who could not buy them during the first go-round.

The banners honor veterans from every major conflict from World War I to present-day veterans who served in Afghanistan and Iraq, McGlone said.

One of the banners honors a man from Middletown who was killed in the Vietnam conflict.

Several female veterans are also being honored by the banners, including one woman from World War II.

Peacetime veterans are also honored, in that the program is to pay tribute to all veterans, regardless of whether or not they served in combat, McGlone noted.

"It is a very patriotic way for us to say thank you and to remember and pause what they went through for their country, and how important it is to be patriotic, to love your country and to have a sense of brotherhood and sisterhood and camaraderie," McGlone said.

The \$85 covers the full cost of the banners, including taxes, shipping and handling, storage fees, and borough staff time, McGlone said. It also covers some of the cost of the brackets that the borough will need to buy, because not enough of the poles in town have the right equipment to hang the banners.

Borough Public Works Director Greg Wilsbach has estimated that the borough will need to buy 24 or more "arms" for the banners, at a cost of \$55 per arm.

Any funds left over from purchase of the banners should go to defray costs to the borough for the project, Borough Manager Ken Klinepeter has suggested.

Get dog licenses now; crackdown is in June

Dauphin County Treasurer Janis Creason on Tuesday reminded all dog owners that state dog wardens will canvass the county during the week of June 5 to ensure all dog owners have current licenses and rabies vaccinations for their dogs.

Pennsylvania law requires that all dogs 3 months or older be licensed by Jan. 1 of each year. Failure to license a dog is a summary offense and could result in a maximum fine of \$300 for each unlicensed dog.

An annual license is \$8.50 and a lifetime license is \$51.50.

If the animal is spayed or neutered, the annual fee is \$6.50 and lifetime is \$31.50. Older adults and persons with disabilities may purchase a license for \$4.50 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$6.50 for others.

Additionally, all dogs and non-feral cats (3 months of age and older) must be vaccinated against rabies. Booster vaccinations must be administered periodically to maintain lifelong immunity.

Licensing fees support the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Dog Law Enforcement Office, which ensures the welfare of breeding dogs and puppies in commercial breeding kennels, regulates dogs classified as dangerous, and oversees annual licensure and rabies vaccinations for dogs.

License applications may be downloaded at www.DauphinCounty.org (keyword: dog) or purchased online at www.padoglicense.com.

Licenses can also be purchased at one of the many agents located throughout Dauphin County, including at the Lower Swatara Township building, 1499 Spring Garden Drive, 939-9377; and in Hummelstown at Hershey Pet Food Co., 245 W. Main St.; 566-2894.

Applications may also be mailed, along with payment, to the Dauphin County Treasurer at 101 Market St., Room 105, Harrisburg, PA, 17101. Residents who have questions about dog licensing in Dauphin County can call 717-780-6550 or visit www.licenseyourdogPA.com.

LOWER SWATARA POLICE REPORT

Police: Teen’s social media post was a threat against MAHS

A photograph posted on social media by a 15-year-old township resident provided police enough evidence to file charges against the teenager.

Police report allegations of terroristic threats have been filed against the teenager stemming from a photo she allegedly posted on Snapchat that showed her gesturing with her hand as if she had a gun and noting she was going to shoot up the school.

Police said they were contacted by an official at Middletown Area High School on March 28 because it appeared the photo might have been taken at the school. Investigators confronted the teenager at home.

They added that during a search of the youth’s bedroom, consented to by her parents, items classified as drug paraphernalia were found. A charge of possession of drug paraphernalia also was filed against the teenager.

\$250 gone, bank info scammed

A township resident admitted to police that she had sent \$250 and gave her credit union account’s information to an individual who claimed to be but was not a representative of Publishers Clearing House.

According to police, the victim was contacted by telephone March 31 and informed she was a winner in Publishers Clearing House annual event. The male caller asked the local resident to send him \$250 to defray the costs associated with claiming her prize. In addition the caller requested the routing number and account number of the victim’s account with an area credit union.

The victim also admitted to police she also was told she was the winner of other prizes offered by Publishers Clearing House. Police said the resident complied with both requests and sent \$250 via Western Union to an individual in New Hampshire and also gave her credit union account’s information.

Shortly after sending the money the victim contacted both police and Members 1st Credit Union to report what she had done. Police said the local credit union immediately closed the victim’s account but added there was little to no hope the victim would get back her \$250.

\$1,100 snow thrower stolen

Police report a snow thrower valued at \$1,100 was stolen sometime between March 13 and 23 from the Growing Adventures Child Care, Oberlin Road.

According to investigators, the black and red colored Troy-bilt Storm 3090XP was in a garage at the day care center located in the Twelve Oaks Business Center. Township authorities were contacted on April 4.

Investigators are asking anyone with information about the theft to contact them at 717-939-0463.

Also at Growing Adventures Child Care, between March 24 and 27, someone sawed off a section of an exhaust pipe on a vehicle owned by the business.

An employee noticed the vehicle sounded very loud and discovered the missing section of exhaust pipe when the vehicle was being towed.

The cost to repair the vehicle was not noted.

Passenger in car charged

Police report a faulty headlight investigation ended in charges

filed against a Steelton resident who was a passenger in the vehicle.

According to district court records, Christy L. Schaffer, 29, of the 100 block of North Front Street, has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and providing a false ID to a law enforcement officer. The case stemmed from a traffic stop at 2:07 a.m. April 1 on Second Street near Eisenhower Boulevard.

Police reported Schaffer was questioned after an investigating officer smelled an odor of marijuana coming from the car in which she was a passenger. The accused reportedly gave police a birth date that was shown to be false, police added. When searched police found Schaffer to be in possession of items classified as drug paraphernalia, police said.

The arresting officer added he had also discovered several warrants had been filed against Schaffer in relation to theft cases in Dauphin County.

The driver of the vehicle was questioned by police and reportedly taken into custody but district court records did not include any additional information about his involvement in the incident.

Theft charge at gun club

John S. Paluscio, 68, of the 5000 block of Wertzville Road, Enola, has been charged with theft in allegations he took cash from a local gun club.

Police allege Paluscio took \$25 from the cash register at the Penn Harris Gun Club during the early afternoon hours of March 27. The arresting officer said the incident was captured on a video surveillance system at the club, which is located in the 200 block of Richardson Road.

Palusico will have a preliminary hearing on the charge May 5 with District Judge Michael Smith.

2 flat-screen TVs stolen

Two flat-screen television sets valued at more than \$340 were reported stolen during a burglary of a home in the 1000 block of Lakeside Drive.

Police said the theft is believed to have taken place between 7:50 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., March 30.

The victim told police both the 32-inch Emerson flatscreen TV and Sanyo 47-inch flatscreen TV

were black.

Investigators said the victim was certain his home was locked at the time the incident took place. No sign of forced entry was found.

Police are waiting to hear from the victim who is determining if additional items had been stolen.

Police are asking anyone with information about the incident to contact them at 717-939-0463.

Charges filed after confrontation

Justin Bishop, 29, of the 1000 block of Longview Drive, Middletown, has been charged with recklessly endangering, simple assault, harassment and public drunkenness, police report.

Police allege Bishop struck an individual in the face and threw rocks at her car during a confrontation at the accused’s home at 7:24 p.m. March 28.

Bishop was arraigned before District Judge Barbara Pianka, at which time bail was set at \$50,000 cash. The accused was placed in Dauphin County Prison on March 28 after not posting bail.

An April 13 hearing before District Judge Smith had been set for the case.

CREMATORY: For what can the garage be used?

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or the opponents could appeal the county court decision to Commonwealth Court.

Another possibility is that Clark could decide to send — or in court parlance, “remand” — the crematory case back to the Middletown Zoning Hearing Board for a rehearing.

That would likely put off any appeal to Commonwealth Court until the matter plays itself out before the zoning board.

Opponents object to the crematory based on their contention that emissions will be harmful to health; that lighting, odor and noise will be a public nuisance, and that it will lower property values in the surrounding area.

Opponents also expressed concern about the volume of bodies that could arrive. The owner of Fager-Finkenbinder testified before the zoning board that bodies from other funeral homes that the chain owns would be sent here.

Timing is an issue

But these “quality of life” issues are not at the core of the county court case. The case will turn on Clark deciding if the opponents filed their appeal of the permit with the zoning board in time, or if they filed it too late.

If Clark agrees with the funeral home, that ends the case as far as county court is concerned.

But if Clark agrees with opponents that they appealed in time, county court could go on to consider arguments from both sides regarding the legality of the permit that was granted by the borough zoning officer in 2015, as well as issues regarding alleged adverse health effects and lowered property values that the opponents seek to raise.

In court papers, lawyers for the funeral home call for dismissing the case on grounds that opponents waited too long to file their appeal before the zoning board.

The appeal should have been filed within 30 days of opponents having “notice or reason to believe” that the borough zoning permit had been issued, say lawyers with Babst Calland.

The opponents knew of the permit through “multiple” newspaper articles in print and online that publicized the permit in Oc-



A garage at Fager-Finkenbinder Funeral Home on North Union Street can be seen on the right. It's the potential site for a crematory.

tober 2015. The funeral home also held an open house in September 2015 to discuss details.

But instead, the opponents filed their appeal more than seven and a half months after the permit was issued, the funeral home lawyers say.

The funeral home lawyers add that the appellants were “actively recruited” and their legal fees paid for by neighbors of the crematory who had waited too long to appeal the permit.

Aaron Martin, the lawyer with Mette Evans and Woodside of Harrisburg representing the opponents, counters that the appeal was timely, and that the argument over who filed the appeal and paid for it is a “red herring.”

Law did not require the borough to provide public notice of the permit being issued, so the 30-day period would not have started until construction activities were evident at the property, Martin said.

Martin further argues that the court must reopen the case to consider testimony on the merits of the issue that is already on the record as having been presented to the zoning board, but which the board did not consider in its own decision, as the 1-1 tie only dealt with the timeliness of the appeal.

Martin lists several reasons why granting the permit violated borough zoning. The funeral home lies in an “R-2” residential zoning district where neither a funeral home nor a crematory are allowed by right, and where a funeral home is only allowed by special exception.

The funeral home never obtained a special exception, Martin said, adding that in testimony before the zoning board the funeral home said it had no plans to seek a special exception.

Garage use is key point

Lawyers for Fager-Finkenbinder say a funeral home has operated on the property since at least the 1960s, and that a borough ordinance passed in 1982 resulted in it becoming “a permitted use authorized by special exception.”

Lawyers on both sides also debate the legality of the garage on the funeral home property becoming an “accessory use” if converted into the crematory, which is the funeral home’s plan.

An accessory use is not permitted in any residential zone where the primary use is only allowed by special exception, such as the funeral home, Martin said.

Even if allowed, the crematory would cease to be an accessory use if bodies are brought in from other funeral homes, as this would make the crematory the “principal use” at the funeral home, Martin contends. The garage cannot be converted from one non-conforming use to another without special exception.

Lawyers for Fager-Finkenbinder refer to the garage as “the smaller funeral home building,” and say that it has been part of the funeral home’s principal use since at least 1989. This makes the smaller building “a non-conforming structure that is entitled to constitutional protection,” the funeral home lawyers say.

POLICE: Regional department is not part of talks

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Shortly after the Feb. 21 council meeting, Kapenstein provided information to Lower Swatara that borough officials said the township would need in order to provide a contract proposal for police services to Middletown. That included information regarding current staffing of Middletown Police Department, as well as information pertaining to calls handled by the MPD, such as call volume and types of calls, Curry said.

Kapenstein also provided to the township budget information concerning the MPD, including audits and budgets showing police expenditures by the borough over the past several years.

This information was included in a packet that was delivered to Frank Williamson, director of public safety and the assistant manager of Lower Swatara Township, Curry said.

“Lower Swatara will continue to look at the feasibility of contracting police services to the borough of Middletown,” Williamson said via email this week. He referred all other questions to Board President Jon Wilt or Vice President Laddie Springer.

Wilt said that there would be no regionalization, and that the only option being discussed is a contract for services.

He said he wasn’t sure how far Williamson had been able to go into the information he received from Curry.

Lower Swatara “can’t be rushing into anything that’s not a good fit,” he said, and no final decisions have been made.

The mayor said that the township is aware of the 90-day deadline that council set on Feb. 21. A proposal from the township is expected to arrive before expiration of the 90-day time limit, Curry told the Press & Journal.

“I’m not sure how in depth it will be because it is a complicated discussion. I think we probably will get something. I don’t know what the form of the proposal will be,” he said.

The amount of money that it costs Middletown residents for the borough to continue having its own standalone police department has been the driving force behind Curry and Kapenstein undertak-

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Mayor James H. Curry III

ing the talks.

Middletown and other Dauphin County municipalities have explored the idea of regional policing a number of times over the years.

In 2015 Dauphin County Commissioners sought to move the issue forward by releasing results of a county-funded study saying that most municipalities in the county—including Middletown—would save money by entering into a regional police arrangement.

Curry and Kapenstein launched the current effort shortly after then-borough Police Chief John Bey announced his resignation, in hopes that the borough not having a permanent police chief would remove one obstacle to negotiating a regional police department or contracting with Lower Swatara.

Curry in January appointed retired New York City Police Detective George Mouchette to replace Bey as chief, but Mouchette holds the position on an interim basis.

Curry and Kapenstein have both said repeatedly that the borough has an obligation to residents to explore whether a regional police or contracting-out alternative is feasible.

Otherwise, both officials have said that a tax increase will be unavoidable to bring manpower of the current Middletown police department to where it needs to be, based on recommendations of both Mouchette and Bey, as well as recommendations included in an evaluation of the department that was completed in 2015 by Transparency Matters, a consult-

ing firm, while Bey was chief.

Curry has said that the tax increase that is needed could be as high as \$250 for a borough property owner with a property assessed at \$100,000.

That would mean hiring five new full-time officers, in addition to the two open positions in the department: one from the retirement of Detective Richard Hiester, and another approved in the borough’s budget for 2017.

The “optimum” department Curry is calling for, with input from Mouchette, would have one police chief, one executive officer (or lieutenant), four sergeants, 12 patrolmen and two detectives.

The current department has one chief but no executive officer/lieutenant. It has only one sergeant and one detective. Two more full-time patrol officers would need to be added to get to 12.

The mayor and Kapenstein have both said they will not support a contracting for services with the township that does not meet all of the following objectives: provide at least the same or better level of police services, save borough taxpayers’ money, and “protect” the jobs of current Middletown Police Department police officers.

Both officials have also added to the list that contracting out for police services with Lower Swatara must also guarantee that at least one police officer will be physically present in the borough of Middletown at all times.

Kapenstein recently resigned as council president, but he will continue to lead the contracting-out discussions with Lower Swatara on behalf of council, said Damon Suglia, who was elected to replace Kapenstein as council president on April 4.

“I am going to leave that in Ben’s hands,” Suglia said. “They have the ball rolling.”

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IN BRIEF

Ex-adjutant general part of World War II trip to Europe

The Hershey Derry Township Historical Society has announced that Maj. Gen. Wesley “Wes” Craig will travel on its September World War II tour to Western Europe.

Craig was the commander of the 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania National Guard, from 2003 to 2005, and served as Pennsylvania adjutant general under Gov. Tom Corbett.

The itinerary, Sept. 9-24, highlights the service of Maj. Dick Winters, commander, Easy Company, who lived in Hershey until his death in 2011.

The Pennsylvania National Guard will be commemorated in Luxembourg for its role in the country’s 1945 liberation from the occupying Nazi forces.

Tour registration is open to the public.

Go to www.hersheyhistory.org, call 717-520-0748 or email trips@hersheyhistory.org for more information and pricing.

Arts in the Park set for Elizabethtown in May

The 14th annual Arts in the Park celebration will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 13 in Community Park in the heart of Elizabethtown.

The event is held outside, rain or shine, and the children’s area offers free activities for kids of all ages. More than 30 arts and craft vendors participate, and musical entertainment is provided throughout the day.

For information, go to www.facebook.com/EtownArtsInThePark, visit www.etownonline.com/arts-park, call the borough office at 717-367-1700; or send email to boro@etownonline.com.

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TOWN TOPICS

Annual Kids Trout Derby set for April 22

Sportsmen Limited will present its 24th annual Kids Trout Derby on Saturday, April 22 for children ages 2 to 12 at the Middletown Reservoir, Roundtop Road, Middletown.

Registration will be held from 7:30 to 10 a.m., and fishing ends at 11 a.m. Trophies and prizes will be awarded.

P&J editor part of town hall on the media

A town hall on the media will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, May 8 at the Rose Lehrman Arts Center, HACC Harrisburg Campus.

A conversation will be held about real journalism in the “fake news” era, featuring a Q&A session with reporters and editors from PennLive, WGAL and the Press & Journal, represented by Editor Jason Maddux.

Register to attend at MediaTownHall.eventbrite.com.

Quality of life/Crime Watch meeting slated

The April meeting for the Middletown quality of life/Crime Watch group will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 19 in the second-floor conference room at Middletown Borough Hall.

Enter through the door off the parking lot.

Topics will be Megan’s Law and a discussion on neighborhood spring cleanup.

Fire Company dinner will be held April 23

Lower Swatara Volunteer Fire Company, 1350 Fulling Mill Road, Middletown, is sponsoring a turkey dinner from 11 a.m. until sold out on Sunday, April 23.

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

Frey Village job fair will be held May 4

Diakon Senior Living is holding an open house for CNAs, PCAs, LPNs and RNs (charge nurse and supervisor) for skilled nursing and personal care from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 4.

The event will be held at Frey Village, 1020 N. Union St., Middletown.

For more information, contact Chip King at 610-682-1409 or visit www.diakon.org/careers.

Library group needs donations for sale

The Friends of the Middletown Public Library group is accepting donations for the upcoming May

spring sale.

Bring books, CDs, DVDs and jigsaw puzzles to the library at 20 N. Catherine St., during regular business hours. Pickup is available by calling 717-944-5238.

Call 717-944-6412 for more information.

Lecture to discuss Islam 101 on April 30

Samia Malik, of Mechanicsburg, will deliver a lecture describing Muslims — who they are, what they believe and what they do not believe — at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 30.

Throughout her presentation, she will answer all questions.

The lecture will be held in Luther Hall at St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, 121 N. Spring St., Middletown, and is free and open to the community.

Donations for Frey Village being accepted

Frey Village, 1020 N. Union St., Middletown, will accept donations of new and gently used books, puzzles, jewelry and silent auction items for sale at the June 3 Strawberry Festival.

Items may be dropped off at the front desk between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. through May 15.

For more information, call 888-995-8261.

Plaque highlighting town clock’s history erected next to it



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This plaque honoring the The Mothers Congress Circle is on the north side of the town clock in downtown Middletown, as seen on the right.

A plaque drawing attention to the story of Middletown’s iconic town clock has been erected in front of the large timepiece at Emaus and Union streets.

The plaque pays tribute to The Mothers Congress Circle, a charitable group that almost 100 years ago sold cupcakes to raise money to buy the clock. The circle presented the clock to Middletown Borough Council in 1923 to honor the veterans of World War I from Middletown.

The borough placed the clock in front of what was then The Farmers Bank. Today, it is the Brownstone Cafe.

The plaque is decades old and had been attached to the clock, until the clock was sent to upstate New York for repairs in 2015, said Jenny Miller, chairwoman of the Middletown Historical Restoration Commission.

After the clock returned in June 2016, the borough decided to give the plaque its own space. The project was taken on by the borough’s Public Works Department, using materials that the borough already had on hand, said Director Greg



STAFF PHOTOS BY DAN MILLER

A plaque seen at the top left is on the north side of the town clock in downtown Middletown.

Wilsbach.

“A lot of people never noticed it when it was attached to the clock,” Miller said. “I do think it draws more attention to the plaque” this way.

— Dan Miller

Flower power



STAFF PHOTO BY DAVID BARR

Larry Leas of Ink-Credible Tattoo Factory creates a chalk drawing of a lotus, an Asian flower, outside of the shop on South Union Street on Friday, April 14.

Traffic deaths at record low in 2016

PennDOT on Monday announced that traffic deaths in Pennsylvania reached a record low since record keeping began in 1928.

There were 1,188 fatalities on Pennsylvania roads last year, 12 less than 2015.

While the number of highway deaths dropped in many types of crashes, there were significant decreases noted in run-off-the-road, hit-fixed-object, and drinking-driver fatalities. Fatalities in

run-off-the-road crashes dropped from 580 in 2015 to 518. Hit-fixed-object fatalities decreased from 459 in 2015 to 401 last year. Deaths attributed to drinking-driver-related crashes declined to 263, down from 306 in 2015.

Fatalities increased in some types of crashes. There were 279 fatalities that occurred at intersections, up from 251 in 2015. Also, pedestrian deaths resulting from crashes increased to 172 up from 153 in 2015.

POPS: Members say they can express feelings in different ways

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like,” Bobula said.

Her experience drove her to make a difference in the lives of students, and she discovered a book called “Writing My Wrongs,” a story of how one inmate dealt with his anger through writing and later worked with children in Detroit to teach them that writing can be a more constructive outlet for their own struggles than any choice they might make.

“The book was one of the most powerful books I’ve ever read,” Bobula said in an email. “I was inspired to find a way to show kids in this area the same thing.”

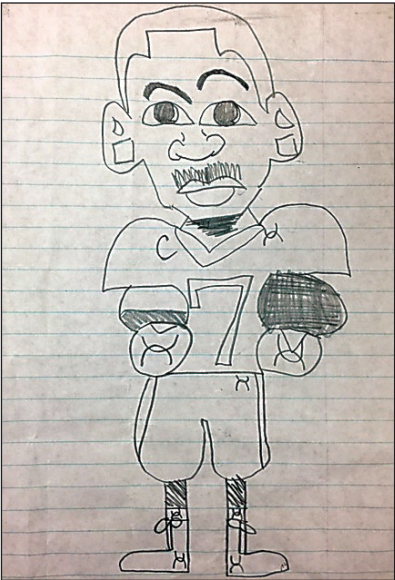
What she found in her online research was POPS the Club. It is a California-based organization that was started in 2013 in order to let children and teenagers affected by the prison system know they are not alone and have an outlet to express what they are feeling.

“POPS is the only organization in the country that is addressing the problem of incarceration of loved ones through writing/art in a high school setting,” Bobula said. “It was a no-brainer for me. This was the perfect fit: it combined my writing background and my personal history in a way that would let me help kids rise above their own situations.”

After speaking with Friedman, Bobula contacted Morrison and started the process of bringing POPS the Club to the school. Woodall called the club a “perfect fit for our students.”

“It’s something that greatly impacts not only our students, but one out of 15 students nationally,” Woodall said. “It’s another great resource we can provide our kids with.”

At the first meeting, Jan. 12, five



POPS the Club members can express their feelings through artwork such as this.

students learned what the club is about and its purpose and goals. Students are able to meet other students dealing with similar issues and talk about their feelings on the subject. They are not obligated to talk or share if they don’t wish to.

If students are not comfortable sharing verbally, they are encouraged to express their feelings through writing or art via the journals they received at the first meeting. POPS the Club will allow students to face their issues head-on instead of avoiding them.

“It lets them be real about it for a short time during the day,” Morrison said. “It’s definitely something that needs to be addressed.”

At meetings students share stories and a snack, draw, write, and learn about other people and their experiences. At the Jan. 26 meeting, for example, the students shared a snack and stories and participated in a writing prompt where they were instructed to

start every line with “I remember.” They had five minutes to write whatever they chose and those who felt comfortable enough shared what they had written.

Morrison said in March that about six or seven members attend per meeting. Sometimes they’ve had more, sometimes they’ve had less, as the attendance fluctuates due to students’ schedules. Morrison added the group is “becoming a nice bunch of friends who look forward to seeing each other every week.”

Impact on students

Seventh-graders Raygan Irwin, Ka’Moryah Howell, Jade Harhigh, Danaeshia Cuff, and Christian Walker took the time to speak with the Press & Journal on March 21.

Walker said that as time has gone on and he’s seen the same faces at the POPS the Club meetings, he’s felt more comfortable sharing with other members, and Harhigh agreed it was easier for her to let people she trusts know what she’s feeling at meetings, specifically identifying Walker and Cuff as some of the people she trusts enough to tell.

All were in agreement that it is easier to express and share their thoughts and feelings through their art projects rather than through their writing, and they are more willing to share their art than the writing.

“It’s a way to tell without really saying it,” Cuff said.

Attending the POPS the Club meetings has had positive impacts on the students. Cuff said it has helped her understand people more as to why they act the way they do. Harhigh said attending these meetings has helped her control her anger, and Walker said it has helped him speak the truth

on his experiences. Howell said she has become more open to sharing.

“You get closer to the people you’re around,” Howell said.

The artistic and writing projects students are creating might be shared initially with students in their own school’s club, but some will be shared with other POPS the Club students later this spring.

POPS the Club as an organization, asks clubs across the country to submit materials created or written by students at meetings and at the end of the school year, publishes a book consisting of the submitted materials.

At Steelton-Highspire’s inaugural POPS the Club meeting, Morrison read some previous excerpts other students created to give them an idea of what others have written and inspire them to open up. Materials from three Steelton-Highspire students were selected for the book, which will be distributed in mid-May. Harhigh and Cuff were two of those students.

Morrison said that art is the ideal subject matter to express one’s feelings, and this gives them the chance to do that.

“We are making art with a personal purpose,” Morrison said.

Clubs are needed

When speaking with Bobula, Friedman could “feel in her voice how happy she is to be here.”

Friedman started the club after personally seeing family members clam up and struggle to properly deal with the emotions associated with a family member in prison. Since the club’s inception, Friedman says it has become clear to her just how much POPS is needed in so many places.

“I do feel it’s important for these clubs to be everywhere,” Friedman said.

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Raiders top Susquehanna Township, Rollers; lose in shutout to Camp Hill

By Larry Etter
Press & Journal Staff

Taking advantage of a bout of wild pitching from Susquehanna Township starter Ryan Jacobs in an eventful third inning, the Middletown baseball team overcame an early 1-0 deficit and went on to post a 7-5 victory on Monday afternoon.

The Blue Raiders stand at 5-3 on the season, after also beating Steelton-Highspire but losing to Camp Hill in the last week. The schedule this week is at Trinit

ity on Tuesday, at West Perry on Thursday, and at home vs. CD East on Friday.

Against Susquehanna Township, even after jumping up to a 5-1 lead at the end of the third, the Blue Raiders had to fight right to the final frame as the Indians rallied in the late going.

Clinging to a 6-5 lead heading into the home half of the sixth inning, the Raiders picked up an insurance run and then turned the ball over to Jimmy Fitzpatrick, who had a 1-2-3 seventh to earn the save and secure Middletown's fifth win of the season.

Starting pitcher Michael Mattes, who has been nearly unhittable this season, went four innings and recorded nine strikeouts for the win. But Mattes was touched for seven hits and three runs before giving way to Blake Jacoby to start the fifth. Jacoby gave up two hits, issued one walk and yielded a pair of runs in the top of the sixth.

For Susquehanna Township, Jacobs held the Raiders hitless through the first two innings and actually gave up just one hit, an infield single in the third by

Richard Castagna following four walks and a hit batsman that led to three Middletown runs. An error and a sacrifice resulted in the other two runs for the Raiders in the pivotal third frame. The Raiders picked up another run in the bottom of the fifth and one more in the home half of the sixth that secured the victory.

Susquehanna's Jacoby Pate led off the game with a bloop double, went to third on a sacrifice and scored on an RBI single by team-

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SHOOT, THEY'RE GOOD



A new youth BB gun team from the Middletown Hunter's & Angler's Club took first place in the state championship match held in Harrisburg on April 8. In the back row are Mason Barrick, Dale Suhr, Connor Morton, Cadence Logan, Nick Suhr and Ashley Reigle. In the front row are Daniel Still, Cameron McDonel, McKenna Logan and Joseph Still.

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Middletown-based BB gun team wins state title in first year

By Dan Miller
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For a brand new team to win a state championship in its first year — that's a pretty good start.

A new youth BB gun team from the Middletown Hunter's & Angler's Club took first place in the state championship match held in Harrisburg on April 8.

One of the 10 shooters on the team — McKenna Logan of Hershey — was the top overall shooter in the entire state competition, said Dave Fisher of Campbelltown, who is the team coach. Another member of the team, Nick Suhr of Harrisburg, was the second best overall shooter in the state match.

That's not the end of it. Seven of the 10 shooters who competed with the new Middletown team at the state match in Harrisburg are eligible to compete in the national BB gun championship match being held by Daisy Outdoor Products in Rogers, Arkansas, from June 30 to July 3.

Five of the seven shooters will be chosen to shoot in the national match, while two others will serve as alternates, Fisher said. The team is in the process of raising funds to cover the expenses of the trip, including the drive down and lodging while in Arkansas.

People can donate to help the team by contacting the Middletown Hunter's & Angler's Club, Fisher said. The team will be approaching businesses in the area to help sponsor the team's trip to the national competition.

The team is part of an overall national program that is run through Daisy, maker of the 499 Avanti Champion model BB gun that is used in the competitions. The Avanti Champion is considered the most accurate BB gun in the world, Fisher said.

Fisher, whose full-time day job is in construction, had been active working with a youth BB gun team in Palmyra since 2006.

The youth BB gun teams are open to boys and girls ages 8 to 15. In 2016, Fisher's own daughter had gotten too old to continue being on the Palmyra team, so Fisher began talking with some other parents about starting a new team that could include youths from two existing teams in Harrisburg and Palmyra if they preferred to compete here instead.

Fisher and the parents spread word of the new team through social media, and through the Middletown Hunter's & Angler's Club website. Kids interested in the team also talked it up in their schools.

Come October, 31 kids showed up for the first tryout. After the first lesson, which covered firing in the prone position, the group was down to 25. Most of the team members came from Harrisburg, the Elizabethtown and Middletown areas, and from Hummelstown.

The team had to deal with scheduling conflicts because the kids were all involved with other activities, so that whittled the number down further.

The team met on Tuesday and Friday evenings to practice in a building at the club. Each practice was devoted to shooting in the four positions — prone, sitting, standing and kneeling — at targets hung 5 meters away.

During each practice half of the group would be shooting, and the other half would be working with another adult coach from the club who would drill them on the written exam portion of the competition.

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Blue Raiders take to the track



Jessica Knisely runs the 4-by-400 relay.



Matt Frehe flies across a hurdle during the Middletown Blue Raiders' track meet on Tuesday, April 11, vs. West Perry. The Middletown boys beat West Perry, 90-60. The girls lost 77-73.



Devin Argamonte soars in the long jump.

PENN STATE ROUNDUP

Softball sweeps doubleheader

The Penn State Harrisburg softball team traveled to Penn State Abington to take on their branch campus — and former Northeast Athletic Conference rivals — on Monday for an afternoon doubleheader.

Harrisburg had the bats rolling early and often, winning both contests in convincing fashion. They took Game 1, 9-5, scoring five in the second inning and adding two each in the fourth and fifth.

The 10-3 win in Game 2 included a five-run third inning.

Penn State Harrisburg is 14-18 and will take a week off from play before returning home for its final two home games of the season on Tuesday, April 25, vs. Juniata College. The Game 1 first pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m.

Baseball wins at home

The Penn State Harrisburg baseball team won its final home game of the season on Monday,

April 17, beating Penn State Berks, 6-2. Penn State Harrisburg is now 14-23 on the season.

In the bottom of the first, a home run from Ethan Kell scored Josh Brubaker and Bret Williams. The Lions added one more in the second thanks to a single to center field by Scott Angstadt Jr. In the fourth, Bret Williams singled to right field to send Justin O'Dell home.

Penn State will travel to Albright on Wednesday, April 19.

Golfer Shank excels

The Penn State Harrisburg men's golf team spent the Easter weekend at the Capital Athletic Conference Golf Championship hosted by the Christopher Newport Captains.

Tyler Shank led the Lions, finishing tied for 9th place overall and earning second team all-conference honors. He shot a +8 (80) in the first round, followed by an impressive +3 (75).

Boys tennis splits a pair



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE PRESS & JOURNAL BY DEBBIE SPEAR

The Middletown boys tennis team lost 4-1 at Trinity on Wednesday, April 12, before coming back to dominate Harrisburg Academy, 5-0, on Thursday, April 13. Against Trinity, Sean Palmer beat Middletown's Jacob Spear, 6-1, 6-3. Mason Wagner closed out Middletown's Tommy Lee (top right picture), 6-0, 6-0. Ben Deleo beat Jared Frekot of the Blue Raiders, 6-0, 6-0. In doubles, Kenneth Kannampully and Michael Brown of Trinity beat Connor Gambini and AJ Fischer, 6-3, 6-2. But Jacob Idowu (bottom right picture) and Steven Mosher beat Kyle Carson and Nikolas Higgins of Trinity, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4. Against Harrisburg Academy, Spear beat Dominic Zhang, 6-1, 6-3. Lee beat Jacob Greiner, 6-4, 6-4. Frekot beat Parker Niles, 6-0, 6-0. In doubles, Blake Gill (top picture) and Gambini beat Zhang and Niles. Mosher and Idowu won by default.



BB: Online shooting contests put Middletown-based team near top

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The new team practiced for several weeks to get ready for a series of match competitions against other teams which began in February with a match in Palmyra. There was a sectional match in Penns Valley in early March and a "spring fling" later in March in Boyerstown, before the state championship match in April.

The Middletown team won the Palmyra match and the spring fling, but didn't win the match hosted by Penns Valley.

Besides these in-person matches, the Middletown team also competed in an online national league known as the Orion League, Fisher said. Over an eight-week period during the season, shooters from the Middletown team scanned in their targets online to compete with other youth BB gun teams from Tennessee, Texas and Georgia.

Competing in the "Distinguished" division, the Middletown team posted a 6-1 record in the online Orion League, which tied for best in their division in the whole country with a team from Houston, Fisher said. The Middle-



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Ashley Reigle of Harrisburg fires away.

town team had a higher seasonal average so that was the tie-breaker, he added.

The matches typically work like this: All the shooters from all the teams take the written test, all at once in a big room.

Then the actual shooting begins. Members of each team take turns one after the other shooting in one of the four positions, standing for example. After all the team members have shot in the standing position, then all the team members shoot one after another in the next position, be it prone, sitting or kneeling. The match proceeds in this way until all the members of all the teams have shot in all four positions.

Fisher said the order of posi-

tions in the state competition was as follows — prone then standing then sitting then kneeling.

Many of the shooters on the new Middletown team had shooting experience from having competed on other teams in prior years, Fisher said. However, a lot of the other shooters on the new team had never shot before, or even touched a rifle.

"With one it took me two practices to get the girl to hold the gun," Fisher said. "She shot it a couple of times." After a while she decided not to continue, but Fisher hopes she will try again when the new team forms up in the fall.

Three of the 10 members of the state championship team are girls. Several other girls stayed with the program even if they were not good enough to compete at the state level.

"The girls tend to listen a little bit better," Fisher said. "The boys all think 'I can do that' but they don't know what they are doing."

The parents of most of the shooters came to every practice. Fisher said there is no way that he could have done this without the help of the parents.

"A parent is with the kid up on

the line the whole time. What is unique about this is you can actually do this with your kid, not just drop them off at soccer and watch from the sidelines," Fisher said. "You are actually right there with them adjusting the sights, calming them down, talking them through it."

The program can be a stepping stone to advance to higher levels of shooting, such as air rifle competitions or sporting clays.

This kind of program can even be the first step in a progression that leads to the U.S. Olympics.

Jamie Gray of Myerstown won a gold medal in shooting with the U.S. team in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. She started with a youth BB gun team in Myerstown, said Fisher, who knows Gray's parents and who has met Gray herself.

The program teaches the young shooters how to shoot properly and safely, habits that continue throughout their entire lives. The program also instills other positive traits such as self-discipline and self-confidence.

"This program is a way to show the benefits that can come out of shooting," Fisher said.



Cameron McDonel of Harrisburg, right, waits as his dad, Chris, helps him load during action earlier this spring.

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RAIDERS: Camp Hill's pitching ace shuts down Middletown

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mate Kenny Runkel to give the Indians the early lead. Tristen Maxwell walked in the bottom of the inning with two outs but was left stranded. Runkel doubled with two outs in the top of the third but Mattes got out of trouble with a ground ball out and the score stood at 1-0.

With one out in the home half of the third Joe Brady walked and went to second on a wild pitch. That short sequence started a slide for Jacobs, who quickly lost his control on the mound.

Noah Zimmerman and Fitzpatrick also drew walks to load the bases for Johan Sanchez-Padilla, who was hit by a pitch from Jacobs that pushed in the first run. After Zimmerman scored on a wild pitch, Jacoby also walked to again fill the bags with Middletown runners.

Up next was Castagna, whose dribbler down the third base line was misplayed by Jacobs. Fitzpatrick scored on the play and the bases were still loaded.

New Indians pitcher Jerry Feaster was victimized by a fielding error on a ground ball by Maxwell as Sanchez-Padilla scored run number four.

Aaron McDevitt's sacrifice plated Jacoby for the fifth run before Feaster ended the inning with a strikeout. An infield single and walk led to Susquehanna's second run of the game and an RBI single by Mark Bricker made it a 5-3 game in the middle of the fourth frame.

A two-out single by Fitzpatrick and a following walk to Sanchez-Padilla in the bottom of the inning went unrewarded, keeping the score set at 5-3.

Jacoby took over on the hill to start the fifth and set down the Indians in order with a strikeout, flyout and line-out. In the home half of the fifth, the Raiders picked up another run, this one on an RBI single to center by David Alcock that drove in Maxwell who was safe on an error. An error on a pickoff attempt allowed Maxwell to reach second prior to a walk to

McDevitt.

The Indians' defense got out of the inning after giving up just the loner run but still trailed their hosts 6-3. The Indians led off the top of the sixth with a walk and an RBI double by John Williamson before Jacoby picked up a pair of outs on a fielder's choice and pop-up. Second baseman Kyle Truesdale kept a hard, low liner in the infield, but could not make the play at first allowing a second run to come home in the inning.

A dribbler in front of the plate allowed catcher Fitzpatrick to get the force at first to end the inning, but the Indians had closed to within a run, 6-5.

The Blue Raiders got an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth after Zimmerman led off with a single to right. After stealing second and moving to third on a fielder's choice by Fitzpatrick, Zimmerman raced home when Jacoby was safe on an error. With the 7-5 lead to work with, Fitzpatrick took over on the mound in the top of the seventh.

Fitzpatrick got leadoff hitter Jacobs on a fly ball to Castagna in right for the first out, struck out Aaron McGaw swinging for the second out and got Andrew Seymour on a bouncer back to the mound and force at first to end the game for the winning Middletown nine.

Camp Hill 3, Middletown 0

Following a big victory at Bishop McDevitt on Monday, April 10, the Middletown varsity baseball team traveled to Camp Hill on Tuesday, April 11, and ran into one of the top pitchers in the Mid-Penn Conference, suffering a 3-0 loss to the Lions.

Camp Hill ace Wyatt Beddow, a Penn State commit, had his best stuff working for him on Tuesday at Fiala Field as he went the distance to pick up the win for the host Lions.

Beddow struck out 14 Middletown batters and gave up just two hits for the winning side in a commanding performance. His counterpart, Middletown's Jimmy Fitzpatrick, pitched a good game

as well, but the Blue Raiders were unable to give him run support against Beddow and the Camp Hill defense. Fitzpatrick gave up five hits and struck out two in the loss.

In the bottom of the second inning, Camp Hill's Luke Newman led off with a single and scored on an RBI hit by Nick Perry that also plated Casey Feller, giving the Lions a 2-0 lead. In the top of the third the Raiders recorded their first hit off Beddow, a two-out single by Noah Zimmerman following a walk to Joe Brady. But both runners were stranded.

Brady recorded the only other hit by the Raiders, a two-out single in the top of the fifth. The Lions played an insurance run with two outs in the bottom of the sixth and Beddow sat down the Blue Raiders in order in the top of the seventh to lock up the win.

Middletown 15, Steelton-Highspire 0

The Blue Raiders shut out the struggling Rollers at home on Thursday afternoon, April 13, in a mercy rule, four-inning outing on a warm, sunny day.

While the Middletown offense was pounding out 15 hits, including a pair of home runs, Noah Zimmerman shut out the Rollers, striking out 10 and giving up just one hit in the short game. Steel-High's Donte' Jones took the loss for the visitors.

In the bottom of the first frame, the Raiders scored three runs on just one hit. Zimmerman led off and was safe on an error, one of several by the Steel-High defense. After stealing second and reaching third on a passed ball, Zimmerman scored on a sacrifice by Blake Jacoby.

After Johan Sanchez-Padilla was hit by a pitch and Richard Castagna was safe on another error, both scored on Tristen Maxwell's bloop single to right, giving the home team a 3-0 lead.

Zimmerman struck out the first two batters of the second inning before Ishmael Hodge ripped a double to deep center. But another strikeout by Zimmerman ended the threat. In the home half of

the second stanza David Alcock was safe on another Roller miscue, making it to second on the overthrow.

Brady's double to center put the first two batters on base and Zimmerman's two-bagger drove both runners home to push the Middletown lead up to 5-0.

Yet another double, this one by Jacoby, knocked in Zimmerman for run No. 6. With Jacoby on third following a wild pitch, Sanchez-Padilla drilled a 3-2 pitch over the fence in straightaway center to push the Raiders' advantage to 8-0 before Jones got out of the inning.

In the top of the third, Lameek Baker and Kendall Pryor drew back-to-back walks with two outs, giving the Rollers a chance to break their scoreless drought. But Zimmerman got Isaiah Lockette swinging for the third out as the opportunity faded away. Jones gave up a lone single in the bottom of the third but no runs to keep the score hanging at 8-0. The Rollers went down in order in the top of the fourth.

The floodgates really opened up in the home half of the inning and the Blue Raiders posted seven runs to end the game early. Sanchez-Padilla doubled, Fitzpatrick knuckled an infield single and Michael Mattes also singled in the infield to drive in the first run.

Back-to-back hits by Kyle Truesdale and Stephen Kleinfelter drove in two more as Raider coach Steve Shuleski sent pinch hitters to the plate.

Matt Schopf's homer over the left field fence drove in three more runs to make it a 14-0 game. The Raiders needed just one more to end the game, but it took some time getting it done.

With the bases empty, Carlos Frias poked a bloop single and Scott Ash's single to right moved Frias to third.

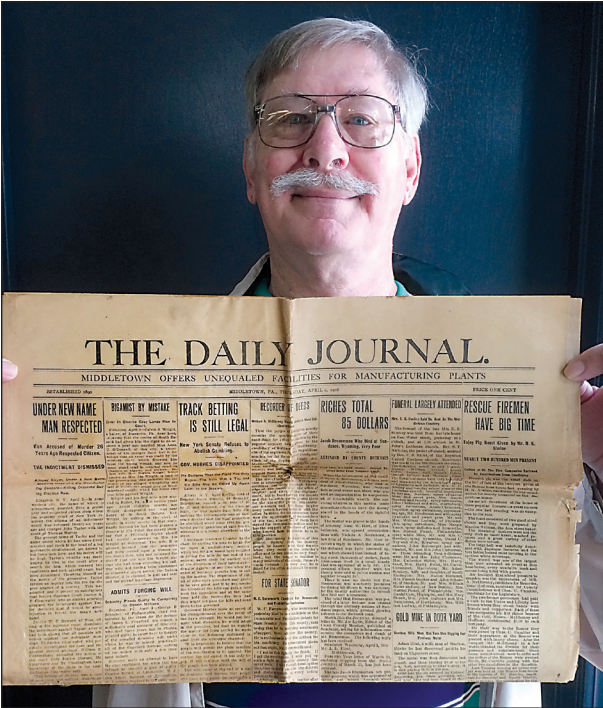
Jones finally got the first out of the inning on a strikeout but walked Jaxson Senior to load the bases. A flyout to short left kept the game going but it ended when Mattes was safe on an error that allowed Frias to dash home with the game-ending run.

FROM THE VAULT

News from the April 21, 1913, edition of the Daily Journal

Headlines from the front page

- Annual concert next Thursday; Middletown Choral Society will sing Haydn's creation
- Sunday School workers to meet; will hold several sessions at Gingrich's church
- Planning for band benefit; Palmyra music lovers to be given rare treat
- Odd Fellows give thanks



Special delivery

Melvin Henry of Lower Swatara Township provided the paper for this week's From the Vault. He brought us about 10 newspapers, mostly the Daily Journal. A majority were from 1918. One dated back to 1908. He found them in the basement of his home while cleaning out boxes that had belonged to his mother.

Locals won the opening game

Wind and flying sand made fielding difficult

Playing under adverse weather conditions, the Middletown baseball team won the opening game of the season of 1913 on Saturday, when they defeated the Dickinson College Reserves on the Fair grounds by the score of 15 to 10.

A strong, chilly wind swept across the diamond all afternoon, and this combined with the small amount of practice obtained was responsible for several errors and the resulting large score.

The home team showed flashes of midseason form at times that was very encouraging to the managers and the handful of faithful fans who shivered in the grandstand.

While Shatto, the regular pitcher, was in the box for the locals, the rah-rah boys only hit the ball safely twice. They scored 3 runs, but through no fault of Middletown's star boxman.

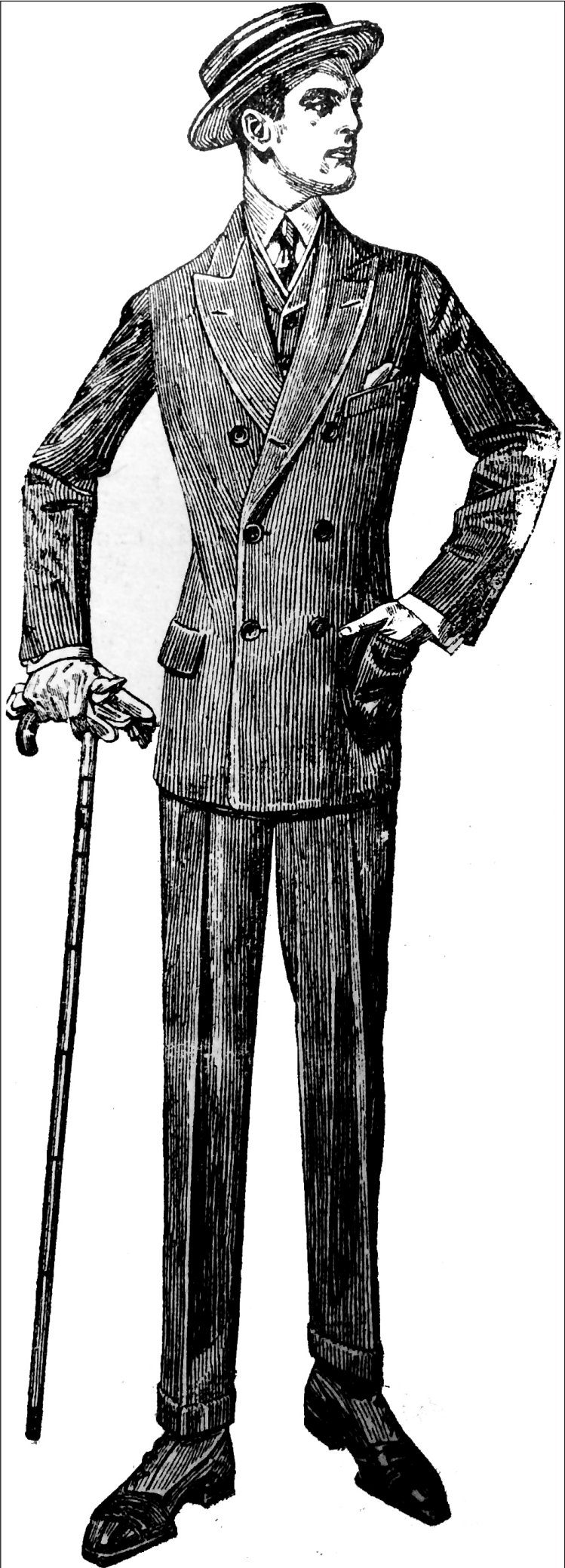
Lockard, who relieved him, had lots of smoke, but was wild at times and did not receive the best of support. The visitors scored 7 runs in the 4 innings Pat officiated.

The game was of the greatest benefit, as it permitted those backing the team to see its weak points as well as its strong ones.

With one or two positions strengthened, the nine will be able to hold its own with any team on the schedule.

Hot buys

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EDITOR'S NOTE FROM JASON MADDUX, 2017: *Very few images appeared in newspapers from this era. There were almost all in advertisements. This images was for Kuppenheimer Clothes, sold by Doutrich, "Middletown's leading clothier." Suits ranged from \$15 to \$25. As was the custom, most ads did not include an address for the business. Telephone numbers, if businesses had them in 1913, also were rarely included.*

Pastor called to Washington

Rev. S.T. Nicholas resigns as pastor of Lutheran church

The resignation of the Rev. S.T. Nicholas as pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church of town was handed to the church council at the close of the services Sabbath evening and accepted with great regret.

Rev. Nicholas announced that he had received a formal call on Saturday to assume the pastorate of the Keller Memorial Lutheran Church at Washington, D.C., to succeed the Rev. Dr. C. P. Wiles, who was recently elected to the position of literary editor of the Lutheran Publication Society, with offices at Philadelphia and that he had decided to accept the call, the same to become effective on June 1.

The Keller Memorial Church is situated on Maryland Avenue and Ninth Street, and is the largest of the 11 Lutheran churches located in Washington.

The Rev. Mr. Nicholas came

to Middletown, from Pittsburg, where he was pastor of Grace Lutheran Church for 10 years and served as missionary superintendent of the Pittsburg district for two years, in December 1904.

During his pastorate of 8 1/2 years, St. Peter's Church has made splendid progress in all departments and it is with the deepest regret and the kindest feelings that the members of the congregation see him leave for a larger field.

Rev. Mr. Nicholas stated this morning that his relations with the officials and members of the church had been most delightful throughout his entire stay and that he would always recall his pastorate here with pleasure.

As the resignation came as a complete surprise to the congregation, no steps have been taken toward securing a successor to Rev. Mr. Nicholas as yet.

Red men attend church

EDITOR'S NOTE: *While the headline today would be considered racist, the group mentioned in the brief, I.O.R.M., stands for Improved Order of Red Men, which still exists and even has a Harrisburg chapter, according to its website.*

On Sunday evening 60 members of Poketo Tribe No. 313, I.O.R.M.,

met at the hall on Ann Street and marched in a body to the Presbyterian church, corner of Union and Water streets, where they attended divine services.

An interesting sermon, appropriate to the occasion, was delivered by the pastor, Rev. Thomas C. McCarrell, D.D. The service was the first of a new series the lodge plans to attend.

Nearby towns to have pipe water

Oberlin, Enhaut and New Benton will be supplied with water by the Paxtang Consolidated Water Company before the end of the summer, according to the present plans of the company as stated by David Gring, the president.

An increase of the bonded indebtedness of the company from \$300,000 to \$1,250,000 has just been made, and this increase, Mr. Gring

said, was to allow for the extension of the company's lines and the taking up of some old bonds.

The company now supplies water to Progress, Penbrook and Pleasant View, besides Paxtang and parts of Susquehanna Township. Besides the increase in the bonded indebtedness, an increase of about \$100,000 was made in the capital stock of the company.

Committee meeting (Susquehanna River bridge)

The committee on reasons why the bridge across the Susquehanna River, at Middletown, should be built will meet this evening at 8 o'clock in the Republican

Club room, Journal building. All members are urged to be present and bring their reasons so the committee can go over them and arrange them for printing.

Lower Dauphin fifth-grader, freshman recognized for 'doing the right thing'

A fifth-grader at Nye Elementary School and a ninth-grader at Lower Dauphin High School were recently recognized for "doing the right thing" in their community.

Carson Huff, the fifth-grader, was nominated by his teacher Carol Gallerizzo after she was told that he was helping a student with special needs play football, taking him under his wing and helping include the other student feel included.

Ninth-grader Carlos Guma was nominated by a high school teacher who related a story of Carlos helping at a fire scene and making sure the homeowner was safe before the fire company arrived.

For their good deeds, they were recognized with a \$25 gift card, a Do The Right Thing T-shirt and certificate, and Papa John's pizza coupons. This month's program sponsor was Dave Roeting with Roeting Mechanical Associates.

Other students nominated in February were Dawson Barrett, a fourth-grader at East Hanover Elementary School; Isaiah Klopp, a kindergarten student at East Hanover Elementary School; and Tajhier Nealy, an eighth-grader at the Price School.

The program recognizes students in the LD community who have distinguished themselves through their accomplishments, attitude or outstanding efforts. School staff members and police officers typically nominate students, but any adult older than



Lower Dauphin High School Principal Justin Hanula, Lower Dauphin Communities That Care director Kathy Pepper, Carlos Guma, and Hummelstown Police School Resource Officer Eugene Spencer.



Nye Elementary School Principal Bryan MacLeod, Dave Roeting and Carson Huff.

age 18 can nominate a child. A volunteer committee reviews the student nominations on a monthly basis and selects a winner for each month. For information, contact Kathy Pepper at 566-6096.

LD school board, teachers union agree on contract

The Lower Dauphin Board of School Directors on March 20, voted to approve a five-year collective bargaining agreement with the district's professional staff.

The Educators of Lower Dauphin voted to accept the settlement earlier that day, according to a press release from the district.

The contract will cover the 2017-18 school year through the 2021-22 school year.

The contract calls for significant benefits concessions on the part of the teachers, and salary increases on average of 2.95 percent for each of the five years in the agreement.

The contract included significant changes to health insurance to assist with the increasing costs of health care. Under this plan, employees will have a choice of

a new Qualified High-Deductible Health Plan in addition to the traditional PPO plan with increases in deductibles and premium sharing. There are changes in retirement health insurance to help lessen the cost of this benefit to the district.

"This contract exemplifies how our teachers came to the bargaining table with an understanding of the need to critically examine health insurance costs and the need to work to lessen these costs," Sherri L. Smith, district superintendent, said in the press release. "The agreement symbolizes their professionalism and their desire to work together as part of our team."

"The negotiation process which took place at Lower Dauphin was accomplished in the manner collective bargaining was intended



"The agreement symbolizes their professionalism and their desire to work together as part of our team."

Sherri L. Smith, district superintendent

to be done — it truly was a give-and-take situation involving good discussion along the way," said Aaron Popp, ELD chief negotiator. "Ultimately the agreement that was reached between the Educators of Lower Dauphin and the Lower Dauphin School District has the best interests of the district and the teachers in mind."

The contract adds an additional in-service day for professional staff, bringing the teacher year to 190 days.

Penn State Extension answers gardening questions

Penn State Extension — Dauphin County Master Gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions at the Penn State Extension-Dauphin County Office.

The public is invited to call with gardening questions or bring in samples of plants or insects from

their gardens for analysis and/or diagnosis.

All insects brought into the Dauphin County Office must be dead and must be in a container preferably with isopropyl alcohol due to the bed bug problem.

This service will be available to the public from May 1 through

Oct. 27.

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Earth Day: Reach out to legislators

Environmental health and sustainability is a growing priority for communities everywhere.

A recent poll conducted by the National Recreation and Park Association found that most Americans want their governments to prioritize sustainable environmental practices in such things as water quality monitoring, green space assessment, urban planning, ecofriendly buildings and lawn upkeep.

The overwhelming majority (83 percent) of Americans polled agree that local governments must prioritize environmental initiatives. This is particularly true of Millennials, who say it's either "extremely important" or "very important."

Both families with children (89 percent) and non-parents (79 percent) feel strongly about local government prioritizing funding for environmental initiatives.

While many environmental stewardship choices continue to be made on the consumer level, governments have an essential, leading role in prioritizing sustainable practices. And funding those priorities is the difference-maker in improving our environmental health and sustainability.

Park and recreation agencies are leaders in promoting the protection of our environment, embracing practices that include conservation of public land, protection of wildlife habitats, and the use of green infrastructure. Yet the lack of adequate funding resources substantially hinders the progress of most agencies.

At the state level, the Pennsylvania General Assembly soon will have an opportunity to both prioritize and fund a Growing Greener 3 program by investing more than \$300 million annually for conservation, recreation and preservation projects.

Preserving and protecting the environment is not for tree-huggers only, but for everyone who values personal health and a prosperous society.

The need is clear

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The rationale is inclusive

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EDITORIALVIEWS

Sex offender residency laws: There are no easy answers

If you read the following editorial as being sympathetic toward sex offenders, you are missing the point.

We are not being sympathetic. We simply want to state that it's not always possible to legislate our way to safety.

Dawn Knull wants a change in state law that would prohibit any convicted sex offender classified as a "sexually violent predator" from living within a 500-foot radius of a school, day care, or playground, according to an online petition on change.org. She is a Middletown borough councilor but says she is seeking this change as a private citizen.

The move was spurred by the fact a convicted sex offender moved not far from the Middletown Area High School complex.

Sex offenders who are released from prison create one of the ultimate NIMBY issues — not in my backyard. After all, does any of us want a convicted sex offender in our neighborhood?

Many prey on the weakest members of our society. They deserve the punishment that they get. But do they deserve the stigma that comes with a conviction after they have done their time, have gone through counseling and are released?

You can plot where all the sex offenders in Middletown live quite easily. You can't do the same with other criminals in our neighborhoods. You can't plot the addresses of all the convicted drug offenders.

Let's make another point abundantly clear as well: They are in our neighborhoods right now. There are 30 convicted sex offenders living in Middletown, including two sexually violent predators, according to the Megan's Law website.

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tions. We make them register where they are living for life. They have to notify their neighbors when they move nearby. Their addresses are available to all on the Megan's Law website, which also includes the strong admonition that "any person who uses the information contained herein to threaten, intimidate, or harass the registrant or their family, or who otherwise misuses this information, may be subject to criminal prosecution or civil liability."

There is not even hard data to show that they are going to commit another sex-related crime despite society's widespread thought that they do so with regularity.

A 2008 Scientific American study pointed to "media portrayals in such television programs as 'Law and Order: Special Victims Unit,' in which sex offenders are almost always portrayed as chronic repeaters." The article stated that "the average member of the general public believes that 75 percent of sex offenders will reoffend."

It's not true.

A widely supported 2004 study cited as recently as 2015 by the U.S. Department of Justice states that the sexual recidivism estimates for all sex offenders in the study were 14 percent at five years, 20 percent at 10 years, and 24 percent at 15 years.

While we don't want to say that we shouldn't be concerned about recidivism when it comes to sex offenders, it's very safe to say that not every one

of them reoffends. In fact, a majority do not.

Another key point: As Press & Journal reporter Dan Miller found out, many experts have said in recent years that residency restrictions don't work because "you are driving (sex offenders) underground and making their rehabilitation impossible," according to Mary Catherine Roper, deputy legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania.

Residency restrictions such as those struck down in the Allegheny County ordinance potentially "cut off" offenders from the support systems and treatment resources within the community "that they (offenders) need to keep from reoffending," said Meghan Dade, executive director of the Pennsylvania Sexual Offenders Assessment Board.

Not to mention the logistics: "It's very difficult for the (state board of probation and parole) to restrict people based upon proximity to a school or a playground, etc., because the majority of residences may be around a playground or park especially in a city," said Maria Finn, spokeswoman for the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole. "The parolee wouldn't be able to live at all in any city — any open lot could be considered a playground if children are using it as a playground."

We realize that if one convicted sex offender harms one young person in our communities, it will be hard for any of us to be rational about what we should do to prevent it from happening again, because it is a heinous act with long-lasting effects.

But we would be remiss if we didn't point out that there are no easy answers.

While an effort like Knull's might make us feel better, it might not have any effect past what is already in place.

That's the unfortunate conclusion that none of us like to consider.

Adventures in Pennsylvania Budget Wonderland

**BOB
DICK**

In Lewis Carroll's classic wonderland tale, Alice famously asks the Cheshire Cat, "Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?" "That depends a good deal on where you want to get to," the feline answers. The response was meant for Alice, but it could equally apply to those asking what's next for Pennsylvania.

Fortunately, the state House is more decisive than Alice. House lawmakers opted for the path of fiscal responsibility by passing a budget that confronts state government's spending habit head-on while rejecting tax hikes. Gov. Tom Wolf's proposed budget also recognized the need to streamline government but still included large spending increases and \$1 billion in higher taxes, averaging \$315 per family of four.

While the gap between the two visions is wide, the sides are dramatically closer than prior years, signaling an on-time budget is possible. Wolf even set a conciliatory tone by dubbing the House's fiscally conservative budget a "good starting point."

As the budget heads to the Senate, where should lawmakers go from here? That depends on where they want Pennsylvania to "get to." To put our state on a trajectory of economic growth and opportunity for all, they should ensure the budget holds to the following principles.

No tax hikes

Were the House budget to become law, Pennsylvanians could breathe a sigh of relief that their state tax bills would not increase. Given state residents already bear the 15th-highest state and local tax burden in the nation — a crushing load that contributed to the commonwealth's population shrinking last year for the first time in 31 years — "no tax hikes" are three words Pennsylvanians want to hear.

Notably, lawmakers rejected tax increases despite facing a revenue shortfall that has already reached \$679 million this fiscal year.



What decisions will legislators make on the budget when they enter the Capitol? It could have a big effect on the lives of Pennsylvanians.

To bridge the gap, lawmakers are reportedly considering options including gambling legalization, partial liquor privatization, and one-time revenue shifts.

While long-term reforms are preferable, these options are better than tax hikes. As budget negotiations continue, lawmakers should remain firm in opposing higher taxes on working Pennsylvanians.

Spending intervention

In a welcome departure from recent budgets, the House budget keeps spending growth below the rate of inflation plus population changes, as outlined in the Taxpayer Protection Act. For the past 47 years, state spending has tracked consistently upward at an unsustainable pace, increasing by an inflation-adjusted 189 percent or \$4,103 per person.

By controlling the rate of spending growth, lawmakers are drawing a line to protect personal and family budgets across the commonwealth.

Corporate welfare cuts

Pennsylvanians deserve a budget that works for all, not just the politically connected. Our state leads the nation in corporate welfare spending, yet has little to show for it.

While the Pennsylvania House budget does not leave wasteful business subsidies entirely by the wayside, it reduces them by more than \$56 million, with even more cuts possible.

By recognizing government should not pick winners and losers, the House budget takes an important step toward expanding opportunity for all job creators and workers.

Lawmakers should keep steady on this path and work to further reduce corporate welfare handouts — like the \$250 million taxpayers send to the horse racing industry every year.

A reimagined government

As lawmakers and Wolf recognize, moving Pennsylvania forward will require reimagining state government. The House budget starts down this road by expanding on last year's progress toward ending government's liquor monopoly and beginning to tackle critical human services and corrections reforms.

Any discussion of state spending must also include our public pension system. Both the House and Senate are taking steps toward structural pension reform that will increase options for public workers while respecting taxpayer dollars. Making this reform a reality is critical to our state's future.

During her adventures in Wonderland, Alice didn't much care where she ended up, so the Cheshire Cat said it didn't matter which way she went.

Unlike Alice, Pennsylvanians care about what lies ahead. They want a state where their families and communities are set up for success.

By controlling spending, rejecting tax hikes, and pursuing structural forms, lawmakers can pave the way for opportunity and economic growth and define the next chapter in Pennsylvania's story.

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**RON MARSICO**

Mandatory minimum sentencing a necessity

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court recently struck down some of the state's mandatory minimum sentencing statutes because they did not require the commonwealth to prove the elements triggering the sentence beyond a reasonable doubt.

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives recently passed legislation to re-enact mandatory minimum sentences for many of Pennsylvania's most dangerous crimes, including violent offenses committed with a firearm, assaults against children or the elderly, and trafficking deadly drugs.

For certain drug trafficking offenses, the bill adjusts the mandatory minimum sentence downward and raises the amount of drugs necessary to trigger the mandatory for some substances in order to be certain that drug traffickers, rather than drug addicts, are subject to the sentences.

In order to protect our children, get drug dealers off the streets and keep Pennsylvanians safe, we needed to pass House Bill 741 and implement these mandatory minimum sentences as soon as possible. Mandatory sentences ensure that perpetrators committing dangerous crimes will be held accountable for the crimes they commit. They prevent disparity and unduly lenient sentences. And they guarantee that sentences are uniform throughout the system and ensure that individuals are punished accordingly, based on the crime committed.

I have been fighting this fight for a very long time. Eighteen years ago, we fought to implement mandatory minimums because of horrendous incidents, such as the case of a 12-year-old girl who was pulled off a street and raped in an alley. Her assailant was sentenced to four to 15 years in jail, followed by 20 years of probation. The mandatory minimum would have been 10 years imprisonment. This is unacceptable and, quite frankly, poses a real danger to the commonwealth.

Another instance where the lack of mandatory minimums caused a dangerous situation was when someone was arrested with about 2,000 separate doses of heroin and was sentenced to only nine days to 23 months in jail. This is absurd. These are just a couple of very real cases that happened here, in Pennsylvania. It is ridiculous, and we need to do something about it now.

Convicted drug dealers are poisoning our residents. Many of them have guns and they need to go to jail for a long, long time. Criminals are profiting from our lack of mandatory sentencing and getting away with murder. This has to end. Public safety has always been a priority for me, and I will continue to push for this legislation to become law.

I strongly urge the Senate to consider House Bill 741 as soon as possible, pass it out of their chamber and send it to the governor who, I would hope, will have the same position as I do on the importance of ending the victimization of innocent Pennsylvanians and sign this legislation into law.

State Rep. Ron Marsico's 105th District encompasses West Hanover, Lower Paxton and South Hanover townships in Dauphin County.

Are Exelon and other nuclear companies welfare gods?



JOHN LAFORGE

You have to hand it to the nuclear industry for socializing costs and privatizing profits. Last year, lobbyists for operators of dirty, deadbeat old reactors won massive public subsidies — bailouts — in New York and Illinois that will keep decrepit, retirement-age reactors from shutting down.

Instead of turning off the rattle traps — and investing public funds in renewables – state-sponsored electric ratepayer handouts in the two states will total \$10 billion over 12 years. Remember Ronald Reagan’s mythical “welfare queens”? These utilities are welfare gods, propping up decrepit reactors by buying entire state legislatures that in turn legalize monthly electric bill increases.

In New York, the FitzPatrick reactor (Entergy Corp) and Nine Mile Point station (Exelon Corp.) join the Ginna reactor in foisting rate hikes on customers, giveaways that will keep the failed reactors spewing “allowable” radioactive emissions to the air and water indefinitely.

Tim Knauss, reporting for the Syracuse Post-Standard

wrote, “The once money-losing nuclear plants are now expected to add millions to the profits of parent company Exelon Corp.” The windfall for the dividend-earning class is considerable. A single large power reactor can draw \$1 million in profit every month for the owners and shareholders.

In Illinois, the Clinton and Quad Cities reactors will be saved from the axe by a similar bailout engineered by Exelon Corp last December. Like clock-work, Exelon told its investors in February that “cash flow and profit outlook have improved thanks to the New York nuclear subsidies and a similar program adopted in Illinois,” Knauss reported. Dave Kraft, director of Chicago-based Nuclear Energy Information Service, explained the downside in an email: “Mortgaging our energy future by bailing out the energy past deliberately stifles the real energy and climate solutions we need: more energy efficiency, and aggressive use of renewables. The utilities that rationalize ‘bailout’ have no real concern for either climate change relief or consumers’ pocketbooks — only their own corporate bottom line. Legislators who think otherwise are either naïve and ignorant or bought-and-paid-for — or both.”

It gets worse. According to Professor Karl Grossman, the



A Three Mile Island employee walks past the generator at the plant in this November 2016 photo.

nuclear “industry hopes that if New York succeeds, it could pressure other states to adopt similar subsidies.” One Reuters headline was: “New York could show the way to rescue U.S. nuclear plants.” Case in point: in Ohio state Sen. John Eklund, a Republican, recently put up Senate Bill 128 which, if enacted, will add a hefty tax to electric bills and bail out FirstEnergy, saving its otherwise bankrupt Davis-Besse and Perry reactors from closure.

Ohio citizens’ groups and others are fighting this corporate welfare. AARP Ohio said the give-away would raise electric

bills “almost \$60 a year for up to 16 years — a real burden for people on fixed incomes.” The Ohio Manufacturers’ Association, the American Petroleum Institute-Ohio, the Alliance for Energy Choice, and the Electric Power Supply Association all argue that the bill only pads FirstEnergy’s bank account while other states — including Wisconsin, Vermont, Massachusetts and Nebraska — have opted to let insolvent reactors close for good.

To postpone nuclear power’s inevitable demise, the failed industry needs to take the subsidies nationwide, according to

Tim Judson, director of the Nuclear Information and Resource Service in Maryland. Judson warned April 4 that “the price would be outrageous. If reactor subsidies go nationwide, it could cost \$130-\$280 billion by 2030.” Bailout legislation for dilapidated reactors is now pending: in Connecticut, for Millstone 2 and 3; in New Jersey, for Salem 1 and 2 and Hope Creek; in Texas, for South Texas 1 and 2 and Comanche Peak 1 and 2; in Maryland, for Calvert Cliffs 1 and 2; and for nine reactors in Pennsylvania including Beaver Valley 1 and 2, Three Mile Island 1, Susquehanna 1 and 2, Limerick 1 and 2, and Peach Bottom 2 and 3.

At the other end of current nuclear biz, reactor construction delays and cost overruns have bankrupted Toshiba’s Westinghouse Electric. Westinghouse, as The New York Times said, is “a once-proud name that, in years past, symbolized ... supremacy in nuclear power.” That was then; before David Shipley, writing for Bloomberg, reported that the March 29 “bankruptcy of Westinghouse Electric Co. is yet more evidence, if anyone needed any, that the economics of nuclear power are not good ... nuclear energy can’t compete against cheap natural gas and ever-cheaper renewables.”

Toshiba/Westinghouse has lost more than \$6 billion trying

to build four new reactors in the United States, two in Georgia and two in South Carolina, which may now be abandoned. The Vogtle project in Waynesboro, Georgia, was first projected to cost \$14 billion: no bargain at all considering the plummeting cost of solar, and wind and the “negawatts” produced by conservation and efficiency. Now three years behind schedule and with Westinghouse buried under a mountain of law suits, one utility expert testified the actual cost will be over \$21 billion. “Too cheap to meter” was always too pricey to fathom. On March 30, Toshiba said Westinghouse had a total debt of \$9.8 billion.

As Judson at NIRS says, “It’s imperative that environmental, consumer, and clean energy advocates get active — both to stop these bailouts from coming to more states and to make sure (Donald Trump) doesn’t rubber-stamp a massive national reactor bailout, like state utility commissions did in the 1990s. ... We can’t afford to let that happen again.”

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EARTH: Poll shows Pennsylvanians support paying for open space

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parks, \$12 is generated in economic benefits for the surrounding communities.

Access to well-maintained parks, trails and open space is good for our physical and mental health and is proven to reduce health care costs by encouraging exercise and other healthy lifestyle choices.

The support is extensive

A 2014 Penn State University poll found that 97 percent of Pennsylvanians think that state funds dedicated to preserving open space and farmland, providing parks and trails, and protecting rivers and streams should continue to be used for these purposes.

Furthermore, 82 percent of survey respondents support increasing state funds for these purposes even if that would

cost the average household \$10 more annually.

Today’s convergence of indisputable reason and popular acclaim make this Earth Day and every day the right time to renew our resolve and prioritize our future for environmental health and sustainability.

Urge your Pennsylvania legislators to support Growing Greener. For more information, or to get involved, visit

GrowingGreener3.org.

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PUZZLES AND HOROSCOPE

WORD SEARCH | ANSWERS ON B6

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CRYPTOQUIZ

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Each of the following cryptograms is a clue to the identity of a fairytale character. Using the hints G=E and N=T, decipher the clues to name the character.

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Answers: 1) Exploration, 2) Yosemite, 3) Hetch Hetchy, 4) Sequoia, 5) Parks, John Muir

CROSSWORD | ANSWERS ON B6

ACROSS
1. Sin city
6. Chucklehead
9. Drag
13. “Gladiator” setting
14. Bauxite, e.g.
15. Like a drill
16. Perfect, e.g.
17. “Malcolm X” director
18. Attack ad, maybe
19. Core
21. Religious service in the late afternoon
23. Toni Morrison’s “___ Baby”
24. Arid
25. “Ain’t ___ Sweet”
28. One teaspoon, maybe
30. Rugged mountain ridges
35. Brandy flavor
37. Brickbat
39. Milk-Bone biscuit,

e.g.
40. “... or ___!”
41. “Rabbit food”
43. Active
44. Cloudless
46. Battering wind
47. Be a snitch
48. Anything that unites
50. ___ tide
52. Artist’s asset
53. Bringing up the rear
55. Bar bill
57. To give a title
61. Like ice cream
65. Control, symbolically
66. “Tarzan” extra
68. Slender European fish
69. Sports event in which teams compete to win
70. Big ___ Conference

71. Astrology sign
72. ___ terrier
73. “Dig in!”
74. Sealskin wearer, maybe

DOWN
1. Fill
2. Assayers’ stuff
3. Animal shelters
4. Attack
5. Raging woman
6. Exclusive
7. “___ we having fun yet?”
8. Annoy
9. Protruded bruise
10. Arch type
11. Back
12. Blows it
15. Declare
20. Angry
22. Victorian, for one
24. Leak preventative
25. Eyeglasses
26. “You there?”

77. Artist’s stand
29. Smelter refuse
31. At one time, at one time
32. Crow’s home
33. Before the due date
34. Class
36. Go through
38. Drone, e.g.
42. End
45. Gusto
49. Amscrayed
51. Spanish dish
54. Affirm
56. Barbecue
57. Kind of dealer
58. Busiest
59. Compassion
60. “___ bitten, twice shy”
61. Cast
62. Honey
63. Almond
64. “___ does it!”
67. ___ green

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HOROSCOPE | WEEK OF APRIL 19

CAPRICORN DEC. 22 – JAN. 19
Yes, you can, Capricorn. You can commit to a cause and make a real difference. All you have to do is say yes and mean it. A financial burden eases.

AQUARIUS JAN. 20 – FEB. 18
Oh, the irony, Aquarius. You chastised a young one only to make the same mistake yourself. Apologize and do what you can to help clean up the mess.

PISCES FEB. 19 – MARCH 20
Chop-chop, Pisces. You are dragging your feet regarding a matter at home, and it is about to land you in hot water. Hop to it! A text provides clarification.

ARIES MARCH 21 – APRIL 19
Bring it on, Aries. You’re ready! You’ve done your homework, and you have the answers people are seeking. Step up and start talking. A gift is delivered.

TAURUS APRIL 20 – MAY 20
You can’t go it alone all of the time, Taurus. Summon the troops and make quick work of that to-do list. A new avenue is explored at the office.

GEMINI MAY 21 – JUNE 21
The need to be green supercedes all else this week. Take steps now to ensure the future of the planet, Gemini. A picnic perks up spirits at home.

CANCER JUNE 22 – JULY 22
Oh yeah, Cancer. You wear many hats this week and receive plenty of acclaim. A surplus shows up in your budget. Put it to good use. A call is made.

LEO JULY 23 – AUG. 22
If you don’t use it, you will lose it, and that goes for talent, Leo. Why are you hiding out in the background when you could be making a splash up front?

VIRGO AUG. 23 – SEPT. 22
Running on empty, Virgo? So are other family members. Reserve a day for play and revive your body, mind and spirit. An heirloom returns.

LIBRA SEPT. 23 – OCT. 22
You’re on the hunt this week, and you run into some interesting people. Pay attention, Libra. They may be able to point you in the right direction.

SCORPIO OCT. 23 – NOV. 21
An emotional reunion inspires you to make some reconnections of your own. Start with that person who supported you at your worst, Scorpio.

SAGITTARIUS NOV. 22 – DEC. 21
Plans to go green begin to come together, and your bank account will soon benefit, Sagittarius. Celebrate with a night off. A friend will make a decision.

CHURCHNEWS

Evangelical United Methodist Church



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

Our greeters wear nametags, so they are easy to find and they will be happy to help you if you need any assistance or have a question. We celebrate communion the first Sunday of each month. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, and as a congregation in the United Methodist Church, we welcome all (baptized or unbaptized) to partake of the holy sacrament. We invite you to experience life at Evangelical UMC. Whether you are looking for a community, are lonely, searching for the meaning of life, or want to know more about Jesus, our doors are open for you. Check our website to learn more about us: www.eumch.org. This week's worship assistants are as follows: Pastor - Lee Ellenberger; Lay Liturgist - Lori Keller; Organist - Glenn Diritto; Audio Visual - Steve Moyer and Jamal Warren; Choir Director - Erich Schlicher; Children's Time

- Lee Ellenberger; Greeters - Paul and Lalitha Alexander, and Bonnie Strohecker; Head Usher - Scott Green; Nursery Caregivers - Deb Lidle, Joyce Moyer, and our choir members. The alter flowers this week are given in memory of Thomas Tucker Sr. by Barbara A. Tucker and family. This week's schedule of activities is as follows: Wed., April 19: 6 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous Group Book Study; 6:30 p.m., Choir practice. Thurs., April 20: 6 p.m., Girl Scout meeting; 7 p.m., Staff Parish Relations Committee. Sun., April 23: 9 a.m., Sunday school; 10:15 a.m., Worship Service. Tues., April 25: 2 p.m., Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6 p.m., God's Kitchen at Wesley, meal provided by Wesley; 6:30 p.m., UM Men supper.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church



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

service, which is broadcast at 11 a.m. on WMSS 91.1FM. Our Saturday service is a casual traditional service. This service is usually 45 minutes in length. Please enter the church through the parking lot door.

Church and Community Events: Wed., April 19: 10 a.m., Holy Communion-Chapel; 3 p.m., Holy Communion-Frey Village; 7 p.m., Chancel Choir. Sat., April 22: 9 a.m., Food Pantry Cleaning; 5 p.m., Holy Communion. Sun., April 23: 2Easter; 9 a.m., Confirmation/Church School; 10 a.m., Holy Communion. Mon., April 24: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Community Dinner at Middletown Church of God. Tues., April 25: 6:30 p.m., WSP. Wed., April 26: 10 a.m., Holy Communion-Chapel; 7 p.m., Chancel Choir. Food Pantry News: Soups, canned fruits, veggies, cereals,

condiments, baking products, noodles, canned meat products (tuna, chicken.) and personal care items are always desired necessities. 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 and Fridays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the same location. Visit our website at www.stpe-tersmiddletown.org. Scripture for April 23: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Ps 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.

New Beginnings Church of Middletown



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

church is provided. Our congregation meets at Riverside Chapel, 630 S. Union St., next to the Rescue Fire Company. Sunday School for all ages is at 9 a.m. We are handicap accessible via ramp at back door. Youth Fellowship is from 5 to 7 p.m. For additional church information call 944-9595. For security purposes our back and side doors will be locked every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the start of worship. The only door for entry after that will be the front door. Wednesdays: Craft Group, 1 p.m.; Choir rehearsals, 6:30 p.m.; Praise Band rehearsals, 7:45 p.m. Bible Study for seniors meets at noon before Sociable's; Sociable Seniors group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m.; Intercessory Prayer Group meets Thursdays at 6 p.m.; Blanket making is the 2nd Thursday of every month at 9 a.m. We clean the Middletown Food Bank the 3rd Saturday every other month. Everyone is welcome to participate in these important areas of our church life. Bible Study, "Spiritual Boot Camp for Overcomers" meet Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. This study has emphasis on, "If you have something in your life that is hard to overcome and needs put in the past." Community welcome.

Pastor Britt writes a daily devotional on Facebook page, "One Way, One Truth, One Life." We invite all to read it. April ushers: Kara and Joe Connors, Irv Turpin, and Fran Wolfgang. Greeter for April: Nan Fishburn. Children's Church leaders for April 23: Robin Honeycutt and Pam Eberly. 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.

Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church



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

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

also have Sunday school classes for all ages at 9 a.m., and a Bible Study each Wednesday at 7 p.m. We are now studying the Gospel of Luke. Feel free to contact us with questions at 944-5835.

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

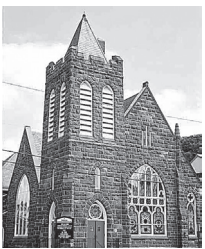


Ebenezer United Methodist Church and Child-care, 890 Ebenezer Road, Middletown invites everyone to join us for worship on Sunday mornings lead by Pastor Brad Gilbert. Our services are relaxed and casual. We offer a traditional service at 8:45 a.m. and a contemporary service with a band (electric guitars) 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. Our annual yard sale fundraiser for our youth activities will be held on Sat., April 29 from 8 a.m. -? Food and drink will be available for purchase. 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 other questions please call us at 939-0766 or e-mail us at ebenezerumc890@comcast.net.

Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown



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

Wed., April 19: 7:15 p.m., Chancel Choir rehearsal. Thurs., April 20: 1:30 p.m., Worship Committee meeting. Church School for all ages on Sunday, April 23 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 be led by Pastor Bruce as he guides us into the book of Acts. Please join us for worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 23. 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., April 24: 7 p.m., Deacons. Tues., April 25: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Bible reading together in the conference room; 1:30 p.m., Book discussion at the Mateer's.

Wed., April 26: 7:15 p.m., Chancel Choir rehearsal. 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. The Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown is seeking a part-time organist/keyboard-pianist and choir director. Visit www.pcmdt.org for more information. For further information, see our Website www.pcmdt.org, visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/Presbyterian-Congregation, or call the office.

Directory of Services



Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church
10 Spruce Street • 944-5835
Sunday School - 9 am • Morning Worship 10:15 am
Evening Worship - 6 pm
www.calvaryopc.com



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

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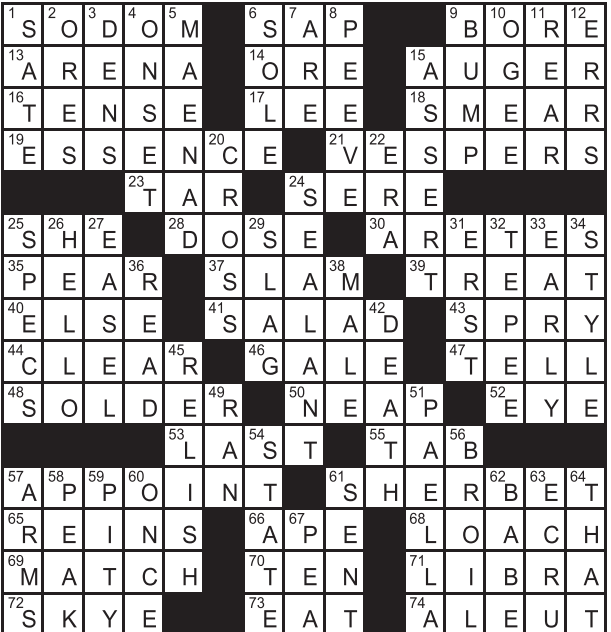
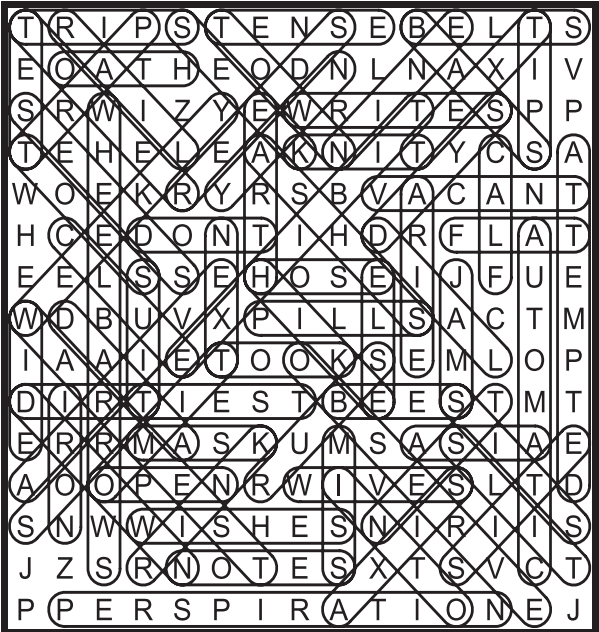
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Lower Dauphin students will be part of art project planned for turnpike stops

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission and Pennsylvania Council for the Arts recently announced a new partnership that connects student artists with art being developed for stops along the Pennsylvania Turnpike, and Lower Dauphin High School students will be involved.

The new program, called Art Sparks, will utilize the PCA's Arts in Education residency program to develop student-created, original pieces of art for turnpike service plazas across the 550-mile system. These public art pieces will be on display in service plazas across Pennsylvania over a five-year cycle.

The Turnpike's Lawn Service Plaza is where Art Sparks will make its debut. The pilot residency project is being conducted with art students at Lower Dauphin High School in partnership with HMS Host at the Lawn Service Plaza. The PCA's regional Arts in Education partner, Jump Street, is coordinating the residency program, which began in late February and will end by mid-April.

Students in the high school Art 2 Class are working with a teaching artist, Megan Davis, to create a mural that will reflect the Harrisburg/Hershey region.

Mark Compton, Pennsylvania Turnpike CEO, joined the art class March 30 to see how the project is going and to join in the artistic process.

"I see how art can spark a mind and transform a place," Compton said. "I also understand the great value in the creative process, and am very anxious to see this mural move into its new home along the turnpike to spark interest and excitement among our travelers."

Phillip Horn, executive director of the PCA, was also on site.

"Art Sparks is an excellent example of a teaching artist residency that engages students as well as the community," Horn said. "It will also put young artists on the road to success."

The PTC will determine the order of the service plazas to host Arts in Education residen-



Above, Phillip Horn, executive director of the Pennsylvania Council for the Arts, works with a young artist at Lower Dauphin High School on March 30. Below, Lower Dauphin High School art students instruct Mark Compton, Pennsylvania Turnpike CEO, in painting techniques on March 30.

cies. A school that resides in the municipality of a chosen service plaza will be selected to host a 20-day teaching artist residency led by a local PCA teaching artist.

The students will work with the artist and members of that community to create a piece of art that reflects the region. The work will then be installed at the respective service plaza with a community unveiling event to help engage stakeholders and community members in the project.

The Lawn Service Plaza mural is slated to be installed and unveiled in mid-May. For more information on Art Sparks, visit www.paturnpike.com/artsparks. For more information on the PCA Arts in Education program, visit www.arts.pa.gov.



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MAMS releases its honor rolls for third period

Middletown Area Middle School recently announced its distinguished honor roll and honor roll for the third period. Distinguished Honor Roll requires all "A's" or perfect marks. For the Honor Roll, a student must earn all "A's" and "B's."

Distinguished honor roll

EIGHTH GRADE: Hooda Al-Talal, Jenna Alford, Mahnoor Azim, Madalynn Brittelli, William Brown, Nathan Burkholder, Alyssa Bush, Ryan Chhun, Nathaniel Cooper, Quinn Dworchak, Karen Gantz, Alexis Jefferson, Kayla Kauffman, Morgan Klingeman, Jordan Knaub, Amanda Lee, Emma Lovell, Ayden Miller, Haley Reed, Riham Sghir, Isha Shah, Kaden Sweeney, Melanie Wagner, Timothy Wagner, Damien Weigel, Dylan Zettlemoyer, Lacey Zimmerman

SEVENTH GRADE: Hayley Bartholomew, Vincent Corradi, Sara Dintiman, Carly Dupes, Skylar Garza, Sydney Garza, Alexandra Hess, Dagan Hughes, Nathaniel Kinsey, Khyra Little, Sydney Miller, Alexander Monroig, Cynthia Ortiz-Sanchez, Caden Paul, Benjamin Rine, Marissa Romberger, James Smith, Benjamin Staker, Mason Swartz, Matthew Wagner, Madison White, Carly Zimmerman

SIXTH GRADE: Amari Betha, Emily Boyer, Trinity Davis, Aurora Demko, Kaley Hileman, David Hinojosa, Amos Hnin, Braelan Huber, Peyton Hunt, Jaron Imler, Joseph Korsak, Jade Lesisko, Cadence Lines, Natalie Maneval, Alyssa Mather, Miranda Nolen, Marco Ortiz Sanchez, Morgan Pacheco, Jasmine Peiffer, Ashley Rusnov, Nathan Russo, Alexa Saul, Noella Schanke, Aidan Shaffer, Keziah Shickley, Kiley Stoltzfus, Mia Thomas, Aidan Torres, Ethan Witmyer, Katherine Yoder

Honor roll

EIGHTH GRADE: Madison Andree, Jayden Benner, Angalina Black, Amiya Camacho, Alicia Clemens, Olivia Cochran, Robert Cordova, Leonyae Cuthbertson-Lake, Morgan Dinger, Daniel Evans, Jordan Freed, Gray Gamble, Abigail Grimland, Serina Gurm, Gavin Hickoff, Zach Hiner, Jacob Hottenstein, Antonio Koser, Natalie Krupilis, Janelle Leggore, Bryce Mickolick, Matthew Mitchell, Andrea Nauman, Shivam Patel, Amir Potter, Caden Prisbe, Ayanna Reeves, Jaqueline Rentas, Julio Rodriguez, Belinda Schroll, Christopher Scott, Collin Shaffer, Seth Smith, Troy Stein, Deaisha Stevens, Shaleyah Summers, Michael Tuffy, Alyse Ulrich, Derek Wall, Conner Witmer, Jaydon

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SEVENTH GRADE: Lavina Balliet, Rylee Barnes, Chasey Baumbach, Lauryn Baylor, Dylan Bernola, Taylor Brady, Jocelyn Buckner, Sabrina Buggy, Lyndsay Carnes, Presley Carnes, Jean Colon Hernandez, Brandyn Davis, Laila Deimler, Marly Fox, Ashley Gamble, Tasahni Garfield, Grant Garner, Misty Gejoff, Michael Genaro, Zoe Green, Jason Grob, Gavin Guckavan, Maya Herneisey, Stacey Hinojosa, Tate Leach, Jayson Leeper, Tluang Lian, Joshua Luther, Camila Martinez, Karly Mather, Faith Matter, Wyatt McKenna, Kyleigh Messner, Rachelle Miller, Sarah Misceovich, Emma Mitchell, Dane Molander, Lani Moore, Nyalah Parker, Gabriela Przybylski, Grace Rico, Ryan Rinier, Julian Roberts, Isaiah Rogers-Keeney, Jalen Rowley, Taya Scott, Kira Shafer, Madison Sieber, Ian Sipe, Dominic Smallwood, Ryan Souders, Annalise Spagnolo, Selena Stoker, Jayson Stoner, Yarymar Tellado, Jaheem Thornton, Jonah Troup, Owen Wealand, Tessa Weigel, Keira Weise-Torres, Noah Wertz, Charnay Wesley, Austin Wolf, Doron Yospa, Madison Zettlemoyer

SIXTH GRADE: Jaxon Appleby, Ryleigh Atticks, Marquis Beasley, Katherine Bolden, Daniel Brenan, Ashley Brittelli, Kalie Brown, Isabella Buehrle, Isaiah Burns-Schulte, Jordan Caban, Parker Cihak, Charity Cochran, Daynara Colon, Nicholas Crognale, Sebastian Dash, Charlize Dawkins, Melanny DeLaCruz, Aleeha Donicker, Brett Dunlap, Brayden Dunn, Lena Emigh, Alan Erler, Alana Escobar, Brandy Gamble, Jackson Grimland, Gina Hallman, Tristan Handley, Alaina Hosterman, Amiyah Humes, Gracyella Ippolito, Asa Kochvar, Layna Lighty, Jurnie Little, Isaac Lupp, Jessica Matincheck, Dylan Maxwell, Christine Miller, Jordan Miller, Samuel Miller, Josiah Molina, Peyton Moyer, Avery Newton, Ciara Neyer, Victoria Peters, Isaiah Plaut, Leah Popernack, Dasani Ritter, Kaydance Rote, Hannah Seiders, Jacob Senior, Nolan Sessa, Chad Sipe, Alyssa Smith, Madison Smith, Bailey Snyder, Lundyn Spears, Molly Strite, Sa'nya Togans, Crystal Varner, Kylee Wagner, Anthony White, Rha'kye Wise

Experts on biodiversity, landscaping to speak at LDHS

An evening with Doug Tallamy and Rick Darke, co-authors of "The Living Landscape: Designing for Beauty and Biodiversity," will be presented by the Manada Conservancy & the Appalachian Audubon Society from 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at Lower Dauphin High School, 201 S. Hanover St., Hummelstown.

This program is free and open to the public.

Tallamy and Darke are two of the nation's leading authorities on the interplay of design, native plants and wildlife. Tallamy is professor and chairman of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware and author of the award-winning book, "Bringing Nature Home." Darke is a landscape design consultant, author, lecturer, and photographer based in Pennsylvania who blends art, ecology and cultural geography in the creation and conservation of livable landscapes.

Doors open at 6, with environmental group displays. Darke will discuss "Layers" from 6:30 to 7. Tallamy will discuss "Relationships and Biology" from 7 to 8. From 8:15 to 9, Darke will discuss putting the information into practice. From 9 to 10, there will be a "Meet the Authors" session with a book signing.

Contact the Manada Conservancy office at office@manada.org or 717-566-4122, or go to www.manada.org with questions.



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Photos of Vietnam veterans sought for The Wall project

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs wants to help pay tribute to all of the men and women from Pennsylvania who died as a result of the Vietnam War, but needs help from the public.

For the past two years the DMVA has partnered with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund in Washington, D.C., to find a photo of every Pennsylvanian whose name appears on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall—commonly referred to as The Wall.

The VVMF is posting the photos on a virtual Wall of Faces in order to put a face and a story to every name, allowing these Vietnam veterans to be honored by family, friends and others from around the world.

Though great progress has been made to find all 3,151 photos of service members from Pennsylvania whose names are on The Wall, there are still 105 missing,

according to a press release. The DMVA continues to search feverishly for the remaining photos, but help from the community is needed.

According to the organization, these are the area veterans still being sought.

Steelton: Charles E. Hawk, Marine Corps; and Donald L. Murphy, Navy.

Harrisburg: John F. Holz, Army; Carl M. Morris, Marine Corps; Owen F. Neumyer, Marine Corps; John J. Paluscio, Army; and Billy A. Thompson, Army.

A complete list of Pennsylvania Vietnam Veterans whose photos are still needed can be found by going to www.veterans.pa.gov, and clicking on Wall of Faces. Instructions on how to submit a photo can be found at <http://www.vvmf.org/how-to-submit>.

To view the virtual Wall of Faces, go to www.vvmf.org/Wall-of-Faces.

Get your shrubs ready for spring

The Hershey Horticulture Society will hold its monthly meeting Monday May 1, at the Brownstone Lodge, 215 W. Governor Road, Hershey.

The program will be "Pruning Your Shrubs for Spring." John Schach of Good's Trees will discuss how to get landscapes

ready for spring.

A demonstration will be held off-site.

The business meeting begins at 11 a.m., followed by lunch and the program.

Guests are welcome.

For more information, call 579-6635.

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Cory Smith, Dennis Hain Jr., and Phil Hroback were among the unsung heroes in the kitchen Friday night at the Londonderry Fire Company fish fry, the last of the season.

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Londonderry Fire Company
wraps up annual Friday fish fries



Jackie Leonard smiles in the middle of a food run.



The Hrobak family of Carol, Kirsten and Courtney, partook in the Londonderry fish fry.



Pierogies heat up.



Jeff McNamara makes a pierogi run for the servers.



Linda Doup, Bitsy Strawser and Sandy Taylor enjoy the evening.



Louise Gantz offered cakes, pies, and other delicacies for dessert.



Sharon Arnold was one of the servers preparing trays for runners.



The Londonderry Fire Department was full prior to the official starting time for the fish fry.



The Diem family, consisting of Randy, Brantley, 4, Kiptyn, 2, and Rachel sampled various seafood at the fish fry.