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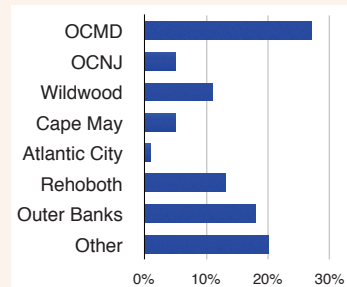
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Quick NEWS

Firefighter waives embezzlement charge

Milton Carnes, the decorated Steelton firefighter accused of embezzling more than \$55,000 from the Steelton Fire Department, waived his right to a preliminary hearing Friday, May 6, at a hearing before District Judge Kenneth Lenker. Carnes, 33, of Steelton, told Dauphin County investigators in January that he took proceeds from the organization's fundraisers over a five-year period. He is free on \$5,000 bail.

LD sets 2011-12 school calendar

Lower Dauphin School District students will begin classes on Aug. 29 for the 2011-12 school year. The last day of class will be Thursday, June 7, 2012, according to a calendar approved by the school board. High school commencement will be held the same day. Schools will be closed from Dec. 26 to Jan. 2 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

- Jim Lewis

Hershey exec to speak at PSU Harrisburg grads

Penn State Harrisburg will hold its 100th commencement at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 14 at the Giant Center where it will award degrees to almost 600 undergraduate and graduate students. The keynote speaker will be Rosa Stroh, vice president and treasurer for The Hershey Company. Stroh is a graduate of Penn State Harrisburg's MBA program. Stroh manages Hershey's financial risks and relationships with commercial and investment banks and the company's retirement assets and 401k employee plans.

- Jim Lewis



A day of honor



Press/Journal photos by Debra Schell

Veterans wave flags from the windows of antique cars during Steelton's annual Veterans Appreciation Parade on Saturday, May 7.

Steelton honors veterans, champions, and a friend

By Debra Schell
Press And Journal Staff

Thomas Butler respected the nation's veterans, his mother, Deb Butler said. It was one of the reasons her son helped complete Steelton's Veterans Park. Butler, 23, who died suddenly in December, was remembered Saturday at services that were part of Steelton's Veterans' Appreciation Day Parade. The community dedicated a tree in Butler's memory. "I am proud of the respect that my son had for the veterans," Deb Butler said.

Her son's work at the park was very meaningful to him. It was completed in 2007, she said. "I really appreciate what the borough of Steelton and Mayor Tom Acri have done for him," Butler said.

The family plans to visit the park more often now with the planting of the tree.

Acri said that he met Butler during the reconstruction of the park.

"He was the big boss of the park," said Acri, who spoke kindly of Butler during the ceremony

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Steelton dedicated a Japanese maple in the name of Thomas C. Butler, 23, formally of Steelton, who died in December. Butler helped build the park, laying bricks and helping with landscaping, said Mayor Tom Acri. Members of Butler's family and friend attended the ceremony. They are, from left, Sherry Albert, John Miller (grandfather), Deb Butler (mother), and Betty Miller (grandmother).

MIDDLETOWN

Electric rates, spending drive council races

In the Third Ward, incumbent Heister faces Brubaker and Sullivan.

By Jim Lewis
Press And Journal Staff

The last time Middletown elected people to its borough council was a wild, woolly time. The U.S. economy still foundered in a recession in 2009, and Middletowners railed against the electric bills from their use of borough electricity.

Citizens were worried, or mad as hell, about unregulated electric rates, about government spending, about making ends meet. They began to meet in Middletown firehalls to share their anger and, eventually, rally some among their fiscally conservative ranks to run for council. Twenty people — five incumbents and 15 challengers — ran for seven seats in the 2009 primary elec-

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In the First Ward, questions about a candidate's tax debts.

By Jim Lewis
Press And Journal Staff

The race for a seat on Middletown Borough Council representing the First Ward has become a battle of public records, not just a debate over whether the town is prospering or suffering.

Incumbent Scott Sites, one of two candidates for the Republican nomination in the May 17 primary, charged that a real estate partnership in which challenger Mike Bowman was involved owes more than \$39,000 in back real estate taxes on four Middletown properties, according to Dauphin County records.

Fenbow LLC, the partnership, owed unpaid taxes since 2007 on properties at 200 Wilson Street and 264, 266 and 37 Ann Street, according to county

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MIDDLETOWN SCHOOLS

Incumbents face little threat in school race

By Debra Schell
Press And Journal Staff

The Middletown Area School Board, like others across the state, has had one of the most challenging budget deficits in recent memory.

Board members have worked with district officials to whittle down a \$2.5 million budget deficit: They've furloughed teachers, offered buyouts to staff, and cut programs.

And, hardest of all in an election year, the board expects to raise real estate taxes 5.68 mills in June.

There are six seats on the school board up for grabs in November, five four-year terms and one two-year term.



With all the concern over spending, you might expect to see a crowded field of challengers vying for one of those seats.

But that hasn't happened. There are six candidates for the four-year seats — all cross-filed. Five are incumbents: Gordon A. Einhorn, Terry Gilman, Barbara N. Layne, Pamela Price, and Michael Richards.

One is a challenger, Jack Still. Newton Davis, who was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board in 2010, is running unopposed for the two-year term.

Still, a regular at Middletown Board up for grabs in November, five four-year terms and one two-year term.

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For a complete list of area candidates see page A3

Man charged with sexually assaulting girls for 6 years

By Garry Lenton
Press And Journal Staff

Dauphin County detectives charged a Middletown man with sexually assaulting and raping two girls, the oldest of whom is 13, over a six-year period.

Estaban "Steven" Gonzalez, 49, was charged with two counts of rape, four counts of indecent assault, three counts of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, two counts of corruption of minors, and one count of indecent exposure. He was arraigned Monday, May 9 before District Judge David H. Judy and freed on \$100,000 unsecured bail. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for June 9 before Judy.

One of the victims alleged that Gonzalez had sexual contact with her

approximately 20 times between 1996 and 2002, starting when she was 6 years old, according to court records filed by Det. Emily Del Regno of the county's Criminal Investigative Division.

The other girl alleged she was assaulted about 10 times in similar ways starting when she was 7 or 8 years old, according to court records.

Authorities allege the assaults occurred at Gonzalez's home in the 500 block of Wood St., in Lower Swatara Twp., and later at a home on Union Street. No address was given.

When she was 16, one of the victims told police, Gonzalez offered her a shot of tequila and apologized "for what he did when she was younger."

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Press and Journal Photo/Debra Schell

Stuck again

A tractor-trailer truck became wedged under the South Union Street Bridge in Middletown around 5 p.m. on Monday. Traffic from Ann and N. Union streets was diverted while police worked with the driver to clear the accident. Trucks continue to hit the bridge occasionally, even though the span, which carries freight and passenger rail service, was raised 12 inches last summer. It is believed to be the third truck to hit the bridge since it was replaced.

Obituaries

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Louis Russ



Louis N. "Sonny" Russ, 79, of Hershey, and formerly of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Saturday May 7, at Courtyard Gardens Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Lower Swatara Township.

He was born in Hershey and was the son of the late Joseph J. Sr. and Dorothy Worman Russ.

He was a former co-owner of the Mansion House Restaurant, Middletown.

He served as an enforcement director for the State Horse Racing Commission and as a detective for the Defense Depot, Mechanicsburg; and was also a police officer for the Middletown Police Department.

He was a Korean War veteran; was a member of Knights of Columbus, Council 3501, American Legion 594, Moose Lodge 410, Rescue Fireman's Home Association #160, and Anglers and Hunters Association, all of Middletown; was a member of Har-

risburg Consistory A.A.S.R., Zembo Shrine A.A.O.N.M.S., Abraham C. Treichler F&AM Lodge 0682, Elizabethtown, Columbia-Middletown Elks Lodge 1072, and Hershey Italian Lodge; and was a member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Hershey and a former member of Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, Middletown.

He was preceded in death by his brother Joseph J. "Joe Boy" Russ Jr.

He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Joan D. Podlesny Russ; a daughter Cynthia, wife of Kenneth Ross of Milton; son Anthony, husband of Debra Bretz Russ of Harrisburg; two sisters Carol, wife of Warren Peiffer, and Audrey, wife of Terry Stauffer, all of Middletown; four grandchildren Jodi, wife of Dawson Hostetter of Cleona, Adam Shields of Milton, Nicole, wife of Shaz Brown of West Chester, and Mical Russ of Harrisburg; and four great-grandchildren Kaylen, Taryn and Chase Hostetter of Cleona, and Landon Shields of Milton.

Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at noon on Thursday, May 12 at Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, Race and Conewago Sts., Middletown, with the Rev. Louis P. Ogden as celebrant.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Middletown.

Viewing will be from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. on Thursday at the Frank E. Matincheck and Daughter Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 260 E. Main St., Middletown.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Lung Association, 3001 Gettysburg Rd., Camp Hill, PA 17011.

All condolences may be shared at matincheckanddaughterfuneralhome.com.

Hunter Prough



Hunter J. Prough, 7 months old, of N. Union St., Middletown, died unexpectedly on Saturday, May 7, at his home.

He was born on October 6, 2010. He was on the Cradle Roll of the Middletown Area Bible Church.

Hunter is survived by his mother Marie Prough; his brother Jackson Mead; maternal grandparents Art and Lennie Prough Sr. of Middletown; maternal great-grandmother Sue Smith, of Aliquippa; uncles Art Jr. and David of Steelton, Andrew of Fort Benning, Ga., and Timothy of Middletown. He has only one aunt, April of Middletown.

Also survived by Hunter is, Eric Stevenson and family. Eric was Hunter's Pop.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 14, at his church, 2400 River Rd., Middletown. Funeral services will follow immediately, with the Rev. Dr. Joseph P. Pagano Jr. officiating.

Burial will be at the convenience of

the family.

Arrangements by Frank E. Matincheck and Daughter Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., Middletown.

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

Garth Redmond

Garth S. Redmond, 65, of Harrisburg, entered into rest on Saturday, May 7, at Community General Osteopathic Hospital.

He was born in Altoona on January 4, 1946 and was the son of the late Rev. Clarke J. and Permelia Garthoff Redmond.

He was a graduate of Altoona High School and Juniata College; was a member of the Juanita Alumni Association; was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War and a recipient of the Bronze Star; he was a retired employee of the former New Cumberland Army Depot; and was a member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Lower Swatara Township, VFW Post # 8638, Highspire, and Lower Paxton Senior Citizens.

He enjoyed spending time with his daughter and family, keeping in touch with family and friends. He also enjoyed playing the trumpet and jazz music.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother Harry D. Redmond.

He is survived by his daughter Natalie J. Redmond and her companion Dennis Fewell of Hershey; granddaughter Lynn A. Fewell of Hershey; brother James W., husband of Paula Redmond of New Paris; sister Janet M., wife of Scott Krepps of Greenville; and several nieces and nephews.

A Memorial tribute will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, at the Frank E. Matincheck and Daughter Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 260 E. Main St., Middletown, with the Rev. John Overman officiating.

Burial with military honors will be held in Middletown Cemetery.

Visitation will be from noon until time of service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be shared at www.matincheckanddaughterfuneralhome.com.

Ronald Deimler Sr.

Ronald Lee Deimler Sr., 57, of Middletown, departed this life on Sunday, May 8, at Hospice of Lancaster, Mount Joy.

He was born on October 11, 1953 in Middletown and was the son of the late Walter E. Sr. and Betty Hahn Deimler.

He was a member of Rescue Hose Co., and Anglers and Hunters Association, both of Middletown; and he enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, camping and was an avid Eagles football fan.

He is survived by his wife Wendy Ann Wolf Deimler; son Ronald Lee Deimler Jr. of Middletown; three

daughters Courtney Deimler and Jennifer Ail, both of Middletown, and Kelly J. Wolf of Harrisburg; brother Walter E. Jr., husband of Carla Deimler of Elizabethtown; and four grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 13, at the Frank E. Matincheck and Daughter Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 260 E. Main St., Middletown.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

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

Jacob Wise Jr.

Jacob A. Wise Jr., 79, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, May 4, in Harrisburg Hospital.

He was born in Middletown on September 9, 1931 and was the son of the late Roy and Dolly Long Wise.

He was a truck driver for Zeager Brothers, Middletown.

He was preceded in death by his son Michael Wise Sr. and his brothers Bruce, Harry and Guy Wise.

He is survived by two sons Jacob Jr. and wife Kathy Wise of Bainbridge, and Ronald Wise Sr. of Middletown; two daughters Cathy and husband Dave Rosewicz of Mt. Joy, and Linda Wise of Etters; sister

Mae and husband Samuel Stum of Middletown; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorial services were held on Monday at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Middletown, with the Rev. Dr. J. Richard Eckert officiating.

Inurnment was at the convenience of the family.

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The 2011 Lower Dauphin Falcons girls' soccer team.

“Kicking Out Cancer” LD girls' soccer team raises \$4,400 for cancer fund

On Thursday, April 28 the Lady Falcons of LD hosted Mechanicsburg in a soccer competition at the Lower Dauphin Middle School. But it was more than just a soccer game.

The Lady Falcons, with the help of the Mechanicsburg Wildcats Girls Soccer team, raised more than \$4,430 to support the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition.

They raised money by selling T-shirts, raffling numerous prizes and asking for contributions from family and friends.

A check was presented to Kevin Smith, communications director for the coalition on Friday, May 6, prior to the Lower Dauphin and Palmyra varsity game at the Lower Dauphin Middle School.

The Breast Cancer Coalition which was formed in 1993 by a dedicated, active and effective group of breast cancer survivors who had one common mission and that was to find a cure for

breast cancer. The PBCC is a statewide organization based in Ephrata.

It exists to help the 9,500 women in this state who will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, to support the families of the 2,200 women who will die from it, and to serve as a resource for the hundreds of thousands of more women currently living with the disease.

Also recognized on the field at the April 28th game was Barb Bohn, a breast cancer survivor. She is also the mother of Katelyn Bohn from the Mechanicsburg's Wildcats.

Bohn has been involved with soccer for many years. When her children were young she volunteered as a coach for the Mechanicsburg Soccer Club and eventually became the president of the club. She served on the Central Pennsylvania Youth Soccer League board and served on the Board of Directors for the City Islanders.

She currently is the vice president

of the Mechanicsburg Area School District Soccer Booster Club. Bohn recently underwent treatment for breast cancer. The Lower Dauphin Girls' Soccer Team presented her with a bouquet of flowers donated by the Hummelstown Flower Shop, an Avon gift basket donated by Deb Strubhar, and a pink soccer ball signed by both the Lower Dauphin and Mechanicsburg teams. Making the presentation for the team were LD soccer players Mackenzie Strubhar, Kiki Weaver, and Katarina Shuey.

The team issued thank-yous to Patricia Ricker of Trés Chic Hair Design and Day Spa, who donated player jerseys for both the Lower Dauphin and Mechanicsburg players printed by Hughes Sporting Goods; City Islanders for donating raffle items; and Roxanne Bracale of Razzle's Old-fashioned Ice Cream Parlor of Hummelstown for donating strawberry "pink" ice cream to make this event such a success.

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Election Primary Ballott

2011 primary election

Voters will face a full ballot when they go to the polls to select their party's candidates local office on May 17.

The election will determine whose name appears on the general election ballot in November.

Here are the races where there is a contest for the nomination.

- Dauphin County Commissioner: Four candidates for two slots on Democratic ballot.
- Clerk of Courts: Two Democrats are vying for one slot.
- Lower Swatara Twp. Commissioner: Five Republicans are vying for three openings.
- Middletown Borough Council, First Ward: On the Republican ballot, two candidates for one seat.
- Middletown Borough Council, Third Ward: Three Republican candidates running for two slots.
- Middletown Area School Board: Five candidates, all cross filed, running for four seats.
- Derry Twp. School Board: Eight candidates, all cross filed, vying for five positions.

A complete list of candidates in the southern Dauphin County region follows:

Dauphin County Commissioner

For for not more than two.

Jeff Haste, R

Mike Pries, R

George P. Hartwick III, D

Wendy Jackson-Dowe, D

Eric Papenfuse, D

Alvin Q. Taylor, D

District Attorney

Vote for one.

Ed Marsico, R

Phil Zulli, D

Sheriff

Vote for one.

Jack Lotwick, R

Charles Jeffrey Goble, D

Clerk of Courts

Vote for one.

Dale Klein, R

Shamaine Daniels, D

Evelyn Zigerelli, D

Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans' Court

Vote for one.

Jean Marfizo King, R

Rogette Harris, D

Recorder of Deeds

Vote for one.

Jim Zugay, R

Eboni E. Bryant, D

County Treasurer

Vote for one.

Janis Creason, R

County Controller

Vote for one.

Marie E. Rebeck, R

John E. Coleman, D

District Judge (Swatara/L. Swatara)

Mike Smith - cross filed

District Judge (Middletown, Royaltown, Londonderry, and Conewago)

David H. Judy - cross filed

Conewago Twp. Supervisor

Vote for one.

Gary C. Painter, R

Derry Twp. Supervisor

Vote for one.

John W. Foley, R

Chuck E. Witmer Sr., D

Londonderry Twp. Supervisor

Vote for not more than two.

Michael W. Geyer, R

Bart Shellenhamer, R

Bruce Barry, D

Bruce Grossman, D

Lower Swatara Twp. Commissioner

Vote for not more than three.

Thomas R. Clark, R

Mike Davies, R

Frank Linn, R

Jarred L. Neal, R

Jon G. Wilt, R

Lower Swatara Twp. Treasurer

Julie Ann Wilt, R

Highspire Borough Council

Vote for not more than four

Jared P. Goughnour, R

Dorothy Hess Matesevav, R

A. Kay Sutch, R

Hummelstown Borough Council

Vote for not more than four

Brian K. Foster, R

Robert L. Jones, R

David S. Roeting, R

Joseph Simonetti, R

Middletown Borough Council

1st Ward

Vote for one

Mike Bowman, R

Scott B. Sites, R

2nd Ward

Vote for one

Christopher R. McNamara, R

3rd Ward

Vote for not more than two

John R. Brubaker, R

Mary Hiester, R

Sue Sullivan, R

Royaltown Borough Council

1st Ward

Vote for not more than two.

Tildon J. Sides, D

2nd Ward

Vote for not more than two.

Gerald Burkett, R

Cindy D. Marsh, R

Steeltown Borough Council

Four-year term

Vote for not more than four.

Michael K. Albert, R

Dennis Heefner, R

Stephen J. Shaver, R

Denae House, D

Maryjo Szada, D

Two-year term

Vote for one

Raymond L. Spencer, R

Derry Twp. School Board

Vote for not more than five.

Thomas Allen, cross filed

Christopher S. Barrett, cross filed

Henry J. Hank Donahue, cross filed

Bruce Hancock, cross filed

Mayellen Sheehan, cross filed

Ellen Sheffey, cross filed

Brian Shiflett, cross filed

Daisy Williams, cross filed

Lower Dauphin School Board

Region 1

Conewago and Londonderry Twps.

Vote for not more than two

Dana Barry, cross filed

Todd M. Kreiser, cross filed

Region 2

Hummelstown

Vote for one

Marcela Myers, cross filed

Region 3

E. and W. Hanover Twps.

Vote for not more than two.

Keith E. Oellig, R

Laurie Reichert, R

Middletown Area School Board

Four-year term

Vote for not more than five.

Gordon A. Einhorn, cross filed

Terry Gilman, cross filed

Barbara N. Layne, cross filed

Pamela M. Price, cross filed

Michael Richards, cross filed

Jack Still, cross filed

Two-year term

Newton Davis, cross filed

Steeltown-Highspire School Board

Vote for not more than five

Barry L. Baumgardner, cross filed

May J. Carricato, cross filed

Sarah F. Metallo, cross filed

Middletown Schools

School Board news

The Middletown Area School Board took the following actions at the April 27 board meeting:

- Accepted the resignation of Daniel Yoder, custodian, effective April 4.
- Accepted the resignation of Rob Flury, custodian, effective Aug. 12.
- Furloughed Donald Graham, part-time courier, effective Aug. 12.
- Changed the employment status of Jessica Fetter from substitute teacher to a long-term substitute teacher with a salary of \$95 per day and a pro-rated salary of \$41,300 effective April 21. Fetter will also receive a \$500 stipend to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Christine Shiffler beginning April 4.
- Changed the employment status of Ed Heisey, custodian, adjusting his hourly rate to \$11 effective Aug. 12.
- Accepted the resignation of Dan Yoder, custodian, effective Aug. 12.
- Approved a field trip for the middle school science Olympiad Team to Juniata College for the state competition on April 29. District vans will be used for transportation. The only cost to the district is for a substitute teacher.
- Approved operation of a middle school summer school program June 22 to July 29. The board also approved the hiring of four teachers to operate the program, and the assessment of a \$100 fee per student per subject.
- Hired Llew Skees as Assistant

Middle School Track Coach at a prorated stipend of \$1,800, effective April 4.

- Approved contracts with Bollinger Insurance Solutions to provide insurance for sporting events, school trips, and special activities at a cost of \$9,975. The company will also provide student accident insurance for parent purchase. The fee is \$27 for school-time coverage, and \$103 for 24-hour coverage.
- Approved a field trip for the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America Club and Fink Elementary School third graders to Herr's Factory and Angus Farms in Nottingham, Pa., on May 4, at no cost to the district.
- Hired Barton Associate, Inc. to provide design services for crawlspace ventilation work at Kunkel Elementary School at the cost of \$11,500. The cost will be paid out of the capital reserve fund.
- Authorized the administration to seek approval for the crawlspace project at an estimated cost of \$60,000, from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The project is funded by the capital reserve fund.
- Hired Andrew Welkie as the district's dentist for the 2011-12 school year at cost of \$15.77 per student screened and \$11.37 an hour for dental assistants.



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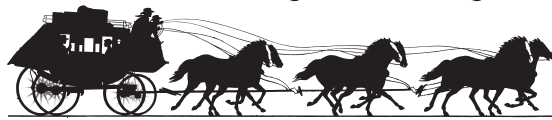


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Financial challenges loom in Lower Swatara's future

By Jim Lewis
Press And Journal Staff

For the first time in 34 years, Lower Swatara Twp. Commissioner Frank Linn will appear last on the ballot – the fifth of five candidates seeking three Republican nominations in the May 17 primary – and he's worried.

The guy has been a fixture in township politics. Played Santa Claus at holiday celebrations for years. Even has an interchange on Route 283 at North Union Street named after him. Yet he's worried he will not win re-election, like he has every election he's entered since 1977.

Old friends have died and new people have moved into Lower Swatara as the township has grown with new housing developments.

"I'm not a person to take it for granted," said Linn, president of the commissioners. "I worry about every election."

The winners of this year's election could face challenges funding township

services at current levels. With the rising cost of everything from gasoline to utilities to the loss of federal and state grant programs and real-estate tax revenue from assessment challenges by the township's larger taxpayers, Lower Swatara may see tougher times in the next couple years.

Still, five candidates are seeking the Republican nomination for three seats on the commission:

- Linn, a retired intergovernmental affairs specialist for the state House of Representatives.

- Thomas Clark, an incumbent who has served on the commission for 19 years and director of public works for Derry Twp.
- Michael Davies, a manager of public relations in the state House Republican Caucus.

- Jon Wilt, a longtime committeeman and retired U.S. Postal Service employee.
- Jarred Neal, an engineer for Traffic Planning & Design, a Susquehanna Twp. firm.

Davies, who sits on Lower



Swatara's zoning hearing board, wants to encourage more nonresidential development to offset losses in tax revenue from property reassessments, cuts in federal and state funds and higher costs.

Lower Swatara should find ways to save money in pensions for township employees and collecting real estate taxes by means other than a tax collector.

"A lot of things we're going to have to look to change in order to keep our tax burden low for homeowners," said Davies.

Lower Swatara has encouraged commercial development as a way to increase its tax revenue, but more must be done to deal with "a pretty challenging time" for township finances, said Clark.

"The market's flopped so much that nothing's moving," said Clark of potential commercial development. "We need to clean our own house before we count on someone else to help us."

The township can redistribute job responsibilities, for example, to preserve the services it provides for no additional cost, said Clark, who touts his experience as a commissioner and manager of Derry's

public works department as proof he could guide Lower Swatara through tough fiscal times. In fact, Lower Swatara will assign grass-cutting duties to employees in its highway department rather than hire summer help this year.

Wilt said it will take "creative thinking" to guide Lower Swatara through challenging fiscal waters, and he believes his years in politics – as a committeeman, party activist and observer – can help the township get through "a sticky situation in the future."

Lower Swatara has seen development in recent years, taking up acres of available land, so Wilt believes in the next few years "it will be at a slower pace."

"It's going to take a creative effort to maintain the level of services we have," said Wilt.

Neal could not be reached for comment.

Linn said he's proud of how Lower Swatara has managed the township's growth – areas of residential, commercial and industrial growth that don't clash. In the future, the township will have to "live within our budget – if we have to make cuts, we have to make cuts," he said.

Jim Lewis: 717-944-4628, or jimlewis@pressandjournal.com

Man injured in cycle crash

A Middletown man was injured when he lost control of his motorcycle and crashed in the area of Lumber Street and Brunswick Road, according to Lower Swatara Twp. police.

Thomas Sultzaberger of the 200 block of Farmhouse Lane, Middletown, suffered head and chest injuries in

the crash, which occurred around 11:16 p.m. April 26.

He was taken to Hershey Medical Center for treatment by Lifelion EMS. Police said Sultzaberger was wearing eye protection but no helmet.

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23 Years Ago

From The Middletown Journal Files

From The Wednesday, May 11, 1988 Edition Of The Press And Journal

Bankruptcy: Dealing With It All When the Bottom Falls Out

Financial difficulties strike individuals as well as corporations. And, as the stock market continues to demonstrate, money problems are often as unexpected as they are unavoidable.

But you don't have to be an investor to feel the crunch of hard times. Some experts maintain that workers are the ones hit hardest during bad economic periods.

Frank worked all his life. Until recently, he held a petty good job at a local manufacturing plant. The work was hard, but after 15 years, he was used to it.

Frank's union wages provided enough income for his house payments and, a few years ago when the kids were old enough, his wife began

to work part time. The extra money helped and the family began saving: If the kids wanted to go to college, Frank said, he would be all ready to help.

Then the bottom fell out. The company where Frank worked was swallowed by a larger firm, which immediately sought wage concessions from the union. The union balked and within a few months, the plant closed and Frank was out of a job.

His wife's small salary became the family's only income and unpaid debts began piling up.

In order to stem the flood of demands from his creditors, Frank became one of nearly 10,000 Pennsylvanians who file for personal bankruptcy each year. There is no real Frank, but actual financial difficulties force about 800 Pennsylvania residents to seek protection under the bankruptcy laws every month.

In 1985, the latest year for which records are available, 9,568 state

residents filed for protection under the bankruptcy statutes.

Shoplifters Take Nation's Stores For Nearly \$20 Billion Annually

Merchants often refer to it as "retail theft," but most of us call it "shoplifting." Whatever the term, it's a crime that rips off our nation's merchants to the tune of about \$20 billion a year, according to business surveys. That's an accepted problem for retailers everywhere, but, until recently, merchants in this area appeared to be leading a charmed life. Unfortunately, that charm seems to be wearing off and store owners and managers at many local retail outlets say they are seeing a definite increase in shoplifting in this area.

"There's a noticeable increase in the incidence of retail theft in our store," says Doug Devaughn, Loss Prevention manager for the Jamesway Department Store near Middletown.

Devaughn said Jamesway, which op-

erates about 120 retail outlets in five eastern states, has its own in-house security system. He says the firm uses various surveillance methods in its efforts to control retail theft and prosecutes most offenders, but he admits the system actually uncovers less than half of the shoplifting incidents that occur at company stores.

"Our loss her from retail theft last year was probably between \$10,000 and \$15,000," Devaughn acknowledged, but it's almost impossible to calculate the exact amount."

Many Amateurs - Although Jamesway doesn't usually prosecute first-time offenders under the age of 14, Devaughn said he's occasionally forced to do so. In one such case, he said a 12-year-old Harrisburg youth was recently apprehended in the Middletown store with nearly \$500 worth of clothing in her possession.

She had been caught in the store a few weeks earlier, but wasn't prosecuted because of her age. After being charged with the second offense, she confessed she had gone on more than 50 shoplifting sprees at various regional stores and had been caught only five times.

EAHS Students To Attend Leadership Conference

Officers of the Elizabethtown Rotary Club have announced that two Elizabethtown Area High School (EAHS) students have been selected as its representatives to the 1988 Leadership Conference sponsored by District 739 of Rotary International.

Chosen to represent the local club are Heather Dively, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Dively of Campus Road, and Michael Kuhn, son of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kuhn of Oak Drive.

The two EAHS juniors will represent their community's Rotary Club at the Rotary District Leadership Confer-

ence to be held at Messiah College in Grantham from Sunday, June 14 to Thursday, June 18.

About 150 students from more than 60 area high schools are expected to attend this year's conference, which will include representatives from schools in Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York counties.

Dively and Kuhn were selected by Rotary Club officers in cooperation with EAHS administrators and staff personnel. Pamela Grubb, secretary to EAHS Principal Dr. Dustin Peters, said the two high school students were chosen because of their academic attainments, leadership potential and success in their high school activities and organizations.

The five-day conference, now in its 11th year, will feature seminars and small group sessions on leadership skills, current problems facing young people and the world at large and meetings with successful men and women who have attained positions of prominence in various professional fields.

The District Leadership Conference will also give students an opportunity to exchange ideas with peers from other area schools. Rotary International's District 739 includes 4 clubs in as many communities in its seven-county area.

Kiwanis Award For Treese

The Pennsylvania District of Kiwanis International has announced that Dr. Clair Dale Treese of the Elizabethtown Rotary Club will receive the Distinguished Lieutenant Governor Award at the district's convention in August.

The award, which is bestowed annually to less than 20 percent of the Kiwanis International Lieutenant

Governors worldwide, is for outstanding service during the 1986-87 administrative years.

Dr. Treese served as Lieutenant Governor for Division 16, an area involving four counties - Lancaster, Lebanon, Dauphin and Berks - and 10 clubs numbering nearly 500 members. He has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Elizabethtown since 1981. Treese was named a "distinguished president" by the Pennsylvania District for his term as club president in the 1985-86 administrative years and received the "Distinguished Kiwanian Award" that same year.

Over the past six years, he has served the local and division organizations on various committees and is currently chairman of the Pennsylvania District's Committee for Membership and a board director of the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation.

A dentist in Elizabethtown, Treese resides at North Hanover Street with his wife, Jean, and two daughters, Jennifer and Aubrey.

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Middletown Schools

Reid Science Fair winners



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Reid Elementary School held its third annual fifth grade science fair on April 5. Projects covered topics in earth science, physical science, and life science. Winners are, from left, Tyler Miller, second place, life science; Lilly Fager, second place, physical science; Zoey Bright, third place, earth science; Emma Harris, third place, physical science; Daniel Rodriguez, second place, earth science; Alex Weyant, first place, physical science; Breanna Ebersole, third place, life science; Georgie Britcher, first place, life science; and Justin Shaffer, first place, earth science.

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The members of Dauphin County's 4-H Fur and Feather Club are, front row from left, Madi Shaw, Lia Schmittel, and Lizzie McKissick. Back row: Ashley Shaw, Sarah Shader, and Elise Selvey-Fortney.

4H plans small animal clinic in Hershey

The Dauphin County 4H Fur and Feathers will hold a small animal clinic from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, May 21, at the Milton Hershey School Environmental Center, 518 Crest Lane, Hershey.

If you found a new bunny or chick in your Easter basket and want to learn the basics of caring for and handling your pet, this event will help. For more information, or to preregister, call 717-599-2360.



Middletown Police News

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

Drug charges

Melissa M. Logan, 44, of the 100 block of Shumaker Rd., Bainbridge; and Jonathan P. Lauver, 32, of the 200 block of S. Barbara St., Mount Joy, were charged with three counts of possession of a counterfeit substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The charges stem from a traffic stop at 8:46 p.m. April 24 in the 400 block of S. Union St., police said.

Police said they saw drugs in the car during the stop.

A preliminary hearing for Logan and Lauver was scheduled for 9 a.m. on June 30 in District Judge David Judy's office.

Kevin O'Berrios-Caveria, 26, of the 7400 block of Chambers Hill Rd., was charged with possession of a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, and a window tint violation.

The charges stem from a traffic stop at 6:30 p.m. on April 27, where police saw bags containing loose marijuana in the vehicle.

Angel E. Rojas, 41, of the 100 block of N. Wood St., Middletown, was charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

The charges stem from an incident at 10:28 a.m. on May 4.

Police were assisting a Dauphin County Constable with an eviction order at Rojas' home where they allege they saw marijuana. Police obtained

a search warrant and returned to the home.

Rojas' preliminary hearing is held for 8:30 a.m. on June 30 in District Judge David Judy's office.

Underage drinking

Several people were charged with underage drinking and other offenses after police raided two parties at apartments in the Village of Pineford, Middletown, — one shortly after midnight April 23, and a second at 1:48 a.m., April 30.

In both incidents, police were responding to a complaint about loud music.

Charged with underage drinking in the April 23 incident were: Tatiana N. Cummings, 18, of Middletown; Chidere N. Igwe, 18, of West Orange, N.J.; Jocelyn M. Mitchell, 18, of Heath, Ohio; Kaiya B. Moore, 18, of Accokeek, Md.; Calla A. Thompson, 18, of Newport News, Va.; Bernard Hinton III, 20, of Middletown; and Charles A. Wallace, 18, of Middletown.

Charged in the April 30 incident were: Dahlia I. Elyan, 19, of Hershey; Samuel D. Emerson, 20, of Pipersville, Pa.; David A. Evans, 20, of Harrisburg; Terence Hoverter, 19, of Syracuse; Jonathan Joseph, 20, Pembroke Pines, Fla.; Auzita Khanamadi, 20, Enola; Ryan S. Macburt, 19, of Hummelstown; Allie M. Rank, 20, of Halifax; Dillon F. Sobilo, 19, of Eureka, Calif.; Julia Sterlina, 19, of

Whippany N.J.; and Joshua S. Wolff, 19, of Christiana, Pa.

Public drunkenness

Matthew D. Lamanna, 21, of Beaver Meadows, Pa., was charged with public drunkenness.

Charges stem from a report of a suspicious person in the 600 block of Adelia St., around 4 a.m., April 29.

When police arrived, they found Lamanna who appeared to be intoxicated, police said.

Domestic dispute ends in drug charges

Four people were charged with multiple offenses resulting from two separate domestic disputes in the 300 block of E. Main St. around 11:18 p.m., April 29, police said.

Bonnie S. Gates, 55, of the 200 block of Ann St., Middletown, was charged with disorderly conduct and public drunkenness.

Harold D. Clawitter, 46, of the 300 block of E. Main St., Middletown, was charged with disorderly conduct.

Caitlyn Hawkins, 20, of the 300 block of E. Main St., Middletown, was charged with simple assault, possession of a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Kenneth J. Randall, 23, of the 300 block of E. Main St., Middletown,

was charged with possession of a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Police had stopped a dispute between Gates and Clawitter when Hawkins ran from a home to tell police Randall attempted to choke her, police said.

During the alleged choking attempt, Hawkins bit Randall on the chest, police said.

While searching Randall and Hawkins, police found drugs in their pockets, police said.

Theft

A resident in the first block of W. High St. told police a gift card was taken from an unlocked vehicle. The incident occurred April 28, police said.

A resident in the 200 block of Lawrence St. told police Xbox games and a controller were taken from the home on May 2, police said.

A resident in the Lynwood Building in the Village of Pineford told police a jar of change worth \$30 and a \$5 bill were taken from a dresser of the apartment on May 3, police said.

A resident in the 200 block of N. Union St. told police a laptop charger, cell phone charger, and his green card were taken from his apartment on May 3, police said.



Highspire Police News

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

Theft

A resident in the 100 block of Second Street told police his neighbors removed several items from his yard, police said. The incident was reported April 25.

Missing items included a bike, bench, fire pit, welcome sign, chairs, table, and a flag.

Neighbors told police they received permission to take the items, police said.

The owner said he never gave permission, police said.

Police are investigating the incident and taking witness statements, police said.

Larry J. Ashby, 53, of Nelson Manor, in Middletown, was charged with theft by unlawful taking, receiving stolen property, and criminal trespass.

The charges stem from an incident at 6:52 p.m. April 30.

A resident of the 600 block of Eschelman Street told police he saw a man take a telescope and a stuffed animal from the porch of a home in the neighborhood.

Ashby, who fit the description the witness provided, was located at his home, police said.

Ashby denied taking the items at first, then confessed saying he was borrowing them, police said.

Steel-High restructures debt, improves cash flow

By Debra Schell
Press And Journal Staff

Steelton-Highspire School Board voted to restructure a portion of its \$24.9 million debt, a move that is expected to reduce annual payments by more than \$300,000 a year, officials said.

The district made payments of \$2.2 million on its debts in the last 12 months. Under the change, those payments will fall to \$1.9 million.

The board agreed to the change at the April 20 board meeting after Jamie Doyle, senior managing consultant with Public Financial Management, Inc., in Harrisburg, outlined a plan to redistribute the district's debt payments. The move will cost the district more money in interest payments, but improve its cash flow.

Currently, the district pays more than \$2 million a year, though that number is scheduled to drop sharply as the payments approach payoff in 2029. Under the plan outlined by Doyle, the district will pay about the same amount each

year until the debt is retired.

The move will allow the district to level off debt payments, she said.

Steel-High pays a combination of fixed and variable interest rates on its debt, Doyle said.

The restructuring will cost the district \$485,000 in interest and fees, but provide instant debt relief without stretching out payments, Doyle said.

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Hershey Civil War round table

The Hershey CWRT will meet on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at Country Meadows, Main Building, 451 Sand Hill Road, Hershey, beginning at 7:30 PM. Please be aware of this new, later start-time.

Following the brief business-meeting, Calobe Jackson, Jr. will discuss the two parades that Harrisburg hosted concerning the United States Colored Troops. Jackson, who is a retired Superintendent of the Harrisburg Post Office, served on the Harrisburg School Board for 17 years. At one time, he served as chairman of the Board of Control. He portrayed T. Morris Chester, Grand Marshall, in the November 2010 re-enactment of the 1865 Grand Review in Harrisburg. Jackson also received the 2010 John Harris Award from the Historical Society of Dauphin County, and currently resides in Harrisburg.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Anyone who is interested in the history of the United States Civil War is encouraged to attend. For additional information, contact Richard Burton at (717) 545-2336, or email him at: sylvan7216@verizon.net. You can also reach Jack Thomas at (717) 766-1899, or e-mail him at 668artcsgept@live.com, or visit the Roundtable's website: www.hersheycwrt.org.

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Lower Swatara Twp. Police News

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

Vandalism at Georgetown Park

Police received a report of vandalism at the Georgetown Park some time April 27. The caller said vandals damaged a park rules and regulations sign, carved letters into a picnic table, and attempted to set fire to table.

No damage estimate was available. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact the Lower Swatara Twp. Police at 717-939-0463.

Criminal Mischief at Jednota Building

Police received a report of a broken front door at the Jednota building on Rosedale Ave.

During a check of the building on April 26 officers also found a window had been broken and several outside lights damaged. The property owner did not provide an estimate to repair the damages.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Lower Swatara Twp. Police at 717-939-0463.

DUI crash

Robyn M. Clark, no age reported, of the 100 block of Ulrich St., Royalton, was charged with DUI, DUI-high rate of alcohol, and careless driving.

The charges were filed following Clark's arrest following a crash in the 2000 block of W. Harrisburg Pike about 6:40 p.m. March 9.

According to police, Clark was

driving a Chrysler 300 that struck a Jeep Wrangler on the passenger's side door.

The driver of the Jeep, Sandra Salinas, no address reported, was taken to Hershey Medical Center for minor injuries, police said.

Clark, who complained of neck and back pain, also was transported to the Medical Center for treatment.

Clark had a blood-alcohol level of .12 percent, police said.

Clark's vehicle had to be towed from the scene, police said.

Bridge hit by tractor-trailer

A tractor trailer struck the Ann Street bridge and fled the scene, according to a witness. The incident reportedly took place on April 27 at 12:42 p.m.

A caller gave police a partial license

plate number of 6710GA on a green and white plate.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Lower Swatara police at 717-939-0463.

Dog citations

Richard K. Benjamin, 60, of the 2000 block of Brentwood Drive, Middletown, was issued citations for failure to have a dog licensed and vaccinated against rabies, police report.

The citations were filed after the dog allegedly attacked a man walking his dog in the 2000 block of Mountain View Rd. on April 17 at 7:51 p.m.

The victim's dog suffered a cut above its eye and the victim suffered injuries to his hands when he attempted to separate the dogs, police said.

Students of the Month

MIDDLETOWN AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Ryan Perez, son of Mark and Jennifer Perez, was named Middletown Area High School Rotary Student of the Month for May.

Perez appeared on the distinguished honor roll and has played tennis for four years.

Perez plans to attend Elizabethtown College to major in medicine, with hopes of entering the medical profession.

"I am very honored to be chosen for this award," Perez said.

"As a student I have always worked hard and tried my best, but to be recognized by my school is an honor," Perez said.

Sarah Orris, daughter of Tom and Beth Orris, was named Middletown Area High School Rotary Student of the Month.

Orris participates in field hockey, National Honor Society, Link Crew,



Ryan Perez



Sarah Orris

and is treasurer of Key Club.

She also volunteers at Royalton Senior Center and works parttime at Clark's in the Hershey Outlets.

Orris plans to attend Elizabethtown College on an academic scholarship

to study occupational therapy.

"It's a great honor [to be named student of the month]," Orris said. "and will be something I always remember about my high school years," she said.

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In accordance with the provisions of the Election Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and amendments thereto: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NOMINATIONS are to be made for the following Offices at the ensuing Municipal Primary to be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., prevailing time in various Election Districts in the City of Harrisburg and the County of Dauphin, Pennsylvania, via:

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RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VOTING ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED ACT (P.L. 98-435)

THE MUNICIPAL PRIMARY IS MAY 17, 2011. IN THE PAST, THE STAFF AND CONCERNED CITIZENS OF DAUPHIN COUNTY, UNDER THE AUSPICE OF THE DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, HAVE SPENT EXTENSIVE TIME IN TRYING TO MAKE ALL POLLING PLACES IN DAUPHIN COUNTY ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED AND ELDERLY OR PEOPLE WITH CERTAIN PHYSICAL DISABILITIES. IF YOU FEEL YOU ARE ASSIGNED TO AN INACCESSIBLE POLLING SITE, CONTACT THE DAUPHIN COUNTY BUREAU OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS AT (717) 780-6360 ON HOW TO RECEIVE AN ALTERNATIVE BALLOT.

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4TH PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	DERRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 248 E. DERRY RD. HERSHEY PA 17033
5TH PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	HERSHEY LIBRARY 701 COCOA AVE. HERSHEY PA 17033
6TH PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY 1720 E. CARACAS AVE. HERSHEY PA 17033
7TH PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF HERSHEY 330 HILLTOP RD. HUMMELSTOWN PA 17036
8TH PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	BROWNSTONE MASONIC TEMPLE 215 W. GOVERNOR RD. HERSHEY PA 17033
9TH PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	CREST OF HERSHEY 220 CRESCENT DR. (CLUBHOUSE) HERSHEY PA 17033
10TH PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	COCOA BEANERY 1215 RESEARCH BLVD. HUMMELSTOWN PA 17036
11TH PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	BROWNSTONE MASONIC TEMPLE 215 W. GOVERNOR RD. HERSHEY PA 17033
12TH PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 850 HILL CHURCH RD. HUMMELSTOWN PA 17036
13TH PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF HERSHEY 330 HILLTOP RD. HUMMELSTOWN PA 17036
14TH PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	HERSHEY HEIGHTS 2151 GRAMERCY PL. (COMMUNITY RM.) HUMMELSTOWN PA 17036
15TH PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	LOWER DAUPHIN MIDDLE SCHOOL 251 QUARRY RD (AUX. GYM) HUMMELSTOWN PA 17036

HIGHSPIRE BOROUGH 1ST PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	CITIZENS FIRE HOUSE 272 2ND ST. HIGHSPIRE PA 17034
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1ST PRECINCT & 2ND PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	HUMMELSTOWN FIRE CO. #1 249-251 E. MAIN ST. HUMMELSTOWN PA 17036
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3RD PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE NISSELY DR. & ROSEDALE AVE. MIDDLETOWN PA 17057
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2ND WARD 2ND PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	LYALL J. FINK SCHOOL 150 RACE ST. (REAR LOBBY) MIDDLETOWN PA 17057
3RD WARD 1ST PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	FREY VILLAGE 1020 N. UNION ST. MIDDLETOWN PA 17057
3RD WARD 2ND PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	LIBERTY FIRE CO. #1 ADELIA & EMAUS STS. MIDDLETOWN PA 17057

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1ST WARD	ACCESSIBLE	ROYALTON PARK OFFICES DISTRICT COURT 50 CANAL ST. ROYALTON PA 17057
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STEELTON BOROUGH

1ST WARD	ACCESSIBLE	MT ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 3RD ST & S ST. STEELTON PA 17113
2ND WARD 1ST PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH 815 S. 2ND ST. STEELTON PA 17113
2ND WARD 2ND PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 221 S. 2ND ST. STEELTON PA 17113
3RD WARD 1ST PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	ST JOHNS LUTHERAN CHURCH 2ND & PINE STS. STEELTON PA 17113
3RD WARD 2ND PRECINCT	ACCESSIBLE	STEELTON VOLUNTEER FIRE HOUSE FRONT ST ENTRANCE 185 N. FRONT ST. STEELTON PA 17113
4TH WARD	ACCESSIBLE	I.W. ABEL HALL 200 GIBSON ST (BALL PARK ENT.) STEELTON PA 17113

THIRD WARD

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tion, a stampede of fiscal frustration and steely determination that swept a new majority into office.

Two years later, the frustration has subsided, the stampede dissipated. Five candidates are competing for three council seats in the primary on Tuesday, May 17, while a fourth seat has drawn the interest of only one candidate.

"There's not the anger, not even the alarm, that there was last time," said John Patten, a former councilor and chairman of Middletown Citizens for Responsible Government, the grassroots group that formed in 2009 to elect a new majority.

A cap on the amount the borough adds to residential electric rates and a \$1.4 million savings on what Middletown will pay to purchase power for resale, plus a few smaller cost-saving measures in borough operations, have quelled the demands for change, said Patten.

Council is even studying whether to close the communications center or cut costs in its operation to save money.

"Elected officials are more concerned about electric rates and did a good deal about it," said Patten. "It's not as big an issue this time around."

In fact, Patten has shut down his grassroots group, spending the last \$200 it had in its bank account on a borough hall reception for an interim borough manager the new majority hired in 2010.

Still, there are a few residents moved by the cost of electricity and government spending. In the Third Ward, incumbent Mary Heister, a former Middletown Citizens standard-bearer who has steadfastly pushed to continue capping the mark-up the borough places on residential rates, is one of three Republican candidates for two council seats.

Republican challengers John Brubaker and Sue Sullivan still lament the high



Heister



Sullivan



Brubaker

cost of electricity and question some of the borough's spending.

"I'm disappointed that there haven't been that many changes made - it seems like we're doing an awful lot of spending," said Sullivan, an administrative assistant in the audits department at Three Mile Island.

And the cap on residential charges is fine, but it doesn't lower the actual rate, said Brubaker, who is retired from TMI.

"I still don't like the cost of electricity," he said. "It's time the people of this town were taken care of."

In the First Ward, incumbent Republican Scott Sites has worked with Heister to come up with a program to award rebates and tax abatements to homeowners and landlords who improve the insulation of their homes to save power. The idea is "in its infancy," Heister has said, but it's one of the things that council is doing to ease the burden of the cost of electricity, said Sites.

"We've kept electric rates stable or lower with the cap, and there hasn't been any tax increase, either," he said.

His opponent, Republican Mike Bowman, criticizes borough spending, from the cost of added security to the borough building - visitors must check in with dispatchers in the borough's communications center who unlock doors and elevators to allow access to upstairs offices - to the cost of renovating the former Behney Building to house the borough's electric

department.

"We need to do something with spending - it's apparent everywhere in the United States except Middletown," said Bowman, a landlord who owns several rental properties. "We spend money on any damn thing they can find to spend money on."

Brubaker said he tried to enlist others in both parties to run for council and the Middletown Area School Board in this primary. While some insisted they were still concerned about electric costs and government spending, none agreed to run, he said.

"Everybody wants to discuss the problem, but nobody wants to do anything," said Brubaker. "I don't know if the people have just given up or what."

They haven't given up - they simply are satisfied that the current council is working to solve problems, said Patten.

"I think they feel the issues have been discussed, which they hadn't been before," he said.

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Press And Journal Photo/Debra Schell

Among the honored guests at the parade was the 2011 state champion Steel-High girls' basketball team. The athletes were honored during the ceremony at Veterans Park. Steelton Mayor Tom Acri and Highspire Mayor John Hoerner read proclamations honoring the team during the ceremony.

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and quoted others who called him "a good kid."

The ceremony was held after the conclusion of the annual Steelton Borough Veterans Appreciation Parade, which traveled along Front Street.

Acri and Highspire Mayor John

Hoerner presented this year's state champion Steelton-Highspire girls' basketball team with proclamations congratulating the team and its coaches on winning the state championship.

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FIRST WARD

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records.

"In my opinion, it's rather gutsy to want to put people like that in a position to run a town where the major source of revenue is taxes," said Sites. "To be a delinquent tax individual ... that isn't someone I would want to be running the borough for me."

In March, it was Bowman questioning "who and what we have sitting here"

on council. During a March 8 council meeting, he stood up and read a list of summary offenses to which Sites and two other councilors pleaded guilty in district justice court between 2000 and 2009.

Sites pleaded guilty to two summary offenses - a harassment charge and a charge of disregarding a traffic control device - in 2001, according to court records.

Fenbow no longer exists - the other partner moved to Florida, abandoned the limited partnership and went bankrupt, said Bowman.

Bowman and his wife own seven other Middletown properties listed in their name, and the real estate taxes are paid through 2011, county records show.

"Is Fenbow running for office?" said Bowman, a landlord. "I have done nothing in this town except fix up properties. I have invested my entire life in Middletown. All the money I had went into Middletown. Still goes into Middletown."

Middletown's real estate taxes are high - among the highest in the county, Bowman said - and he is critical of government spending.

"We have to cut expenses," said Bowman. "You can't keep raising the damn electric rate and taxes."

Taxes did not go up in 2011, said Sites, and Middletown expects to save about \$1.4 million in the purchase of electricity this year. The borough purchases electricity from a wholesaler,

County Technical School. Einhorn is the chairman on the finance committee and serves on Middletown Borough's planning commission. He's also a board member of the Greater Middletown Economic Development Corporation.

• **Terry Gilman**, 50, is seeking a second term. He is a community involvement manager for First Energy in Reading.

Gilman served eight years on Middletown Borough Council in the 1990s before serving on school board.

Gilman currently serves on the athletic, finance, and building and grounds committees for the district.

Gilman holds a bachelor of arts degree, specializing in science and education.

• **Barbara Layne**, 65, a retired nurse, is currently the board's president, has



Bowman

"I have done nothing in this town except fix up properties. I have invested my entire life in Middletown. All the money I had went into Middletown. Still goes into Middletown."

Mike Bowman
Republican candidate
First Ward

then resells it to make money.

"The citizens are pretty happy, I believe," said Sites. "The reputation of negativity isn't as bad as portrayed."

Bowman said he's legally blocked from taking over the properties in the limited partnership, calling Sites' criticism "dirty pool."

"He's a do-nothing, he's a know-nothing, he's a damn kid," said Bowman. "Mike Bowman isn't in any financial trouble in Middletown."

Bowman questions the connection between M&T Bank, which has done business with the borough, and Sites, who worked as a branch manager for the bank. "I don't get it - I don't understand why stuff goes like this," said Bowman.

Even though Fenbow failed to pay its taxes, "This is America, and he has the right to run," Sites said of Bowman.

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ough Council meetings and frequent critic of that board's spending policies, is laying the same criticisms at the school board.

"I feel they [school board members] have their head in the sand, and are proud of it," he said.

Here is a brief introduction to the candidates:

• **Gordon A. Einhorn**, 57, is seeking his third term on the school board.

Einhorn, is an attorney who works for Thomas, Thomas, and Hafer based in Harrisburg.

He serves on the district's personnel committee and is a delegate to Dauphin

served since 2003.

Layne sits on several committees including athletics and the Olmsted Recreation Board.

Layne served on borough council for 12 years in the early 1980s and served as mayor for a year in the 1990s.

• **Pamela Price**, 58, has been a board member since 2005 and also spent 15 years on school boards in Western Pennsylvania.

Price serves on the personnel committee and is chair of the academic affairs committee.

She is employed as director of board development services for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

• **Michael Richards**, 53, has been on the school board for more than 12 years and serves on the building and grounds and athletic committees.

Richards, who has experience in building construction, assisted the district in construction of the middle school.

He is a maintenance manager at Three

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Concert

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Sports



Softball

Key to Raiders' 3-1 win? Defense

By Tom Klemick
For The Press And Journal

The last time Middletown and Harrisburg met the Cougars rallied from five runs down in the final two innings to pull off an improbable comeback victory and stun the visiting Blue Raiders.

Nearly one month to the day of that heartbreaking loss, Head Coach Michael Thomas' team made sure its early lead would not be relinquished this time around.

Behind a strong outing from ace PITCHER Kateri Albers and some excellent defense, the Raiders topped Harrisburg 3-1 on Thursday, May 5 and picked up their third straight division victory.

After a quiet first inning, the home team got things going in the bottom of the second. Sarah Gossard laid down a bunt single and Emily Mattes moved her along to second base. Charlie Wolfe followed it up by singling down the first base line and bringing in Gossard to give Middletown a 1-0 lead.

Wolfe was aggressive on the base path; stealing second and advancing to third on an errant throw. Kirsten Hrobak walked to put runners on first and third for lead-off hitter Emilee Ernst. She launched a high, fly ball down the right field line and the Cougar fielder was unable to make the catch. Wolfe and Hrobak were off at the crack of the bat and scored easily to cushion the lead to 3-0.

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Photos by Paul Hrobak

Megan Houser, above, gets the out at first in the Lady Raiders' 3-1 win over Harrisburg, May 5.



Emily Mattes, left, applies the tag for the out at home.

Baseball

Mercy rule ends 11-1 loss to Falcons

By Larry Etter
Press And Journal Staff

The Middletown varsity baseball team slipped to two games under .500 after losing two of three games last week.

On Monday the Blue Raiders came out on the short end of a 12-6 decision at Palmyra and, on Friday the team was handed its worst defeat of the season, 11-1, at Lower Dauphin.

In between, the Raiders rolled to a 13-3 victory at Harrisburg for their sixth win of the year.

Scheduled games with Steelton-Highspire and Milton Hershey, along with make up games against Mechanicsburg, Shippensburg and Halifax,

were set for this week to close out the regular season.

Hoping for a few more wins to finish up the schedule, the Raiders were still in the hunt for a postseason playoff berth entering this week.

Palmyra 12, Middletown 6

As has been the case all season, the Blue Raiders were victimized by a big inning as the Cougars scored 7 runs in the second on Monday en route to a 12-6 win.

The Raiders scored a run in the top of the first to take the early lead before the Cougars erupted for the 7-run outburst in the second stanza,

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Middletown Raiders' T.J. Bechtel attempted to tag Falcons' player Brad Ebersole, unsuccessfully, during the Friday night game. i

Soccer

Falcons cruise to 8-3 win

By Lauren Scott
For The Press And Journal

The Lower Dauphin girls' soccer team mimicked last month's performance with a big 8-3 win over Palmyra Area Friday, May 6.

But the win did not start out easy as the girls struggled to connect during the first 15 minutes of play.

The Lady Cougars put themselves on the board three minutes into the game when Katelyn Koser's pass to Meagan Miller swept passed LD goalie Taylor Alwine.

The Falcons sought to answer the goal minutes later when strong offensive passes down the field set up a goal attempt that was blocked by Palmyra.

It was not until Caity Fox connected off a Hunter Bracale that LD got on the scoreboard.

Two minutes later, Madison Julius's pass to Ree Miller allowed her to swim around the Cougar defense to add another goal.

Both teams had shot attempts over the next 10 minutes, but a give-and-go pass from Fox to Alanna Dunkle allowed the ball to creep behind Palmyra's goalie to give the Falcons the lead.

With five minutes left in the half, Fox fed a pass to Bracale who went one-on-one with Palmyra's goalie and won to give the Falcons a 4-1 lead.

A minute later, Palmyra answered when Meagan Miller's pass to Madison Good allowed Good to sneak the ball into a small hole left by the Falcon defense.

The 4-2 lead was extended with 1:20 left in the half when Delani Higgins assisted Bracale's second goal of the night.

Coach Shellee Copley noticed the girls' inability to connect in the early part of the game calling their early performance "lackadaisical." Palmyra's choice of defense helped the Falcons, Copley said.

"The played a risky flat three, [which] didn't work. [It was] like a hayday for us because of our speed," she said.

Three minutes into the second half the game was delayed by lightning, but LD continued to score after the

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Softball



Photos By Chris A. Courogen

Lower Dauphin pitcher Megan Donlan delivers a pitch during the Falcons' May 5 loss at Big Spring. Donlan came on in relief of starter Casey Alcorn, who took the loss.

Big Spring breaks Falcons' win streak

By Chris A. Courogen
For The Press And Journal

For three innings Thursday afternoon in Newville, the Lower Dauphin softball team looked like its usual dominant selves.

Then the wheels fell off the Falcons express.

Big Spring banged out five home runs, including a pair by Ashley Baker, to hand LD a 12-4 loss, the Falcons' first setback of the season.

After spotting the Falcons an early 3-1 lead, the Bulldogs batted around in their six-run fourth, then added three more in the fifth, and two in the sixth.

"For four innings it was a good ballgame," said Lower Dauphin coach Steve Alcorn. "We fell apart in the fourth inning."

Two of Big Spring's homers came in that disastrous fourth, but it was the Falcons' three errors that proved to be their demise. Only TWO of the six runs were earned.

"We didn't expect it to be a slugfest, but they have a good hitting team. They have some great hitters," said Alcorn. "We had three errors in that inning, too. You can't play that way and expect to beat good teams."

Big Spring is just that, too – a good

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team. In fact, the Bulldogs are a very good team.

Entering this week, Big Spring sat at 13-2 overall, 10-1 in the tough Mid-Penn Conference Colonial Division. With a win Wednesday when they host division co-leader Greencastle-Antrim, the Bulldogs would clinch the title, setting up a possible rematch for Lower Dauphin in next week's Mid-Penn Conference championships.

Before Lower Dauphin can set its sites on the Mid-Penn Championships, though, it has to navigate what will easily be the toughest week of its schedule, starting with a Monday night game against Commonwealth Division champion Central Dauphin.

The Falcons will close out the week, and the regular season, Friday with the rescheduled Falcon Softball Classic, which will bring Greencastle-Antrim, Commonwealth runners-up Chambersburg, and District 6 power State College to Hummelstown.

Lower Dauphin will face State College at 4 p.m. in the first round of the tournament, which was originally rained out back on April 16. The winner will meet the Greencastle-Chambersburg winner in the finals. The losers will meet in the consolation game.

Alcorn is hoping the loss at Big Spring will motivate his team as it heads into the final stretch of the regular season, and on into the postseason.

"Hopefully the girls' back halves are chafed a little about this and they

will come out and play hard," Alcorn said.

Truth be told, despite the lopsided final margin at Big Spring, the Falcons had their chances. Take away the errors and toss in a timely hit or two and the result easily could have been reversed.

Lower Dauphin had runners on base every inning against Big Spring ace Pastor, one of the top hurlers in the conference. The Falcons had eight hits off Pastor, four for extra bases, including a Casey Alcorn home run and a pair of doubles by Krista Hoffman. Kelly Gourley also doubled off of Pastor.

But the Falcons left eight runners on base, six in scoring position, including four left on third base.

"That is huge. You keep putting pressure on somebody and finally, sometimes, you can wear them down," Steve Alcorn said. "We just couldn't get the big hits when we needed them."

Despite the non-division loss, Lower Dauphin clinched its fifth straight Mid-Penn Keystone Division championship with wins in its four division contests last week.

Lower Dauphin 7, Susquehanna Twp. 1

The Falcons broke open a close May 2 game with four runs in the top of the seventh inning to complete a sweep of the season series with the Indians.

Elaine Gross went 2 for 4 and drove in four runs, three with a bases clearing triple in the seventh. Every Lower



Photo by Chris A. Courgen

Lower Dauphin's Krista Hoffman rounds third en route to home during the sixth inning of the Falcons' May 5 loss at Big Spring.

Dauphin starter had at least one hit.

Megan Donlan picked up the win in relief of starter Casey Alcorn. Donlan entered the game with the Falcons down 1-0 and the bases loaded in the bottom of the second and stranded all three runners, then allowed just one hit while striking out nine the rest of the way.

Lower Dauphin 10, Harrisburg 0 (6 innings)

Donlan allowed just two hits as the Falcons clinched the division title with a win in game one of a May 3 doubleheader with the Cougars.

Lower Dauphin 8, Harrisburg 3 (5 innings)

In what might have been a harbinger of what was to come at Big Spring, the

Falcons committed three errors and left Harrisburg hang around before putting them away with four runs in the fifth inning of the nightcap.

Monique Vernouski, Katie Moosic and Donlan combined to scatter four hits for the Falcons.

The game was called in the bottom of the fifth after Harrisburg's pitcher was injured and the Cougars' coach elected not to continue.

Lower Dauphin 7, Middletown 1

Vernouski and Moosic combined on a three-hitter as the Falcons finished a perfect 12-0 in the Keystone Division.

Alcorn went 3 for 4 with a triple to lead the Lower Dauphin attack.

Soccer

Raiders go 3 for 3

By Greg Pickel

Press And Journal Staff

Three games on three consecutive days is usually not a good sign for success in a week that included two match-ups with division foes.

But after the dust settled with a victory on Senior Night – the final home games for Hannah Jorich, Tiler Hurst, Alexis Fox, and goaltender Emileigh Lloyd who led a strong four-year campaign – Middletown finished the week 3 for 3, bringing them within a win of having a .500 record on the season.

Middletown 4, Palmyra 1

Four Blue Raiders scored goals, and Megan Carroll had two assists as Middletown blasted Palmyra 4-1 at Palmyra.

Jordan Arnold, Jess Shipkowski, and Hannah Jorich opened the floodgates in the first half, building a two-goal lead at the break off Jordan's unassisted finish, and the later two off Carroll assists. Madison Ruby tacked on a goal late in the half, beating goalie Lloyd (6 saves) for the lone time on the evening.

Brittany Zavoda finished the scoring, beating Palmyra keeper Rebecca Rizzo (10 saves) with a blistering shot from the 18 that gave Middletown an extra insurance goal they never needed.

"It was a good way to start the week, and it's always good to have so many different goal scorers," Middletown Coach Chris Hunter said.

Middletown 3, Susquehanna 1

Quick starts have been a catalyst Middletown has used all season to

turn early leads into victory, and that formula worked to perfect at Susquehanna Twp. Thursday night, as Zavoda, Tiana Blanding, and Carroll scored in the first half.

Middletown never looked back in a 3-1 victory.

Anna Bailey scored the lone goal for the Indians (6-11), as keepers Lloyd for Middletown and Alaina McDonnell each had eight saves and Middletown improved to 5-7-1.

Middletown 9, Susquehanna 0

If there ever was a night for celebration, it was Senior Night.

Seven Blue Raiders scored in a game that was never close, as Middletown celebrated the final home game of their four seniors.

"Hannah, Emileigh, Tiler, and Alexis have all been big parts of this program for four years, and their contributions have been huge," said Hunter of his four seniors departing after this season. "Their leadership has hopefully helped to make the transition smoother on the field for next year."

Carroll opened the scoring three minutes in on an assist from Carroll. Middletown scored at will the rest of the way, getting goals from Blanding (2), Jorich (2), and Maggie Verbinski off a Taylor Snavelly assist to build a 6-0 lead at the break.

It was more of the same after the half, as Morgan Ayala, Hurst, and Kelly Templeton scored a goal apiece in the second half to reach the margin of victory.

"It was a good way to end the week, and now our fate is in our own hands," said Hunter, whose team needs a win against Bishop McDevitt Monday to be in position for a playoff spot.

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30-minute intermission. Dunkle added two goals with assists from Fox and Julius. The two goals gave the Falcons a 7-2 lead.

With 12 minutes left LD knocked in their final goal of the night, which was answered in vain with one minute left by Palmyra's Madison Good.

With the win, the Falcons improve to 14-3 on the season, 10-2 in their division.

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Soccer

McDevitt dashes Raiders' playoff hopes

By Greg Pickel
Press And Journal Staff

It doesn't take long for Bishop McDevitt's junior forward Kelsie Maloney to make an impact with the ball at her feet. She doesn't need a lot of space, either.

And with 17 minutes to play in the first half, Maloney, who has 56 goals on the season, had plenty of both as she calmly dashed any hope of Middletown making it to the 2011 District 3 Girls AA soccer playoffs. McDevitt tacked on two insurance goals in the second half to comfortably defeat the Lady Raiders 4-2 Monday night at City Island's Skyline Sports Complex.

"It's a tough way to end, that's for

sure," said Middletown skipper Chris Hunter, who's team piloted admirably through the Mid-Penn Keystone division, but ultimately will not have enough points to earn a playoff spot this season.

"We had quite a few chances, and just weren't able to tuck them away," he said.

Deadlocked at 1 after Megan Carroll's goal just under two minutes into the game, Maloney, received the ball at midfield and dribbled through three Middletown defenders before beating keeper Emileigh Lloyd (10 saves) to give McDevitt a 2-1 lead heading to the break.

A first half injury to midfielder/defender Jess Shipkowski limited Middletown defensively, and their lack

of depth showed in the second half, as Maloney scored again 15 minutes in, and Katie Smith tacked on the fourth goal of the night before Carroll gave Middletown a brief glimpse of hope with a goal with 9:21 to play.

"Losing Jess was huge because we aren't incredibly deep defensively since two of our defenders (Alexis Fox and Kayla Weaser) were lost to injury earlier in the season," Hunter said. "And to ask our girls to play a full 90 minutes in a game like this; it's a tough situation."

Middletown had numerous chances to even things in the first half, as defender Morgan Ayala and freshmen Brittany Zavoda and Jordan Arnold missed chances high and wide to even things up.

Set pieces were also a combination of near misses, a part of the game that has been vital to the Raiders this season.

"We had nine corner kicks, and didn't convert on any of them, and that hurt us," Hunter said.

Middletown will finish their 2011 season slate with a matchup with Biglerville, but even with a win the team would have a sub-500 record of 7-8-1, not enough for a playoff berth in a league dictated by power points and power ratings.

"We really improved from day one and our freshmen really played well when they were asked to, and that came early on in the season," Hunter said. "We'll try and end with a win on Friday, and build from there."

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"We are very confident every time we go out on the field now. I'm so proud of how far they have come and we need to build on this momentum. We have to keep winning and keep this momentum going for playoffs."

Michael Thomas
Head Coach

DEFENSE

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Albers followed the offensive outburst with a 1-2-3 third inning. She continued her solid pitching as the game wore on, barely breaking a sweat until the fourth inning when Harrisburg managed runners on the corners with one out. A situation like that can be nerve-racking for some coaches, but Thomas is as confident in Albers and the girls behind her as any skipper in the Keystone division.

"Our defense won the game today," he said. "Like I said from day one, we have one of the best defenses in the league. Kat has been pitching awesome this year so Coach Kadee Brinser and I don't worry about jams or even when Kat is down 3-0 on a batter. We know she'll come right back and challenge that hitter."

His confidence proved justified when Mattes, his catcher, threw down to third to catch the lead Cougar runner leaning off the bag and nab a crucial second out. Albers calmly fielded a bunt from the next batter to escape the inning unscathed. But even that sequence couldn't top the web gem that came two innings later.

It wasn't until the sixth that Harrisburg threatened again and when Albers started to bend, the defense behind her refused to break. Thomas described the flawless right fielder-shortstop-catcher relay:

"A Harrisburg player hit a shot to right center," he said. "Charlie Wolfe made a perfect throw to Mackenzie Trafka who then threw a dart to Emily Mattes at home to tag the runner out and turn a potential home run into an out. Plays like that really pump a team up."

The Raider bats went quiet late in the

contest and failed to add to the early lead. So when the Cougars rallied in the final inning and cut the deficit to 3-1, there was no reason to doubt their ability to replicate a comeback similar to the one they pulled off just a few weeks earlier.

But with two outs and a runner on first, Wolfe made sure history wouldn't repeat itself by squeezing a fly ball in foul territory to record the final out and secure the victory. When asked if this win meant more after the letdown of the first meeting with Harrisburg, Thomas couldn't deny his satisfaction.

"You don't want to call it a revenge game but when you know you should have beat a certain team the first time you go a little harder the next time to make sure you get the victory," he said.

Middletown won three straight outings before finally falling to undefeated and league-leading Lower Dauphin on May 6. The Raiders sit at 8-6 and are very much in the thick of things in the Keystone standings. After winning just five games a year ago, Thomas and his girls are knocking on the postseason door.

"We are very confident every time we go out on the field now," said the skipper. "I can honestly say there were times when I could see in their eyes that a certain play got the best of them and the heads would start to hang. Now if they make a mistake they smack their glove, say 'my bad' and get ready for the next play. I'm so proud of how far they have come and we need to build on this momentum. We have to keep winning and keep this momentum going for playoffs."

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PSU Softball

'Coach of the year'

PSH's softball coach Tonya Degler honored by NEAC

By Scott Duncan
For The Press And Journal

Gansevoort, NY • The North Eastern Athletic Conference announced the South Division regular season award winners in Women's Softball.

Penn State Harrisburg Coach Tonya Dengler was selected by her peers as NEAC South Division Co-Coach of the Year. Dengler's team won a record 21 games this season.

Sharing the honor with Dengler is Penn State Berks head Coach Mandy McClune.

Penn State Harrisburg's Kara Boyd

(Juniata Valley) was named as the Player of the Year. Boyd, a pitcher/outfielder, finished the season with a .598 batting average, 33 RBIs, 34 runs, 67 hits, nine doubles, 10 triples, two homeruns, a .884 slugging percentage, nine walks, 14 stolen bases, and a .638 on-base percentage.

In the field, Boyd had 18 putouts, 23 assists, four errors, and a .911 fielding percentage.

At the plate, Boyd had a 6.46 ERA, with 100 innings pitched, 72 earned runs, 80 strike outs, and kept opponents to a .298 batting average.

Boyd was also name first team

all-conference as both a Pitcher and Outfielder.

She was joined on the first team by Macy Francioni, who was selected based on her performance as a Utility player. Francioni was fourth on the team with a .333 batting average.

The Lady Lion's were also represented on the second team by Christi Renno (East Juniata) and Rachel Vettori (Palmyra Area) at second base and third base, respectively.

Renno lead the team in walks and was second with a .376 batting average, while Vettori was third in runs scored with 22.

PSU Baseball

Three named to all-conference team

By Scott Duncan
For The Press And Journal

Gansevoort, NY • Three members of Penn State Harrisburg's baseball team were selected for the North Eastern Athletic Conference West Division

All-Conference team.

Junior T.J. Houseal (Donegal) was named to the first team as an Outfielder. Houseal recorded a team high batting average of .342 and converted on 19 of 23 steal attempts.

Nick Knull (Cedar Cliff,) and Josh

Kefauver (Northern York,) were selected as third team members at the position of shortstop and catcher, respectively.

Null lead the team in slugging percentage (.394) and doubles (7), while Kefauver was tied for second in runs batted in (13).

Game Schedule

Wednesday, May 11, 2011
Boys Baseball
Middletown vs. Milton Hershey, 4 p.m.
LD at Spring Grove, 4 p.m.
Girls Softball
Middletown at Milton Hershey, 4:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 12, 2011
Boys Baseball
LD at Spring Grove, 4 p.m.
Middletown vs. Shippensburg, 4 p.m.
Steel-High vs. Milton Hershey, 4 p.m.
Boys Volleyball
LD at Cedar Cliff, 7:15 p.m.
Girls Lacrosse
LD vs. Cedar Crest, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 13, 2011
Boys Baseball
Middletown at Halifax, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 14, 2011
Track and Field
LD, Middletown
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Monday, May 16, 2011
Boys Volleyball
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Monday, May 2, 2011
Girls Softball
LD 7, Susquehanna Twp. 1
Middletown 9, Palmyra 0
Boys Baseball
LD 11, Susquehanna Twp. 0
Palmyra 12, Middletown 6
Susquenita 10, Steel-High 0
Boys Lacrosse
Chambersburg 15, LD 10
Girls Lacrosse
Cumberland Valley 16, LD 7

Tuesday, May 3, 2011
Boys Volleyball
LD 3, Mechanicsburg 1
Girls Soccer
Hershey 3, LD 2
Boys Track and Field
Boiling Springs 107, Middletown 43
Girls Track and Field
Boiling Springs 110, Middletown 36
Boys Baseball
East Penn 13, Steel-High 0
LD 16, Harrisburg 1
Girls Softball
LD 10, Harrisburg 0
LD 15, Harrisburg 0

Wednesday, May 4, 2011
Girls Soccer
Middletown 4, Palmyra 1
Girls Lacrosse
Hershey 11, LD 9
Boys Track and Field
Susquenita 186, Middletown 64

Thursday, May 5, 2011
Boys Baseball
LD 11, Big Spring 3
Boiling Springs 12, Steel-High 0
Middletown 13, Harrisburg 3
Boys Lacrosse
Ephrata 16, LD 3
Boys Volleyball
LD 3, Hershey 0
Girls Soccer
Middletown 3, Susquehanna Twp. 1
Girls Softball
LD 12, Big Spring 4
Middletown 3, Harrisburg 1
Boys Track and Field
Palmyra 97, LD 53
Girls Track and Field
LD 84, Palmyra 66

Friday, May 6, 2011
Boys Baseball
LD 11, Middletown 1
Steel-High 4, Camp Hill 3
Girls Soccer
LD 8, Palmyra 3
Middletown 9, Susquenita 0
Girls Softball
LD 7, Middletown 1

Saturday, May 7, 2011
Boys Lacrosse
Cumberland Valley 9, LD 4

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EDITOR'S VOICE

All we need is love?
It's here, in Middletown



"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."
1 John 3:17-18

Nearly 1 in 10 residents of the Middletown area live below the poverty level – \$22,190 a year for a family of four.

At a time when Christianity is too often represented by its mentally twisted adherents – Fred Phelps of Westboro Baptist Church and Terry Jones, the Quran burner come to mind – it's refreshing to be able to report on a community that understands its faith's core teaching: love. It's a simple concept – followers are called to care for the poor, the prisoner, the diseased. And that is the goal of ecumenical outreach programs like Middletown's Human Needs Fund. The organization operates a food bank and a thrift shop, and provides emergency rent assistance and even housing.

In the last two years, the need was exacerbated by the recession, said the Rev. Don Potter, pastor of the Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown at Union and Water streets and a leader in the HNF.

The economy has improved since last year, Potter said, "However, there are still a lot of needy people in Middletown, and there will always be those who are sick or just down on their luck who also need assistance."

According to the website city-data.com, nearly 1 in 10 residents of the Middletown area live below the poverty level - \$22,190 a year for a family of four (2010 Census data).

The economy also pushed the Harrisburg region's unemployment rate to 7.3 percent, up nearly four percentage points from pre-recession days, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The Human Needs Fund wasn't immune to financial losses during the hard times either. That's why the group staged a unique fundraiser last year – a concert featuring choirs from five local churches. The Interfaith Ecumenical Choir Concert shocked organizers by raising more than \$2,200, twice what they expected.

The concert will be repeated at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 22, at Wesley United Methodist Church on Ann Street. Last year about 300 people turned out for the show. Here's hoping this year's concert will be just as popular and that those who attend will be just as generous when the plate is passed.

Perhaps the Interfaith Ecumenical Choir Concert could become a yearly event.

PUBLISHER'S VOICE

The keen spirit of Mr. Reid



Bob Reid's decision not to seek re-election for mayor prompted a dazzling display of memories for me.

First meeting with then-First Ward Councilman Bob Reid came thanks to Elaine "Susie" Graybill. That took place at John's True Value Hardware located at the Downtown Mini-mall off Brown Street. It was my first introduction to his passion to serve.

Subsequent meetings took place during my time reporting the goings on with Middletown Borough Council. Bob's doggedly pursued equity of services for residents of his ward while maintaining respectability for the entire borough.

Without a doubt Bob's decision to move from councilman to mayor was supported by his determination to safeguard our town – two shining examples of his spirit and courage.

The first was his repeated "Middletown will be heard" and resolute demands for answers during the 1979 accident at Three Mile Island. The world did listen.

The second may not have been as grand but I believe it certainly punctuated his commitment to remain in touch with town residents. At the corner of Main and Vine streets, where Nissley Motors was located, and during some of the busiest traffic times at that intersection, Bob set up a lawn chair and sign that proclaimed "I'm Your MAYOR. Talk to me!" A grassroots effort. Very simple, yet effective and respectful.

The years have passed during which Bob left local offices, retired from teaching, ran the show as court administrator at the Dauphin County Courthouse and then stepped back into the race and the mayor's seat in town. We've had our differences but those are just a small part of the strands that are woven into a beautiful tapestry.

So I'll ever see Bob sitting in a lawn chair at Main and Vine on a sunny afternoon waving to passersby. And as with most of my reflections, this one will be highlighted with music – in particular, Dave Brubeck's "Take Five."

A reminder that the Middletown Public Library's spring book sale is under way. Remember these dates and times – better yet, cut this out and post it on your computer, refrigerator, mirror:

- Wednesday, May 11, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Thursday, May 12, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (HALF PRICE SALE)
 - Friday, May 13, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (HALF PRICE SALE)
 - Saturday, May 14, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (\$2 A BAG SPECIAL)
- The library's at 20 N. Catherine St. Phone: (717) 944-6412.

Job well done to Bill Darrah for last week's photo of Middletown's Brendon Parkhill. Bill's shot of Brendon's pitching fire was incredible. Want to see it again? Go to www.pressandjournal.smugmug.com and click on 5-4-2011 Edition Photos in the Galleries section.

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READERS' VIEWS

For whom the press polls: Not for me

Editor,

This sentence was taken from the April 27 Press And Journal article, "Voters could decide comm center's fate": "A recent poll on the Press And Journal's website showed respondents overwhelmingly supported the closure of the center, while a previous survey of Middletown residents showed overwhelming support to keep it open, councilors said."

This article concerned the continuing (and, some might say, unending) controversy about the cost of the Middletown Communications Center and the possibility of placing the issue of closing it or keeping it open on the ballot in November as a binding referendum.

I have several concerns about the article, but first and foremost is the implication in the above quote that the website poll actually means anything.

In fact, this poll was referred to in a previous issue in the Editor's Voice column as persuasion to convince the Borough Council to close the communications center. I almost wrote this letter at that time, but decided not to since it was, after all, the editor's opinion. However, when I saw the poll referred to again in a front page news article, I could no longer keep silent.

The polls that the Press And Journal run on the website are called, in statistical terms, voluntary response polls. To truly gauge what the Middletown community thinks of the communications center, the Press And Journal (or other entity) would need to do one of two things:

- Get an opinion from every individual in the population of interest (just regis-

tered voters perhaps, or perhaps all adult residents 18 and over), which is called a census.

- Procure a representative random sample of the population of interest.

The first method would enable one to know with certainty the wishes of the community (assuming truthful responses), but would be difficult and time-consuming to conduct. The second choice, done by a reputable research firm or other persons who have knowledge of how to conduct a statistical sample, will not

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assure 100 percent certainty, but would provide a confident estimate of the community's opinions.

Every time a newspaper or television news service, such as CNN, does a call-in or website poll, I cringe. At least, to CNN's credit, before they reveal the results of whatever poll they have taken, they will say, "The results are not scientific."

The problem is that most of the public do not understand that statement anyway and think the poll results actually mean something. The only information a voluntary response poll reveals is the opinions of those who respond to the poll. They do not estimate the opinions of those in the population of interest. That is, the Press

And Journal's specific polls which are conducted on its website only reveal the opinions of those who respond to them, not the opinions of the Middletown community as a whole.

I do not have any information on the other survey mentioned in the quote above, so I cannot speak to the accuracy of it. If it was done with a statistically generated representative random sample of Middletown residents, then I would trust the results within a reported margin-of-error. If it was conducted similar to a "man-on-the-street" convenience sample, then its results are just as worthless.

Right or wrong, the people in Middletown who chose to vote elected the current Borough Council members. The council has been discussing this issue and has gathered data about it several times for many months now. (In fact, the whole issue of keeping or eliminating the communications center has come up off and on for many years.) The council should now do what they have been elected to do – evaluate the information they have gathered about the workings of the communications center, weigh the pros and cons, and make an informed decision.

I implore them not to make a decision based on unscientific polls or surveys.

I also hope a decision will not be made through a referendum vote as it could very likely end up being made by people who have not heard all the facts and will vote on emotion instead of knowledge.

Kay A. Baxter
Hershey

The writer is a 1971 graduate of Middletown Area High School.

FRANK RYAN

Lead, follow or get out of the way



The entire budget debate on Capitol Hill and at the White House is a charade.

To put the \$61 billion in budget cuts in perspective, consider that we could save \$38 billion alone by putting the entire federal budget of \$3.8 trillion on a credit card. The 1 percent cash back on the credit card gets us most of the way there.

What the White House and Congress do not understand is that if they do not get this one right, then watch out in 2012. Our unemployment numbers will swell by the legions of politicians voted out of office.

Our citizens know this debate on the deficit is insanity but apparently only a few in Washington get it.

It is now time for the White House and all 535 members of Congress to either lead, follow or get the hell out of the way.

While our Constitution delegates the budget to the House of Representatives in Article 1, Section 9, Clause 7, true power to set and define budgets rests with those who hold a nation's debt.

Congress has surrendered its Constitutional responsibilities by placing our nation in great peril with relentless spending.

The projected budget deficit for 2011 is \$1.6 trillion. The federal deficit is over \$14 trillion. This is not funny any longer. Not that it ever was.

Where are the economists in this debate? Where were the economists in 1999 when financial analysts were saying, "Earnings no longer matter, we are in a new economy?"

Where were the CPA's (I am one) in 2005 when Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac joined with Wall Street to create the scam known as the housing bubble? Where was the education system in this country when economic nonsense was treated as economic fact?

Reality is reality. You cannot legislate your way into fiscal responsibility. Keynesian economics espouses that governments can balance economic cycles better than the free market. His theory came out in 1936 at the height of the Depression.

The economic theory for the coming Depression will be Ryan economics: "Spending just for the sake of spending is not stimulating to an economy."

Spending does not stimulate when debt is excessive. The very fiscal policy which gave the false impression that the economy can be manipulated by the government is going to be the cause of the greatest fiscal implosion in history.

When businesses fix prices we call it anti-trust. When government fixes interest rates in some misguided effort to stimulate the economy we call it monetary policy.

When governments spend to manipulate an economy, unintended consequences surface such as growth in entitlement programs, unrestrained growth in government programs, and reallocation of funds from future generations to the current generation.

Let's face it, price fixing is price fixing. Just because it is the government doing it does not mean that it is logical or will be effective.

As someone who has spent time in seven different nations that have undergone rapid and dramatic change, I can assure you

that government has no major fix that the consumer and business do not have. The difference is that the free market system is at least rational. Government spending is legislated.

To effectively resolve the current debacle, Congress must stand firm. The deficit ceiling must not be increased. The debt ceiling must be dropped. Our nation must reduce spending.

We must become energy independent. Exporting dollars and related tax revenues to the Middle East makes no sense.

We must develop a meaningful program to reduce regulatory compliance costs. In addition to the drain on our economy, the compliance costs merely encourage employers to export jobs.

We must develop a sound health care policy. Health insurance is not health care. Health care reform is critical to our society to give our citizens the opportunity to live a healthy and prosperous life. Repeal Obama Care and enact real reform by seeking guidance and expertise from medical providers, not lawyers.

The Federal Reserve must be subjected to audit and provide Congress with a clear sense of its financial risk.

This nation must adopt financial self-discipline before it is subjected to financial discipline by those who hold our debt. Cosmetic budget cuts will not solve our nation's debt woes. Real change is required to right our county.

Frank Ryan is a CPA from Lebanon who specializes in corporate restructuring and lectures on ethics for national and state CPA societies.

Church

Evangelical United Methodist Church Middletown

What is more pleasant than entering into the presence of the Lord? We welcome all who come to join in the worship of God. "Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation." Psalm 95:1.

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

The ministries scheduled at Evangelical United Methodist Church from May 11-17 are always open to everyone seeking a deeper experience with Jesus.

Wed., May 11: 6 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous speakers meeting; 6:30 p.m., Senior Choir rehearsal; 7:30 p.m., Intercessory Prayer Group.

Thurs., May 12: 5:30 p.m., Girl

Scout meeting; 6:30 p.m., Mission and Outreach Committee meeting.

Sun., May 15: 9 a.m., Sunday Church school, with classes for all ages. Seekers Choice Coffee House, free, all are welcome. Adult Sunday school devotional leader for May: Bill Harris; 10:15 a.m., worship service. The worship center is handicap and wheelchair accessible. Nursery Helpers: Ethel Angeloff, Mike Harris. The altar flowers are given in memory of wife and mother Sarah Shellenhamer presented by Ed and family. This week's bulletins are sponsored in memory of Myron I. Kuhn by the family; 11:30 p.m., Refreshments and fellowship time; Youth cookout; 6 p.m., Youth Fellowship.

Tues., May 17: 8:30 a.m., Volunteers will travel to Mission central; 5:30 p.m., Girl Scout meeting.

First Church of God Middletown

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

Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. Adult classes offer Bible studies and electives. Classes are available for the Youth, (grades 6-12), Frog Pond for grades 1-5, Kindergarten Class (ages 4-5), Toddler Class (ages 2-3), and Nursery (infants to age 2).

Wednesdays: Join us for supper at 5:45 p.m. and Wednesday Night Live classes for all ages at 6:30 p.m. Classes being offered are: Adult Bible study, Mugs and Muffins (Ladies), Craft Class, Keyboarding 101, The Book Club, Balancing Politics and Faith, Meeting the Spirit, Lifebuilder Bible Study, Fitness Class, Spanish Bible Study, Youth Class, Children's Classes

- age 4 through 5th grade, Nursery for infants through age 3.

Thursdays: 8 a.m., Breakfast Club Bible Study; 6 to 8 p.m., the Sunshiners gather weekly for a time of Christian fellowship, teaching and worship. They are a group which exists to meet the spiritual needs of persons who are developmentally challenged.

Daily Devotional Blog: Middletown-COG Daily: www.middletowncog.blogspot.com.

Latino Congregation: Betesda Casa de Misericordia, CCGC, 245 W. High St., Middletown. Servicio Evangelistico: Domingos 1:30 p.m.; Estudios Biblicos 6 p.m.; Contactos: Ricardo and Jeanette Perez 717-333-2184 or Caleb and Christina Acosta 717-490-6495.

For additional information call the church office at 944-9608 or e-mail us at mdtcog@comcast.net and check out our Web site at www.middletowncog.org.

Open Door Bible Church Middletown

"Be ready for me to come." Matthew 24:44

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

Our May 15 Sunday worship service commences at 10:45 a.m. with a 9:30 a.m. Sunday school hour with classes for all ages; children from ages 4 through second grade are welcome to participate in Junior Church during the morning worship service; we also welcome you to join us at our 6:30

p.m. service. Childcare is provided for children under age 4 during all services and classes. Join us for a fellowship luncheon following the morning service.

Wed., May 11: 7 p.m., Patch the Pirate Clubs for ages 4 through grade 6, and Prayer meeting.

Tues., May 17: 9:30 a.m., Ladies' Bible Study.

For more information call the church office at 939-5180 or visit us online at www.odbcpa.org. Better yet, come worship with us in person.

Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown Middletown

We welcome all of you to come to worship with us on May 15, the 4th Sunday of the Easter season, at 10:30 a.m. At 9:15 a.m. is Sunday school for the children and also an Adult Forum class in fellowship hall, about a hearing check-up.

Fri., May 13: 1 p.m. Sunset Golf Course, all golfers are needed. Proceeds will benefit the 2011 Middletown Human Needs Fund. For more info call Shirley Newhart at 944-4322.

Camp Krislund, near State College, is gearing up for a full summer season of outdoor recreation, fun and growing in faith. Parents are urged to pick up a Krislund brochure from the bulletin board by the Morrow Room. A complete list of ages, camping events and costs are included. Registrations fill up quickly so don't delay!

Sat., May 14: Bass Pro Shop cookout at the cookout stand outdoors provided by the Fellowship members. Visit Bass Pro and eat at the cookout stand outdoors.

Mon., May 16: 11 a.m., Staff meeting; 7 p.m., Stewardship/Finance Commit-

tee meeting.

Wed., May 18: Come join us for a combined picnic with SAGE and PET SET of Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church at noon. The menu will include a wonderful picnic fare and great dessert for a cost. Registration and payment is due by May 15. Checks should be made payable to the church. Bingo will follow lunch with some great prizes. Bring your friends and come.

Sun., May 22: 9:30 a.m., Annual Christian Education Appreciation breakfast in fellowship hall. RSVP to Erika Lauffer at 944-4322, deadline for reservations is May 15. No class time.

Mark your calendars for July 28, 29, and 30. These are the dates for taking photos of church members/friends for a new 2011 Church Directory. More information will follow but mark the dates now. This is a project of the Evangelism Committee.

For further information contact the church office at 944-4322 or check our website at www.pcmtd.org.

Middletown Schools

Lunch prices to rise 10 cents

By Debra Schell
Press And Journal Staff

Middletown Area School District students will see a 10-cent increase in school lunches next year, according to district officials.

The increase is needed to cover federal mandates that require schools to increase the amount of healthy foods they offer students in addition to incorporating more physical activity programs, said David Franklin, assistant to the superintendent for finance and operations.

The Health and Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 provides schools with partial funding, Franklin said.

"In the act, school districts are required to increase the cost of lunch programs until federal funds are available to cover the additional costs," Franklin said.

"There is a provision in the act which indicates that the charge for paid lunches cannot be less than the reimbursement for free lunches,"

Lunch prices

Under the new pricing plan, 2011-12 school lunch prices will be as follows:

Elementary: \$2.10-\$2.60
Middle School: \$2.25-\$2.85
High School: \$2.35-\$2.85

Franklin said.

The act increases funding to schools by 6 cents per meal beginning in the 2012 year to meet the nutritional standards.

The increase is the first in 30 years, Franklin said.

The lunch costs do not come out of the district's general fund budget and will not increase the deficit, Franklin said.

The act requires schools to:

- Ensure free water is available during meal service.
- Develop menus that ensure half of the grains offered each week are whole-grain rich, increasing to 100 percent in two years.
- Serve only fat free and low-fat milk.
- Increase fruit and vegetable portions.
- Lower the sodium content in the food served to students.

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Kolb, Kulp, Culp, Family Reunion

The 84th annual reunion of the Kolb, Kulp, Culp, family will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. at the Lower Skippack Mennonite Church, Evansburg & Meetinghouse Roads, near Skippack, Pa., where the first immigrant Kolbs, sons of Tielman Kolb, settled, worshipped and are buried.

We are looking forward to our reunion on June 12, getting together at 12:30 p.m. and lunch at 1 p.m. As we have in the past we encourage you to bring a side dish or dessert to add to our traditional "groaning board." The wonderful recipes that exist within our family make this a way to share our heritage and creativity with one another. We ask that you please call Ruth Oberholtzer at 215-699-3940 or e-mail ruthoberho@aol.com. address: 209 S. 5th St., North Wales, PA 19454 by May 29. Let her know how many will be attending so we can plan the food accordingly. We are having the pie contest this year, and we hope to have a variety of pies from the bakers in our Kolb-Kulp-Culp family:

2 p.m., Program Introduction - Stuart Kern, President; Report of Treasurer - Mark Moyer;

Report of Nominating Committee & Election of Officers; Awarding of Prizes - Harold R. Kulp; Remembrance of our Religious Heritage; Devotions in Pennsylvania German; Tribute to Deceased Members; Report of Genealogy. "Researching the Wolfshelm Kuls" by Glenn H. Landis

"Updating Researching George Michael Kulp Line" Glen Kulp.

Program: Speaker Alan Keyser - "Open Hearth Cooking, Baking, and Smoking," Allan has studied Pennsylvania-German material culture in the field for 45 years. He has written extensively on the Pennsylvania-Germans, including co-authoring Farming, Always Farming (Pennsylvania-German Society, 1987). Keyser has been a guest curator for exhibits at the Schwenkfelders Library & Heritage Center and the Mennonite Heritage Center, including the exhibit "Grandma's Kitchen." His programs for historical organizations have included flax processing, early fastnachts, baking in a beehive oven and the Pennsylvania Dutch and their barns.

At past reunions we have sung the "Schnitzelbank Song" (a repetitive learning song that uses Pa. Dutch words for common items). If you have a favorite word item in Pa. Dutch that would add to the list in the song, please bring it along.

Glenn Landis, our genealogist, has created an excellent website for our family just type in <http://kolb-kulp-culp.org> for the general Kolb-Kulp-Culp site and The Reunion page is <http://kolb-kulp-culp.org/annualreunion>. He will present an update on family information. If you have questions, Glenn Landis and Glenn Kulp will be available through the reunion to help you.

Benediction: 3:30 p.m. Adjournment.

If you have questions or need assistance, place contact: Grace F. Muscarella, e-mail: gracefreed@aol.com or Mark Moyer, 1521 Franklin St., Apt. 2, P.O. Box 1181, Kulpville, PA 19443, e-mail: vampyre46@verizon.net.

Kulp tapes, tiles, T-shirts, and genealogical books will be on sale.

The First Kolb Brothers To America - By Glenn H. Landis, Lititz, Pa.

In early 1707, three Kolb brothers of Wolfshelm, Hess, Germany, set out on an ad-venture that most of us can barely imagine. They were the sons of Mennonite parents,

Dielman Kolb and Agnes Schumacher, and they were seeking a home where they would be free to worship and to make a living as they best saw fit. Their grandfather Peter Schumacher had preceded them in 1685, but he died in 1707, the year of their arrival. Peter Schumacher had been a Mennonite, but he had converted to the Quaker faith.

Martin (1680-1761) was the oldest of the three and probably brought a wife Joannes.

The next in line, born in 1683, was single and would seem to have been the most ad-venturous of the brothers was Jacob (1685-1739). He would marry three years later in the new country. Two older brothers stayed behind in Germany. Heinrich would follow two years later with his wife and three children, and Peter, a bishop in the Mennonite Church, died in Mannheim, Germany in 1727. A fifth and younger brother Dielman Jr. would follow in 1717.

Johannes, Jacob and Martin arrived in Germantown in 1707 but did not join the other

Mennonites at the Germantown Church until 1708. A 1708 listing of members shows Johannes and Jacob as single men and Martin as married. By 1710 the three brothers would own adjoining farms in Skippack and be part of the new Skippack Mennonite Church there.

Johannes was the only one of the five brothers who did not stay in Montgomery County. He sold most of his land in Skippack in 1712 and moved to Coventry Township, Chester County. He paid taxes there until 1735 and then moved to South Carolina by 1737 and sold the last of his land in Skippack by 1739. He joined the Welsh Neck Baptists on the Pee Dee River in South Carolina. There are many Kolbs in the South who are descendants of Johannes.

Jacob was married on May 2, 1710, to Sarah Van Sintern in the Germantown Mennonite Church by Dirck Keyser. Sarah was the daughter of Isaac and Neeltje (Classen) Van Sintern, who had been married in Amsterdam. Isaac Van Sintern was a deacon of the church and had brought his four daughters to Germantown from Hamburg, Germany, in 1700. Jacob and Sarah Kolb moved to Skippack in 1710 and Jacob was chosen as a deacon of the new church at Skippack. Nine children are known, among them "Strong Isaac Kolb," a bishop of the Mennonite Church and Ancestor of many of the local Kolbs. Jacob was killed in an accident with a cider press beam, on October 4, 1739 and buried at the Skippack Mennonite Church.

Martin was ordained a minister of the Germantown Mennonite Church in 1708, but was soon to become part of the new Skippack branch of the church. He married his second wife Magdalena Van Sintern, on May 19, 1709, in the home of her father Isaac Van Sintern. She was a sister of Jacob's wife Sarah, and would eventually become the family historian for the Van Sintern descendants. Martin and Magdalena had seven children, and many of their descendants are buried at the Skippack Church.

The Kolb brothers, including older brother Peter, who was a Mennonite Bishop at Manheim in Germany, were very influential in the early Mennonite Church, and their descendants can be found in all the Mennonite Churches of the Franconia Conference in Pennsylvania, though many have moved on to other areas and denominations.

Society News

Gratz Historical Society upcoming events: May 21 - Saturday opening of the Society Museum, Noon to 4 p.m.; May 26 - Annual One Room Schoolhouse Program near Erdman, Pa. This is an opportunity to see the very well-preserved early 1900s one-room schoolhouse owned by the Society, 6 p.m.; June 23 - Monthly meeting at the Sitlinger Building on the "History of the Gratz First Company," by Celin Sitlinger, 7 p.m.; August 25 - Annual Gratz Historical Society Picnic on the grounds. Bring a covered dish, 6 p.m.

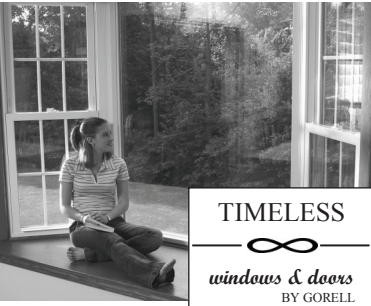
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Can you believe we are facing mid-May already? School kids, what is the countdown? Seniors, are you ready to graduate?

Teachers, are the kids bouncing off the walls yet? Hang in there, summer is around the corner.

I hope each student does their job to keep putting forth their best effort so the teachers can do their jobs.

In the meantime, say some kind words to your teachers and let them know you appreciate that they care so much, because you know, they do.

Have an awesome week and get out in the garden and plant something beautiful. Let me know your news to share and enjoy spring.

Birthdays

Birthday balloons will be flying for Bob Wierman of L.S. today, May 11. Hope your day is sunny and full of joy.

Happy 22nd cake day to Amanda Wagner of L.S. today. Hope your day is the best.

Happy cake day to Linda Hammaker of L.S. She celebrates on Thursday, May 12. God bless you Linda.

Ken Romberger will hear the birthday song on May 12. Hope your day is wonderful Ken.

Happy quarter-of-a-century birthday to Pat Green of L.S. His big day is May 12. You deserve a day of smiles and fun.

Happy 24th cake day to Anna Perrelli of L.S. She celebrates her day on May 12, too.

Happy 15th birthday to Paul Mahalik of L.S. Make the most of this Friday the 13th celebration day Paul.

Gwen Martz of L.S. also celebrates her confetti-popping day on May 13. Hope your day is full of well wishing and maybe some surprises.

More cake for the Hammakers. Clark turns another year older on May 14. Hope your entire weekend is relaxing and enjoyable.

Lauren Heagy marks her 20th happy birthday on May 14. Enjoy enjoy enjoy!

Best wishes for a wonderful decade-old birthday to Timothy Nevil of L.S. Enjoy being in the double digits and have a terrific May 14.

Happy birthday greetings are sent to Amy Carpenter Burghdorf of L.S. on May 14. I hope 36 wonderful things happen to you on your day.

Here is a birthday shout out to Tracy Meifert of L.S. Best wishes for a super Sunday May 15th celebration day. Hope the sun is shining for you.

Katie Semic of L.S. marks her frosty-filled day on May 15. Enjoy being 22 and happy spring to you.

If you see Tiffany Mittereder out and about on May 15 be sure to give her a huge birthday greeting. She turns 24 on Sunday.

Shelly Williams turns 25 on May 15. Hope your entire week is full of fun and lots of laughs.

Happy 24th cake day to Brandon Gooding of L.S. He celebrates on May 15. Have a sweet day.

If you see Briana Dunlap in L.S. on Monday, May 16, be sure to give her a loud and cheery birthday greeting.

Anniversaries

Happy 37th anniversary to Tom and Janice Williams of L.S. Their heart day is today, May 11. Have a wonderful day together.

Best wishes for a very special day together to Larry and Angie Crumlich of L.S. They celebrate 28 years on May 15.

Dinner is ready

The Church of God in Middletown will be hosting their monthly dinner on Monday, May 23 at 4 p.m. The menu is Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes, veggies and dessert.

Show Time

For all of you who are up for adventure: Mark your calendar for Oct. 12 to go to N.J. to Hunterdon Hills

Playhouse Dinner Theatre featuring "The Odd Couple" by Neil Simon. If you can't make that one, try "A Playhouse Christmas" on Nov. 27 also at Hunterdon.

Closer to home: celebrate the anniversaries of Joe and Shirley Cribari (60th), Steve and Carol White (50th), and Shirley and Floyd Gutshall (50th), in January 2012. More details to come.

For more information or to sign up for a trip please call Joe Cribari, 564-1059, or Steve or Carol at 943-3770.

Middletown Cemetery

The Middletown Area Historical Society will hold the monthly meeting at the Liberty House Museum above the Middletown Library on North Catherine Street on Monday, May 23 at 7 p.m. The program, "Middletown Cemetery" will be presented by Denise Lahr who has catalogued the people in the cemetery. Everyone is invited to attend. The museum is handicapped accessible. For more information call 944-3233.

Question of the Week

What special teacher would you like to honor?

"Mrs. Barth, she is really fun. We do experiments."— Matt DeFrancisco, 10, L.S.

"Mr. Coffey my math teacher. He breaks the problems down to make them easier to understand."— Adrian Landis, 12, Middletown.

"Mrs. Battenhausen. She is really nice. She used to give us biscuits."— Payton Lescaleet, 13, Royaltown.

"Mrs. Daily. She is nice and special."— Matthew Wagner, 7, L.S.

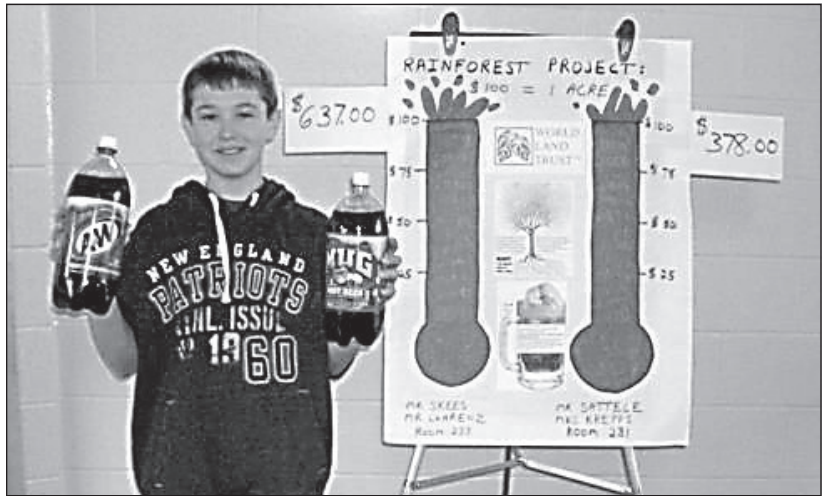
"Mrs. Boyland. She is nice and only yells when she sees a mouse."— Timothy Wagner, 8, L.S.

"Mrs. Barth. She is really funny and interesting."— Katie Kellogg, 13, L.S.

Proverb for the Week

"Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles, lest the Lord see it; and be displeased and turn away His anger from him. (24:17-18)

Middletown Schools



Submitted photo

Blake Gill sold the most coupons for root beer floats at the class picnic. Proceeds from the sales will be used to buy 1,000 acres of rainforest in Latin America.

Student project works to save rainforest acres

Middletown Area Middle School sixth grader Blake Gill was the winner of a class contest to raise money to buy 10 acres of land in a Latin America rainforest.

The geography class project raised more than \$1,000 by selling paper trees and paper root beer floats for \$1. The items will be redeemed at a picnic lunch on June 3.

The class, which is studying rainforests, partnered with World Land Trust US, a non-profit organization that

saved more than 1.7 million acres of rainforest over 21 years of conservation work.

Students will get to choose the rainforest areas they would like to preserve and will receive a certificate from the organization for their efforts.

Giant Food Stores of Middletown and Elizabethtown donated supplies for the picnic.

Teacher Llewellyn Skees and student teacher Wayne oversaw the project.

Wildwood Park Nature Center announces 2011 photo contest

The Friends of Wildwood Lake Nature Center, Inc. are accepting photos taken within Dauphin County's Wildwood Park for its 2011 photography contest.

Photos should reflect wetland habitat, convey the conservation value of park, its role and value in the region, or the importance of keeping the park free of pollution.

Photo categories are: youth (18 and under,) beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Entrants choose the division.

Judging will be performed by a panel of professional photographers. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners in each division. Winning entries

will be displayed at the Olewine Nature Center, other venues and published on www.wildwoodlake.org.

Learn how to mount your photos at a free workshop Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to noon. Complete mounting kits will be available for \$5.

All photographs must be submitted by 4 p.m. Dec. 1.

The official contest rules are available on the website, in the brochure rack inside the Nature Center, or by calling (717) 221-0292. The award ceremony will be held on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012 at the Olewine Nature Center, Wildwood Park, 100 Wildwood Way, Harrisburg.

Red Cross blood drive

The American Red Cross is having multiple blood drives in the surrounding area. If you have any questions you can call the Blood Center at: 1-800-432-8045. Below are a list of dates, times, and locations for upcoming blood drives for anyone interested.

Saturday, May 07, 2011: Mary Gate of Heaven, 188 McKinley Avenue, Myerstown, PA, 17067, (Lebanon) 10a.m. - 3p.m.

Monday, May 09, 2011: Graystone Tower Bank, 3840 Hempland Rd, Mountville, PA, 17554 (Lancaster) 1p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10, 2011: Lowe's, 1755 Quentin Rd, Lebanon, PA, 17042 (Lebanon) 11 am - 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 12, 2011: ITT Technical Institute, 449 Eisenhower Blvd., Harrisburg, PA, 17111 (Dauphin) 10a.m.-3p.m.

Tuesday, May 17, 2011: Zion Lutheran Church, 5 West Main Street, Union Deposit, PA, 17033 (Dauphin) 1p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 25, 2011: Middletown Borough Building, 60 West Emaus Street, Middletown, PA, 17057 (Dauphin) 1p.m. - 6p.m.

Friday, May 27, 2011: Rita's, 4879 Route 209, Elizabetville, PA 17023 (Dauphin) 2p.m. - 6 p.m.



A royal wedding



Photo By Loretta Miller

Michelle Schopf's first grade class at Seven Sorrows School held a "Royal Wedding Celebration" in honor of Kate and Prince William's wedding. They learned about British culture, currency, and discussed the monarchy. A high tea completed the day's events. The royal couple was toasted with their own mini-reception. First grade had, as the Brits say, a "splendid day." Pictured are, from left, Michelle Schopf, Nicholas Corradi, Cody Rosati, and Andrew Coleman.

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Open Park Night



Submitted Photos
Students and volunteers from the Middletown Cheerleaders play a parachute game during Olmsted Regional Recreation Board Open Park Night at Middletown's Hoffer Park on Monday, May 2. The event marks the beginning of warmer weather and sends a message to kids of all ages to "get outside and play," recreation board Director Amy Burrell said.



Barbara Layne, president of the Olmsted Regional Recreation Board, right, and Justin Smith, left, of the Middletown Community Pool Association, present Kimberly Jameson, second from right, and Ayanna Reeves with their winning raffle ticket prize – a family membership to the Middletown Community Pool.



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School-age children receive regular vision screenings, but childhood blindness can start long before elementary school.

Early detection makes treatments more effective, so parents should have their children's vision checked in preschool.

Amblyopia, or lazy eye, is one of the most common disorders detected in young children. Lazy eye, which occurs when one eye is significantly stronger than the other, affects two to three of every 100 children. If left untreated, the weaker eye tends to wander inward or outward, leading to permanent vision impairment.

Any factor that causes eyes to blur, cross or turn out can lead to lazy eye. The most common cause is strabismus, a muscle imbalance that prevents eyes from coordinating their movements.

Congenital problems, like cataracts or oddly shaped eyes, can also lead to lazy eye.

Most of the time, conservative treatments like corrective eyewear, eye patches or eye drops can fix lazy eye. Droopy eyes, crossed eyes or eyes that are fixed outward might require surgical correction. Treatments typically start improving vision after a few weeks or months - if the problem is caught early in life.

Some programs aim to screen young children for vision problems.

For example, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) established a preschool vision screening program in 1999.

Trained volunteers screen children ages 1 through 5. If they see a problem, the volunteers refer the child to an eye doctor.

So far, Lions volunteers have screened 1 million children in the United States and Taiwan. Volunteers refer about 6 percent of the children they see. Of those, approximately 65 percent have a vision disorder that can cause lazy eye.

Parents need to schedule eye screenings. Newborns should have their eyes examined at every wellness visit. Children with a family history of vision impairment, either childhood or adult, should see an eye specialist by 18 months. By age 3, all children should see an eye specialist on a regular basis.

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