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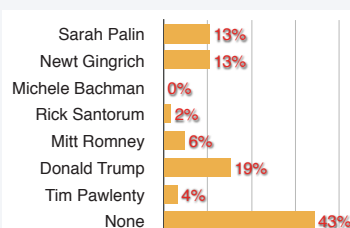
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Quick NEWS

Steel-High approves preliminary budget

The Steelton-Highspire School Board voted 7-2 to approve a preliminary 2011-12 budget with a half mill, 0.5-mill tax increase. The increase will cost the owner of a home assessed at \$100,000 about \$50 more a year. The tax rate will rise from 24.337 to 24.837. Final adoption of the budget was scheduled for June 23.

- Debra Schell

Brown named Steelton manager

Steelton Borough Council named Doug Brown borough manager at the May 16 council meeting. Brown was the borough's secretary treasurer. Brown's salary will remain at \$55,000 per year. Rose Marie Paul, the assistant secretary treasurer will continue to supply assistance, while Brown takes more of an administrative position, he said. "It gives me more administrative authority to approve larger purchases and have more management of different departments," Brown said. The borough has been considering the position for a while, Brown said. "Council is more trusting in me making executive decisions and managing the borough," he said.

-Debra Schell

Press And Journal Holiday Hours

The Press And Journal Office and the Plant will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day. Deadlines for the June 1 edition are as follows: Line classifieds ads, Fri., May 27 at 9 a.m.; yard sales, Fri., May 27 at noon; public notices, Fri., May 27, 10 a.m.; and church news, Thurs., May 26 at noon.



A guide to local Memorial Day services

The following services will be held Monday, May 30 in the Middletown-Hummelstown area:

HIGHSPIRE

Program: Services will begin at 10 a.m. at Memorial Park.
Speaker: Master Sgt. Susan McMurray, of the 193rd Air National Guard. She was raised in Highspire and now lives in Bressler, Swatara Twp.
Other participants in the service include Pastor Sam Cunningham of Church of God, Highspire; state Rep. Ron Buxton,

D-Harrisburg, and the Highspire Community Band.

The Highspire VFW supplied flags for Memorial Park and the monument at Mark and Roop streets.

HUMMELSTOWN

Parade: Parade starts at 10 a.m. at the VFW at the corner of High and S. Hanover streets. From there the parade will go east on High Street, left on Quarry Rd., left on Main Street, and right on Landis Street, to Hummelstown Cemetery.

Parade Marshals: Military, Donald Evans. Civic, Hummelstown Mayor Bradley Miller.

Program begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Hummelstown Cemetery.

Speaker: Lieutenant Colonel John L. Saufley.

MIDDLETOWN

Parade: The parade will begin at 9 a.m. at the MCSO Building on Emaus Street and travel north on Union Street to the Middletown Cemetery on N. Union St.

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Let the sun shine in



Press And Journal Photos By Paul Boger



Middletown Mayor Robert Reid cuts the ribbon on the renovated Community pool, which opens Saturday. He is joined by, from left, Sol Swartz, highway and property department director; Amy Burrell, director of the Olmsted Regional Recreation board; and Lower Swatara Twp. commissioners William Leonard and Robert Loych, who also serves on the recreation board.

Rhen to hold hearing on police conduct

Rhen says committee will subpoena witnesses to testify, meanwhile the D.A. acknowledges another criminal probe of department is under way.

By Jim Lewis
Press And Journal Staff

The Middletown Police Department, the target of two recent federal civil rights lawsuits and now a second investigation by the Dauphin County District Attorney, will be the subject of a public hearing next month by a borough council committee that will subpoena witnesses to testify.

Council's public safety committee will hold the hearing at 7 p.m., June 9, in council's chambers, and will issue subpoenas to a yet-to-be compiled list of witnesses in an investigation into conduct in the police force, said Councilor David Rhen, the committee's chairman.

Rhen and other chairmen of council committees have the power under the Pennsylvania Borough Code to subpoena witnesses to testify at committee hearings. If a witness refuses to show up, the borough secretary is required by law to notify Dauphin County Court, which could order the witness to testify if it believes the witness is "legal and competent," according to the Borough Code.

Witnesses who lie during such hearings can be punished for perjury, the Code says. News of the hearing surprised Police Chief Keith Reismiller. "Mr. Rhen has never said one word

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MIDDLETOWN SCHOOLS

Taxpayers get a break, increase cut to 1.6%

By Debra Schell
Press And Journal Staff

Middletown Area School Board found more expenses to cut from its 2011-12 budget and it's passing those savings on to taxpayers by reducing a proposed real estate tax increase by 4 percentage points.

By a 7-0 vote, the board approved a preliminary budget that will raise real estate taxes 1.6 percent, less than the state index for the district. The district initially projected a 10

percent tax increase, then lowered it to 5.68 percent.

The new rate will cost the owner of a home assessed at \$100,000 about \$33 more a year, said David Franklin, assistant to the superintendent of budget and operations.

The reduction was made possible, in part, by the furlough of eight kindergarten aides, a move expected to save the district \$230,000 in wages and benefits, Franklin said.

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High schools ready for 2011 graduation day

ELIZABETHTOWN AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Elizabethtown Area High School will hold its 2011 graduation ceremony Thursday, June 9, at 7 p.m., at Lancaster County Bible Church, 2392 Mount Joy Road, in Manheim. Doors to the atrium will open at 5:45 p.m. Auditorium doors will open for general seating at 6:15 p.m. with the orchestra beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Valedictorian: Not available at press time.

Salutatorian: Not available at press time.

Speaker: Not available at press time.

LOWER DAUPHIN HIGH SCHOOL

Lower Dauphin High School will hold its 2011 graduation ceremony at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at The Giant

Center in Hershey.

Valedictorian: **Adeline Answine.**

Salutatorian: **Benjamin Welkie.**

Speakers: The valedictorian and salutatorian are the main speakers. Comments will also be made by Superintendent Sherri Smith, and other school administrators.

MIDDLETOWN AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Middletown Area High School will hold its 2011 graduation ceremony at The Forum in Harrisburg, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 9.

Valedictorian: **Taylor Barrett.**

Salutatorian: **Tracy Witmer.**

Speaker: District Judge Michael Smith.

Smith was a Swatara Township Police Officer for 27 years and retired from

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Main jumps from window carrying a pound of pot.
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Keep it? Get rid of it?
On the issue of whether to keep or get rid of the old building, the town's residents have a say.
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Historic Mansion House burns
Since the early 1900s the building has been a tavern that quenched the thirst and appetites of Middletown families and workers.
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Reporters Debra Schell and Garry Lenton won a first place Keystone Award for their coverage of the Mansion House Restaurant fire in August 2010.

Journal receives 5 Keystone Awards

By Press And Journal staff

The editorial staff of the Press And Journal won five Keystone Press Awards from the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association. The awards were presented at the PNA's annual conference in State College for work published in 2010.

"Receipt of five Keystone Press awards is an honor for the Press And Journal's editorial team, Garry Lenton, Jim Lewis, and Debra Schell," said Joseph Sukle Jr., publisher of the Journal. Lewis won two awards - Distinguished Writing, second place; and Sports Story, second place, for a feature about the rebirth of Middletown Area High School's cross country team.

Reporter/photographer Schell, and editor Lenton took first place in the General News category for a story about the Mansion House Restaurant fire.

Lenton also received a first place award for editorial writing, and an honorable mention for front page design.

The Press And Journal competes in the largest category for weekly newspapers, which includes the Central Pennsylvania Business Journal, the Philadelphia City Paper, and the York Sunday News.

Entries were judged by a panel of journalists and editors from Oregon.

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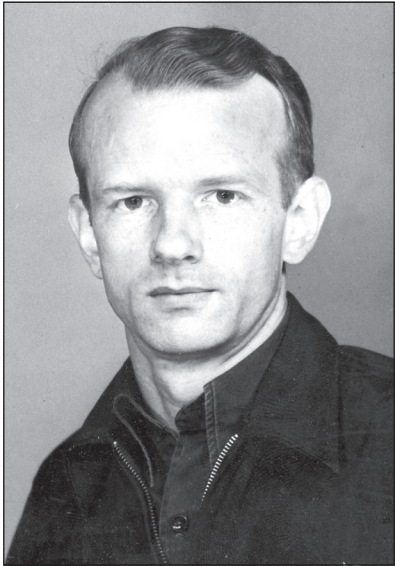
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Obituaries



Ralph Hoover

Ralph Hartman Hoover, 87, of Middletown, passed away on May 6. He was born in Royalton on April 16, 1924 to the late Walter and Marie Hartman Hoover. He was a retired electrical technician for Wayne Electric, Harrisburg; was a Navy veteran, serving as a Pharmacist's Mate, Third Class from September 11, 1943 to May 7, 1946; and he graduated from Royalton High School in 1940. He was preceded in death by three brothers Chester, Charles, and James Hoover. He is survived by one nephew James B. Hoover of Oyster Bay, Long Island, N.Y. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 3, at Hillsdale Cemetery, Middletown. Arrangements by the Hetrick-Bitner Funeral Home, Harrisburg.

Betty Snyder

Betty J. Snyder, 82, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, May 21, at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. She was born on May 25, 1928 in Royalton and was the daughter of the late Ralph and Lillian Neiman Keiffer. She retired as a clerk from the state Department of Transportation. She was the widow of William E. Snyder and was preceded in death by six brothers Robert, Ralph, William, Woodrow, James and John Keiffer and two sisters Grace E. Barrick and Dorothy Stone. She is survived by her daughter

Dorothy Wasdovich

Dorothy H. Hoy Wasdovich, 91, of Middletown, entered into rest on Sunday, May 15, at Frey Village Nursing Center, Middletown. She was born in Harrisburg on September 27, 1919 and was the daughter of the late William F. and Clara B. Voll Hoy. She was a member of St. Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Harrisburg; was retired from the Pennsylvania Department of Education as a mathematics education adviser; was a graduate of the former John Harris High School, Dickinson College, the former Penn State College, the State University of New York at Buffalo, the American Association of University Women National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and Phi Beta Kappa, Zeta Tau Alpha; and was a member-at-large of AAUW, and a member of the New York Gilbert & Sullivan Society. She was the first president of Beta Iota chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma; a charter member of the Harrisburg Bridge Club; the first woman president of the Dickinson Alumni Club of Harrisburg; and she taught classes at the former Highspire High School, the former Camp Curtin Junior High School and the former William Penn High School. She is survived by her husband George Wasdovich of Middletown; and several nieces and nephews. Services were held on Thursday at Frank E. Matinchek and Daughter Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., Middletown. Burial was in East Harrisburg Cemetery. Condolences may be shared at www.matinchekanddaughterfuneralhome.com.

Donald Goodling

Donald E. Goodling, 73, of Middletown, entered into rest on Saturday, May 21, at his home. He was born in Royalton on March 21, 1938 and was the son of the late Alton S. and Helen Kohr Goodling. He was a retired foreman at the former Bethlehem Steel Co., Steelton; was of the Methodist faith and attended Royalton United Methodist Church in his youth; was an Army veteran during peacetime; and was a member of Middletown Anglers and Hunters, and Conewago Rod and Gun Club. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend and he enjoyed the love of his family especially the love he received from his grandchildren. He was the best Pappy in the world. He enjoyed hunting and the time spent cooking for his family and friends at their camp in Potter County. He could always be found eating breakfast at The Brownstone Café with his brothers or daughters and grandchildren. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Judith D. Rhine Goodling; three daughters Lynn M. Goodling, Kris A., wife of Scot Smith, and Judi K., wife of Stephen Little, all of Middletown; two sisters Rochelle J., wife of Herman Still, and Sandra, wife of Barry Snook; three brothers Marlin R., husband of Donna Goodling, Barry W., widower of Margo Goodling, and Alton S., husband of Shannon Goodling, all of Middletown; four grandchildren Samantha L. Ruby, Colton S. Smith, Wyatt C. Smith, and Carli R. Little. He was also very close with his extended family that included many nieces and nephews and their children.



Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25, at Wesley United Methodist Church, Ann & S. Catherine Sts., Middletown, with the Rev. Nancy L. Goff officiating. Inurnment will be at the convenience of the family. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until time of service on Wednesday at the church. Arrangements by Frank E. Matinchek and Daughter Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., Middletown. Condolences may be shared at www.matinchekanddaughterfuneralhome.com.

Shirley Yost

Shirley L. Brinser Yost, 74, of Elizabethtown, passed away on Saturday, May 21, at her home after a lengthy illness. She was the wife of 53 years of the late Edward Yost. Born in Bainbridge she was the daughter of the late King W. and Edith M. Brinser. She was a homemaker and attended school in Middletown and was proud to have been a majorette. She is survived by seven children Sherry L. Gallagher (Timothy) of Mountville, Gwenda K. LeHew (Daryl) of Londonderry Township, Marianne B. Weaver (Tony) of Manheim, Dana M. Thomas (Kevin) of Mount Joy, Wayne A. (Penny) of Elizabethtown, Todd S. (Toni) of Port Orford, Ore., and Steven M. (Sylvia) of Cottonwood, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; her brother William K. Brinser of Elizabethtown; and numerous extended family members. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Shirley's Life Celebration at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 26 at Coble-Reber Funeral Home, 208 N. Union St., Middletown, with the Rev. Donald Walters officiating.



Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery. Viewing will be from 9 a.m. until time of service on Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Dr., P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604. To share your fondest memories of Shirley visit www.lifecelebration.com.

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skills through a worldwide network of clubs. The organization currently has more than 262,000 members in more than 12,500 clubs in 113 countries. Since its founding in October 1924, the organization has helped more than 4 million men and women give presentations with poise and confidence. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit www.toastmasters.org or call 564-1799.

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Capt. Anthony Mench, left, helped coordinate a recent training workshop attended by Highspire Patrolman Jimmy Brown, center, and led by Lt. William Collins, right.

Turning good cops into great cops

By Debra Schell
Press And Journal Staff

Highspire Patrolman Jimmy Brown wants to be a great police officer. He was one of 30 officers from departments in Pennsylvania, New York, and West Virginia who attended a two-day seminar in Swatara Twp. that focused on investigative techniques. Highspire, Middletown, and Steelton police departments all sent officers to the training sessions.

"It is a very informative class," Brown said on Thursday.

"You have to make everything slow down [while at a crime scene]," he said. "Sometimes when people go too fast, mistakes are made. That's what I am trying to learn, how to slow down."

The class, Basic Criminal Investigations for Street Patrol and New Criminal Investigators, was taught

by Lt. William Collins, a retired officer and detective with more than 30 years of experience working on tough cases.

The seminar was held at the Best Western Inn & Suites on Eisenhower Blvd. on May 17, 18 and 19.

The Public Agency Training Council, a nationally recognized police training organization, organized the seminar, which was sponsored by the Highspire Police Department.

The class trained officers on collecting evidence, controlling crime scenes, dealing with interviews, and conducting interrogations.

"I learned different techniques even with taking pictures," Brown said. "You don't just take a picture of an item. You take a picture from the outside looking in."

The class is intense. "Some police officers will see more in eight hours than

others will see in a lifetime," said Collins. "I give them the tools to do their job and get convictions."

When collecting evidence, Collins said, it's important for police officers to follow legal procedures so, when presented to a judge, the evidence isn't thrown out.

The hardest cases are those involving children, said Collins.

"The more experienced you get, the more objective you can be and get the bad guy. Then maybe go to the funeral and get closure, realizing that this is a human being," he said.

Coordinator for the seminar, Capt. Anthony Mench, commended the Highspire Police Department for holding the seminar.

"They are interjecting a huge amount of professionalism into their police department," Mench said.

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Steel-High Schools

School board furloughs 11, most are teachers

Steelton-Highspire approves furloughs, reductions in staff

By Debra Schell
Press And Journal Staff

Steelton-Highspire School Board furloughed 11 employees, 10 of them teachers, reducing the district's expenses by approximately \$700,000, including salary and benefit costs, according to officials.

The move was approved 9-0 by the board and is the district's latest effort to close a \$2.3 million budget gap. Eliminated were an instructional facilitator, two elementary school teachers, a math teacher, business education teacher, social studies teacher, and physical education teacher.

The district also eliminated three special education teachers and an alternative academic center supervisor.

The number of teachers furloughed dropped from earlier estimates because seven teachers retired, said Sue Helms, the district's accountant. Only five teachers were eligible for a retirement incentive offered by

the district.

In April the district proposed elimination of 22 positions.

Currently, the district's student/teacher ratio is 10.6, lower than the statewide average of 12.2 for schools of its size, officials said. Steelton-Highspire's official enrollment is 1,229.

The following teachers and staff were affected by the vote:

Karen Yoder instructional facilitator; Elena Stimmel, elementary teacher; Corie Miller, elementary teacher; Christine Ross, math teacher; Wanda Carricato, business education teacher; Daniel Nauman, social studies teacher; Dustin Smith, Phys Ed teacher; Andrew Erby, special education teacher; Andrae Martin, special education teacher; Brooke Conjar, special education teacher; and Robert Deibler, alternative academic center supervisor.

Most of the district's employees, including administration, secretaries, and janitorial staff, have agreed to a pay freeze with the exception of the teaching staff, said Superintendent Audrey Utley.

Lisa Carricato, president of the district's teachers union, said they are in the middle of contract negotiations and the process hasn't gotten that far yet.

"It is always a possibility," Carricato said.

"At this point we are going back and forth and there is no definite decision," she said.

The district requested that teachers take a pay freeze back in April, said Utley.

"It must go before the members for a vote, and that hasn't happened yet," Carricato said.

Contracts are set to expire on June 30 of this year, she said.

A decision on a pay freeze is unlikely to be decided before the district votes on the budget in June, Carricato said.

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Sullivan, Brubaker, Sites win council race

In Lower Swatara, Frank Linn retains his seat.

By Jim Lewis
Press And Journal Staff

Two local incumbents lost their bids for re-election in a rainy and somewhat ignored primary election Tuesday, May 17, according to unofficial returns.

In Middletown, incumbent Mary Hiester finished third in a race for two Republican nominations to Borough Council in the Third Ward.

In Lower Swatara Twp., incumbent Thomas Clark finished fourth in a race for three Republican nominations to the Board of Commissioners. Longtime incumbent Frank Linn finished first in the race for the Republican

nomination. Linn, who is president of the commissioners, has served on the board for 34 years.

Incumbents held off lone challenger Jack Still for the Republican and Democratic nominations for Middletown Area School Board.

In Middletown's First Ward, incumbent Scott Sites, a bank branch manager, defeated challenger Mike Bowman, a landlord, 84-70 to win the Republican nomination for borough council, with both precincts reporting, according to unofficial returns reported by the Dauphin County Office of Elections and Voter Registration. There were no candidates on the ballot for the Democratic nomination.

In the Third Ward, Hiester, who won a two-year term on council in 2009, received 84 votes, placing her third behind winners John Brubaker and

Sue Sullivan for the Republican party nomination for two seats on council. Brubaker, a retired worker from Three Mile Island, led with 137 votes, while Sullivan, an administrative assistant in TMI's audit department, received 128, with both precincts reporting. There were no Democrats running.

Incumbents swept the five contested seats in the race for Middletown Area School Board. Michael Richards (846 votes), Terry Gilman (825), Barbara N. Layne (784), Gordon A. Einhorn (777) and Pamela M. Price (737) defeated challenger Jack Still (701) for the Republican nominations, with all 12 precincts reporting; in the race for the Democratic nominations, Gilman (363), Layne (359), Richards (347), Price (296) and Einhorn (288) held off Still (275) again.

In Lower Swatara Twp., Linn led a

field of five candidates for the Republican nomination for commissioner with 606 votes, with Mike Davies (558) and Jon G. Wilt (476) also winning the party's nomination, with all four precincts reporting. Clark (249), a commissioner for 19 years, and Jarred Neal (121) failed to win spots on the Republican ballot in November's general election.

Davies is a manager of public relations in the state House of Representatives' Republican Caucus, while Wilt is a retired U.S. Postal Service employee. No candidates appeared on the Democratic ballot for party nominations.

Rainy weather and a lack of contests for high offices – there were many more voters and candidates in the 2009 primary – conspired to keep turnout at the local polls low. At the Middle-

town Fire Department's firehall, only 107 people had voted by 4 p.m., poll officials said. Even a bowl of free Hershey Kisses couldn't lure voters. "It's slow – very slow, and we don't like 'very slow,'" said Vince Varankar, the pool's judge of elections. "I think the weather has a lot to do with it. It's usually slow when there's not a presidential campaign."

Though many local races had no Democratic candidates, write-in votes could produce a Democrat in November's general election. Thirty-two write-in votes were cast for the Democratic nomination for borough council in the First Ward, while 17 were cast in the Third Ward. In Lower Swatara, 136 write-ins were cast for the Democratic nomination for commissioner, according to Dauphin County. The county is expected to count write-ins this week.

CONDUCT

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to me – he's never said 'Hello,' 'Goodbye,' 'Gesundheit,' nothing," said Reismiller. "Nor has he ever sent me one e-mail, one memo, or any correspondence wanting to know anything."

Rhen recently raised questions about police conduct after a civil rights lawsuit filed against Middletown

police and the Dauphin County Drug Task Force for a 2008 drug search was settled for \$100,000 – \$12,500 paid by the borough's insurer and the remainder the responsibility of the county.

The lawsuit was filed by Deana Perry, a resident who claimed she was humiliated during a search of her home when Middletown and task force officers placed a picture of her in her window

near a sticker that proclaimed the home was "Busted." Perry's husband pleaded guilty to possessing a small amount of marijuana, and drug charges against her were dropped.

Deana Perry also charged that officers forced her to sit on a stool in her living room in front of her children and kids she had been babysitting while she was wearing only a T-shirt and panties.

A second lawsuit was filed against two Middletown officers by a man who claimed he was manhandled during a 2009 traffic stop, a charge that the officers have denied in papers filed in U.S. Middle District Court.

District Attorney Ed Marsico said his office currently is conducting an investigation of the department that began a couple of months ago. He would not disclose the nature of the investigation.

Marsico previously had determined that no charges would be filed against a Middletown officer who allegedly showed a female borough employee nude photos of an 18-year-old.

"Our investigation revealed that there was no criminal or evil intent on the part of the officer," said Marsico.

Any complaint against the force has been passed on to Mayor Robert Reid, the department's supervisor, who notifies the borough manager, said

Reismiller. "Everything that was done with these lawsuits was done exactly by the numbers," he said.

Rhen told WHP-TV 21 in an interview after an April 26 council meeting that he was upset by the lawsuits and investigations and bothered that he learned of them through TV and newspaper reports.

His interview drew a stern rebuke from Reid, who oversees the police department. In a letter to Rhen, which Rhen read during a May 10 council meeting, Reid said all complaints about police conduct go through proper channels – the police chief and the District Attorney, if warranted – and that "there is nothing being swept under the rug."

"There are not many cases against the police department as you say," Reid said in his letter. "Any community with a police department in today's 'sue society' is looked upon as a way to get an easy dollar."

While councilors have discussed the lawsuits and investigations in executive session, a majority see no reason to believe there's a problem that must be investigated, admitted Rhen.

"Councilor Rhen is out in left field by himself on this one," said Council President Diana McGlone. "He has not shared any concerns with council, he

has not come to me. He simply goes on television. His statements are not backed up by any facts."

Rhen said he knows he's in the minority on council regarding his concerns. That's why he has scheduled the hearing, which he will lead.

"The majority of the members of council don't see what's going on in the police department as serious, and I do," he said. "It's my way of beginning to get some questions answered."

Reismiller said he thought it ironic that Rhen complained about learning of lawsuits and investigations from the media – Reismiller first learned of the public hearing when a reporter called asking for a comment.

"What he's complaining about, he turns around and does," said Reismiller.

"The doors to this police station are open – he can come down any time he wants," said Reismiller.

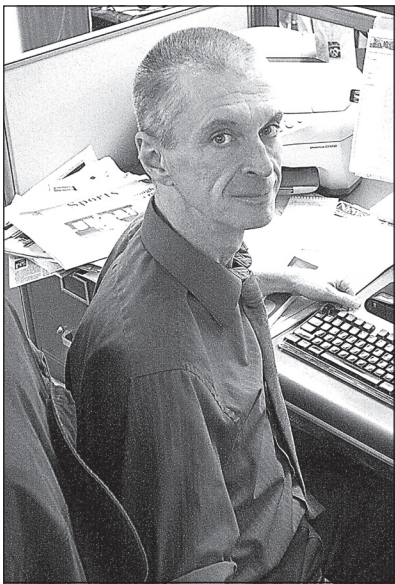
The hearing will be conducted like a court hearing, said Rhen. Only council members on the public safety committee will be allowed to ask questions – Rhen, Barbara Arnold and Mary Hiester, whose husband is a sergeant on the force.

Staff writer Garry Lenton contributed to this story.

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AWARDS

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Jim Lewis

Lewis's award for Distinguished Writing is his fifth. He won four as a reporter for The Patriot-News, where he worked for 20 years.

The Distinguished Writing Award is unique because it is based solely on the quality of writing without regard to circulation category.

Lewis's award was based on three stories – "A Human Puzzle," (April 7, 2010), about a homeless artist who spent several days selling paintings along Route 230; "Like magic they fell in love," (June 9, 2010) a story about a couple who met and married in the Turquoise Bear (the couple separated soon afterward); and "Death Scene," (Dec. 29, 2010), the story of Hollywood silent film actress Helen Twelvetrees who is buried in an unmarked grave in Middletown Cemetery.

Here's the intro to Lewis's Twelvetrees story:

"Helen Twelvetrees lies in an un-

marked grave in Middletown, far from the glamour of Hollywood, where she made movies. She was a leading lady, acting with Clark Gable and John Barrymore, and her name appeared on movie theater marquees all over the world, but now her ashes lie unnoticed in a small plot in Middletown Cemetery, no headstone, no marker, nothing.

"How she got there is a story that sounds like the plot of one of her movies. Desire, love, alcohol, depression. Fame did not bring a lifetime of happiness. Her life was tumultuous."

In the past, Lewis won the award for stories published in The Patriot-News, including a series on the Halifax Area High School football team; an avid cookie baker who was cremated and buried in her cookie jar; a profile of controversial Westboro Baptist Church pastor Fred Phelps; and a feature on a group of men known as the Lost Boys of Sudan.

Lenton's award for editorial writing was based on three editorials – "Silence is betrayal," (July 21, 2010), about racist comments concerning the Middletown Community pool; "Let's talk about suicide, not hide it behind myths," (Sept. 15, 2010), about how secrecy surrounding suicide deaths discourages potential victims from seeking life-saving help; and "Get over it: This cancer campaign saves lives," (Nov. 3, 2010), a response to criticism about the appearance of the Feel Your Boobies Foundation van in the Middletown Halloween Parade.

"It is indeed gratifying to be lauded by our peers," Sukle said. "Community journalism carries responsibilities that are varied and intense. We are proud that our writers and every one at the Press And Journal strive to meet those duties every day through their passion and professionalism."

Links the winning entries can be found at www.pressandjournal.com.

TAX BREAK

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The board approved the proposed 2011-12 budget, 7-0, with expenditures of \$37,046,565 and revenue of \$36,775,012.

The deficit in the proposed budget is \$271,000 and will be covered by the tax increase of 1.6 percent and the one-time use of fund balance, Franklin said.

Expenses were decreased by \$2.2 million and included reductions of services and supplies in addition to the furloughs, he said.

The eight kindergarten classes have about 25 students. Teachers will go without aides for the next school year, Franklin said.

School officials met with kindergarten teachers and classroom aides on Friday to inform them of the furlough decision, Franklin said.

"After the governor's proposed elimination of the Accountability Block Grant [a loss of \$417,000] was announced, the district looked at how the kindergarten program might need to change," Franklin said.

The grant funds 50 percent (\$376,000) of the kindergarten program, he said.

The district considered switching to a half-day kindergarten program, but found the cost wouldn't be eliminated because of transportation of students, said Franklin.

"Much consideration was given to which kindergarten model might

serve the district going forward," said Franklin.

The district's new staffing plan, the additional retirements of support staff, and two administrators moving to support staff positions, created a need for six part-time positions, Franklin said.

In addition to the kindergarten aides, the district furloughed 14 other employees and will lose 10 teachers to retirement, nine of whom took advantage of a buyout offer.

A total 19 employees are retiring this year. They were recognized during the meeting for their cumulative 439 years of service to the district.

"We can replace teachers – but not the experience," said board member David John. "I hope that the new teachers share the dedication that you [teachers] have."

"It is anticipated that the retirements will permit recall of a majority of the professional staff that were furloughed in February," which may happen in June, he said.

Currently the teachers' union and the district are negotiating a new contract. The current one expires at the end of June.

Because of the negotiations, the district decided not to ask any employee group to take a pay freeze, except for administrative staff, Franklin said.

A vote on the final version of the budget will be held on June 23.

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MEMORIAL DAY

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Grand Marshal: District Judge David H. Judy. Judy is a lifelong resident of Middletown, son of Harry H. (deceased) and Jane S. Judy. He graduated from Middletown Area High School (1970), Harrisburg Area Community College (1972), University of Maryland Baltimore County (1974), and received his law degree from Widener University School of Law in Harrisburg (1994).

He served eight years on Middletown Borough Council, including two as president. Prior to being elected Magisterial District Judge, he was the managing partner of a retail business in downtown Middletown. He was elected Magisterial District Judge in 1987 and is currently serving his third term. He is president of the Dauphin County Magisterial District Judge Association. He is a member of the Special Court Judges Association of PA, the Dauphin County Bar Association, and the PA Bar Association. He was admitted to the PA Bar in November, 1994.

Program: The formal program will

be held at Middletown Cemetery on N. Union St. Participants include Middletown American Legion Post 594, Middletown American Legion Post 594 Auxiliary, Middletown Memorial VFW Post 1620, Middletown Memorial VFW Post 1620 Auxiliary, Sons of Union Veterans Col. Elsworth Camp #87, Triune Lodge #307 I.O.O.F., Middletown Area High School Band, Middletown Mayor Robert Reid, and Nancy Goff, pastor, Wesley United Methodist Church.

Speaker: Lt. Col. Terry M. Stahl (retired).

Stahl joined the National Defense Intelligence College Staff in 2008 as holder of the LTG Samuel Wilson Chair for Human Intelligence Collection Operations and has served in multiple assignments as a field-operator/collector, staff officer and unit commander. He served on active duty in the U.S. Army for 23 years where he trained as a counterintelligence special agent and case officer.

His last two military assignments included commander of the human intelligence detachment in Seoul, South Korea, and 12 years as Senior

Army Instructor at the CIA's Special Training Center, mostly in the Middle East.

Stahl's awards include the Army Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Army Commendation Medal (3 awards), Plaque of Honor from the Commanding General of Korea's Defense Intelligence Command, designation as "CIA Certified Instructor," and several performance awards.

GRADUATION

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the department in 2005.

He was appointed to Bob Yanich in the magisterial court and was elected to the post in 2005.

Smith is a 1971 graduate of Middletown Area High School. He holds an associates of arts degree in Police Administration from Harrisburg Area Community College, and a bachelor of science degree in Administration of Justice and Public Safety from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Smith's office serves the communities of Swatara Township, Lower Swatara Township and Paxtang Borough.

STEELTON-HIGHSPIRE JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Steelton-Highspire High School will hold its 2011 graduation ceremony at The Forum at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 5.

Valedictorian: **Jessica Kehler.** Kehler plans to attend George Washington College in Maryland and major in political science. She played volleyball and softball for Steel-High and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Kehler also served as a junior member of Highspire Borough Council and was recently appointed as a full council member.

Salutatorian: **Karan Joshi.** Joshi was born in India and attended Steel-High

since his junior year.

A member of golf team, chess club, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, and National Honor Society, Joshi plans to major in biology at Harrisburg Area Community College and transfer to a four-year college for a bachelor's degree.

Speaker: Zack Moore, a 1990 graduate of Steel-High.

Moore teaches at The Pennsylvania State University.

He served as the legislative director for former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum and was responsible for the development and implementation of the senator's legislative agenda, supervising 20 legislative staffers.

He also served as director of special projects for Santorum and founded a government consulting practice that represents corporations, universities, public authorities, and other entities before the federal government.

A native of Highspire, Moore earned a bachelor of arts degree in International Politics from Penn State in 1994. He lives in State College with his wife Jean and their two children.

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The Press And Journal Office and the Plant will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day. Deadlines for the June 1 edition are as follows: Line classified ads, Fri., May 27 at 9 a.m.; yard sales, Fri., May 27 at noon; public notices, Fri., May 27, 10 a.m.; and church news, Thurs., May 26 at noon.

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Basketball day camp

The 2011 Bob Schlosser Basketball Day Camp for boys will be held June 27 through July 1 for boys entering grades 3 through 10. The camp will be held at Mt. Calvary Christian School in Elizabethtown and will be directed by Bob Schlosser, head men's basketball coach at Elizabethtown College.

There is a discount for early registration. For more information call 361-1141.

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Frey Village Strawberry festival

Frey Village, 1020 N. Union St., Middletown, will host a Strawberry Festival Saturday, June 4 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call 930-1200.

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Hummelstown Bingo blast

The Hummelstown Fire Company, 249 E. Main St., is sponsoring a bingo blast on Saturday, May 28. Doors open at 5 p.m., bingo begins at 7 p.m.

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Penn Waste holiday collection

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2011 JUNE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June Is - Adopt-a-Shelter Cat Month - Great Outdoors Month - Dairy Month - Candy Month - Safety Month			1 -BINGO, Lower Swatara Fire Hall - 7 pm -M-town Youth Club Board Mtg. - 7 pm; General Mtg. - 8 pm -M-town Am. Legion Aux. - 7 pm -Dauphin County Commissioners - 10 am -Lower Swatara Twp. Commissioners - 7 pm -Lower Dauphin School District High on Kids at DAC - 7:30 pm	2 -Londonderry Fire Co. - 8 pm -Londonderry Senior Citizens - 1 pm -M-town Boro Authority - 6:30 pm -Dauphin County Conservation District - 7:30 pm -Emergency Planning - 10 am -Middletown Area High School Honors Night -Live Music, Jeffrey J. Walker at Sunset Grill, Londonderry Twp. - 7 pm	3	4
5 -Sons of Am. Legion - 5 pm -Lower Dauphin High School Commencement - 7 pm Steelton-Highspire High School Commencement - 3 pm -Baccalaureate Middletown Area High School - 7 pm	6 -BINGO, Liberty Fire Co. - 7 pm -Lower Swatara Fire Co. - 7:30 pm -Lower Dauphin School District Band Boosters - 7 pm -Red Rose Rebekah Lodge #586 - 1 pm -Londonderry Twp. Supervisors - 7 pm	7 -M-town Library Board - 6 pm -Triune Odd Fellow #307 - 7:30 pm -Royalton Boro Council - 7 pm -Lower Dauphin School District Lacrosse Boosters - 7 pm -Highspire Planning Commission - 7 pm	8 -BINGO, Lower Swatara Fire Hall - 7 pm -Wesley Gold - 11 am-1 pm -M-town Elks Lodge at Am. Legion - 7 pm -Dauphin County Commissioners - 10 am -Mtown Boro Plan. Commission - 5:45 pm	9 -M-town Women's Club - 6:30 pm -Walk-In Immunization Clinic at Woodlayne Court, 149 Wilson St., M-town - 9:30-11:30 am -Lower Swatara Lions - 6:30 pm -M-town Chamber of Commerce - Noon -Londonderry Township Parks/Rec. - 7 pm -Live Music, Stu Huggins at Sunset Grill, Londonderry Twp. - 7 pm -Middletown Area High School Commencement - 7:30 pm -Elizabethtown Area High School Commencement - 7 pm	10 -Dauphin County Ag Land Preservation - 9 am	11 -BINGO, at M-town Volunteer Fire Co. Doors Open - 5 pm -Games - 7 pm -Concert, Horses & Hogs, at Karen's Harmony Hall - 2-8 pm
12 -BINGO at Londonderry Fire Co. Doors Open - Noon Games Start - 2 pm	13 -M-town Kiwanis - 6 pm -BINGO, Liberty Fire Co. - 7 pm -M-town Am. Legion Board - 7 pm -Lower Swatara Fire Co. Aux. - 7:30 pm -Lower Dauphin School District School Board - 7:30 pm	14 Flag Day -M-town Alumni Assoc. - 8 pm -ABWA, Olmsted Chapter - 6 pm -Royalton Activity Committee - 7 pm -Triune Odd Fellow #307 - 7:30 pm -Highspire Boro Council - 7 pm -M-town Boro Council - 7 pm	15 -BINGO, Lower Swatara Fire Hall - 7 pm -Mtown Boro Shade Tree Commission - 10 am -Dauphin County Commissioners - 10 am Tax Collection Committee - 6:30 pm Prison Board - 1:30 pm -Lower Swatara Twp. Commissioners - 7 pm	16 -Londonderry Senior Citizens - 1 pm -Highspire Boro Authority - 7:30 pm -Live Music, Jeffrey J. Walker at Sunset Grill, Londonderry Twp. - 7 pm	17	18
19 -Concert, The Impact Band at Karen's Harmony Hall - 2-5 pm 	20 -BINGO, Liberty Fire Co. - 7 pm -Red Rose Rebekah Lodge #586 - 1 pm -M-town Fire Dept. Consolidation - 7 pm -Londonderry Twp. Planning Commission - 7 pm -Lower Dauphin School District School Board - 7:30 pm -Summer Playground at Sunset Park, Londonderry Twp. - 9 am-Noon	21 -Triune Odd Fellow #307 - 7:30 pm -Royalton Boro Planning - 7 pm -Highspire Boro Council - 7 pm -Londonderry Twp. Supervisors - 7 pm -Movie in the Park, Sunset Park, Londonderry Twp. - Dusk 	22 -BINGO, Lower Swatara Fire Hall - 7 pm -Dauphin County Commissioners - 10 am -Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority - 8 am	23 -Lower Swatara Lions - 6:30 pm -Lower Swatara Twp. Planning Commission - 7 pm -Live Music, Stu Huggins at Sunset Grill, Londonderry Twp. - 7 pm	24	25 -BINGO Blast, at Hummelstown Fire Co. Doors Open - 5 pm Games Start - 7 pm -Chicken BBQ, Londonderry Fire Co. - 10 am-3 pm
26 -Concert, The Luv Gods at Karen's Harmony Hall - 2-5 pm	27 -M-town Kiwanis - 6 pm -BINGO, Liberty Fire Co. - 7 pm -M-town Am. Legion - 7 pm -M-town Area Historical Society - 7 pm -Lower Swatara Twp. Municipal Authority - 7 pm -MASD Board - 7 pm	28 -Triune Odd Fellow #307 - 7:30 pm -Londonderry Lionettes - 7 pm -M-town Boro Council Committee of the Whole - 7 pm -Royalton Boro Authority - 5 pm	29 -BINGO, Lower Swatara Fire Hall - 7 pm -Dauphin County Commissioners - 10 am	30 -Live Music, Jeffrey J. Walker at Sunset Grill, Londonderry Twp. - 7 pm	New Moon May 3  Full Moon May 17	First Quarter May 10  Last Quarter May 24

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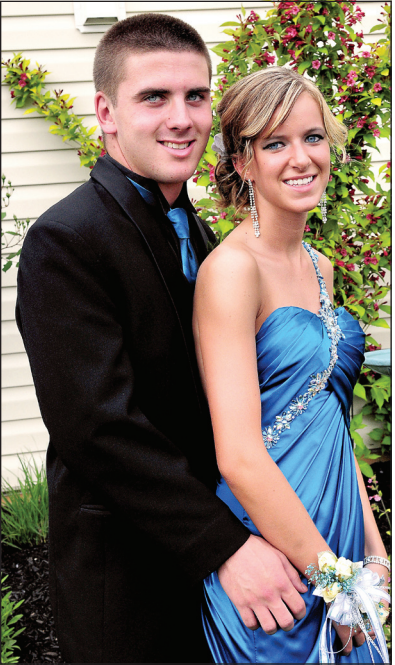
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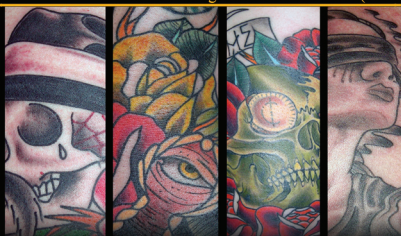
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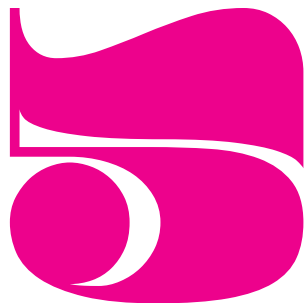
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5 reasons to keep your beauty salon reservation

Life is hectic; it's true. There are so many things that demand your time and attention. Between work, kids, family and household chores, there is precious little time left over for you. So, it is completely understandable why things like salon reservations get pushed to the end of your priority list. But is it at the end of the "to do" list where your next hair trim belongs? The answer to that question is, of course, no. There are many reasons why you should keep your salon reservation. Aside from taking a little bit of time and relaxation for yourself, which I know is not going to motivate you since all of your energy goes toward enriching the lives of others and not your own, there are many practical reasons why you should not call and cancel your next reservation.

Here are 5 Reasons:

1. Keeping up with hair maintenance saves you time. You know how it is, your hair is doing just fine until that fateful morning on which you realize that your hair is way past due for a trim. It just won't do anything. So, after hours of trying to coerce your hair into the style that it held beautifully just yesterday you resign yourself to the fact that nothing except a haircut will fix your bad hair day. But we all know that a spur-of-the-moment haircut is hard to come by. That means that you will spend the next week or so wasting time trying to style your overgrown locks while waiting for your reservation. If only you would have kept your original reservation. You see, getting a regular trim, even if you think you can squeeze by another week or two, prevents this mess from happening in the first place. A cut that is the perfect length and shape will be a breeze to style in the mornings, and that will save you time.

2. Keeping your reservation saves you money. If your stylist has regular opportunities to keep your hair in tip-top shape, he or she will have to do less in the long run to keep you looking beautiful. If you continually let your style grow out or let your color fade, your stylist will have to do more work to bring your wayward tresses back in line again. More work equals more time, and we all know that time equals money.

3. There is never a better time than today to get your hair done. Sure, we all think that we'll have more time next week, that our work load will be less than it is today. But does that

ever really happen? Let's face it; next week will be just as busy as this week. And when you're busy, a little bit of R & R will give you the energy that you need to keep going.

4. Another reservation is weeks away.

Why do you go to your stylist? It's because he or she is a fantastic stylist and knows your hair inside and out. Well, if your stylist is this great with you, I'm sure there are other clients dying for your stylist's services. If you miss this reservation, it could be weeks before you get another one.

5. Keep your reservation out of respect. When you make a reservation, your stylist carves out time from a hectic day to cater to you. If you don't show or cancel at the last minute, your stylist will end up sitting around making no money when he or she could have filled that time slot with another guest. Canceling reservations repeatedly may cause you to be placed on a pay in advance or last-minute reservation list. Or even in some cases you can get fired for missing too many reservations. Granted, sometimes things happen that make canceling an appointment a necessity. When this is the case, be sure to give a minimum 24 business hours and reschedule as soon as you can. Not only will your stylist thank you, but your hair will as well.



Source: Darla Di Grandi-Aguilera Founder of Hi-Lites Aveda Palm Springs Salon <http://www.HLspa.com>

First-place relay runners



Hershey Christian School runners, from left, Bradley McAlester, Ethan Keller, Philip Moore, and Tyler Walker, took first place in the 4x400 relay at the ACSI Track & Field meet in Bangor, Pa. The track program at Hershey Christian started with two students five years ago and has since grown to more than 20 members.

ISLANDERS

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goalkeeper, Miguel Gallardo.

In the 16th minute, Islanders forward Jose Angulo fired a rocket from 35 yards out but the shot was high from the top left corner of the goal. Orlando City had a dangerous possession in the 27th minute as Lawrence Olum served a ball into the City Islanders' box, bouncing over the Islanders' defense, landing in Devorn Jorsling's feet in front of the goalie Chase Harrison, but he popped up the shot.

In the 80th minute, the City Islanders

finally found the back of the net with a left foot shot by defender Stephen Basso. But, that wouldn't stop Orlando's desire to take 3 points home. In the 90th minute, Orlando City's Lawrence Olum crossed a left foot ball across the City Islanders' box in the air right to forward Max Griffin's head for the goal. The goal earned Griffin his league-leading sixth goal of the season.

The goal spree wasn't over there. In stoppage time, City Islanders' defender Dustin Bixler fouled Orlando City's Max Griffin in the box. Left

Scoring Summary

ORL- Demar Stewart (Jack Traynor) 2
HAR- Stephen Basso (Jose Angulo) 80
ORL- Max Griffin (Lawrence Olum) 90
ORL- Lewis Neal (penalty kick) 90+

foot specialist Lewis Neal finished the penalty kick for his second goal of the season.

The City Islanders' next home game of the season is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, May, 31, at Skyline Sports Complex on City Island against the Pittsburgh Riverhounds.

POPP

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baseball and chose LVC in Annville.

LVC not only has tremendous academics, but offers Popp the opportunity to contribute early on the baseball team, as a pitcher and third baseman, college officials said.

Popp is a three-year member of the National Honor Society serving as its Treasurer for the past two years. His strong academic transcript at Middletown and dual-enrollment efforts in college earned Popp Lebanon Valley's

Vickroy Scholarship.

Popp was also a member of a group of Middletown Legion players that flew to Ensenada, Mexico, to conduct baseball clinics for poverty stricken youth of that area. Besides teaching baseball and community works projects in Mexico, Popp organized a baseball/softball equipment drive that sent thousands of dollars worth of equipment to kids.

Because of Popp's volunteer efforts with the local youth soccer and youth baseball teams, as well as the Mexico

project, Popp was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship from the General Mills National Scholarship Foundation that is renewable for four years.

This summer Popp will play Legion baseball for Middletown Post 594, as well as the Middletown Twilight team in preparation for fall practice at Lebanon Valley.

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will go for her first state gold medal in her final attempt at the state level.

Middletown junior Robert Doster ended his junior campaign at the District 3 championships, when his best throw in the boys AAA javelin event of 175 feet 1 inch put him in sixth place, and shy of the mark for state qualifying, 178 feet.

Jamie Colon of Donegal won the event with a throw of 189 feet 7 inches.

Greg Pickel: flyersfan80@aol.com

"I fish the Susquehanna a lot and boat from the Highspire Boat Club. I concentrate my angling from the Dock Street Dam, at Harrisburg downstream to the confluence of the Swatara Creek. The decline of the smallmouth has continued for several years."

Tom Shank

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being one of the most treasured fisheries for bass is certainly for many a fond memory.

I fish the Susquehanna a lot and boat from the Highspire Boat Club. I concentrate my angling from the Dock Street Dam, at Harrisburg downstream to the confluence of the Swatara Creek. The decline of the smallmouth has continued for several years. I can personally attest to that.

So this new policy, as I see it, is at least an attempt to address the problem. I support catch and release throughout the year and believe if all fishermen adhere to the no kill rule bass numbers will improve.

On the other hand, I believe our population of smallmouth bass is the result of many factors both human and nonhuman.

Weather, floods, and temperatures all can affect the spawn, and continued

low water depths in the summer will stress bass. Low water allows the dreaded cormorants; the fish-eating machine that you see perched everywhere along the river, to consume all kinds of fish including bass.

Pollutants from sewage treatment plants and commercial businesses all deposit water into the river that contains chemicals detrimental to the reproduction of bass. Every flush of a toilet may contain harmful drugs innocently being disposed of by the push of a handle.

Runoffs from recent rains and snow-melt allow water to drain into the river carrying whatever is mixed in with it. Salt from cinder trucks plowing our roads, to normal farming practices using fertilizers, all flow into our Susquehanna River.

Washing your vehicle with soaps and detergents end up in storm drains and then into the river.

The list of suspects for what may be

causing the smallmouth bass decline seems endless. Instead of one main factor, it's likely a combination of many.

Everyone who fishes the Susquehanna can do their part. Remember, what we throw away as garbage usually ends up in the river eventually.

Try to release any bass you catch quickly. Delicately remove the hooks to limit any damage to their gills. If the fish bleeds most likely it will eventually die later. Barbless hooks should be the norm.

For a complete overview of this new regulation visit the Fish and Boat Page at www.fish.pa.us.

At the time of this writing, the new restrictions were finalized and in place. I advise all fishermen to review it before heading out on the water for 2011.

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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.

Underage drinking

Mary N. Mwaniki, 20, of the 1200 block of Crosby St., Harrisburg; and Letticia Cunningham, 19, of Heath, Ohio, were charged with underage drinking.

The charges stem from an incident at 12:10 a.m. on April 23 in the 2800 block of Pineford Dr. in the Village of Pineford.

Retail theft

Carmen L. Weigher, 56, of the 200 block of Cedar Manor, Elizabethtown, was charged with retail theft.

The charge stems from an incident at 12:21 p.m. May 11 at the Dollar Tree store in the 400 block of E. Main St.

The manager told police that Weigher took spices including chopped garlic and Parmesan cheese, police said.

Weigher left the store with the spices, each worth \$1 without paying for them and placed them in her car, police said.

Providing alcohol to minors

Joshua E. Clinger, 21; Kevin Man, 22; and Dillon F. Sobilo, 19, all of the Beechwood Building in the Village of Pineford, were all charged with 15 counts of providing alcohol to minors, one count of receiving stolen property, possession of a small amount of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The charges stem from an incident at 1:48 a.m. April 30 in the Beechwood Building, police said.

Building residents complained to police about a party.

Police found a small amount of marijuana, pipes with marijuana residue, and a cooler owned by Penn

State University in the apartment, police said.

A preliminary hearing for the three men was scheduled for 9 a.m. on July 7 in District Judge David Judy's office.

DUI-related crash

Mindi L. Stouffer, 29, of the 200 block of Pinehill Road, Hummelstown, was charged with two counts of DUI, driving without a license, driving too closely to another vehicle, and causing an accident.

The charges stem from a crash at 4:14 p.m. on April 22 in the area of Vine and E. Main streets.

Stouffer rear-ended a vehicle causing minor damage to both vehicles, but no injuries, police said.

Stouffer had a blood alcohol level of .081 percent, police said.

Stouffer also had high levels of morphine in her system, police said.

Public drunkenness

Richard H. Wolfe, Jr., 63, of the 3200 block of Wakefield Rd., Harrisburg, was charged with public drunkenness.

The charge stemmed from an incident at 10:15 p.m. on May 14, in the 100 block of E. High St.

Police allege they found Wolfe intoxicated after receiving a call from a resident.

Drunk driving

Justin P. Bankert, 25, of the first block of Paradise Court, New Oxford, was charged with two counts of DUI and driving with his high beams turned on.

The charges stem from an incident at

1:48 a.m. May 15 in the 1100 block of Vine Street.

Bankert had a blood alcohol level of .138 percent, police said.

Bankert's preliminary hearing was scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on July 7 in District Judge David Judy's office.

Amy M. Gilmore, 39, of the 1200 block of Amosite Rd., Bainbridge, was charged with DUI, DUI-high rate, and driving on the wrong side of the road.

The charges stem from an incident at 1:33 a.m. May 15 in the area of Vine Street and the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Police said Gilmore almost hit a parked car while driving and swerving.

While speaking with Gilmore, police noticed the smell of alcohol and she had slurred speech, police said.

Gilmore had a blood alcohol level of .154 percent, highest rate, police said.

Trespassing

Darryl E. Williams, 26, of the 1800 block of Market St., Harrisburg, was charged with trespassing.

The charge stems from an incident at 3:30 a.m. on May 15 in the first block of Genesis Court, police said.

Disorderly conduct

Nicholas G. Habecker, 23, of the 200 block of Wilson St., Middletown, was charged with disorderly conduct.

The charge stems from an incident at 3:57 p.m. on May 13 in the area of Wood and Wilson streets, police said.

A resident told police Habecker was yelling at children at a bus stop.

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School councilor connects local students with kids across the world

By Debra Schell
Press And Journal Staff

Anna Smith is a councilor at Reid Elementary School who likes getting students involved with other cultures.

Smith, a graduate of Mazapan School in Honduras, recently connected fourth-graders with students from her alma mater through e-mails and Skype, a free service that allows people to talk and see one another via computer.

"I attended the school for several years while living there," Smith said.

Now she teaches at Reid and thought it would be a learning experience to introduce her Middletown students to their peers at her former school thousands of miles away in Honduras. So, she asked a friend and former classmate for help.

"I asked her if any teachers there would be interested in doing an activity like being pen pals or Skype with our students," Smith said.

The answer was "yes."

It began with letters sent via e-mail. And eventually, the two classes set up the meeting via Skype.

So, on Wednesday, May 18, the students gathered around a laptop computer to meet their pen pals. They talked and watched one another on the computer screen and the image of the Honduran students was projected onto a wall in the classroom.

"It's all about them [students] learning that the world is bigger than our little area," Smith said. "People think that we are different and they realize that we have more things in common."

Samuel Coughlin, 11, a fourth-grader at Reid, found that out during a chat with his new friend, Mauricio, a student at Mazapan School, on May 18.

"I learned that he doesn't like drinking hot tea," said Coughlin. "Because he doesn't like the taste."

Now, Coughlin wants keep in touch with his new friend.

Mazapan School is a small pre-kindergarten through 12th grade bilingual school that offers college preparatory programs.

The school is located in La Ceiba and is owned and operated by Standard Fruit de Honduras (Dole.) The school was founded in 1928 and sits on five acres in a secured area near the center of the city.

More than 300 students attend the school and become fluent in both English and Spanish and receive a United States high school diploma and a Honduran baccalaureate degree, according to the school's website.

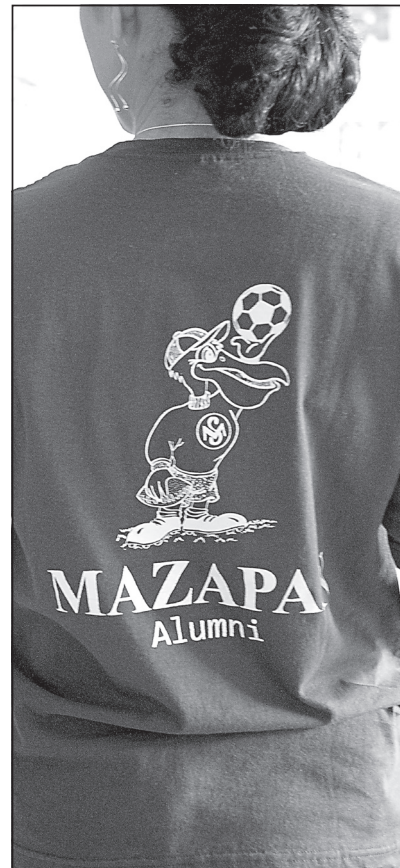
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Reid Elementary School fourth grade students chat with students from Honduras via Skype.



Counselor Anna Smith spent five years at the Mazapan School in Honduras and was able to connect students at Reid Elementary with students at Mazapan.



Smith wears a T-shirt she received from her alma mater.

23 Years Ago

From The Middletown Journal Files

From The Wednesday,
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of The Press And Journal

County To Furnish Funds For Replacement/Repair Wilson Street Bridge

Dauphin County plans to furnish \$86,000 to help pay for repairs to Middletown's Wilson Street Bridge.

County Commissioners met in Middletown last week with local officials and announced that the bridge is one of two spans within the Borough that the County has targeted for repair this year.

Commissioner Russell Sheaffer also told the Press And Journal that the Grubb Bridge, which connects Middletown and Royalton, and the Wilson Street Bridge, which crosses the railroad tracks at the west end of town, occupy first and fifth place respectively on a last liquid fuel tax monies this year.

Pointing out that the two spans differ in ownership, Sheaffer said neither project has yet been scheduled. The Grubb Bridge is owned by the County, which assumes responsibility for its care and maintenance. The commissioner said the Grubb project is in the "preliminary design" stage. He estimated that the project's anticipated cost would probably be about \$1.3 million. Federal money will cover 80 percent of that while state highway funds will shoulder what remains.

Since the Wilson Street span is an "orphan bridge" which has no official owner, its inclusion on the priority list is a special case, Sheaffer said, adding that it was placed on the list at his request.

Battle Lines Between District And Bus Drivers Remain Drawn

As students, teachers and parents begin marking the days until the end of the school season, the yearlong dispute between the Lower Dauphin School District and its union bus drivers continues unresolved.

Two recent salvos demonstrate that while the battlefield is sometimes quiet; the war is far from over.

In a 50-page document dated May 16, the union's legal council formally challenged a preliminary decision handed down recently by a Pa. Labor Relations Board (PLRB) examiner in an unfair labor practices suit the union filed against the District last November.

Although the examiner, Donald A. Wallace, found the District did violate the law when it fired a union employee without cause, the split ruling also claimed the union had failed to prove its other charge that the District had failed to bargain in good faith.

Meanwhile, a Dauphin County judge has raised a security bond posted by the union an additional \$69,000, bringing the total bond amount to \$161,000. The action marks the second time during the dispute that the bargaining unit has been asked to provide additional bond money.

The last time the bond was raised, the union complied. This time, local union people say, it won't pay.

The dispute centers on the union's contention that the District determined to hire a subcontractor to provide transportation in reaction to the drivers' union activity.

Four Students Blamed For Bomb Scare At EAHS

Mt. Joy Township Police are continuing an investigation into a bomb threat that emptied classrooms at the Elizabethtown Area High School and the Middle School briefly last Friday morning.

The bomb scare began with an anonymous telephone call received at the EASD District Office at 10:37 a.m., school officials reported. The caller told a switchboard operator that a bomb had been planted in a locker area, but did not indicate when or how the device would be detonated.

Borough Police were summoned and Chief James Neimer and Officers Joe Ditzler and Tim Wheale joined school custodial employees and other officials in a systematic search of the area without discovering the suspected bomb. Following the search, students were allowed to return to classes at about 11:45 a.m.

Police reportedly were able to trace the anonymous threat to a Mt. Joy Township residential telephone. Officer Greg Wahl of the Mt. Joy Police Department reported on Monday that four 16-year-old EAHS students are prime suspects in the incident.

Because the call originated from a Township residence, the ongoing investigation into the bomb threat is being continued by the Township Police Department. Police Chief James Hildesheim said Officer Wahl is conducting the probe.

In a telephone conversation with Wahl on Monday, the Township officer said he was in the process of interviewing parents of the students allegedly involved in the incident. He declined to speculate about the charges that might be filed against the youthful suspects. The students have been suspended from classes, but on Tuesday an EAHS spokesperson refused to say how long the suspension will continue.

TMI: No Effect On Environment

Operation of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station had no effect on the environment during 1987, GPU Nuclear Corporation reported in its annual Radiological Environmental Monitoring Report the TMI.

The TMI monitoring results for 1987 were much the same as the other years since TMI Unit 1 began operating

in 1974, except for 1979 when an accident at TMI-2 caused transitory low-level increases in several radionuclides.


Estimated radiation doses to the public stemming from 1987 TMI operations were well below all applicable regulatory limits and were significantly less than doses received from naturally occurring background and medical radiation, GPU Nuclear's monitoring report concludes. The report has been submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The report goes on to claim that during 1987, a hypothetical individual living near TMI, drinking water from the Susquehanna River downstream of the plant, eating fish caught in its discharge area and standing for much of the time on the shoreline, drinking locally produced milk and consuming locally grown produce would have received a radiation dose from TMI's operation of about 0.16 millirem, 1,800 times lower than the average individual in the TMI area received from background radiation.

Average U.S. background radiation is about 300 millirems per year, about 100 millirems from natural sources other than radon gas, and 200 millirems from exposure to radon. Parts of Central and Eastern Pennsylvania and Northern New Jersey have naturally occurring radon levels considerably higher than the national average.

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Highspire Police News

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Theft
A resident of the 400 block of Eshelman Street told police someone removed a tailpipe, TV antenna, and other metal items from a back porch on his property.

The man wasn't sure when the theft occurred, police said.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Highspire Police Department at 939-9866.

A resident of the 500 block of Railroad Street told police someone took a Vivitar camera and a silver necklace from her home on May 12.

The camera was valued at \$300, police said.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Highspire Police Department at 939-9866.

A resident of the 100 block of Vine Street told police two grass trimmers

and a chain saw were taken from a shed behind his home sometime during the week of April 24.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Highspire Police Department at 939-9866.

Drug charges

James B. Anderson, III, 46, of the 400 block of Eshelman St., Highspire, was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, tampering with evidence, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct.

The charges stem from an incident at 6:54 p.m., May 17, in the area of Second and Lumber streets, police said.

Police said they were questioning Anderson when he became aggressive and had to be Tazered. Police also said Anderson smelled of alcohol.

While in custody, police said they found marijuana in his pockets and shoes.

Anderson also kicked the bars in the holding cell at the Middletown Police Department and tore a panel off of the wall, police said.

Anderson may also face charges from Middletown Police Department for the damages, police said.

A preliminary hearing was scheduled for 10:15 a.m., July 1 in District Judge Kenneth Lanker's office.

Anderson is in Dauphin County Prison in lieu of bail set at \$10,000.

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☺ “Rainbow trout. Where?”

☺ “I like the wind mill idea! Lets do it!”

☹ “If you ever need an ambulance, I hope you can afford it. I wasn’t home; 18-year-old son got a gash on his leg, other son called ambulance. Went to Hershey Med. The bill is \$800. There is barely enough money each month for our basics. A year later, they call the house three times a week.”

☹ “I just love it when rednecks are able to buy a house in my neighborhood, and then proceed to park an old car that doesn’t run across the sidewalk. Go back to Perry County!”

☹ “Looks like the Middletown school taxes will increase 5.68 percent this year, thanks Barb Layne. C’mon people, we need to get someone new as president of the school board, someone who is willing to bargain with the teachers union.”

☹ “Folks, stop by the MASD office and request a copy of the Teachers Union contract so you can see what your paying for. This is the only way you will know exactly what their pay and benefits package is. Taxes are increasing 5.68 percent

this year and it will get worse in years to come. Currently, if you own a \$100,000 home you’re paying \$2,470 a year, that’s \$206 a month. Middletown has the 3rd highest tax rate in Dauphin County behind Harrisburg and Steelton/Highspire. This info is available at openPA.gov.org. As it stands right now, the teachers will be getting their 4 percent raise this year while you and I get our taxes increased to pay for it. Neither the school board nor the teachers union are talking about a pay freeze, why? According to the union, it’s because the school board has not brought up the subject. The school board has not made any comment on the subject. Something has to change; this town and many others simply cannot afford to continue paying for the benefit packages of the teachers and administrators. Remember, the union is working to increase pay and benefits for its members, their interests are not with the students. Get involved folks, be vocal to the school board.”

☹ “Has anyone else noticed how Hummelstown, Hershey and Palmyra have grown over the past 10 years or so? The towns are very nice and getting nicer. There are many middle class housing developments and there are a lot more eating establishments along with recreational activities. I believe it is due to the growth of the Hershey Medical Center and the surrounding medical employers. Yet Middletown is five miles away and has not shared in the prosperity growth. Why is that? Will this change with a new mayor? Is it because of our tax rates? Our schools? The amount of Section 8 housing? This town cannot seem to get out of the doldrums and I’m just wondering why? This would be a good investigative report for the Press And Journal to conduct.”

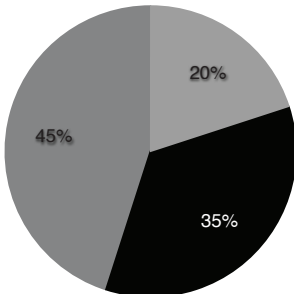
☹ “Will the Press And Journal be doing an expose’ on the individuals running for the school board? The May 8, Sunday Patriot News, had a brief expose on Layne, John and Still, but the other members running did not provide information. Press And Journal, please do this and ask the hard questions that need to be asked.”

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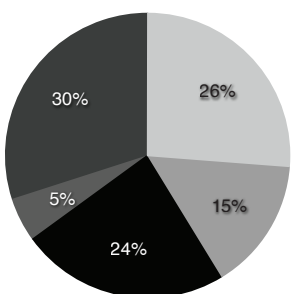
● Yes ● Maybe ● No



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Who should help pay for repairs to Pennsylvania's roads?

● Motorists ● Truckers
● Transit Co. ● Local Gov.
● Gas Co.



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☹ “Is this the best the Republicans have to offer in 2012 presidential race? Same old people, Ron Paul, Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich, Mike Huckabee. I don’t like Obama but none of these contenders will beat him. Now, I would vote for Donald Trump, I like what he is saying. He is the only one not afraid to speak his mine. I would vote for him over these other bozo’s any day. And I am an Independent.”

☹ “It’s a real shame that they have to lay off six local Middletown residents who are teachers. I bet the school board doesn’t even know their names because they don’t care. Ask the other teachers to take a pay freeze or pay cut. I’ll bet they would.”

☹ “Timothy, Timothy, where on earth did you go?”

☹ “All the things happening and the congress in Pa. is worrying

about passing a bill that will allow you to buy a motorcycle on Sunday. Whoopie! Where do these people come from?”

☹ “Wow, the person who said about the woman ranting and being disrespectful to the cops, are you sure it wasn’t the cops being disrespectful to the woman causing the aggression to be returned? I mean since you witnessed all this, how much involvement did you have? I believe you must have been involved, you’re too willing to put details of it all in the paper, so you must have a guilty conscience about what transpired! I think you’re the one who called the police and started that whole incident and are now trying to make your story believable. Now that is pathetic! She won’t get a fair hearing here, because cops in this town are corrupt and that spills right over to the District Justice and Mayor!”

☹ “To the person who wrote the

thank you to Dave Judy, how much did you pay him off to have your family treated so fairly? I would love to have that same kind of respect for mine! And yes we do know what family wrote that comment. This whole town is becoming like the Dukes of Hazard!”

☹ “Once again the Borough of Highspire is getting blamed for the mismanaged Highspire Fire Company. Guys, the problem is you never budget or plan to replace equipment and trucks till it’s too late. Then you place blame on the Borough and make threats to close. I checked and you can get a new fire truck for much less than you claim. Maybe you should get rid of the two chief’s vehicles that get used as personal cars. Why do you need to take them to work or when you go out of town to eat? Who pays for all that fuel? It’s time this Borough holds the leaders of this fire company accountable or else look at services outside of our town.”

☹ “When is Highspire going to do something about the weeds on Martin Alley? They have yet to be cut this season. Those weeds are loaded with ticks. They can cause serious health problems, not only to people but also to animals. There are groundhogs, moles, rabbits and who knows what else living in those weeds. People come across Second Street to walk their dogs along the alley. The ticks can cause problems, not only to the animals, but they cross the alley and invade lawns that are kept cut, in turn causing possible health problems for people living there. Some people and animals are allergic to tick and flea bites. What happened to the 8” rule for grass? Those weeds should have been cut 3 or 4 weeks ago.”

☹ “It’s a sad thing for Middletown when back-to-back sexual offenders are featured in the Press And Journal.”

☹ “What is the deal with all of the inconsiderate people driving behind someone with bright lights on at night? This is happening more and more lately. Do they not understand that the person in front

of them may be bothered by bright lights in their mirror, or do they just not care? That is the trouble with this entire smart aleck generation! They are all rude and won’t work. The world is going straight to hell!”

☹ “I don’t have a problem with the teachers not taking a pay freeze. Just make sure they don’t get a raise in the next contract. Also, cut out tuition reimbursement and stop giving raises just because they got another masters degree at taxpayer expense. If they want to further their education, they can pay it!”

☹ “To the teacher that said teachers where not offered a pay freeze? Why don’t you offer it to help? I see administration doing a lot and teachers doing nothing. I thought teachers would take freeze in order to help keep teachers. But guess that would affect your snack fund for the pool over the summer.”

☹ “With summer just about here, electric bills are dropping drastically. Finally I can afford to pay the stupid thing! But I cringe when I think about next winter when the bills will become huge!”

☹ “Huh, the mayor cuts his grass, I thought the township cut it.”

☹ “I sure wish the high school principal would actually get off his lazy butt and start showing some authority and discipline. Someone please give him the Ed Brunner/Dennis Iezzi manual on how to run a school because he just isn’t getting the job done!”

☹ “Keep it classy Middletown.”

☹ “Why would anybody want to vote for Dave Wren?”

☹ “Congratulations to the MAHS girls softball team for making the playoffs. Awesome job girls!”

☹ “It’s not bad enough that we have to see the election signs littering up peoples yards the screw ball across from the Lamp Post is advertising cremation for \$1,600 bucks! I am waiting for a two for one special!”



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Geoffrey Cameron and Chelsea Faircloth

Engagement announced

Dr. Vivian Faircloth and Timothy Flanagan of Etters, and Bonnie and Dylan Faircloth of Linglestown, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Chelsea Louise Faircloth to Geoffrey Paul Cameron, son of Kay and Raybon Wilson of Swainsboro, Georgia, and Steve and Melonia Cameron of North Augusta, South Carolina.

The bride-to-be is a 2006 graduate of Middletown Area High School and graduated from Delaware Valley College in 2009, where she received a bachelor of science degree in livestock science and management. Chelsea is

in her third year of veterinary school at Ross University in St. Kitts, West Indies. She is a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Middletown.

The groom-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Swainsboro High School and a 2007 graduate of Swainsboro Technical College, where he received a degree in electrical maintenance. Geoffrey is employed by Crider Inc. as a fresh operations manager in Stillmore, Georgia. He attends Believers Church in Statesboro, Georgia.

The couple plan to marry in August 2013 in Eagles Mere, Pennsylvania.

Academic Honors

Graduates Lebanon Valley College

The following area students were graduated from Lebanon Valley College during commencement services on Saturday, May 14:

Sheena L. Kindt of Elizabethtown graduated and earned a master of science education degree in education.

Paul E. Rehkgugler, III of Elizabethtown graduated and earned a bachelor of science degree in computer science.

Mark R. Rosborough of Elizabethtown graduated with Departmental Honors and earned a bachelor of arts degree in English.

James P. Black of Hummelstown graduated and earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration.

Morgan D. Crouse of Hummelstown graduated and earned a bachelor of arts degree in art and art history.

Stephen M. Doll of Hummelstown graduated Cum Laude and earned a

bachelor of science degree in business administration.

Jennah S. Fox of Hummelstown graduated Magna Cum Laude and earned a bachelor of science degree in health science.

Charles F. McElwee of Hummelstown graduated Summa Cum Laude and earned a bachelor of arts degree in history.

Laurie A. Miller of Hummelstown graduated and earned a doctor of physical therapy degree in health science.

Melissa A. Weidensaul of Hummelstown graduated Cum Laude and earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

Donald L. Wohlfarth, Jr. of Hummelstown graduated and earned a master of business administration degree in history.

Kimberly A. Cepietz of Middletown graduated and earned a bachelor of music degree in music recording technology.

Dana K. Gelbaugh of Middletown graduated and earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology.

Sarah A. Moyer of Middletown graduated and earned a bachelor of science degree in music education.

Anthony J. Shipkowski of Middletown graduated and earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

Tyrel W. Yealy of Middletown graduated and earned a master of business administration degree in accounting.



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NEWS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Hi Folks. Here we are turning the corner and almost flipping another page of the calendar.

I wish you all a meaningful and thoughtful Memorial Day Weekend. I am thankful for all of our veterans who have bravely served and died for our country. Thank you to all of you who gave so unselfishly. You make our country great so we can all appreciate the freedom we enjoy. It is also a time to reflect and thank God for all we have. This is a great country because we have been so blessed.

Enjoy and be sure to thank the ones who are close to you who have served.

Have a beautiful springy week and Happy Memorial Day.

Birthdays

Happy birthday today to Deb Carson. Have the best cake day ever.

Allen Lindsay. Thanks for serving your country and happy 24th birthday to you on Thursday, May 26. Hope you are doing well wherever you are.

Joshua Alcock of L.S. marks his 14th frosty-filled day on May 26th too. Have a wonderful party day.

Double birthday wishes are sent to Raymond and Ryan Baer of L.S. on Friday, May 27. Ryan will be 20. Not sure how old you will be Raymond, but it doesn't matter, just have a great

day and weekend too.

Courtney Fisher of Middletown will hear the birthday song on Sunday, May 29. Happy 17th to you.

Joseph Harkins of L.S. turns sweet 16 on May 29. Beep-beep happy birthday to you and congrats on a job well done in your playing your instrument to help out the Middle School Band for their school assembly. You are very talented. Enjoy your long weekend.

Bailee Koncar of L.S. marks her 14th cake-and-ice cream day on May 29. Yay for you and a happy birthday weekend!

If you see Ed Carpenter out and about Lower Swatara on Monday, May 30, be sure to give him a very loud happy birthday greeting. I hope 65 super great things happen to you on your day.

Craig Mosher celebrates his special day on May 30. Hope your day and week are truly wonderful.

Ladies Brunch

Hershey Area Women's Connection invites all ladies to attend the June 15 "Down Memory Lane" brunch buffet located at Spring Garden Conference Center on Spring Garden Drive in Lower Swatara at 9 a.m. Sandy Lee Barton from Fairmont West Virginia will take you down a memory lane of "dream songs" and speak about being a "Biker Chick" pursuing her Elusive Dream.

For reservations call: Edna at 652-0997, or Jean, 657-0006, or e-mail: hersheyawc@verizon.net The reservation deadline is June 10. A free nursery will be provided by reservation only.

Historical Society Open House

The Highspire Historical Society will have its annual open house at the Wilson House at 273 2nd St., Highspire, on Saturday, June 4 from 2-4 p.m.

Charlie Kupfer will discuss the Rockville bridge. There will be a display of pictures and articles, and

light refreshments will be served. The side room will feature trains: O Gauges of the General & The Texas. These were used in the Civil War in the Great Train Chase. The will be a G Gauge (P.A. Railroad), O Gauge The Strasburg R.R., HO Gauge Train, and Z Gauge Train. Young and young at heart are welcome. Call 566-6828 if you have questions.

Township meeting

The Lower Swatara municipal authority will meet at 7 p.m. on May 26 in the municipal building on Spring Garden Drive.

Anniversaries

Happy 32nd anniversary to Jim and Susan Hare of L.S. as they celebrate their romantic heart day on Thursday, May 26. Enjoy this special weekend.

David and Eileen Beasom mark their eighth anniversary Tuesday, May 31. Best wishes to you both for a terrific time.

Question of the Week

Does Memorial Day have a special meaning for you?

"My grandfather died in WW II. I never knew him." - Ashley Lockard, 13, L.S.

"A day I get to celebrate with my dad. He is a veteran." - Eathen Varner, 12, Middletown.

"It reminds me of my grandpa. He died in a war. He was in the Army." - Brandon Sarver, 13, Middletown.

"My great uncle didn't return from the war he fought in." - Noah Ridolfi, 13, Middletown.

"My great-grandfather was a pilot in WW I." - Jordan Matter, 13, Middletown.

"It is a time to think about the veterans who defended our country." - Osman Kamara, 13, L.S.

Proverb for the Week

"Good news from far away is like cold water to the thirsty." (25:25)



Submitted Photo

Tracy Witmer

Student is Honored

Congratulations to Tracy Lynn Witmer, daughter of Jeff and Mary Lou Witmer of Lower Swatara, on receiving The John Philip Sousa Band Award. The Middletown Area High School's Band Boosters held their annual banquet on May 15 where Tracy received this top honor. Her picture will be on permanent display in the band room along with a plaque.

Tracy was also given the Instrumentalist Magazine Musicianship Award in recognition of outstanding musicianship and distinguished musical excellence.

Tracy, a senior at Middletown Area

High School, is the Salutatorian of her class of 2011. She has been a member of the Blue Wave Marching Band for four years, Concert Band for four years, County Band for four years, Lebanon Valley College Honors Band for two years and drum line captain for two years. Tracy plans to attend Millersville University in the fall to major in biology. She also plans to join the band.

Congrats and best wishes to you Tracy.



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Lower Dauphin Schools

Elementary school holds mini-thon

Close to 230 South Hanover Elementary School students stayed after school on Friday, May 20. But they were not in trouble.

They were giving up two hours to participate in the school's first Mini-Thon to support the Four Diamonds Fund.

The students after school from 3:30-5:30 p.m. to dance and learn about the Four Diamonds Fund.

The Four Diamonds Fund has helped more than 2,000 families since 1972. About 100 new families receive support each year. The fund offsets the cost of treatment that insurance does not cover, as well as expenses that may disrupt the welfare of the child, such as car repairs, rent, or household utilities. The fund also supports the medical team that cares for the children and funds pediatric cancer research.

The mission of The Four Diamonds Fund is to conquer childhood cancer by assisting children treated at Penn State Children's Hospital and their families through superior care, comprehensive support, and innovative research. Any family with a child being treated for pediatric cancer at Penn State Children's Hospital in Hershey is automatically eligible for support.

The Mini-Thon is based on the THON, Penn State University's famous Dance Marathon which raised \$9.5 million this year. And while South Hanover isn't planning to raise a million dollars, the students are conducting a pledge drive and a penny war.

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Keefer Bible Record

Some years ago Mr. Olsen purchased a Bible in which the following record was inscribed. As one interested in genealogy, he sent the photocopies of the records to the Genealogical Society for possible publication since this was a Pennsylvania family. The Bible is now in the Library of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of California, Glendale. Persons desiring further information may contact Mr. Olson at 6731 Pageantry Street, Long Beach, CA 90808.

The persons named in these records appear to have lived in Franklin and Cumberland counties. It is possible their forebears moved into the Franklin area toward the end of the 18th century; there is a record in the Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, XXV, 25, of four surveys, all dated 24 March 1794, to men named Keefer. One of these was Peter Keefer, whose survey was for 200 acres. Was he the "Great Grand Father" mentioned in the Bible Record? Two surveys of 400 acres each were made for Deward and Abraham Keefer, and one of the 300 acres for Christian Keefer. All of these men were residents and heads of families in the western portion of Franklin County by 1790, when the census taker listed them as Kievers. Prior to that time, men bearing these names are listed from 1767 on as ratable in Richmond and Rockland Townships, Berks County tax lists, as published in the Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, XVIII.

Keefer Bible Record - First Page - Marriages: Daniel B. Keefer & Susan Shade were married in Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa. by Rev. B.F. Beck on the 17th day of February 1861. Children of William Bay: Howard M. Bay, born April 30, 1889; Bessie G. Bay, born September 4, 1890.

Children of Bessie G. Bay Lyons: Howard Wm. Lyons, born April 29, 1917; Ralph James Lyons, born June 4, 1920; John Wm. Bay, born April 3, 1917, son of Howard M. Bay.

Second Page - Births: Daniel B. Keefer was born February 23, 1837 in Franklin Co., Pa. near Shippensburg; Susan Shade was born March 16, 1841 in Clearspring Md.; Newton Osbourne Keefer was born July 28, 1862 in Shippensburg, Cumberland Co., Pa.; Annie Strickler Keefer was born May 12, 1868 in Green Castle, Franklin Co., Pa.; Nellie Rowe Keefer was born September 13, 1875 in Green Castle, Franklin Co., Pa.; Frank Ernest Keefer was born May 28, 1879 Green Castle, Franklin Co., Pa.

Third Page - Births: Jacob Keefer, grandfather died in 1823; Peter Keefer, great-grandfather; Jonathan Keefer was born March 19, 1795 (my note; died February 18, 1882); Anna M. Keefer was born May 25, 1804 (died November 1, 1879); Susan Shade was born August 12, 1801, died March 8, 1867; George W. Shade was born October 29, 1801 and died April 25, 1874. Buried in cemetery at Shippensburg, Pa.

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Fourth Page - Deaths: Newton Osbourne Keefer, died August 8, 1862 in Shippensburg, Cumberland Co., Pa.; Nellie Rowe Keefer, died January 23, 1876 in Green Castle, Franklin Co., Pa.;

Frank Ernest Keefer, died June 23, 1879 in Green Castle, Franklin Co., Pa. Parents of D.B. Keefer; Anna Maria Keefer, died November 1, 1879 in Shippensburg, Pa., 5 o'clock Saturday evening; Jonathan Keefer died February 18, 1882 in Shippensburg, Pa., 4 o'clock. Both buried in Cemetery at Shippensburg, Pa.; Susan Keefer, wife of D.B. Keefer, died in Green Castle, Pa. on April 9, 1899 at 5 o'clock, buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Green Castle, Pa.; D.B. Keefer died May 20, 1919 at 9 p.m., buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Greencastle, Pa.

Fifth Page - No Heading: Jonathan Keefer, born November 19, 1795, died February 19, 1882, married 1st Catherine Kramer, 2nd Anna Maria Jacoby; Anna M. Keefer, born May 25, 1804, died November 1, 1879; Sarah Keefer, born April 15, 1828, married John Bay March 18, 1858; Jacob C. Keefer, born May 3, 1821; David J. Keefer, born June 4, 1820, married Catherine Ruple; Levi D. Keefer, born February 16, 1832, died June 15, 1893, married Catherine Earnest; Lydia Keefer, born March 16, 1834, married Isaiah Mowers; Daniel B. Keefer, born February 23, 1837, married Susan Shade; Anna E. Keffer, born November 29, 1840, married Anthony Darnbaugh; Margaret F. Keefer, born March 16, 1842, married David Winters; Emma J. Keefer, born May 31, 1845; Mother Keefer died November 1, 1879 (Anna Maria Jacoby, born May 25, 1804); Father Keefer, died February 1882 (Jonathan was born November 19 1792); Jacob C. Keefer, died October 8, 1900; Sarah Keefer Bay, died January 15, 1904; Levi D. Keefer, died June 15, 1893; David J. Keefer, died January 3, 1808; Lydia Keefer Mowers, died December 5, 1911; Margaret Keefer Winters, died February 3, 1912; Daniel B. Keefer, died May 20, 1919

Children of Sarah Keefer Bay: J. Allen Bay, born October 31, 1861; Annie E. Bay Snow, born November 22, 1866; William M. Bay, born February 18, 1864; Carrie M. Bay Pogue born February 19, 1870.

George Edward Keefer & Katie Lorretta Zimmerman Of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pa.

George Edward Keefer (1883-1952) and his wife Katie Lorretta Zimmerman (1886-1953) were born and raised in Pine Grove Twp., Schuylkill County, Pa. George was married into my great-uncle Percival D. Zimmerman's family about 1909 to Katie, had two children Clarence Joseph and Dorothy Keffer Crane. George and Katie had disappeared from Schuylkill County and using the Federal Census - Dauphin Co. 1910 - living in Harrisburg 2nd ward at 1221 Mulberry St. George was 26 years old, married for one year, and was a steam engineer for the railroad. Katie was 24 and listed with one child, son Clarence Joseph, age 4 (1907). According to the 1920 census, they still lived in Harrisburg City 2nd ward on 1518 Berry Hill St. Katie's sister Eleanora Zimmerman, age 14 was living with them, with their son Clarence 13 and daughter Dorothy 7. The 1930 census states George and Katie were living on Hunter Street. By this time he was proprietor of a grocery store. Their daughter Dorothy M., age 18, was working as a sales lady in a department store.

I went one step further, I found on Ancestry.com WWI Draft Registration Card, (dated September 10, 1918) - George Edward Keefer living at 1518 Berry Hill St., Harrisburg. He was 35, born July 29, 1883 in Pine Grove, Schuylkill County. He worked for the P&R Railroad Company as a railroad engineer. He listed Kate Lorretta Keefer his wife. He had blue eyes, light hair. George also signed the WWII 1942 Registration Card - he was 58, born in Pine Grove, Pa. on July 29, 1883. George listed grocery store business for himself and located at 224 Harris St., Harrisburg. He lists his son Clarence J. Keefer, lived at 418 S. 15th St., Harrisburg, Pa. George's description: Height 5'9", 170 lb., blue eyes, gray hair, dark complexion. Date of registration: April 27, 1942 at the Armstrong County Court House Annex, Kittanning, Pa. George and Katie were both buried at St. John Church Cemetery, Pine Grove Borough, Schuylkill County, Pa. I found a Clarence Joseph Keefer, born 11 February 1906 - died 7 February 1978, Mechanicsburg, Cumberland, Pa. (Ancestry. Com ISSD).

Are there any living relatives still in the Harrisburg area? I'm looking for a picture of George and Katie's family and any information on this family to put in my great-uncle Percival D. Zimmerman's file.

My e-mail address pafamroots@msn.com. Please put on subject line PFR Col/427 Keefer family or write to Sharman Meck Carroll, P.O. Box 72413, Thorndale PA 19372-1035.

Church

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church Middletown

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church is located at Spring and Union Streets, Middletown.

You are invited to join us for worship on Wednesday morning at 10 a.m., Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday morning at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Our 11 a.m. worship service is broadcast on WMSS 91.1 FM. Sunday school for all ages is at 9:45 a.m.

Sun., May 29: 10 a.m., Our worship service will be held at St. Peter's Kierch, High and Union Sts.,

Middletown. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Community dinner: Mon., June 6 - Presbyterian Church; June 13 - St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church; June 20 - Wesley United Methodist Church; June 27 - Church of God.

Beginning June 19 through Sept. 11, we will have one worship service at 9 a.m.

Scripture readings for the week: Acts 17:22-31; Ps. 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21.

Evangelical United Methodist Church Middletown

Prayer Group.

Thurs., May 26: 5:30 p.m., Girl Scout meeting.

Sun., May 29: 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. Greeters: Betty Hoke, Bob and Carlyn Bitner. Nursery Helpers: Kim Schlicher. The altar flowers are given in memory of mother Margaret Wealand presented by Jim and Eileen Wealand. This week's bulletins are sponsored in honor of the wedding anniversary of Kathy and Ken Frisbie.

Tues., May 31: 5:30 p.m., Girl Scout meeting.

First Church of God Middletown

Thursday of the month during June, July and August.

Sun., June 5: Graduate Recognition and Youth Sunday.

Mark you calendar for Saturday, June 18, Community Fun Day will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featured will be carnival games, snow cones, cotton candy, hot dogs and soda, bounce house, barrel train rides, face painting, live music and much more. Come join us.

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

Latino Congregation: Betesda Casa de Misericordia, CGGC, 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.middletown-cog.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 29 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 25: 7 p.m., Patch the Pirate Clubs for ages 4 through grade 6, and Prayer meeting.

Tues., May 31: 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

In this season of Easter, we respond to the call of the risen Christ by gathering for worship. All are welcome within our doors and we are happy to have visitors present. Our service on Sun., May 29, begins at 10:30 a.m. Children are welcome and Listening Bags are available for them in the sanctuary. Sunday, at 9:15 a.m., the Adult Forum will have a discussion led by Patience Basehore about the book, "Heaven is For Real" by Todd Burpo and Lynn Vincent. It's a story about a little boy's trip to heaven and back. Come and join us, whether you have read the book or not.

Mon., May 30: Church offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

During the month of June, the summer Sunday school schedule for the Adult Forum with the theme "Origins of Our Presbyterian Faith: is as follows: June 5: Germany-Martin Luther; June 12: France-John Calvin; June 19: Switzerland-Ulrich Zwingli; June 26: Scotland-John Knox. Join us Sundays at 9:15 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

Mon., June 6: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Community dinner.

Sun., June 12: 4-9 p.m., Enjoy a fundraising dinner at Isaac's Deli east of the Harrisburg Mall. It is also

the weekend of the Middletown Fair event, June 11 and 12.

Wednesdays, June 29 and July 20: 6 to 7:30 p.m., Family Fun Nights for all ages.

Camp Krislund is gearing up for a full season of outdoor recreation, fun and growing in faith. Pick up a Krislund brochure; Sat., June 11 from 2-6 p.m. Krislund Summer Kick-Off at 189 Krislund Drive, Madisonburg, Pa. Free activities for all ages will be held rain or shine. Come learn about Krislund and experience parts of our summer program, or just have a fun day with your family. Meet the summer staff and visit informational booths and go swimming. There will be camp style worship, blow-up games, hayrides, tours, carnival games, and concessions. For more information call 814-422-8878.

Sun., June 26: Church picnic.

Looking ahead, the dates for taking photos of church members/friends for a new 2011 Church Directory will be July 28, 29 and 30.

Wednesdays, Aug. 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 6-8 p.m., Vacation Bible will be held.

For more information, contact the church office 944-4322, or check our website www.pcmdt.org.

DC Library System offers a summer of reading

From June 1 until Aug. 31 readers of all ages are invited to participate in The Library's "One World, Many Stories" 2011 Summer Reading Club.

Again this year, participants can explore this fun reading club online by going to dcls.org to register, log your reading and submit book reviews from home or in the library.

After reading a total of 10 hours throughout the summer children up to age 13 can turn in their log for a free book from Aug. 22 through Sept. 10.

Teens 13-17 are eligible to participate in the Teen Reading Club "You are Here" where they read and review books. Each review will then count as an entry into a random drawing for a variety of prizes.

Adults who participate in the "Novel Destinations" component of the Summer Reading Club by writing reviews of the books they read will have their reviews count as an entry into a random drawing for gift certificates to local restaurants.

Join the celebration June 1 by registering online at dcls.org or by going to the library.

Free events for all ages will highlight the summer festivities: "Mind Your Pennies with Buck," "Fiona Siobhan Powell: Folklorist and Storyteller," and "One World, Many Stories, and MUSIC" are some of the children's programs that will be held at various DCLS libraries.

"Tie Dyed Your World" and a "Got Duct Tape?" program are some of the events available for teens and many

more programs will be offered for the entire family to enjoy. Go to dcls.org to find a complete listing of the summer's events.

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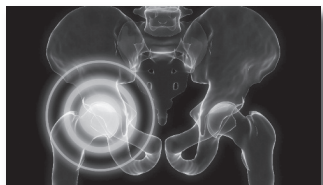
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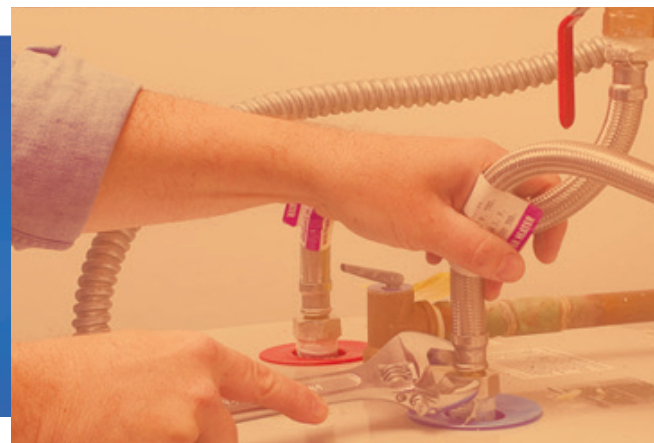
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Hanging Out

By Andrew McGlothlen

One of the best things about a nice summer afternoon is lying out in the sun and soaking up rays. While you are out in your summer paradise, though, what are you lying on? If you have brought a towel or blanket, it might be time for an upgrade. Sometimes it's a heck of a lot better to just hang out in a hammock than to lie on the ground.

Hammocks have been around for centuries. They were used in the Americas well before the English or Spanish language was. Native Americans, particularly Mayans and other Central American tribes, developed hammocks for comfort, and trading allowed them to diversify the types of hammocks they could make. By the time Columbus first arrived in the Americas, he found hammocks in the Caribbean, several of which he brought back to Europe with his reports. Since then, hammock designs have consistently improved. Almost 1,000 years after its invention, the hammock began to be made from cotton. This recent conversion allows for cheaper and softer hammocks for enjoyment.

These days, most hammocks need about 12 to 15 feet of space for their full length and 6 to 8 feet across for their proper utilization. Hammocks can be strapped to two trees, a tree and a post, two posts or even a hammock stand. When figuring out where to put your hammock, look not only for an area with a 12- to 15-foot gap but for one where you can put your hammock 4 to 5 feet above the ground. Hammock heights and lengths vary, though, so be sure to check the instructions that come with your hammock.

Hammocks are more convenient and diverse than ever. They are easy to put up and take down. If you walk outside with your hammock in tow, you can be



relaxing in it in just a couple of minutes. If the weather looks fierce, you can put it away in the same amount of time. Many models are also now perfectly acceptable within the home as well as outside and can also be used in less conventional ways. Some are even less expensive and more comfortable than beds. Hammock swings, for example, provide the comfort of a hammock in the shape of a chair. These are usually hung from the ceiling and, depending on design, can hold one to three people. Another nice development is the tree strap. These are attached to the ends of your hammock and strap around the trunk or large branch of nearby trees, making hammocks a viable camping accessory as well as an environmentally friendly option.

When taking young children onto a hammock, place a blanket on the ropes to prevent them from getting stuck and keep an eye on them to make sure they do not fall off the side. While properly installed hammocks are hard to flip, children may make sudden movements or attempt to get out of them in unexpected ways. For added safety, take the hammock down after each time you use it.

If you are looking for comfort and style, you really should consider trying a hammock. Many places selling hammocks have an in-store display. Try it out and imagine yourself relaxing in it on a nice summer afternoon.

Poison prevention pointers

It is important to keep safety in mind as you begin your house cleaning and gardening. Many of the products used, such as garden chemicals, paint thinner, bleach and furniture polish, are poisonous. Almost anything can be a poison if it's used the wrong way, by the wrong person, or in the wrong amount. In case of a possible poisoning, call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222 to talk to a poison expert.

You can also protect yourself and those around you by exercising a little caution. Here are some simple tips to help you clean safely:

- Keep household cleaning products and other chemicals in the containers they came in, and always store them away from food and out of the reach of children.
- Read and follow directions for use and disposal of cleaning products, and never mix chemicals, including household cleaners, or detergents.
- Turn on fans and open windows when using chemicals or household cleaners. Don't sniff containers to see what is inside.
- When spraying chemicals, direct the nozzle away from people and pets.
- Bug and weed killers can be taken in through the skin or inhaled and can be poisonous too. Even leather shoes and gloves do not offer full protection, so stay away from areas that have been sprayed for at least an hour.
- Wear protective clothing when using any spray products. If pesticides

are splashed onto the skin, rinse with soap and running water. Wash your clothing after using chemicals too.

• Tell your children that they should ask a grown-up if they're not sure if something is dangerous. Tell them to stay away from things used to clean the house, clothes, or car.

• If you suspect someone has been poisoned call the Poison Help line right away at 1-800-222-1222, to talk to a poison expert. It doesn't have to be an "emergency" to call. No matter where you are in the U.S., the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222 will connect you to your local poison control center.

Poison centers are not just for parents of young children. They are for everyone who needs advice, including adults and health care providers.

Nurses, pharmacists, doctors and other experts specially trained in poisoning answer the phone 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The call is free and confidential, and you can get help in 161 languages. Services are also available for the hearing impaired. Post the number by your home phone and program it into your cell phone for quick access.

Keep these tips in mind as you clean in and around your home, garage and garden. If you would like to learn more about the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222, visit the Poison Help Web site at www.PoisonHelp.hrsa.gov or www.PoisonHelpEspanol.hrsa.gov. -NAPSI

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Have fresh flowers anytime

By Tresa Erickson

You adore fresh flowers. You often pick some up on your way home from work to adorn your entryway and bedside tables. You just love the scent of fresh flowers in a room and one look at a pot of colorful blooms is all it takes to brighten your day and lift your spirits. To ensure you always have fresh flowers at hand, why not create your own cutting garden?

Cutting gardens are areas where flowers are grown specifically for cutting. The gardens are often separate from traditional beds and planted in rows to make getting to the flowers easier. They are not intended to be an asset to the landscape, and because of that, many gardeners incorporate them into their vegetable gardens.

To start a cutting garden, you need to select an area in your yard with good soil and determine how many flowers it will accommodate. You can then shop for seeds. You can pick or choose or take a chance on packets with assorted varieties. Be sure your selections bloom at different times so you will have flowers much of the growing season.

As you are shopping for seeds, think about how you would arrange the flowers and try to select a wide variety of shapes. You will need spire-shaped flowers for height and line, round flowers for the bulk of the arrangements and lacy, delicate flowers for filler. You may also want to plant some

ornamental herbs for foliage. For the best arrangements, the colors of the flowers you select should complement each other.

Tend to your cutting garden as you would any other garden and don't cut any flowers until they are ready. Look for buds just beginning to open and avoid fully bloomed flowers unless you want an arrangement just for the day. Keep in mind that dark green stems will last longer. Try to cut flowers early in the morning and use scissors for soft stems and pruning shears for woody stems.

Place your cuttings into a bucket of water and take them inside to start the arranging. First, remove all bumps and thorns with a paring knife. Then turn on the water and begin cutting the stems. The majority of stems should be cut at a slant to prevent air bubbles from occurring and stopping the water intake. Tubular stems should be cut straight across, while sappy stems should be burned. This will prevent any oozing of the sap.

After you have cut all stems, you should condition them. Place the flowers in a large container in a cool, dark place. Add some nutrients to the water or a pinch of sugar and several drops of bleach. Let the flowers sit four to five hours until the stems are firm.

Once the flowers have been conditioned, you may move them to a vase and remove all leaves and side shoots below the waterline. This will prevent the flowers from decaying quickly and allow them to take in more water.

To extend the longevity of your arrangements, you should recut the stems and change the water daily, adding some food to it each time.

Imagine being able to have fresh flowers in your home anytime you want without having to go to a market. With a cutting garden, that is exactly what you will get. Good luck and happy gardening.

Improve your home and your health



Fruit trees in your backyard

By Tresa Erickson

Do you like to eat fruit and wish it were more readily available, as in right outside your door? Plant some fruit trees in your yard! You will have fruit within reach, and in the process, you will reduce air pollution, enrich the soil, attract pollinators, and provide shelter for wildlife and shade for you and your family.

Fruit trees generally fall into three categories: dwarf, semi-dwarf and standard. The smallest of the three, dwarf trees offer many benefits. They are suitable for tight spaces, easy to prune and pick, and quick to produce fruit, usually in three to five years. Semi-dwarf trees are medium sized, ranging in height from 10 to 16 feet. They require extensive annual pruning but produce more fruit than dwarf trees and live longer. Standard trees are quite large, with some growing 25 to 30 feet high. Although they take several years to reach maturity and are harder to care for, they produce a ton of fruit fairly quickly.

Fruit trees come in hundreds of varieties, each of which has its own requirements. Apple trees, for example, do best in areas with fairly dry soil and lots of light. Find the ones most suitable for your area and ask

about their pollinating requirements. For fruit much of the year, consider planting a number of varieties that bloom at different times.

When looking for trees, take note of the size and any other features that might appeal to you, like flowers, leaves and scents. Keep in mind that the smaller the tree is, the less space it will require and the easier overall it will be to manage. Look for trees with strong, straight stems, one clear identifiable leader and high, well-balanced branches. This will ensure the trees grow straight and bear fruit out of the reach of many critters.

When planting a tree, dig a hole about 18 inches deep and loosen the soil around it with a pitchfork. Place some compost in the bottom of the hole and replace enough dirt to make a small mound in the middle. Set the root ball on top of the mound, spread the roots out evenly and fill the hole with soil, being careful to keep the tree as straight as possible. Add a couple more inches of soil around the tree and water it thoroughly. The soil will compress when moist. If needed, stake the tree to ensure it continues to grow straight.

Just think. With the proper care, your fruit trees will flourish and you will have plenty of fruit to eat as you please throughout much of the year.



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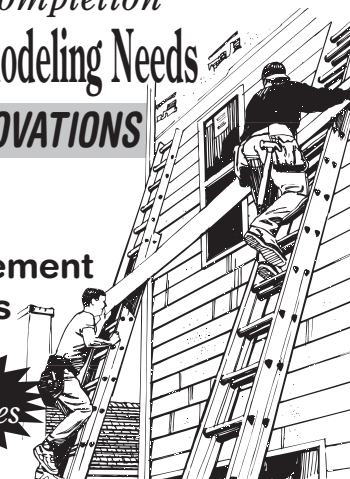
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Playing around in you own backyard

By Andrew McGlothlen

Whether you have young children or are just young at heart, you may be considering a home playground. There are a number of choices you can make to personalize your play area. Whether you are building a swing set or a tree house, here are some things to keep in mind.

First, you must select the kinds of equipment you would like. These may include swings, slides, ladders, monkey bars, firemen's poles, swinging bridges and more. As you begin to compose a list of the equipment you would like, you can begin looking into what playground systems are offered custom-made. You will find systems made of everything from steel to plastic, so keep in mind who is going to be the primary user. If very young children are going to be using it, you may be OK with one of the portable systems made of durable plastic. These do not have any sharp corners or hard surfaces that could hurt a child. As your children get a bit older, you may want to consider a wooden or steel system.

Steel systems have the advantage of being very strong and durable. They can take a lot of wear and tear and still function. They are, however, susceptible to oxidation and may have hard surfaces and sharp corners. Depending upon their location, you may be able to remove sharp corners with a grinder. Wooden systems have the advantage of adaptability. To add a new piece to your system, you simply need to attach it with a drill and screws, whereas with a metal system, you may need to do some welding and metalworking. Wooden systems are not usually as hard as metal surfaces, but they do run the risk of splinters and need to be stained and treated to prevent rotting or warping. Depending on wear, they may even need to be sanded and retreated from time to time.

Now that you have a basic comparison of steel and wooden systems, you need to make sure that you follow proper safety guidelines in setting up your system. Most need to be placed deep in the ground and cemented in place and surrounded by some sort of mulch or sand in order to minimize injuries when children fall. Do your homework. In most cases, a good 12 inches of mulch or sand is enough to reduce the chance of injuries. Keep in mind that mulch is more aerated and cushions a bit more on impact than sand, which compacts quickly.

If you are making a tree house in conjunction with your system, you may want to consult a professional architect or obtain some approved plans. Tree houses, while fun, can be structurally unsound if not constructed properly. By connecting a tree house to your system, you need to keep in mind that the tree is a living organism. You must be careful not to damage or kill it, or the branches supporting your tree house will dry and break.

Always exercise great care in the construction of a tree house. Once safely constructed, a tree house can provide hours of entertainment as well as a great view. It can also teach your children to be more conscious of their natural surroundings and provide a nice escape when they need time to themselves.



This spring, do yourself and your children a favor. Save everyone a trip to the park and construct a safe, fun play area in your own backyard.

Yard work done now will let you enjoy your backyard all summer

As we dream of the lazy days of summer, many of us think about the place where we spend those endless days and balmy summer evenings - the backyard. But if your backyard is going to live up to the perfection you envision in your daydreams, you may need to spend a weekend or two now shaping up your outdoor spaces for this year's activities.

Whether it's heading out for a game of catch with your kids or inviting the neighbors over for a barbecue, the backyard provides a welcome extended living space in the warmer months. Since you'll be spending so much time there, it's worth the effort to get your yard looking and feeling good, as it will make your time there that much more relaxing.

If you're not sure where to get started, here's a checklist of projects to consider before the backyard enjoyment season heats up:

- Take a ground-up approach. Perhaps nothing makes a backyard feel homier than a lush lawn. While ongoing maintenance will help keep your yard looking great throughout the summer, early preparation is just as important. Check your yard for bare spots and overseed them, as necessary. Give your yard a good raking or use a dethatcher to get rid of any dead grass or leaves that can hamper growth. If you don't have an overseeder or dethatcher, don't worry. Your local rental stores will have tools and equipment you need.

- Late spring is also a great time to rent a stump grinder and remove tree stumps. As a bonus, you can use the woodchips as bedding for plants.

- Give your deck or patio a good sweep and power wash away any debris it collected over the winter and spring. If it's in need of repairs or staining, take care of it now so it's ready to go for summer.

- Check to see if your fence is in need of repair or replacing. Do any repairs now, before the weather turns too hot to do the work. If your fence is still in good shape, think about adding flower boxes or other vegetation to make your yard more inviting.

- If you've been thinking about installing an irrigation system, why wait until the dry summer days when your lawn will need water the most? Installing an irrigation system will allow your lawn and garden to thrive all summer long.

- Since your kids will be heading outside, make sure swing sets, tree houses and other play equipment are in good working condition. Bad weather can take a toll on these items, so testing is important for protecting your child's safety. Check for things like rotting wood or rusting metal.

Since many of these jobs require equipment that you might not ordinarily keep in your garage, renting is the smart way to get these projects done. Or better still, contact your home improvement specialist and let the professionals do the job.

By taking care of all of your backyard improvement projects early in the season, you can get the most out of your yard while the weather is pleasant.

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