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## State rejects Highspire parents' petition

Group wants their children moved into Middletown Area School District; appeal filed

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The Pennsylvania Department of Education has rejected the petition filed in August 2014 by residents of Highspire to transfer their students from Steelton-Highspire School District to Middletown Area School District.

While the Highspire students would benefit academically from being transferred from Steel-

ton-Highspire to Middletown, the educational benefits of the transfer are outweighed "by the negative educational impact of the proposed transfer borne by the remaining Steelton students and that also may be borne by the students in the expanded MASD (Middletown Area School District)," PDE Deputy Secretary Matthew S. Stem wrote in a report filed Feb. 2.

Stem's report, referred to as a

pre-adjudication determination, has been appealed by lawyers representing the Highspire Education Coalition, the group of Highspire residents that in 2014 first sought the transfer of 229 students living in Highspire from the Steelton-Highspire district to Middletown.

Lawyers for the coalition on Feb. 12 requested a full administrative hearing with PDE Secretary Pedro Rivera of the PDE determination in Commonwealth Court.

A hearing date has not been set, Brian Carter, a lawyer for the coalition, told the Press & Journal.

The coalition took its case to Commonwealth Court in February 2017 in an effort to compel a decision on the educational merits of the petition from PDE.

The Highspire students being transferred to Middletown would result in the property taxes that these Highspire residents pay no longer going to Steelton-High-

spire, but to Middletown.

The transfer also would result in a shift of basic and special education subsidies from Steel-High to Middletown, according to Stem's report.

"This proposed transfer not only negatively impacts those students remaining in (Steelton-Highspire), but it poses a risk to (Steelton-Highspire's) fiscal viability," Stem said. "(Steelton-Highspire's) long-term finances

will be weakened coupled with continued academic needs."

In short, the Steelton-Highspire School District "could not continue to operate" if the Highspire students—as well as the property tax revenue paid by the Highspire residents—were to be transferred to Middletown.

As coalition spokesman Ken Becker noted in a statement is-

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Janice Murray, director of operations of Restin Hospitality LLC, the company that owns the Comfort Inn & Suites, points out the future lobby fireplace while work continues behind her during a tour Feb. 12. See more photos by reading this story online at [www.pressandjournal.com](http://www.pressandjournal.com).

## Stay right here: Two hotels on track to open

By Laura Hayes  
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For months, locals driving along Route 230 have watched the construction of two new hotels at or near Harrisburg International Airport.

Now, officials say both hotels are on target to open this year — Comfort Inn & Suites-Harrisburg Airport-Hershey South is sched-

uled to open in the spring and Fairfield Inn & Suites Harrisburg International Airport will open in August.

Workers broke ground on the two hotels last summer.

"I think just having a hotel in Middletown is great because there are none," said Janice Murray, director of operations of Restin Hospitality LLC, the company that owns the Comfort Inn & Suites. It

is being built across from Harrisburg International Airport next to CVS at the old Olmsted Plaza.

Fairfield Inn & Suites is being built next to the airport's parking garage. The 123-room structure broke ground in June, and Fairfield Inn & Suites director of sales Mark Rice said the hotel is scheduled to be completed in August. It will include a breakfast buffet area, a bar that will serve light

food in the evening, a fitness and business center and an outdoor courtyard complete with a fire pit.

In the next several weeks, Rice said the construction workers will start putting in drywall.

"They're in the process of getting the roof completed and the rest of the front windows in," Rice said earlier this month. During the

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## Opioid issue: Worse before it gets better?

By Dan Miller  
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There are signs of progress in combating the opioid epidemic, but the crisis will likely get a lot worse before it gets better.

That was one of the major takeaways from a panel discussion on the opioid crisis that was held at Penn State Harrisburg on Thursday, Feb. 15.

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Wendy Loranzo speaks during the Feb. 15 panel discussion at Penn State Harrisburg about opioid addiction. Jim Lingg and Eric Doerfler listen.

STAFF PHOTO BY DAN MILLER

## Pitbull used in dog fighting found dead in trash can

By Jason Maddux  
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A pitbull that police say was part of illegal underground dog fighting was found dead, wrapped up in a colorful blanket and stuffed in a rectangular trash can, in Lower Swatara Township on Thursday.

The male dog weighed 50 to 60 pounds and was black with a little bit of white on its chest and paws. It was not wearing a collar and did not have an ID chip.

The dog had its ears cut off, which is common in dog fighting, according to Lower Swatara police Detective Robert Appleby. Cutting off the ears gives the opposing dog less of an area to grab.

The dog also was covered in scratches and bite marks.

"It's a heartbreaking thing to see, an animal that has suffered in that manner," Appleby said.

The dog was found by a township road crew several yards into a wooded area off Richardson Road, near the Hollywood Motel and the Penn Harris Gun Club. The dog might have been dumped there at night, he said.

It's the first time a dog suspected of being used in dog fighting has been found dead in Lower Swatara. Appleby said that while they have not received any reports of dogfighting in the township, there have been recent efforts to combat dog fighting in Harrisburg. He said because dog fighting is "very underground," it is difficult to detect.

PennLive reported Feb. 12 that there have been three felony arrests there in the past year, and a two-year state gaming grant totaling \$275,000 has provided Harrisburg with funds to pay for billboards and a media campaign to help generate tips against what city spokeswoman Joyce Davis called the "scourge of dog fighting." About \$27,000 will be used on the media campaign.

The Lower Swatara Police Department is working with other agencies on the case. Appleby said he was contacted by a Camp Hill police officer because there was a dead female pitbull found recently, also wrapped up in a blanket. He said it's too soon to

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## New Middletown business group to hold first meeting

By Dan Miller  
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An "inaugural meeting" of the new Middletown Business Association will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, March 5, at Alfred's Victorian restaurant, 38 N. Union St., Middletown.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in learning more about the association. If you are planning to go, the association

requests you RSVP through the association's Facebook page by noon March 2.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend, regardless of whether you RSVP, said Scott Miller, chairman of the association board of directors.

"We want to start a conversation about what do we want to do, what issues do we want to ad-

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# OURCOMMUNITY

## Town and gown forum is Sunday after cancellation

The final “Town and Gown Relationships” forum will take place at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 in the Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown Fellowship Hall.

The forums examine the relationship between Penn State Harrisburg and the Middletown area. The first was held Feb. 11. About 20 community members attended.

The second forum, Feb. 18, was canceled due to snow.

The Feb. 25 forum will include presentations from several Penn State students and Middletown Borough Council members Ben Kapenstein and Dawn Knull and Middletown Human Relations Commission member Mike Woodworth.

The forum is free and open to the public.

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## Which president is your favorite?



Hi, folks! We are celebrating Presidents Day this week as we honor the birthdays for Abraham Lincoln on Feb. 12 and George Washington on the Feb. 22.

I am partial to George as we share the same birthday. Of course, it could be argued his actual birthday is Feb. 11, 1731. Our country changed to the Gregorian calendar in 1752. This changed a few things, including adding one year and 11 days to George’s original birthday to get him to the 22nd.

I remember doing a report on him while in the third grade. What do I remember about that report? He had wooden teeth, and now I come to find out that this is just an urban legend! Ugh.

I also believed the story about his dad, the cherry tree and not lying. In fact, I remember for one of my birthdays my mom and sisters decorated a cake for me with a cherry tree as the focal point. Ugh.

Have a super-duper week. Spring is coming! Don’t forget to call or email me your news to share.

Also, I’m looking for people to answer the Question of the Week!

**Fun First President Facts**

1. George Washington never won a battle as commander in the Virginia militia during the French-Indian War.
2. His third cousin twice removed is Robert E. Lee.
3. He was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia on Feb. 22, 1732.
4. He was a huge man back in the day. George was more than 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighed more than 200 pounds.
5. He disapproved of the Boston Tea Party. He felt it sent the wrong message to King George III.
6. In both of his presidential terms not one elector ever voted against his candidacy.
7. George had one tooth when he was elected president, but he

never had false teeth made out of wood. They were made out of lead, ivory, cow’s teeth, and other human teeth. Never wood.

8. That story about chopping down a cherry tree and telling his father, “I cannot tell a lie”? It never happened.

9. He didn’t have a middle name.

10. He wrote between 18,000 and 20,000 letters in his lifetime!

**Birthdays**

Many good wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Claudi Sisti** of Lower Swatara on Feb. 21. Have a beautiful day on Wednesday and just celebrate all week!

**Don Carson** of Lower Swatara will hear the birthday song on Wednesday, Feb. 21. Wishing you a fun birthday, Don!

If you see **Joe Sukle** around on Wednesday, Feb. 21 be sure to give him your jolliest happy birthday greeting as he has 64 reasons to be glad! Hoping you have a perfect day, Joe!

Best wishes for a fun-filled birthday to **Jake Leggore** of Lower Swatara on Thursday, Feb. 22. Enjoy your very special day as you observe your golden birthday, 22 on the 22nd!

**Sandy Wise-Dunkleberger** also celebrates her cake-and-ice cream day on Thursday, Feb. 22. Many good wishes of love and joy to you, Sandy!

**Courtney Freeburn** of Lower Swatara marks her 24th cake day on Friday, Feb. 23. Best wishes to you for a fantastic cake day weekend!

Happy super-duper-dazzling birthday to **Crystal VanValkenburg** of Middletown on Feb. 23. Hoping your special day is full of much laughter and fun on Friday. Celebrate!

**Nate Handley** of Lower Swatara celebrates his 23rd confetti-popping day on Saturday, Feb. 24. Have a super weekend, Nate.

**Billy Gomboc** of Middletown marks his 17th balloon-flying day on Saturday, Feb. 24. Enjoy all that comes along with celebrating your special day, Billy!

**Heaven McGirt** of Lower Swatara turns 17 on Feb. 25. Hopefully your day will be warm and full of blessings, Heaven. Have a sweet Sunday birthday!

Happy 24th cake-and-ice cream day to **Brendon John Parkhill** as he celebrates his birthday on Sunday, Feb. 25. Stay safe and enjoy!

**Cameron Joseph Parkhill** of Lower Swatara celebrates his 17th birthday on Sunday, Feb. 25. May your Feb. 25 day be full of high-fives and lots of fun!

Here is a shout-out to **Deb Breon** of Lower Swatara on Feb. 26. Have the best birthday yet, and don’t just celebrate on Monday. Take the entire week!

**Jeff Dukes** of Middletown marks his birthday on Monday, Feb. 26. I hope your day is just how you like it. Have a blast!

Best wishes to **Chris Reider** of Lower Swatara on Monday, Feb. 26 as he celebrates his snappy-happy me-holiday!

**Phyllis Etter** of Lower Swatara is growing even more wiser as she observes her sweet birthday on Monday, Feb. 26. Celebrate the rest of the month, Phyllis!

Happy birthday to **Ken Esterline** on Feb. 27. Hoping your day is over-the-top with all kinds of fun. May Tuesday be full of sunshine and warmer breezes!

**Anniversaries**

**Charles and Linda Ferree** of Lower Swatara celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on Monday, Feb. 26. The gift is diamond. Enjoy!

**Randy and Janice Breon** of Lower Swatara were married on Feb. 27, 1976. Best wishes to you both as you celebrate your 42nd anniversary on Tuesday.

**Meat Loaf**

*Recipe from the Wedding Book Collection*

2 lbs. ground beef  
1 envelop of Lipton Onion or beef flavor mushroom soup mix  
1 1/2 c. soft bread crumbs  
2 eggs  
3/4 c. water

1/3 c. ketchup

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In large bowl, combine all ingredients. Place mixture into a large shallow pan, shape into a loaf. Bake 1 hour or until done. If desired, garnish with parsley and serve with potatoes and sliced carrots. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

**Dean’s list**

Congratulations to **Dagen Hughes** of Lower Swatara on being named to Seton Hall University’s 2017 fall semester dean’s list.

Dagen, in his junior year, is a communications major.

Seton Hall is in South Orange, New Jersey.

**Quote of the Week**

“My youth held little forecast of a career in biomedical research. I was born on February 22, 1936, in York, Pennsylvania, and spent my childhood in a rural area on the west bank of the Susquehanna River.” — Michael J. Bishop, immunologist and microbiologist. He shared the 1989 Nobel Prize and is a pioneer in the field of cancer research.

**Question of the Week**

What is your favorite snack food?

“Candy! I sneak it from school and from Nana.” — **Victoria Kelly**, 10, Swatara.

“Twizzlers!” — **Miranda Burdsal**, 8, Lower Paxton.

“Hot cocoa.” — **Ryan Benkovic**, 4, Lower Paxton.

“Fruit Roll-Ups.” — **Jon Benkovic**, 7, Lower Paxton.

“Root beer float with vanilla ice cream and whipped cream and a cherry on top!” — **Anna Benkovic**, 8, Lower Paxton.

“Trail mix.” — **William Benkovic**, 14, Lower Paxton.

**Proverb for the Week**

Fear the LORD and the king, my son, and do not join with the rebellious (24:21).

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## Seven Sorrows teacher wins Golden Apple Award

Stephanie Kveragas, second-grade teacher at Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary School in Middletown, was one of seven recipients of The 2017 Golden Apple Award in the Diocese of Harrisburg.

The Golden Apple Award symbolizes a teacher’s professional excellence, leadership, commitment to Catholic values, and devotion to teaching in Catholic schools, according to the diocese website. The award is presented through the Donahue Family Foundation.

An award celebration, hosted by the Most Rev. Ronald Gainer, bishop of Harrisburg, was held last spring at the Cardinal Keeler Diocesan Center in Harrisburg to honor awardees.

Kveragas also received a cash award of \$5,000.

Kveragas began her educational career teaching second grade at St. Peter’s Catholic School in 2006. After six years with the school, she took another position at Seven Sorrows, where she continues to



Bishop Ronald Gainer of the Diocese of Harrisburg congratulates Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary School teacher Stephanie Kveragas for winning the Gold Apple Award.

teach second grade.

“Mrs. Kveragas is not only an exceptional teacher, but also a tremendous leader in the school.

She has an eagerness to not simply teach, but to share knowledge with her students,” a press release from the school stated.

## Gas prices fall 5.4 cents in Harrisburg area

Average retail gasoline prices in Harrisburg fell 5.4 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$2.76 a gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy’s daily survey of 241 gas outlets in Harrisburg.

This compares with the national average that fell 5.4 cents per gallon to \$2.51 a gallon.

Prices Sunday were 31 cents a gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 1.1 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The U.S. average decreased 2.5 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 23.4 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices Feb. 19 in Harrisburg have ranged widely over the last five years: \$2.45 a gallon in 2017, \$1.89 a gallon in 2016, \$2.39 a gallon in 2015, \$3.56 a gallon in 2014 and \$3.73 a gallon in 2013.

Areas near Harrisburg and their current gas price climate:

**Lancaster:** \$2.81 a gallon, down 3.3 cents per gallon.

**Reading:** \$2.79 a gallon, down 4.4 cents per gallon.

**York:** \$2.80 a gallon, down 4.4 cents per gallon.

“For the second straight week, average gasoline prices fell, with nearly every state declining week-over-week as retail gas prices saw

more catching up to the previous decline in crude oil prices,” said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. “The trend may not be over just yet, but oil prices have rebounded from their lows and are again strengthening, which may cut the party at the pump short in the weeks ahead. Worth watching is U.S. shale oil production values which continue to increase, which may limit oil’s rally moving forward, but dead ahead on the calendar is still turnaround season at the nation’s refiners which promises at least some short-term pain for long-term gain.”



MIDDLETOWN POLICE AND COURTS ROUNDUP

# Four doses of Narcan needed to revive man; scams aplenty

Middletown police used Narcan to revive a man who had overdosed from heroin in the Penn State Harrisburg parking lot at Olmsted Drive and Wharton Avenue on Feb. 2.

Police said that an officer while conducting a routine traffic stop was alerted to the man, who was sitting in the passenger seat of a vehicle.

Borough police gave three doses of Narcan to the man, who was described as being in his 30s. He was not a Penn State Harrisburg student, police said.

A fourth dose of Narcan was given by a paramedic before the man began to come around. He was taken by ambulance to the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

A physician at Penn State told police that the heroin was probably laced with another substance, based on the amount of Narcan that was needed to revive the man, police said.

Bogus overdue account

A Middletown man reported being the victim of a phone scam.

On Jan. 26, the man told police that he had received a call from someone claiming to represent the Snap-On tool company.

The caller told the victim that he had gotten behind on his Snap-On account and would be charged with a felony.

The victim traced the phone number to an individual who did not appear to be affiliated with Snap-On.

Pole damaged in hit-and-run

A pole at the southwest corner of East Main and Vine streets in Middletown was damaged when it was struck by a tractor-trailer truck on Jan. 22.

Police said that the 2015 white Freightliner with Oklahoma plates continued eastbound on Main Street without stopping. The vehicle was pulled over while heading south on Adelia Street.

The driver told police he was trying to find the Love's Truck Stop.

Video leads to hit-and-run arrest

A man was cited for a hit-and-run involving two other vehicles in the parking lot of an apartment complex in the 600 block of Spring Street in Middletown on Jan. 20.

Video surveillance traced the plate number and striking vehicle to Clinton Asalu, 21, of the 300 block of Gina Lane in Middletown, police said.

Asalu was cited for an accident involving damage to unattended vehicles or property, and reckless driving.

Call wasn't from sheriff

A Middletown business on Jan. 19 reported being the victim of a phone scam where the caller claimed to be from the Dauphin County Sheriff's Department.

The caller instructed the victim to pay \$3,996, or else be arrested for failing to appear at a grand jury hearing. The victim was told to go to a local CVS to obtain a "money packet," police said.

The victim instead reported the scam to police.

An Internet search indicated the call may have originated in Texas, police said.

Craigslist scam thwarted

A woman looking for work on Craigslist cleaning houses in Middletown instead became wise to a scam, borough police say.

The victim reported to police on Jan. 19 that she had made arrangements to clean a house in the 100 block of Aspen Street for \$320 for three days for someone who said they were moving into the residence from Ontario, Canada.

The woman was sent a check for \$979.29. She was told to take out \$320, and to send the rest to a woman in California who would get her the keys to the house.

At this point the victim suspected a scam, police said. She did not cash the check but turned it over to a local bank. The victim also alerted Craigslist to the post as a possible

scam, police said.

Stolen motorcycle on Craigslist

A Londonderry Township man was charged with stealing a motorcycle after the owner saw an ad for the stolen vehicle posted on Craigslist.

State Police said that Michael David Goho, 29, of the 2600 block of East Harrisburg Pike, had "obliterated" the serial numbers on the Suzuki DRZ 400S model motorcycle, but that in all other respects the motorcycle matched the description provided by the victim, according to arrest papers police filed with District Judge David Judy.

The victim alerted police and arranged with Goho to purchase the motorcycle for \$1,300, police said.

Goho was arraigned before District Judge David O'Leary on Feb. 5 and charged with receiving stolen property. He was released after posting \$25,000 unsecured bail. A preliminary hearing before Judy is set for Feb. 26.

Vehicles egged

A 2018 black Mitsubishi Outlander was hit with eggs as the vehicle was parked at an apartment complex in the 600 block of Spring Street in Middletown.

The incident was reported to police Jan. 19.

Police also received a report on Jan. 18 of a vehicle being egged in the 800 block of Adelia Street. The two incidents did not appear to be related.

Hit-and-run damages Hop Yard

A no-parking sign pole and brick siding on the Hop Yard at 360 W. Main St. in Middletown was reported damaged by a hit-and-run that was reported to police on Jan. 17.

Debris from a striking vehicle was recovered at the scene, police said.

Woman reports phone scam

A 65-year-old Middletown woman reported a phone scam to borough police on Feb. 8.

The woman told police an unidentified caller instructed her to get three money orders totaling \$250 — two for \$100 and one for \$50 — and take them to 7-Eleven on Main Street, where she would meet someone who would give her \$9,000 for the money orders, police said.

The caller also tried to get the woman to provide her banking account information.

The woman did not comply with any of the instructions but reported the scam to police.

IRS calling? No....

A phone scam involving a caller claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service was reported to borough police on Feb. 2. Further details were not available.

Expired sticker leads to charges

A Manchester man faces drug possession charges after being pulled over by State Police for having an expired inspection and emission sticker.

Adam Shane Potter, 22, was pulled over on Fulling Mill Road in Lower Swatara Township after state police had followed him from the 2800 block of Vine Street near Route 283 in Londonderry Township, according to arrest papers filed with District Judge David Judy.

Police found suspected marijuana and drug paraphernalia in Potter's car. Analysis of blood drawn from Potter detected traces of THC, the active ingredient in marijuana.

Potter is charged with possession of a controlled substance, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, DUI of a controlled substance, and not having a valid inspection sticker and emission inspection.

His preliminary hearing is set for Feb. 26.

Felon had loaded gun, drugs

A convicted felon found with drugs and a loaded 9 mm handgun at the Lawn Service Plaza westbound on the Pennsylvania Turnpike is in Dauphin County Prison on \$25,000 bail.

A joint investigation between state police and Carlisle borough police led to officers tracking down David Edward Glenn

Jr., 31, at the plaza at about 1 a.m. Jan. 31, according to arrest papers State Police filed with District Judge David Judy.

Glenn was reported as being from Harrisburg but no specific address was given.

Glenn was arrested after police found in his car a Taurus model 9 mm handgun containing a magazine loaded with 12 rounds. Police said Glenn has several previous drug convictions which prohibit him from possessing a firearm.

Police found in the car a plastic baggie containing heroin, and in Glenn's sock on his person one plastic baggie containing crack cocaine and a second plastic baggie containing cocaine, according to arrest papers.

Glenn was arraigned before District Judge David O'Leary on Jan. 31 and charged with prohibited possession of a firearm; manufacture, delivery or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance, and carrying a firearm without a license.

His preliminary hearing before Judy is scheduled for March 19.

Police: Man threatened woman

A Bainbridge man was charged by Middletown police following an incident in the borough Feb. 3.

According to arrest papers filed with District Judge David Judy, the woman told police that David Cordero, 46, of the 100 block of Penn Oak Drive, prevented her from getting out of her car when she tried to escape while in the parking lot of the Turkey Hill convenience store at 170 E. Main St.

The woman told police she believed that Cordero was too drunk to drive, according to arrest papers.

Cordero broke off the keys in the ignition of the car, and allegedly threatened to beat the woman and her children, police said.

Cordero after being taken into custody refused to give a blood sample to determine his blood-alcohol content, police said.

He was arraigned before District Judge Rebecca Jo Margerum on Feb. 3 and charged with terrorist threats, simple assault, harassment, DUI, public drunkenness, driving while under suspension due to a previous alcohol-related conviction, and criminal mischief.

He was listed as being in Dauphin County Prison on \$5,000 bail. He is to be arraigned in Dauphin County Court on May 4.

Man jailed following incident

A Middletown man was placed in Dauphin County Prison after being arrested by borough police for assaulting a woman during an incident in the first block of Ann Street on Feb. 5.

James Thornton Jr., 63, allegedly tried to choke the victim and injured her by throwing a remote control at her, causing swelling on her right front forehead, according to arrest papers police filed with District Judge David Judy.

Police were called to the scene by a boy who witnessed the assault, locked himself in his room, and called 911 by using a digital assistant, according to arrest papers.

Thornton was arraigned before Judy on Feb. 6 and charged with simple assault and disorderly conduct. He was listed as being in the county prison on \$10,000 bail.

A preliminary hearing before Judy is set for Feb. 20.

Speakers stolen from residence

Stereo speakers with a total value of \$800 were reported stolen from a residence in the first block of Genesis Court in Middletown.

The burglary was reported to police on Jan. 27.

Car damaged

A car was damaged while parked in an apartment complex in the 600 block of Spring Street in Middletown.

A silver 2016 BMW was scratched along the driver's side. The incident was reported

# OBITUARIES

Melvin Ricker

HUMMELSTOWN

Melvin E. "Buck" Ricker, 88, of Hummelstown, passed away Monday, February 12, 2018, at his home.

Born in Hummelstown on January 10, 1930, he was the son of the late Russell L. Ricker Sr. and Ruth A. Yingst Ricker.

Buck could best be described as a farmer; he embraced the land, raised crops and dairy cattle. Locally he and his family were well known for raising and selling fresh turkeys. He was a 1950 graduate of Hershey High School. He was an U.S. Army veteran. Buck was a longtime member of Stoverdale United Methodist Church. When not raising his cattle and turkeys, Buck loved to hunt, watch the deer on the property, and collect vintage tractors and automobiles. Although a very private person, Buck will be greatly missed by his family and close friends.

In addition to his parents, Buck was preceded in death by his brother, Russell L. Ricker Jr.; and sisters, Gloria P. Vachon and

Betty R. Gagion.

He is survived by cousins, Don Fasnacht and David "Chip" Horst; dear friend and hunting buddy, Wayne King; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 19, 2018, at 11 a.m. at Stoverdale United Methodist Church, Middletown Road, Derry Township, with Pastor Scott R. Hover officiating.

Interment was in Stoverdale Cemetery. Family and friends were received following the committal service.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROYALTON, DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, VACATING A STREET KNOWN AS A FIRE LANE. A copy of the full text of proposed Ordinance 245 may be examined at the Borough Building, address as stated above, Monday through Friday, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. prevailing time, in the office of the Secretary of the Borough, and is also available at the Borough website, [www.royaltownpa.com](http://www.royaltownpa.com). All residents, taxpayers, persons interested therein or affected thereby are invited to attend.

Amy Burrell  
Borough Secretary

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The Highspire Borough Zoning Board will hold a public hearing at the Highspire Borough Municipal Building located at 640 Eshelman Street, Highspire, PA on February 27, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Review of Zoning Variance Application submitted by the owner, Hicham Cheddani for relief of 9 zoning sections regarding the property located at 601 Second Street, tax parcel 30-028-011 Highspire, PA. The owner proposes to construct an auto sales lot and service building. Request for relief from the following sections: 1903.A.1 / 1903.a.1.e / 1904 / 1905 / 1905.C.1.a / 1905.C2. a.b.e and f / 1905C4.c / 1905F.1.e / 803E.3. Any interested parties are invited to attend or to contact the Highspire Borough Office at (717) 939-3303 for further information. Any Person(s) requiring special accommodation(s) that wish to attend or participate in the hearing should call the Borough Office, not less than three (3) business days prior to the meeting. The Borough will make every effort to provide reasonable accommodations.

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# OPIOID: Crisis has impact locally

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The panel included health care professionals on the front line of the crisis everyday, as well as just ordinary folks whose lives have been turned upside down by the epidemic.

“People ask me, ‘Do you think it’s slowing down?’ No. We haven’t even seen the tip of the iceberg yet. There’s no doubt in my mind,” said Jim Lingg, a paramedic shift supervisor with Life Lion. “It will peak and it will slow down, but, man, the damage that is left as a result of this — it’s crazy.”

Lingg talked of responding to opioid overdoses all over this area on a daily basis. There are days when he and other first responders give Narcan to revive someone who has overdosed, only to be called back to revive the same person a second and even a third time during the same 12-hour shift.

It’s overwhelming, so much that Lingg left a position he had had as a deputy coroner for Lancaster County in May because he couldn’t take it anymore.

“It sucked the life out of me,” he said of the job with Lancaster County. He remains with Life Lion.

As for progress, doctors are not prescribing opioids to relieve pain as routinely and automatically as they used to, said Dr. Lawrence Kass, an emergency room physician at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

Education on the risks of prescribing opioids is becoming part of the requirements for a doctor to be licensed, he said.

Organizations that accredit the colleges and universities that produce doctors are looking to change curriculum requirements to add more substance abuse education, said another panelist, Eric Doerfler, a nurse practitioner.

But as Doerfler noted, it will take awhile for the changes now being put in place to have an impact.

Meanwhile, Kass said he feels like a character in a story about a man who is rescuing someone drowning in a river. As he revives one person, the rescuer hears another call for help, and then another, and another.

Who is it upstream who is throwing all these people into the water, the rescuer wonders, Kass relates. But the rescuer is too busy trying to save the life of the person in front of him to be able to find out.

While he sees signs of fewer overdoses from legal prescription drugs, overdoses from illicit drugs like heroin keep going up.

Overall, “we have not made a dent in the fatalities due to opioids,” Kass said. “It’s very difficult from my position to get at the guy upstream. ... I’m hoping with this kind of a community awareness that we can get to that root. It’s not going to be solved by the docs or the medics or by somebody on Capitol Hill. It’s down here.”

If public education is key to overcoming the crisis, as the panelists all agreed, it would appear there is still a lot of work to be done in that regard as well.

Fewer than 35 people attended the panel discussion, although it had been publicized ahead of time in the Press & Journal and by Penn State Harrisburg through its website and Facebook page.

### A daughter's story

Before Wendy Loranzo’s daughter Elizabeth died from an overdose on March 19, 2017, in Londonderry Township, Loranzo said she didn’t really know anything about heroin.

She certainly knew nothing about fentanyl, the substance that was responsible for Elizabeth’s death, according to the woman with the Dauphin County coroner’s office who called Loranzo four days after her daughter died.

“I said, ‘I don’t even know what fentanyl is. Can you spell that?’” Loranzo said during the panel discussion.

Loranzo, who lives in Middletown, knew from the start that she would stand up at her daughter’s funeral and tell everyone there that Elizabeth had died of a heroin overdose.

Afterward, Loranzo decided she had to do much more. She created the Elizabeth Loranzo iCare Foundation, a nonprofit organization people can contact if they or someone they know are dealing with heroin addiction and need help.

“We work very closely with the (Dauphin County) drug and alcohol offices,” Loranzo said. “We get people immediate response time, we get them into rehab, we provide them resources, we speak at public meetings, we have funds (to provide) Narcan to families free” and to help people get into rehab if they don’t have the money.

Her own experience illustrates the challenge of changing the mindset of people when it comes to the opioid epidemic.

“When my daughter went into rehab two years before” she died, “I didn’t want to know about it. I was

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mad, I was angry, I was embarrassed. I just kept thinking, ‘Why can’t she just stop?’” Loranzo said.

Had she known then what she knows now, Loranzo said she would have taken a leave of absence from her full-time job to stay with Elizabeth and to get her help, and to take care of her grandson, Elizabeth’s son.

Her grandson is now being raised by Elizabeth’s fiancée, whose ongoing recovery from his own drug addiction provides Wendy Loranzo with a glimmer of hope.

And despite all that she has learned about heroin and addiction since her daughter died, Loranzo said that the learning never stops.

No matter how many town halls and community forums like this that she goes to, Loranzo always learns something new at each one.

“I take away so much information. I meet people (who) I’m able to call afterwards,” Loranzo said. “Someone said to me a few months ago, ‘God didn’t take our children. He received them.’”

“I’ve been able to look at death a little differently, and my daughter is in a better place. I still want her here, but she died for a reason. She died for me to help other people.”

Loranzo always has a big picture of Elizabeth sitting next to her when Wendy gives these kinds of public presentations.

### A daughter survives

Elyse Rhode also brings her daughter, only her daughter is alive. In this case the roles are reversed.

Rhode was addicted to heroin for three years. Come March she will have 12 years clean.

Rhode said she brings her daughter to these forums because she wants her daughter to know what Rhode didn’t know, when she started using drugs in high school.

“This is what drugs do — I’m not going to hide it from you,” Rhode said of her conversations with her daughter. “I’m going to give you support at home. If you want to talk about something, I’m going to answer.”

Rhode credits her recovery to getting arrested and being put in jail, which got her into the Lancaster County drug court.

“They became the group of friends that I was looking for. They cared about what I did in my spare time. They made me feel like I was worth more than what I thought I was worth,” said Rhode, who today is a volunteer with the drug court system.

While in recovery Rhode met and married her current husband, a police officer. She gives him a perspective on drug addiction that he didn’t have before — that of the user, and what leads them to do the things they do.

The panelists also briefly discussed the impact of Gov. Tom Wolf on Jan. 10 declaring the heroin and opioid epidemic to be a statewide disaster.

Among many provisions, the declaration enables emergency medical service responders to leave Narcan behind with family members, in case they need to use it later. That raises issues for the paramedic and EMT community, Lingg said.

For example, how much Narcan are EMTs now supposed to carry, if they are to leave some behind? How much time is an EMT to devote to training a family member in how to use Narcan?

If the family member uses Narcan in the wrong way and something bad happens, is the EMT responsible?

None of the answers to these questions are apparent, at least not right now, Lingg said.

Police having Narcan is making “a huge difference” in saving lives, because police usually get to the scene first, Lingg said. But he has yet to see any data or information to shed light on the impact of leaving Narcan behind.

But doing so is still worth it, even if the unknowns outweigh the knowns, Kass said.

“If somebody is dead I have lost the opportunity to get them into rehab. If they have got Narcan in the house maybe it’ll help and it gives me that one more chance to talk to them about rehab. Even if there are 100 doses out there and one life can be saved, that’s worth it,” he said. “I’m optimistic even though there is no data to say that it has helped yet.”

Rhode said her own husband, the cop, is sometimes “iffy” about the wisdom of police using Narcan.

“We see these people every week,” she said he tells her. She tells him, “Look at where I am today. I didn’t overdose, but what if I was that girl that overdosed? Look where I am today, spreading the word, having two beautiful daughters. You never know who you are helping.”



LOWER SWATARA POLICE ROUNDUP

Arrest made on drug charges; multiple DUI cases reported; scam names police

Matthew Macon, 56, of the 600 block of North Harrisburg Street, Steelton, has been charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, court records show.

Macon was taken into custody after a traffic stop at 1:13 a.m. Dec. 29 in the area of Oberlin Road and Kreider Drive. According to the investigating officer, the traffic stop was made because of a faulty light above the license plate on Macon's 2002 Mercury Sable.

A background check showed warrants had been issued out of Dauphin and York counties calling for Macon's arrest for an unrelated incident.

Additional details about the case and subsequent charges were not reported by police.

Macon is scheduled to be present at a preliminary hearing on the charges on March 1 before District Judge Michael Smith.

DUI charges in three cases

• Angela Smith, 41, of the first block of Main Street, Hummelstown, has been charged with DUI-high rate of alcohol, DUI, driving with a suspended license, driving an unregistered vehicle, operating a vehicle without a valid inspection and failure to have vehicle emission inspection, court records show.

According to the investigating officer's report, Smith was driving a 2011 Toyota RAV4 in the 800 block of Eisenhower Boulevard at 1:14 a.m. Jan. 20 and stopped because police said the vehicle's registration was suspended. Police added they smelled an odor of alcohol coming from the ve-

hicle. An interview with Smith turned into a DUI investigation during which time she was taken to the Dauphin County Judicial Center and a blood sample was drawn and tested for the possible presence of intoxicants, police said. Results of the blood tests were not reported.

Her case is scheduled for a preliminary hearing March 7 before District Judge Michael Smith.

• Charges of DUI and DUI-high rate of alcohol have been filed against Daniel Fernback, 30, of the 500 block of Constitution Drive, Middletown after he was arrested Jan. 30.

According to police, Fernback was stopped at 2:14 a.m. in the area of South Eisenhower Boulevard at Fulling Mill Road after his 2006 Mercury Mariner was seen crossing the road's fog lines several times. An interview with Fernback turned into a DUI investigation and charges were filed, police said.

Fernback is scheduled for a preliminary hearing March 7 before District Judge Michael Smith.

• Scott Schulte, 29, of the 300 block of Twin Crest Drive, Leighton, was arrested Jan. 29 and subsequently charged with DUI, DUI-high rate of alcohol, DUI-controlled substance (three counts) and driving with a BAC of 0.02 percent or greater with a suspended license, court records show.

According to the arresting officer, Schulte was driving a 2014 Ford Taurus and failed to signal while driving in the area of Richardson Road at South Eisenhower Boulevard

at 10:47 p.m. Jan. 29. An interview with Schulte turned into a DUI investigation during which Schulte was taken to the Dauphin County Judicial Center and charged.

Results of blood tests from samples provided by Schulte were not reported.

He is scheduled for a preliminary hearing March 28 before District Judge Michael Smith.

Jumped on car's hood

Police were told a unidentified man jumped on and damaged the hood of car that was parked in the 200 block of West Main Street at 2 a.m. Feb. 11.

Police said the owner of the 2007 VW Jetta awoke to the sound of someone jumping on a car outside of his apartment. The victim told police he saw a man repeatedly jump on the hood of his car. The victim did not give police a description of the suspect but did tell police the suspect left the area in a black car.

Police said there was a large dent on the driver's side of the hood of the victim's car. No estimate was given to repair the vehicle.

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

Teenager charged

Juvenile allegations of simple assault were filed against a township resident following an incident at his home in the 100 block of Bradford Avenue at 6:56 a.m. Feb. 9, police report.

According to the investigating officer, the 15-year-old resident was fighting with his step-

mother, who reportedly suffered minor scratches.

Police said emergency medical services were not requested nor provided.

Fraud attempt names police

A township resident told police Feb. 7 he has been harassed by an individual claiming he was a member of an area police department calling about warrants allegedly filed against him.

Police said the victim said a person left numerous telephone messages stating he was a member of the Steelton Police Department and he needed the victim to call him about warrants that had been filed against him. Township police discovered the person named in the calls was not a member of the local department and the number referenced in the calls was not associated with the department.

Investigators told the victim the calls were an attempt to defraud the victim and cautioned him not to respond to the calls.

Attempted theft call

Police were unable to locate any suspects after receiving a call that a suspicious person was attempting to enter vehicles parked in the 2000 block of Brentwood Drive early on Feb. 2.

Police were called to investigate a report at about 1:55 a.m. that a man was acting suspiciously while trying to enter parked cars. The investigation report did not provide a description of the suspect or how many vehicles may have been targeted.

Police remind residents to lock their vehicles and remove any items of value from them.

19 citations during traffic detail

Middletown police issued 19 citations during a traffic enforcement detail in the borough that ran from 4 to 10:10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16.

One arrest was made as well. The 19 citations resulted in fines totaling \$3,472.50 — an average of nearly \$183 per citation, according to police.

The traffic detail was carried out by four officers and was led by Patrol Officer Juan Castro, according to the release and by information provided to the Press & Journal by Middletown Police Chief George Mouchette. More information on the detail was not made available.

— Dan Miller

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HOTELS: Two new locations near airport should be open this year

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remaining winter months, the workers will focus on the interior.

Rice said plans still call for a skybridge between the parking garage and the hotel, adding that he was unsure if the bridge would be in place by the time the hotel opened.

In June, Gov. Tom Wolf announced that the Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority, which runs the airport, was awarded a \$1.15 million state grant to build a skybridge.

The hotel will make traveling more convenient for visitors and locals, Rice said.

Harrisburg International Airport spokesman Scott Miller said the Fairfield Inn & Suites will add more capacity for travelers to the area.



STAFF PHOTO BY LAURA HAYES

Much work remains at Fairfield Inn & Suites.

"It's hard to find a hotel room on certain nights of the week," Miller said.

Having a hotel connected to the

airport will save people travel time, he said, so that they will not have to go to a hotel 30 to 45 minutes away.

"We are on schedule and it's looking great," Murray said. The four-story, 87-room Comfort Inn & Suites will open in spring and include a fitness room, indoor pool, breakfast, business center and airport shuttle.

The hotel, she said, provides access to nearby Sharp Shopper Grocery, CVS and Sheetz.

Most of the exterior has been completed, Murray said. Workers are completing the interior and getting ready for furnishings.

She said that the hotel will bring about 30 new jobs to the area; draw in guests from Hershey, Harrisburg and Carlisle; and benefit conferences and symposiums at Penn State Harrisburg.

Some of the proposed development of the area includes the construction of seven additional buildings at Linden Centre, excluding the hotel, CVS and Sharp

Shopper. Linden Centre is the new name of the plaza.

"We're working on several potential tenants," Murray said.

BUSINESS: Everyone welcome to initial meeting

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dress. What do we want to do collectively to help impact growth in Middletown over the next couple of years," said Miller, who represents Harrisburg International Airport on the association as the airport's deputy director of business development and strategic marketing.

The association has come a long way, but is still in the process of being formed.

After previous Middletown Borough Council leadership abandoned plans for an association that would be part of borough government, new council leadership in 2016 supported creating a new business association that would be a wholly independent nonprofit organization.

Council appointed Miller and four others as the new association's interim board of directors: Carol Kupp of Kuppy's Diner, Press & Journal Publisher Joe Sukle, former borough councilor and now planning commission member Scott Sites, and Robin Pellegrini, owner of Alfred's Victorian.

The legal process of establishing the association as a nonprofit corporation is largely complete, Miller said.

This is the association's second attempt at an inaugural meeting. Around Memorial Day 2017, the

association did a mass mailing to businesses throughout the 17057 zip code.

The association asked businesses to come up with ideas for a few big tasks that the association could tackle. The plan was for the association to hold its inaugural meeting in late summer, where all these ideas would be fleshed out and reduced to a few solid proposals for action.

But response to the first mailing fell below expectations.

"The last time we did a very scattered approach," Miller said.

In response, the association revised its strategy to embrace a much more targeted personal approach.

Led by Sites, whom Miller said is well-connected with the Middletown area business community, the association has been networking with business people about the new group on a one to one basis.

"Scott is the driver of this. He is really the core and guts of it," Miller said of Sites.

Sites did not immediately respond to a request for comment from the Press & Journal.

Assisting the association in this effort is a new group known as the Middletown Business Networking Group, Miller said.

The networking group is on Facebook and is an informal group of business people who have been getting together and meeting over

lunch in recent months.

Besides Middletown, the group also has members from Hershey, Hummelstown, Palmyra, Harrisburg and elsewhere, said Tammy Shatto-Thomas, a business owner who represents the networking group.

"Jointly working with the MBA just makes sense. We share the same goals," Shatto-Thomas told the Press & Journal. "We both want to grow membership in our groups which in turn should drive revenue to Middletown businesses and enable more to be done for the community."

The association hopes that this more direct, face-to-face strategy will yield a small but committed group who can help move the process forward.

"We want to come up with concrete initiatives, one, two, three, whatever," Miller said. "Start small and define the vision mission, define an issue or two we can be proactive with, and grow from there," Miller said.

Miller sees himself and the four other board members council appointed in 2016 as temporary "placeholders," installed to create the association and get it off the ground.

The goal is for the association to have its own membership base, which will appoint a new board of directors that will be considered permanent, Miller said.

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## DOG: Tips can be anonymous

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say if the cases are related. “There’s not a lot of info we have to go on,” he said. Appleby said that if a resident sees a vehicle pulled to the side of the road and the occupants appear to be dumping something, they should try to get a license plate number — but he stressed only if that can be done safely. “The public is our best eyes and ears, as always,” he said. Tips about this case can be left anonymously at 717-558-6900. The dog of choice for fighting in the United States is the American pit bull terrier, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Estimates suggest that the number of people involved in dog fighting in the United States is in the tens of thousands, according to the ASPCA. Major dog fight raids have resulted in seizures of more than \$500,000, and it is

not unusual for \$20,000 to \$30,000 to change hands in a single fight, according to the group. Signs of dog fighting, according to Humane Society International, include:

- Pit bulls on heavy chains.
- Scars, especially pit bulls.
- Treadmills, which are used as conditioning tools.
- Fighting pits, often with “scratch lines,” which are diagonal lines in the corners where the dogs stay until the fight begins.
- Vitamins, drugs and vet supplies.
- Washtubs.
- Breaking sticks, which are used to pry open a dog’s mouth in order to break up a fight. They are about a foot long, flat on one side, and often bloodstained.
- Springpoles, which condition a dog for fighting by building up his neck and jaw muscles. The dog bites and holds onto the springpole suspended from a beam or sturdy tree.

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# MAHS students part of regional band festival Saturday at school

A concert featuring the best high school band musicians from south central Pennsylvania will be held in the Middletown Area High School auditorium at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24. The high school and Middletown Area School District is hosting the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Region V State Band Festival. The concert is the culminating event of the three-day festival, which is starting in Middletown on Thursday, Feb. 22. The band will be rehearsing on Thursday and Friday for the concert on Saturday. The concert will feature 122 high school band students from 70 schools, including five student band members from Middletown Area High School.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$8 for students and senior citizens and may be purchased at the door. PMEA is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the musical development of all Pennsylvanians. The present membership evolved from a small group of band directors dating from 1933. Region V is one of six regions that Pennsylvania is divided into under the PMEA structure. Region V consists of high schools from Adams, Berks, Carbon, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, Perry, Pike, Schuylkill and York counties. Region V is known for having “one of the best, if not the best, Region Bands” in all of Pennsylvania, Middletown Area High School

These five students from the Middletown Area High School band are among the 122 student musicians performing in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association concert at the high school on Saturday, Feb. 24. From left are Connor Leiby, Aaron McDevitt, Dane Ebersole, Marie Chambers and Megan Burghdorf.

Band Director Sam Fisher told the Press & Journal. Representing MAHS in the concert band are Megan Burghdorf (trumpet), Marie Chambers (E-flat clarinet), Aaron McDevitt (clarinet), Connor Leiby (alto sax) and Dane Ebersole (baritone sax). Leiby, Ebersole and Burghdorf

are all sophomores. Chambers is a junior, and McDevitt is a senior. Guest conductor of the honors band will be Michael Votta Jr., a professor and director of bands at the University of Maryland. He is president of the Eastern Division of the College Band Directors National Association, and president-elect of the Big Ten Band Directors Association. Votta has led ensembles throughout the United States, Europe and Asia. A clarinetist, Votta has performed as a soloist throughout the United States and Europe. Fisher will be host director of Saturday’s concert.

## SCHOOLS: Study says MASD does better on SAT than Steel-High

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sued through a press release, the PDE report authored by Stem backs up the coalition’s position that the Highspire students would benefit educationally from being transferred to Middletown. “If this decision is not reversed, it will force Highspire children to remain in a school district that district officials and the department both recognize is failing academically,” Becker said. “Three years ago Steelton-Highspire district officials admitted to the department that by the time students reach high school they are often 2.5 years below grade level. By denying the move the department is only inflicting greater educational harm on more students.” Both school districts have consistently opposed the transfer of students sought by the Highspire coalition. The Feb. 2 determination from PDE “was the correct decision based upon the facts and the law,” Middletown Area School District Superintendent Lori Suski told the Press & Journal in an email. “MASD expressed its opposition to this proposed transfer when the (coalition) initiated its petition three and one-half years ago,” Suski wrote. “During that time period, (Middletown) fully

cooperated with the department’s extensive review of this petition by responding to all of its inquiries for information, data, and records, as well as making its school facilities available for inspection. (Stem’s) 257 findings of fact reflect the volume of information provided by (Middletown) and the other parties. (Middletown) believes that the deputy secretary’s determination is thoughtful, comprehensive and well-reasoned.” “It is our preference that this litigation be brought to an end, so (Middletown) may continue to focus its attention and resources on serving the K-12 educational needs of Middletown and Royalton boroughs and Lower Swatara Township,” Suski concluded. Steelton-Highspire Superintendent Travis Waters did not return requests for comment. Stem in his report found that Middletown students “consistently achieved higher standardized test scores on the SAT” than Steel-High students, and that “a higher percentage” of Middletown students achieved proficiency or above in statewide assessments. Student growth scores as measured by the Pennsylvania Value Added Assessment System “underscore the greater annual progress being demonstrated by” Middletown students, compared to those in Steelton-Highspire, Stem

noted, adding that Middletown students met the PVAAS growth standard in 83.3 percent of their calculation points from 2013 to 2015, compared to 27.6 percent for Steelton-Highspire during the same three-year period. Middletown reported higher graduation rates in 2014-15 than Steelton-Highspire, and has “consistently” experienced lower truancy rates, Stem wrote. The percentage of Middletown students graduating and going on to post-secondary education “consistently exceeded” that of Steelton-Highspire students. In other respects the two districts are more equal, Stem pointed out. Both districts offer “a comparable range of academic courses and educational programs that accommodate students of various abilities and interests,” he wrote. “Both districts value parental involvement and have developed a communication infrastructure to connect with parents.” But on the whole, “students residing within Highspire would benefit educationally from transferring from (Steelton-Highspire) as the review evidenced that (Middletown district) students demonstrate better academic results,” Stem concluded. However, he went on to say that both the Middletown and Steelton-Highspire districts are relatively

small. As a result, the proposed transfer would have a “negative educational impact” upon not just the students that would remain in the Steelton-Highspire district, but upon the other students that attend Middletown district. Middletown already has staffing and capacity issues, and the transfer of Highspire students would lead to the district “increasing class sizes, hiring more professional and/or remedial staff, and reconfiguring its” current elementary schools in order to absorb the influx, Stem pointed out. “Capacity issues at the elementary level would present challenges and increased class sizes may have a negative impact” on Middletown students. The transfer of Highspire students would lead to low enrollment numbers and teaching staff reductions that would threaten the electives and advanced courses offered by Steelton-Highspire, Stem added. “An already small-sized (Steelton-Highspire) would be further reduced to a total student enrollment closer to 1,000 students, making it difficult to recoup any cost savings from the transfer of students to” Middletown.

Laura Hayes contributed to this story.

### TOWN TOPICS

**Bingo blast to be held at fire company**  
Hummelstown Fire Company, 249 E. Main St., Hummelstown, is sponsoring a Bingo Blast at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24. Doors open at 5 p.m.

**Annual fish fry at Seven Sorrows continues**  
Seven Sorrows Catholic Church, Race and Conewago streets, Middletown, is sponsoring its 21st annual Fish Fry on Friday, Feb. 23; and March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Call 717-944-5488 after 4 p.m. for takeout. Visit ssvbm.org for a menu and specials.

**Homemade Easter eggs for sale at Geyers United**  
Geyers United Methodist Church, 1605 Geyers Church Road, Middletown, will sell homemade Easter eggs through March 20. Eggs are available at the church from noon to 6 p.m. Tues-

days and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. For more information, call 717-944-6426.

**Fish fry at Londonderry Fire Company slated**  
Londonderry Fire Company, 2655 Foxianna Road, Middletown, is sponsoring its Fish Fry from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23; and March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Call 717-944-2175 for takeout.

**AARP tax services at Middletown Home**  
The Middletown Home, 999 W. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, again will play host to AARP tax services, free to the community. Sessions will be held every Thursday morning through April 12 by appointment only. Call 717-944-3351 to schedule the appointment.

**Craft vendors wanted for Frey Strawberry Festival**  
Craft vendors are wanted for Frey Village’s Strawberry Festival from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, June 2. For more information, contact activities director Tracy Klein at 888-995-8361 or email kleint@diakon.org.

**Perohi and kielbasa sale at St. Ann Byzantine**  
Perohi and kielbasa will be on sale during Lent at the St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church Parish Hall, 5408 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, from Feb. 21 through March 16. Wednesday hours are 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays are 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 717-652-0545 or visit stannbyz.org.

**Fish and boat seminar will be held March 1**  
State Rep. Tom Mehaffie is sponsoring a Fish and Boat Commission Seminar from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 1 at the Derry Township Municipal Building Boardroom, 600 Clearwater Road, Hershey. Seating is limited and advance registration is required. Register

by calling Rep. Mehaffie’s office at 717-534-1323 by Feb. 27.

**Ebenezer UM Church selling chocolate eggs**  
Ebenezer UM Church and Childcare, 890 Ebenezer Road, Middletown, is selling its home-made chocolate Easter eggs. To order, call 717-944-6080 or 717-583-0502.

**Middletown Business Association to meet**  
The Middletown Business Association will hold its inaugural meeting from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, March 5 at Alfred’s Victorian, 38 N. Union St., Middletown. The meeting is open to the community. RSVP by noon March 2. Visit middletownbusasocmtg.eventbrite.com

**Dancing scheduled at Event Place on Feb. 23**  
Dancing at the Event Place, 11 S. Union St., Middletown, will be held from 8 to 11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23.





Middletown's Brendan Douglass, Tyreer Mills and Chris Plummer plan to continue their football careers in college. See more on page B2 about Lower Dauphin student-athletes.

3 from MAHS make college choices

Three Middletown Area High School football players signed their letters of intent Feb. 14 to continue playing in college. Brendan Douglass and Chris Plummer will play at California University of Pennsylvania. Tyreer Mills will play at West

Chester University. All three were key players on the 2016 and 2017 Middletown teams that reached the Class 3A state championship game for two years in a row. The team's 35-6 record over the past three years are the three best years in a row

in Middletown football history. Mills was a first-team Mid-Penn Conference Football All-Star as a defensive back and a kick returner and second-team as a wide receiver. He was on the All-Eastern PA Football Team and the Pennsylvania Football News

All-State Team. Douglass was a first-team Mid-Penn Conference Football All-Star as an offensive lineman. He was on the PA All-State Team, the All-Eastern PA Football Team and the Pennsylvania Football News All-State Team.

Mini-stadium  
a possibility  
for Raiders

Structure would be used primarily for soccer, field hockey; location uncertain

By Dan Miller  
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Consultants are proposing two concepts for a new "mini-stadium" on the main Middletown Area School District campus that mostly would be used for soccer and field hockey. The field also would be used for football, although the varsity football team's main venue would continue to be War Memorial Field next to Fink Elementary School. The mini-stadium would be used by other levels of football, such as junior varsity and younger, school district Chief Financial Officer David Franklin told the Press & Journal. The mini-stadium is among projects included in a preliminary version of a master plan of outdoor school district athletic facilities being prepared by Architerra, of Coopersburg. The school board in September hired Architerra to draw up the master plan at a cost of \$23,000. Please see **STADIUM**, page B2

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Did this hunting dog have what it takes?

The time had come to see if Nelson had it or not. His basic training was complete. His physical endurance and willingness to please wasn't in question. The times we practiced retrieving, Nelson brought back the thrown item on command. He learned to obey the most important command — come. I didn't want to lose my dog on his maiden journey. The whistle either verbally or from a handheld would be trained over and over until Nelson would sprint back to me and make a release. A welcome food treat would be his reward along with encouraging words upon any successful training retrieve no matter if it was a ball or a plastic replica of a pheasant. He mastered the artificial stuff. Real bird with feathers, spurs and a beak, might be a different story. Nelson, our 1-year-old Golden

Retriever, became part of our family after the passing of Murphy, our beloved Golden of 15 years. I decided to attempt to hunt Nelson. I'm a novice at dog training. I love pheasant hunting and was able to hunt with Jim Blockus of Middletown with his Springer several times at a hunting preserve. I enjoyed his dog as much as the hunt — to watch a hunting dog become "birdy," full of excitement, with his tail wagging a mile a minute, at the smell of a pheasant. I yearned and missed this for so many years. I wanted to get back to see again the magnificent exploding flushes of a pheasant from its cover and to witness a bird dog at work. The biggest drawback with training a hunting dog is finding a place where they can be in contact with pheasants. The days are gone when access to a field or woodlot would result in seeing and hunting pheasants. Pennsylvania pheasants wild and native are scarce like an endangered species. Attempts have been made for reintroduction of wild pheasants in the commonwealth. These efforts haven't increased the population; the pheasant hunting that is done is on state game lands and farm cooperatives where stocking of birds is done by the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Basically, that is what you have if you want to hunt pheasants and train your dog. Your options are limited. I believe if I would ask the majority of hunters about our present status of pheasants, it would be almost entirely negative. Thankfully, to the rescue of folks like me and their hunting dogs, there are places such as Wing and Shot Hunting Preserve. Owned and operated by Kirk Hartlaub, I was fortunate to have recently hunted his 109-acre hunting preserve along Camp Hebron Road in Halifax. After finding his information on the Internet, I scheduled a hunt with Kirk. We discussed Nelson and his first time afield. Kirk was helpful and welcomed the challenge of a new dog. I was surprised of the interest he showed to Nelson. If first impressions meant anything, I was at the right place for Nelson and me. We arrived at Wing and Shot Hunting Preserve around 10 in the morning. We drove up a dirt road and immediately the fields of sorghum, tall grass and corn, caught my eye. The habitat was excellent, a perfect natural cover for pheasants. Kirk greeted us with a pleasant demeanor. I was getting



Nelson, a 1-year-old Golden Retriever, was trained by Tom Shank as a hunting dog. Left, Nelson hangs out with Gerald Staub and Tom Shank after completing a task during a pheasant hunt. The biggest drawback with training a hunting dog is finding a place where they can be in contact with pheasants, according to Shank. PHOTOS COURTESY OF TOM SHANK

more and more comfortable with my choice of hunting preserves. For Nelson's first hunt, the party consisted of me and Gerald Staub, my good friend and hunting buddy from Middletown. Kirk monitored the hunt for safety and for recommendations. Kirk's presence was welcomed. He provided helpful hints concerning my dog and would give suggestions for improvements. I was getting personal lessons on dog training from a professional who breeds and trains German Shorthair Pointers. I didn't expect that. One very interesting note he

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# PSU Harrisburg basketball teams end with victories

The Penn State Harrisburg men's basketball finished its season in style with two double-digit wins in the final week of play. Harrisburg defeated the St. Mary's (Maryland) Seahawks 71-55 on Feb. 17 to finish 8-17, 4-14 in the Capital Athletic Conference. St. Mary's finished 3-22 overall, 2-16 in the CAC.

Penn State Harrisburg started strong with a 19-10 run over the first 10 minutes of play. This gave the Blue and White a level of comfort that they were able to hold throughout the game.

St. Mary's was able to cut the lead to four a few minutes later, but the Lions responded with another strong run and took a 20-point halftime lead.

The Seahawks got as close as 10 in the second half.

Anthony Bennett Jr. of Penn State had 16 points, 5 rebounds and 2 steals.

On the season, Kahlil Williams led the team in scoring at 13 points per game. Chris Bing was close behind at 12.2. Bennett averaged 12 points.

Gbolahan Alliyu was the leading rebounder at 8.6 per game.

**Track**

Penn State Harrisburg track teams in action. **SEE PAGE B6.**

They won their previous game, 72-54, vs. Marymount (Virginia) on Feb. 14.

The Penn State women's basketball team closed out its 2017-2018 season on the road against the St. Mary's Seahawks 8-16 overall, 4-14 in the CAC) on Saturday Feb. 17. After a tight first half, the Lions took control of the second half on their way to a 72-54 win.

Tessa Dolce, Janel Brown and Shanique Mattis had huge nights with each claiming a double-double in their final game of the season.

Mattis had 17 points and 13 rebounds, Brown had 16 points and 10 rebounds, and Dolce had 15 points and 10 rebounds.

They finished at 7-18 on the season, 2-16 in the CAC.

On Wednesday, Feb. 14, they lost to Marymount, 61-43.

On the season, Dolce led the team in scoring (14.4 per game) and rebounds (9.2 per game). Mattis averaged 13.9 points per game.



Lower Dauphin student-athletes Rory Klingensmith, Jackson Becher, Inck Iagnemma, Diego Heredia Soto and Kealey Smith, above, recently announced their college choices, as did Nathaniel Hoffman, Will Manley, Brendan Shaffer and Adeline Gesford, below.

# 9 LD athletes make college choices

Nine Lower Dauphin High School student-athletes announced their college choices where they will continue their academic and athletic careers.

In a National Letter of Intent signing day ceremony in the school cafeteria on Monday, Feb. 12, the student-athletes, representing eight sports, made their announcements before parents, coaches, teachers and classmates.

## Baseball

**Nathaniel Hoffman:** The son of Jeffrey and Kelly Hoffman, he pitches for several club baseball teams. He will continue his academic and playing career at Wilson College in Chambersburg where he will major in criminal justice.

**Will Manley:** The son of Barb and Phil Manley, Will is a four-year member of the high school baseball team, earning Keystone Division MVP honors last season as a pitcher and infielder. He will continue his academic and playing career at Desales University in Center Valley, where he will major in criminal justice.

## Football

**Brendan Shaffer:** The son of Darrin and Dorinda Shaffer, Brendan is a three-sport standout in football, wrestling and track. During his senior year campaign in football, he was a first-team divisional all-star at running back. He will continue



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his academic and playing career at East Stroudsburg University where he will major in nursing.

## Soccer

**Adeline Gesford:** The daughter of Dawn and Roy Gesford, she is a three-year varsity letter winner and also plays club soccer. She will continue her academic and playing career at Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, where she will major in surgical technology.

**Rory Klingensmith:** The daughter of Don and Jenn Klingensmith, she is a two-sport standout for the Falcons in soccer and track. She was Mid-Penn Keystone player of the year her senior year and is also club soccer player and National Merit Scholar Commended Student. She will continue her academics and athletic career at

Drexel University in Philadelphia, where she will major in biomedical engineering.

## Soccer

**Jackson Becher:** The son of Bill and Dawn Becher, Jackson is a four-year varsity starter in both soccer and basketball for the Falcons and plays club soccer. In soccer, he is the leading goal-scorer in school history and was an All-American his senior year, capping back-to-back state titles. He will attend the University of Maryland-Baltimore County where he will continue his academic and soccer career.

**Nick Iagnemma:** The son of Tony and Linda Iagnemma, Nick is the school's all-time assists leader and was a second-team divisional all-star his senior season in which the Falcons captured their second straight PIAA title. He will con-

tinue his academic and playing career at Slippery Rock University where he will major in finance.

**Diego Heredia Soto:** The son of Antonio Heredia and Diana Soto, Diego is a three-year starter on the two-time state title winners and also plays club soccer. He will attend Colgate University in Hamilton, New York, where he will continue his academic and soccer career.

## Softball

**Kealey Smith:** The daughter of Troy and Rayme Smith, Kealey is a four-year starter and integral part of three divisional championships and one District 3 championship for the Falcons as a pitcher and infielder. She will continue her academic and playing career at Alvernia University in Reading, where she will major in occupational therapy.

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# HUNT: Finding a place to safely take a dog for pheasant hunting

From page B1

told us is that a dog smells the breath of the pheasant as it exhales air. I never knew that and the air that emits is what the dog smells as it works a field. I just assumed that the dog smelled the pheasant feathers, etc. It only shows that you can always learn something.

Pheasants would be strategically placed out by Kirk and marked. This allowed me to observe Nelson as he got close to a pheasant. I watched Nelson as he got excited with his tail wagging. Finally, Nelson smelled a pheasant and after some coaxing, it flushed where we didn't expect it. Two shots from my shotgun never touched

it. I didn't fulfill my obligation. It was Nelson's first and I missed cleanly.

Well, after that, things got a lot better with more pheasants being located, flushed and shot. Nelson did as well as expected. He kept close to us. He worked the fields with his nose and became "birdy." His retrieves were sporadic, but he did perform some with flying colors. The highlight of the day was when a pheasant was shot that Nelson ran down after a lengthy pursuit. Without Nelson, this pheasant would have escaped. Nelson did his job.

Our hunt ended with six out of eight pheasants harvested. Our shooting got better as the morning wore on. The pheasants were

of excellent quality with long tail feathers and brilliant plumage. They acted as wild as any native pheasant. I finally found a place where I could safely take my dog, hunt pheasants and enjoy my Nelson doing what a retriever can do.

My work and training with Nelson is only beginning. He proved to me he has the basics and with that I can work more with him at Wing and Shot to perfect his hunting prowess.

A very important note about hunting preserves is that no hunting license is required. Their season is very long, which allows pheasant hunting well past the state game commission season.

If any of my readers are in

the same looking for a hunting preserve where they can expand their hunting opportunities on pheasants and chukar and be treated with the upmost kindness and sincerity, contact Kirk Hartlaub at 717-896-9077. Nelson and I are glad we did.

*Tom Shank has been writing Woods and Waters for the Press & Journal for about 10 years. His expertise has been gained through 50 years plus hunting, fishing, trapping and exploring the full gamut of nature. The Susquehanna River and his cabin in Lycoming County are his true loves. Woods and Waters is his playground in life, and to write about it for the Press & Journal is a dream come true.*

# STADIUM: 2 scenarios on table

From page B1

The plan is a work in progress, with more meetings yet to be held of a steering committee consisting of representatives from Architterra, the school district and school board.

Board members discussed the mini-stadium proposal during a joint meeting of the board's athletic and operations committees on Feb. 13, during which Architterra representatives were present. The board is to next take up the master plan during its March 6 agenda-setting meeting.

The consultants are proposing synthetic turf for the mini-stadium, because its maintenance costs are less than that of natural grass.

Synthetic turf also could reduce or eliminate the district having to add more new athletic fields, because synthetic turf can better withstand use compared to natural grass, David Horn of Architterra told the board during an earlier master plan discussion on Jan. 23.

For example, a new field with synthetic turf can handle more events at lower maintenance cost than natural grass.

At present, the number of events being held on district athletic fields is "not sustainable" for the future, Horn told the board on Jan. 23.

One scenario for the mini-stadium proposes locating it just south of Reid Elementary School,

on what is now called Field Nine.

The second scenario would place it in front of the main high school, using what are now referred to as Fields Three and Four.

Both scenarios call for up to 759 seats at the mini-stadium, which Architterra said would allow the school district to host playoff games held by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association.

That many seats could also make the mini-stadium more attractive to hosting collegiate-level events held by Penn State Harrisburg, and possibly other colleges and universities in the region.

An estimated cost of \$3.3 million, the mini-stadium is the most expensive of 27 projects that Architterra has included in a draft project priorities list.

The list includes improvements to outdoor athletic facilities districtwide, among them significant upgrades to War Memorial Stadium and its supporting facilities.

The board committees on Feb. 13 also heard a presentation from Franklin about using the district's capital reserve to pay for whatever projects in the master plan that the board would want to undertake.

Franklin advised the board that it must balance the athletic master plan projects with other needs throughout the district that also rely on the capital reserve, such as an upcoming renovation that will be needed of Kunkel Elementary School.



SPECIAL TO THE PRESS & JOURNAL BY DEBBIE SPEAR

Blue Raider Donovan Brady clears the ball vs. James Buchanan during a game last fall at War Memorial Field, with a monument visible behind him.



# FROM THE VAULT

News from the Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1983 edition of the Press & Journal

## 153 acres may be ripe for development

Developers' plans could turn into the eventual construction of a housing development that could rival the size of the Village of Pineford if an agreement can be made with the Middletown Borough Authority and Borough Council.

At a special meeting of the Borough Authority on Thursday, Feb. 3, Walter Reider, a trustee of the Emaus Orphan House, told the board that two developers are interested in a 153-acre tract of land situated north of the Pennsylvania Turnpike and east of the Middletown Area High School. Reider did not reveal who the developers are, but pointed out that a similar interest in the land was killed about 10 years ago.

According to Reider, the real estate was once part of Lower Swatara Township, but was annexed to the borough of Middletown about 25 years ago.

### Hot buys

- Now there really is a better way to sleep! In a water-bed. We will give you \$100 for your old bedding, no matter what the size or shape. Roth's, 29 S. Union St., Middletown.
- Simply dynamite: the 1982 Kawasaki 750 LTD. Was \$3,199. Now \$2,549. Koups Cycle Shop, 189 N. Harrisburg St., Oberlin.

### Other headlines

- Raiders drop wrestling match while Falcons triumph
- Wealth of musical talent to converge

# Winter storm really snowed everyone

After 25 inches falls, township and borough officials pick up stranded motorists, give them shelter

Simple chores like buying a loaf of bread, having a cup of coffee at a neighbor's house or driving a car became major tasks for area residents last weekend when the area was in-undated with a record-breaking 25 inches of snow.

Most local municipalities declared snow emergencies by Friday afternoon, some of which are still in effect.

Officials from several boroughs and townships even rescued those stranded on local highways and provided food, beds and shelter Friday night.

Londonderry Township's Civil Defense Director Dennis Murray started rounding up volunteers with snowmobiles drive vehicles anticipating problems that evening. Sure enough, the problems came with the mounting snowfall.

Rescue crews started picking up stranded motorists on Route 283 at 6 p.m. Friday and continued through 2:30 a.m. Saturday. More than 125 people were taken

to the township's fire department, and when that shelter was filled to capacity, with about 79 persons, Middletown volunteers transported 46 in the borough's Mid-Comm unit and in other four-wheel drive vehicles and provided and four-wheel drive vehicles food, beds and shelter for them at the MCSO. Volunteers from the borough also rescued motorists stranded on the airport connector road.

Among those stranded were truck drivers, and families with

infants, doctors, State Police troopers and persons from as close as Derry Township and as far away as Illinois.

All those housed in the two areas were given a medical check before they left to dig out their cars Saturday morning after PennDOT crews had cleared the roads.

Volunteers worked around the clock in the township and the borough, driving, setting up cots, or cooking hot soup. Red Cross volunteers, township supervisors

and members of the Londonderry Fire Company's Ladies Auxiliary, among others, helped in the township, while Councilman Donald Smith, Mayor Bob Reid, Ken and Sherry Manfred, Betsy Enterline and a host of other volunteers provided help for those staying in the Middletown shelter.

Some of those rescued from their vehicles had been stranded for up to eight hours, yet only four suffered from exposure, and those cases were not serious.

## District band participants



Middletown Area High School will serve as host later this week for the Upper District Seven Band Festival. Some of the participants from Middletown Area include, from left, Mark Burkholder, Jay Murray, Mike Burkholder and Lori Mervine. The competition will feature 158 members from five counties in Central Pennsylvania.

## Council president gets boot

After serving only half of his two-year term as Middletown Borough Council president, Melvin "Pete" Seiders was ousted from that position Monday night by a vote of 5-3-1.

The Council veteran was replaced by first-year Councilman Dennis Stover.

The motion to open the office of president was initiated by First Ward Councilman Stover. He supported his motion by charging that council was floundering under the leadership of Seiders and that borough employee morale was at an all-time low.

Voting to declare the president's seat vacant were First Ward Councilmen Stover and Earl Bright; Second Ward Councilmen James Grim and David Judy; and Third Ward Councilman Robert Bitner. Opposing the motion were Second Ward Councilman Donald Smith; and Third Ward Councilmen Andrew Burger and David Rhen. Seiders abstained from the vote.

Stover also maintained that council was divided into factions and that the president himself was

a part of a faction. Therefore, the First Ward councilman said, the council needs a change in leadership to put it back on an even keel and in the right direction.

Soon after the vote was taken to unseat Seiders, nominations were opened for his successor. While four men were nominated, three declined, leaving Stover as the only candidate.

The vote was similar to the first, with Stover voted in as council president by a 5-3-1 vote. It was Rhen, however, who abstained.

Councilmen supporting Stover's nomination were Bright, Grim, Judy, Bitner and Stover. Councilmen voting against Stover, and supporters of Seiders, were Smith, Burger and Seiders. Seiders sat calmly throughout the proceedings, explaining that he serves as president at the request of the other councilmen and that he could be removed by a voice vote. He added that he feels he has served the borough and led council admirably, but said he would gladly step down if council so voted.

# PUZZLES AND HOROSCOPE

### WORD SEARCH | ANSWERS ON B5

<b>Cardiovascular word search</b>	Artery	Diastolic	Infarct
	Atrium	Dyspnea	Mitral valve
	Attack	Edema	Murmur
Aneurysm	Bradycardia	Embolism	Muscle
Angina	Bypass	Epicardium	Occlusion
Angioplasty	Cardiac	Flutter	Palpitation
Annulus	Cardiologist	Heartbeat	Pressure
Aorta	Carotid	Hypertension	Pulmonary
Arrest	Congenital	Hypertensive	Thrombosis
Arrhythmia	Defibrillator	Hypotension	

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Guess Who? answer: Chelsea Handler

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Level: Intermediate

Puzzles are a 9-by-9 grid, broken down into nine 3-by-3 boxes. Nos. 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. Figure out the order by using the numeric clues provided. The more you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle.

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8	6	1	2	4	4	8	9	9
4	1	8	9	2	6	8	9	2
2	9	8	4	8	2	9	6	1
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### GUESS WHO? (answer below Word Search)

I am a comic and talk show host born in New Jersey on Feb. 25, 1975. I decided to become a comic after getting positive responses to my everyday life stories. I have been listed on Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People.

### CROSSWORD | ANSWERS ON B5

#### ACROSS

- Emperor of Russia
- Abounding in rocks
- Increase in speed
- Music app
- Not nice
- Tables (Span.)
- Decomposes
- \_\_ student: learns healing
- Nursemaid
- Joke-teller
- Male parent
- Group of countries (abbr.)
- "Rambling Rose" actor Lukas
- Midway between south and south-west
- Cartoon Network (abbr.)
- Peacock network
- Principal ethnic group of China
- Made of fer-

- mented honey and water
41. Exclamation of surprise
42. Evaluates skill or knowledge
44. Stage in ecological succession
46. Ethnic group of SE Asia
47. Not small
49. A cat is one
52. Broken piece
56. French president
58. Artist's workroom
60. Ability to apply knowledge and skills
62. Visually stunning
63. Ancient region south of Dead Sea

#### DOWN

- Used to pour beer
- Con game
- Skin disorder
- Communists

- (slang)
5. Subjects to hostility
6. A major division of geological time
7. Hitting statistic (abbr.)
8. British thermal unit
9. Influential envoy to Woodrow Wilson
10. Fits on neck of animal
12. Fertile soil
13. Type of battery
16. Khoikhoi peoples
17. Consist of two parts
20. Small group of trees
22. Execute or perform
25. Millihenry
26. 007's creator
27. Associated with esoteric doctrine
29. Electronic coun-

- termeasures
31. Schenectady County Airport
34. No (Scottish)
36. Position of leadership
37. Statement
38. Raccoons belong to this genus
40. One who diagnoses
43. True mosses
45. Blood type
48. Albanian
50. Emergency response notification system
51. College reservists
53. Away from wind
54. Tough outer layer
55. Art \_\_, around 1920
57. Born of
58. The greatest of all time
59. Georgia rockers
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### HOROSCOPE | WEEK OF FEB. 21

**ARIES** MARCH 21-APRIL 20  
Keep your eyes on the prize. Hard work is the key to success, and your hard work will be rewarded in time. This may be a week of transition, so be ready to jump if necessary.

**TAURUS** APRIL 21-MAY 21  
There is strength in numbers if you align yourself with the right team. Collaboration is the name of the game. Jockey for position, but share the work.

**GEMINI** MAY 22-JUNE 21  
If you are approaching an emotional overload, you will need to schedule time to decompress. Find an activity that relaxes you and delve into it.

**CANCER** JUNE 22-JULY 22  
You are the eternal optimist this week. As a result, you may not be able to accurately assess all situations. Ask a friend for advice on big decisions.

**LEO** JULY 23-AUG. 23  
Even if you have been relatively good at managing money, you may need to tighten the pursestrings for the next few weeks. Financial discipline now will pay dividends later.

**VIRGO** AUG. 24-SEPT. 22  
Contradictions should not surprise you this week, Virgo. Focus on fixing as much as you can while you have an opportunity to do so. It's a big job.

**LIBRA** SEPT. 23-OCT. 23  
You make friends easily, and this week your social circle figures to expand further. Embrace this opportunity and enjoy a new relationship.

**SCORPIO** OCT. 24-Nov. 22  
Some of your most innovative ideas may be met with lukewarm responses. Do not let this derail you. You just need to be a little more persuasive.

**SAGITTARIUS** NOV. 23-DEC. 21  
You are very good at giving others credit. But people may be singing your praises. It's fine to be modest, but don't downplay your contributions.

**CAPRICORN** DEC. 22-JAN. 20  
Do not fear if you seem to be falling out of sync with a close friend. There will be ample opportunities to rekindle the relationship. Right now you may need a breather.

**AQUARIUS** JAN. 21-FEB. 18  
A romantic relationship can be taken to a new level when buried desires come to the surface. Give yourself plenty of time to pursue these feelings.

**PISCES** FEB 19-MAR 20  
This is a week when you want to double-check everything that you do. Be sure to dot every "i" and cross every "T." Details matter.



# VIEWPOINTS

## READERVIEW

### Column on death row inmates’ rights a joke

I’m writing in regards to the Jan. 31 column “Pa. death row like torture for its inmates” by Witold Walczak, legal director of the ACLU of Pennsylvania. What a joke.

Let me start with “boo hoo” to the inmates. You want me to feel sorry for you? Me, one of the many who is supporting you in prison? Me, paying for your three meals a day and a roof over your head? Give me a break.

You created your dilemma. Now suck it up and live with it. You get to live in a small room, breathe air, eat food and walk around while your victim gets a box that they are never getting out of. You have a roof over your head. They have dirt.

I support you and I think I should decide what you get in prison, not some civil rights protester. You at least have a life, you poor babies, while your victim has death. I don’t see them getting out of their “cell” and enjoying some freedom.

You want wide open spaces, freedom to roam. We complain about our prisons being overcrowded. I have the perfect solution. How about we put you on a plane, send you to a country that we have soldiers in who are fighting a war, drop you off with a gun and let you go at it. You like killing people? Well, here’s your chance. If you live, you live. If you die, you die — no great loss. But just imagine that you do live. You have your freedom and a wide open space to enjoy in the luxury of a foreign country. We could bring some of our soldiers home so you could fight.

I just love the comment, “The long-term isolation and its extreme physical, emotional and psychological consequences are an unnecessary, cruel and inhumane punishment.”

Really? I don’t even know how to really respond to that. They obviously have some type of mental health issues or they would not have killed someone to begin with. Why is it all about the criminal and not about the person they have done wrong? The criminal has more rights than the victim. This is one screwed-up world we live in.

So forgive me for not having empathy for people on death row, but it seems to me that our priorities are in the wrong places. The fact alone that inmates have filed a lawsuit is ridiculous. You should have lost all your rights the second you took someone else’s life. Do something decent in your life for once and drop your lawsuit as once again we the people will be paying for it.

All the activists who want to fight for something: Why don’t you use energy to a good cause like:

- 1) Fighting for our veterans.
- 2) Our elderly need more care and help with cost of life.
- 3) The homeless on the streets need a roof over their heads and food.
- 4) Our children. Why do they go without a roof over their heads or food on their table? They did not ask for a cruel life of injustice. Keep our money here and take care of them.

We should do for the above before we do for an inmate. The money is not well spent as we are paying for something that is totally insane.

One last thought: I think when I hit about 70 I’ll take me a stroll to the police station, smoke a joint, have some crack on me, smack the cop and go to jail. What more could I ask for in my old age? Three hot’s and a cot and no bills to pay for the rest of my life. Sounds good to me.

**Helen Gutshall**  
Middletown

## EDITORIALVIEWS

### Proper equipment is vital to keep police department strong

When police investigate crimes, they aren’t solved in tidy one-hour chunks as often seen on television.

Police work can be tedious, drawn-out, labor intensive and boring. It involves paperwork and legwork. But much of those details don’t translate into good TV.

And while police officers carry sidearms, they are much more likely to use a pen or pencil to write down notes about a case, or a computer to work online than they ever are to draw that sidearm.

Even something as basic as transportation for police is something most residents don’t think about.

In Middletown, as in many departments, police cruisers get little rest. They are shuffled from shift to shift to shift, on the road almost every hour of every day. Sometimes they are not running at all. Sometimes they are sitting and idling for extended periods. Sometimes they are driven at high speeds. But they are almost always in use. Imagine the wear and tear on your vehicle if you had it on 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Middletown Borough Council voted Feb. 6 to purchase three new SUVs, 16 new laptop computers, and

a new camera system for the police station and for police vehicles.

The vote was 4-3, with opposition mostly over how to finance the \$271,938.03 expenditure and the number of SUVs that should be bought.

The department’s vehicle fleet is breaking down due to overuse, Vice President Dawn Knull said.

The purchases are part of an ongoing department rebuilding that needs to continue, Police Chief George Mouchette said. The new computers are to replace eight- or nine-year old computers that are making it “impossible” for officers to do their job.

These latest purchases continue an ongoing effort in recent months to upgrade police equipment. Council last year approved buying new Sig Sauer P320-model .45 caliber handguns to replace the Glock .40 caliber sidearms that the department said were worn out. Last year, more than \$17,000 was spent on nine AR-15 short-barrel rifles with rear flip sights and suppressors. Every department vehicle was to be equipped with a new rifle.

“The last council basically decimated the police department,” Mouchette said. “What this council has realized is that when you give

money to the police department it’s really an investment into yourself. Some people might think, ‘Yeah, the cops are gonna get new computers,’ but it helps the cops do their job so they can help the community.”

Imagine using a computer that is almost a decade old, especially when many of today’s crimes involve computer scams.

With police regionalization talks dead, a new police chief in place and a leadership structure planned under the chief, replacing equipment is crucial to keep the foundation strong .

What’s next? The package approved Feb. 6 does not include body cameras, but the new camera system will be compatible with body cameras, Mouchette told us.

The department also planned to come before council Feb. 20 to talk about the radio system.

Council must perform its due diligence as responsible fiscal managers for taxpayers and looking at expenditures to make sure they are necessary and make sense financially. But giving the police the proper tools to do their job is one of the most important things the Middletown Borough Council can do.

### What MASD is doing to keep schools safe



**LORI SUSKI**

The horrific act of violence that took place at a Florida high school on Valentine’s Day took the lives of 17 innocent students and staff. Our hearts and prayers go out to the Parkland community as they come to grips with this tragedy.

These senseless incidents in our nation’s schools serve as a constant reminder of the importance of school safety and security, but also the ongoing need to provide mental health services for students and families who need help.

In the aftermath of a situation such as this, many parents ask for resources to help support their children who may be experiencing fear and anxiety after seeing so much news coverage. The American School Counselor Association provides a variety of resources to assist parents and teachers in speaking with children about the tragedy and helping to allay their fears at [www.schoolcounselor.org/school-counselors/professional-development/learn-more/shooting-resources](http://www.schoolcounselor.org/school-counselors/professional-development/learn-more/shooting-resources).

In a similar communication this fall, the Middletown Area School District notified parents of the multiple measures taken to protect the safety and well-being of our students and staff which include, but are not limited to:

- All exterior doors at each school are locked down to prevent access to the building.
- All visitors to the building must ring a buzzer to be let into the building.
- Scholar Chip kiosks were purchased for each school office to scan driver’s licenses for possible sex offenders.
- All visitors in the buildings must wear visitor badges.
- Staff and students have been instructed never to open an exterior door to allow an individual into the building. Everyone must access the school via the main office.
- All classroom doors are locked to prevent entry of unidentified individuals.
- Security cameras are installed in all school buildings.
- A trained School Resource Officer from Lower Swatara Township is housed on campus and regularly visits schools.
- Quarterly intruder drills are conducted in each school using the A.L.I.C.E. principles (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate)
- Board policies are in place to address guidelines and regulations for school visitors and volunteers.

What can you do to support the district in maintaining the safety of students and staff? First and foremost, “if you see something, say something!” It is important that you notify 911 and MASD if you see any suspicious person or vehicle on district property so that it can be investigated by police in a timely manner.

If you are entering the school after being buzzed in, do not hold the door for the person behind you.

Talk to your children about the importance of reporting issues that cause them alarm — i.e. student bullying, students making threatening comments, disturbing social media posts, or any changes in student behavior that cause concern. Students are often our best resources for information. We can only do something if

we know about it.

The need for student and parent mental health prevention and intervention has become apparent in our school community over the past few years. The district employs two full-time licensed social workers, two full-time school psychologists, and five full-time school counselors. These individuals are trained professionals who conduct mental health and threat assessments, psycho-educational evaluations, and provide counseling and therapeutic support to students K-12.

The district works with Pressley Ridge Counseling to provide school-based and family-based therapy for students and families who meet the criteria for additional support. If your child is experiencing issues with anxiety, depression, truancy, drug and alcohol abuse, trauma, or other mental health concerns, contact the schools for assistance and support.

Some MASD representatives are participating in a local coalition called Communities that Care to build capacity to provide additional parent and student programming to encourage healthy, supportive environments in today’s chaotic world. The district administration has been researching some evidence-based, prevention programs to implement in our schools as part of the 2018-2019 year.

Middletown Area School District remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment conducive to learning for each student and staff member. Please partner with us to make a difference in the lives of children. Our students need all of us!

*Lori A. Suski is superintendent of the Middletown Area School District.*

## READERVIEW

### Pennsylvania doesn’t need politicians making districts

Article 2, Section 16 of Pennsylvania’s Constitution says in part that legislative districts “shall be composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable. ...Unless absolutely necessary, no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward shall be divided in forming either a senatorial or representative district.”

In 2010, the U.S. Census was conducted (every 10 years) and Pennsylvania politicians drew the boundary lines for legislative districts. In 2011, a very small swath of Middletown (Oak Hill Drive, Vine Street, and east) was represented by a

state representative from Lancaster County. The remainder of Middletown was represented by John Payne.

I testified at a joint hearing of the House and Senate state government committee in June 2011 and one legislator asked me, “What is wrong with having two state representatives for Middletown?”

After the elections in 2012, 2014 and 2016, the maps drawn by the politicians for the U.S. House of Representative seats in Pennsylvania had the same final result — 13 for one political party and five for the other. One political party made up about 50 percent of persons voting yet received only 28

percent of the total available seats. The politicians have not released how they drew the lines after the 2010 Census so I would conjecture that boundaries were drawn based on voter registration.

Because of the recent state Supreme Court ruling, only congressional maps for the 2018 election will be redrawn. After the 2018 congressional election, politicians will continue to draw the maps.

Another Census is approaching in 2020. We still have politicians drawing the boundary lines. Sen. Mike Folmer can call for hearings on Senate Bill 22 to explore the many excellent questions he has on how

a citizen panel drawing maps could function in Pennsylvania. A similar Pennsylvania House Bill, 722, is a bipartisan proposal that should be released from Rep. Daryl Metcalfe’s house state government committee.

Democracy means voters choose their politicians. Current Pennsylvania law lets politicians choose their voters. Pennsylvania needs an impartial, independent citizen commission to direct the process — not politicians drawing their own district lines. For more information, see [www.fairdistrictspa.com](http://www.fairdistrictspa.com)

**Don Hossler**  
Middletown



**SALLY PIPES**

### Medicare Part D budget deal no victory for seniors

Earlier this month, the U.S. Senate announced its two-year budget deal. It contains a health care provision that many are touting as a victory for American seniors.

The reform aims to close the so-called “doughnut hole” coverage gap in the Medicare Part D drug benefit by shifting more of the program’s costs to drug companies.

But that provision is a gift to insurers — not to patients. The policy could end up raising costs for seniors on Part D, some of our most vulnerable patients. It must be eliminated from the deal.

First implemented in 2006, Part D allows Medicare seniors to buy subsidized prescription drug coverage from private insurers.

Beneficiaries can choose from a variety of coverage offerings suited to their particular prescription needs. But all plans follow the same structure: After hitting a deductible, patients pay a coinsurance on the price of prescription drugs. If a drug costs \$100 a month, and a patient’s coinsurance is 25 percent, he or she would pay \$25.

After total drug spending reaches a specific limit — \$3,700 in 2017 — patients fall into a coverage gap or “doughnut hole” as it has become known. In this phase, seniors generally pay 40 percent of the cost of brand-name drugs. That gap ends once out-of-pocket costs reach a certain level — \$4,950 in 2017 — after which catastrophic coverage takes over.

The doughnut hole was always supposed to be temporary. Under current law, the gap gradually phases out so that seniors will be responsible for only 25 percent of a brand-name drug’s price in the doughnut hole starting in 2020. Of the remaining 75 percent, drug manufacturers will cover half, while insurers will pay 25 percent.

Unless the Senate’s budget deal becomes law. It would change this formula by forcing drug companies to shoulder the full 75 percent of a drug’s cost in 2020, letting insurers off the hook entirely.

It’s hard to see this change as anything but a giveaway to the insurance industry.

One thing is for sure — the new formula won’t help seniors afford their drugs.

Once fully implemented, the policy will encourage insurance companies to accelerate drug spending for patients with already high costs.

Once a beneficiary’s drug spending passes the doughnut-hole limit, after all, insurers’ share of the costs will drop to zero. So from the point of view of Part D plan providers, the faster an individual’s drug costs rise, the better.

This unintended consequence likely will affect seniors with chronic diseases the most, as their drug costs are already high.

In other words, the Senate just struck a deal that benefits insurance companies at the expense of America’s sickest seniors.

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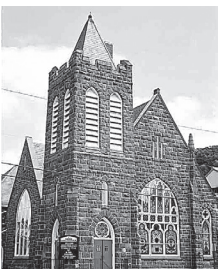
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# CHURCHNEWS

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

Thurs., Feb. 22: 7:15 p.m., choir.  
Tues., Feb 27: 10 a.m., Women’s Bible Study.  
Please be accessed anytime at [www.pc-mdt.org](http://www.pc-mdt.org)...click on “resources”...click on “newsletter.” (These are PDF files should open with Adobe Acrobat).

The Parish Nurse is available by calling the church office at 717-944-4322. For further information, see our website [www.pc-mdt.org](http://www.pc-mdt.org), visit our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/PresbyterianCongregation](http://www.facebook.com/PresbyterianCongregation)), or call the office.

## St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church



St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Spring & Union Streets (121 N. Spring St), Middletown is a Reconciling In Christ Church. Please join us for worship. Our worship times are: Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. Sunday Church School for all ages begins at 9 a.m.; Wednesday morning at 10 a.m.; Wednesday at 7 p.m. Lenten Evening Prayer; Saturday evening at 5 p.m. Please enter the church through the parking lot door. Our Sunday worship service is broadcast at 11 a.m. on WMSS 91.1FM.

Church and Community Events:

Wed., Feb. 21: Wednesday in Lent, 6:30 p.m. – Creation – Genesis 1:1-2-4a, in our sanctuary.

Sat., Feb. 24: 5 p.m., Holy Communion – Sanctuary.

Sun., Feb. 25: 9 a.m., Luther Hall Sunday class – No class this morning. Youth hosted breakfast: 10 a.m., Holy Communion – Sanctuary; Interfaith Lenten Service, Evangelical United Methodist Church, 157 East Water St., 3 p.m. worship, refreshments after the service.

Food Pantry News: Especially needed are personal care/toiletry items: toilet tissue, deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoos, conditioners, cotton swabs, tissues, soap, paper towels, etc. Items collected are taken to the Middletown Area Interfaith Food

Pantry located at 201 Wyoming Street, Royalton. Individuals may also take items directly to the food pantry, which is open Tuesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 pm. The Community Action Commission office is open Tuesdays and Fridays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the same location. Food Pantry Sunday is March 4 (the first Sunday of each month).

Visit our website at [www.stpetersmiddletown.org](http://www.stpetersmiddletown.org).

Check us out on Facebook - St. Peter’s Lutheran Church Middletown, PA. Go ahead “like” our Facebook page. Remember, if you “Like” and “Follow” us on Facebook when there are new “posts” you will be notified. Thanks.

Scripture for February 25: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38.

## Evangelical United Methodist Church



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

Our greeters wear nametags, so they are easy to find and they will be happy to help you if you need any assistance or have a question. We celebrate communion the first Sunday of each month. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, and as a congregation in the United Methodist Church, we welcome all (baptized or unbaptized) to partake of the holy sacrament. We invite you to experience life at Evangelical UMC. Whether you are looking for a community, are lonely, searching for the meaning of life, or want to know more about Jesus, our doors are open for you. Check our website to learn more about us: [www.eumch.org](http://www.eumch.org).

This week’s worship assistants are as follows: Pastor – Lee Ellenberger; Liturgist – Kathy Frisbie; Organist – Don Cowser; Sr. Choir Director – Erich Schlicher; Children’s Time – Lee Ellenberger; Audio Visual – Steve

Moyer; Jamal Warren and Justin Hahn; Head Usher – Shirley Kupp; Greeters – Tad, Bailee and Harper Romozi; Nursery Caregivers – Deb Lidle, Joyce Moyer, and our Sr. Choir members.

The altar flowers today are given in memory of Alan D. Miller by daughters Kaitlynn and Rachelle Miller.

This week’s schedule of activities is as follows:

Wed., Feb. 21: 6 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous Book Study Group; 6:30 p.m., Sr. Choir rehearsal in church sanctuary.

Thurs., Feb. 22: 6:30 p.m., Lenten Bible Study.

Sun., Feb. 25: 9 a.m., Sunday school; 10:15 a.m., Sunday Worship Service; 3 p.m., Jeremy Goodling concert.

Tues., Feb. 27: 2 p.m., Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6 p.m., God’s Kitchen at Wesley, meal provided by Highspire/Royalton; 6:30 p.m., UMM Supper.

## New Beginnings Church of Middletown



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

Riverside Chapel, 630 S. Union St., next to the Rescue Fire Company. Sunday School for all ages is at 9 a.m. We are handicap accessible via ramp at back door. For additional church information call 717-944-9595. For security purposes our back and side doors will be locked every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the start of worship. The only door for entry after that will be the front door.

Sundays: Youth Fellowship meets every Sunday evening from 5 to 7 p.m.

Mondays: Men meet every Monday morning for prayer at 6 a.m. Community men are welcome; Sociable Seniors group meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m. All are welcome.

Wednesdays: Craft Group meets at 1 p.m.; Choir practice at 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays: Blanket makers meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 9 a.m.; Intercessory Prayer meets at 6 p.m., followed by Bible Study at 7 p.m.

Saturdays: We clean the Middletown Food Bank the 3rd Saturday every other month. The community is invited to participate in these important areas of our church life.

February ushers: Bonny and Joel Guzzo, Jackie and Sam Rainal; Greeter: Bonnie Harper; Children’s Church leaders for Feb. 25: Nan Fishburn and Julie Myers.

Indoor Snow day fun will be held for children on Sat., Feb. 24.

Undies Sunday’s are Feb. 18 and 25. Collection of underwear for the children in our elementary schools and homeless adults and veterans center.

Middletown’s Care-A-Van, that transports senior citizens

to appointments and shopping, is in need of drivers. If you are 75 years old or under and would like to volunteer a half day a month or more call 717-743-0788 for information.

Our prayer garden in the rear of the yard has an 8-foot cross made out of nails and is illuminated at night. From spring to winter benches are provided to use to meditate or just enjoy the beauty and quietness along the Swatara Creek.

Pastor Britt writes a daily devotional on the Facebook page “Pastor Britt Strohecker.” In addition, he posts a pod cast of Bible study many days on Facebook via YouTube. We invite everyone to tune him in for inspiration for their day.

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

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

## Ebenezer United Methodist Church



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

We have several things happening at Ebenezer and all are welcome. There is a prayer time, “Partners in Prayer” that meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Through scripture, song, and meditation we experience the joy of God’s presence. Have a favorite board game? “Game Night” is every third Monday at 6:30 p.m. In February and March, due to egg making, Prayer Night will be the first Tuesday at 7 p.m. and Game

Night will be the third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Our homemade chocolate Easter eggs are available. We also have chocolate pretzels. For purchasing information please contact Mel Bollinger at 717-583-0502, [eve2mel@verizon.net](mailto:eve2mel@verizon.net) or Bill Hoch at 717-944-6080. We also offer a variety of other groups including Bible studies.

Any questions please call us at 717-939-0766 or e-mail us at [ebenezerumc890@outlook.com](mailto:ebenezerumc890@outlook.com).

## Calvary Orthodox Presbytrian Church



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

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

month, free to all who come. We also have Sunday school classes for all ages at 9 a.m. and a Bible Study each Wednesday at 7 p.m. We are now studying the power of prayer.

## Gum money for the homeless



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When Ian Lane was in kindergarten, he saw a homeless encampment south of Harrisburg and wanted to do something to help. His family researched options and decided with Ian to do something special on National Gumball Day (the first Friday of February). So since the time he was in first grade he’s had permission to sell gumballs (and lollipops) to his schoolmates and donate the proceeds to the Bethesda Mission. As an added bonus, the students are allowed to chew gum in school for the day. Now a fourth-grader at Nye Elementary School, the total from this year’s National Gumball Day sales was \$1,000. On Friday, Feb. 16, he presented a check to Cindy Malloy, director of development for the Bethesda Mission, right. Nye Elementary School Principal Bryan MacLeod is on the left.

# Classes will teach residents how to be a master gardener

Dauphin County is accepting applications from Dauphin County gardeners for the next Penn State Extension Master Gardener Training Program.

An informational session to acquaint applicants to the Volunteer Master Gardener Program and Extension will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, at the Dauphin County Agriculture and Natural Resources Center, 1451 Peters Mountain Road, Dauphin. Applications are being accepted through June 6.

Those selected will attend classes from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesdays from Aug. 15 through Dec. 12, with the first half at the Penn State Extension-Cumberland County Office and the second half at the Dauphin County Office (Dauphin County Agriculture & Natural Resources Center).

Topics include soils, plant science, insects, diseases, integrated pest management, lawn care, plant propagation, fruits, vegetables, and ornamentals.

The Penn State Extension Master Gardener Program is a volunteer training program designed to provide home gar-

deners with the knowledge and skills necessary to share their experience and information with others. In exchange for the instruction, candidates agree to complete 50 hours of volunteer service to Penn State Extension’s Consumer Horticulture and Urban Gardening Programs to be completed your first year. The program is looking for volunteers who will make a commitment to answer lawn, landscape, and garden questions at the Extension office and provide educational presentations to organizations and the public.

To be eligible, individuals need only to want to be a volunteer and have an interest in gardening, and want to share their knowledge and experience with others.

The Master Gardener Program is sponsored by Penn State Extension. For additional information or to receive an application packet, call the Penn State Extension-Dauphin County Office at 717-921-8803 and ask for Anne Hawk or Linda Kulp between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or visit [extension.psu.edu/plants/master-gardener/counties/dauphin/about](http://extension.psu.edu/plants/master-gardener/counties/dauphin/about) for the application.

## Rep. Mehaffie will play host to fishing and boating seminar

State Rep. Tom Mehaffie will play host to a Fish and Boat Commission seminar from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 1, in the board room at the Derry Township Municipal Building.

Representatives from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission will discuss a number of topics to get local anglers and boaters ready for the upcoming

seasons. This is a free seminar and boating or fishing licenses are not required for this event.

Seating is limited and advance registration is required.

Register by calling Mehaffie’s Hershey office at 717-534-1323 by Feb. 23.

For more information, visit [repmehaffie.com](http://repmehaffie.com).

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329 Market Street, Middletown  
Pastor C. VICTORIA BROWN, M.Div. • 717-215-280-0798  
Church School - 10 am • Worship Service - 11 am



**Ebenezer United Methodist Church**  
"Love God, Love People, Make Disciples"  
890 Ebenezer Road, Middletown  
(Corner of 441 & Ebenezer Road)  
Phone 717-939-0766  
Sunday Worship:  
Traditional - 8:45 am • Contemporary - 10:45 am  
Christian Education (All Ages) - 10 am  
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**Evangelical United Methodist Church**  
Spruce & Water Sts., Middletown  
717-944-6181 • [www.eumch.org](http://www.eumch.org)  
Sunday School (all ages) - 9 am  
Sunday Worship - 10:15 am



**Geyers United Methodist Church**  
1605 South Geyers Church Road, Middletown  
717-944-6426  
PASTOR STEVAN ATANASOFF  
Worship - 9 am - Followed by Coffee Fellowship  
Sunday School - 10:30 am



**New Beginnings Church**  
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Sunday School - 9 am • Worship Service - 10:30 am  
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**St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
121 N. Spring Street, Middletown  
Church Office 717-944-4651  
REV. DR. J. RICHARD ECKERT, Pastor  
Sunday Worship - 10 am  
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**Seven Sorrows BVM Parish**  
280 North Race St., Middletown  
Parish Office 717-944-3133  
REV. TED KEATING, JR., Pastor  
Saturday Evening Vigil - 5:30 pm  
Sunday Masses - 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 6:00 pm  
Confessions: Saturday - 7:30-7:50 am, 4:30-5:15 pm



**Wesley United Methodist Church**  
64 Ann Street, Middletown  
PASTOR NAYLO HOPKINS  
Pastor James Lyles, 10xBetter  
Phone 717-944-6242  
Sunday Worship - 9:15 am  
Small Groups - 10:30 am

To list your church service here, call 717-944-4628 or email [info@pressandjournal.com](mailto:info@pressandjournal.com) for more information.



# SPORTS



Middletown wrestlers Nate Brady, Ryan Berstler, Devin Martin, Luke Fegley, Joey Spear, Zach Malay and Quincy Reinnagel are moving on to district competition.

# 7 Raider wrestlers advance to districts



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE PRESS &amp; JOURNAL BY DEBBIE SPEAR

**Nate Brady captured a 9-2 decision over Noah Safford of Annville-Cleona to place third and earn a spot in the district tournament.**



**Junior Ryan Berstler defeated Susquehanna Township's Kody Evans at 120 pounds.**

The Blue Raider wrestlers competed in the District 3 AA Section 2 Tournament at CD East High School on Feb. 17 putting up a solid performance with seven Middletown wrestlers placing in the top three and advancing to districts.

Five wrestlers were in the finals and four in the consolation finals.

District championships will be held at the Giant Center in Hershey on Feb 23-24. Wrestling begins at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb 23.

Junior Ryan Berstler led the Raiders with a championship performance at 120. Berstler pinned Dustin Varvel of Northern Lebanon in 3:25 to win his semifinal match. In the championship match, Berstler faced off against well-known rival from Susquehanna Township, Kody Evans. Trailing 1-0 coming into the second period, Berstler hustled to score a takedown and an escape to take a 3-1 lead, which earned him the top stop on the podium.

At 106, sophomore Luke Fegley made it to the championship match with a semifinal pin over Austin Mahoney of Boiling Springs. Fegley settled for second, dropping an 8-4 decision to Brandon Breidegan of Northern Lebanon.

Sophomore Zach Malay recovered from a first-round loss to punch his ticket to districts with a third-place finish at 113. Malay looked strong battling through the consolation bracket, scoring a 31-second pin over Ethan Jones of Lancaster Catholic and a second-period pin over Gavin Knox of Annville-Cleona.

Junior Nathan Brady faced some tough competitors in the 126-pound bracket. After a close 4-3 loss in the semifinal round, Brady responded by pinning Evan Hart of Lancaster Catholic. Brady would go on to capture a 9-2 decision over Noah Safford, Annville-Cleona, to place third and earn a

spot in the district tournament.

Sophomore Joey Spear also punched his ticket to the districts with a second-place finish at 138. Spear earned a hard-fought 8-7 decision over Northern Lebanon's Nick Winters in the semifinals, but Lucas Shoop of Boiling Springs proved too much for him in the championship match.

At 145 pounds, Raider senior Devin Martin looked for redemption in a semifinal match-up with Zach Renninger of Annville-Cleona. Renninger had defeated Martin soundly back in January, but Martin came on the attack in this sectional match and would earn a bruising 8-4 decision. In the end, Martin was also forced to settle for a second-place finish after suffering an 11-4 loss to Boiling Springs' standout Kollin Myers.

At 220 pounds sophomore Quincy Reinnagel would be the last of the seven Middletown wrestlers to advance to Districts. Reinnagel scored his 12th pin of the season, dispatching Northern Lebanon's Cole Messimer in 3:13 to advance to the championship finals match. Reinnagel also earned a runner-up finish after meeting up with Boiling Springs senior Austin Taylor

in the finals.

Although falling just short of district qualification, senior Zach Souders ended his wrestling career at Middletown on a high note, earning a fourth-place finish at 160. In the opening round, Souders dominated Lancaster Catholic's Ryan Kemmerly, gaining a 2-2 advantage before securing the pin in 5:50. In the consolation semifinal match, Souders battled back from an early 4-2 deficit to win an impressive 6-4 overtime victory.

The young Raider upperweights showed glimmers of promise for the 2018-19 season. Sophomore Damion Williams earned a fourth-place finish at 195, and sophomore Arthur Dash put up a respectable performance in a stacked 170-pound bracket. Middletown junior Kenny Britcher enjoyed a 6-2 victory in the 132-pound consolation bracket, but also fell short of district qualification.

Chris Joseph, who battled for a roster spot all season through the stout Raider middleweights, bumped up two weight classes to compete at 152 pounds.

Marcus Williams rounded out the Raider competitors at 182 pounds.



**Sophomore Zach Malay registered a second-period pin over Gavin Knox of Annville-Cleona.**

## PSU men 5th, women 6th at indoor track event

The Penn State Harrisburg men's track and field team tied for fifth at the 2017-18 CAC Indoor Track & Field Championships, and the women's team was sixth.

Jalil Clayton scored team points in six events. The Lions recorded 58 team points.

Clayton took home third-place finishes in the 200 and 400 meter dashes. He placed fourth in the 60 meter hurdles and helped the 4 by 400 meter relay team to a fifth-place finish.

Clayton was fourth in the high jump and eighth in the long jump.

Josiah Owhe had his best showing of the season in the 60 meter dash, finishing seventh at 7.17 seconds. The distance medley team of Kadeem Willis, Jacob Kamin-

ski-Mainardi, Kevin Afoakwah and Mekael Kassu finished sixth with a school record of 10:59.72.

Alex White scored team points in the high jump, clearing 1.97 meters, the long jump with a leap of 6.56 meters, and triple jump, traveling 12.95. Owhe added a third-place finish in the long jump with a leap of 6.61 meters.

Cameron Yon took fourth in the weight throw at 14.84 meters.

For the women, Sarah Lehman and Rae Rae Taylor captured CAC championships in the triple jump and long jump. As a team, the Blue & White scored 54 points.

Lehman took first place in the triple jump, at 11.48 meters. This tied her school record and set a CAC Indoor Championships

record. Lehman finished second in the long jump at 5.27 meters.

Taylor captured the long jump with a leap of 5.34 meters, setting a school record. Taylor placed second in the triple jump at 10.80 meters. She finished fourth in the high jump, clearing 1.52 meters, and ran her best time of the season in the 60 meter dash.

Ashley Williams placed third in the 60 meter hurdles with a time of 9.28 seconds. The Lions 4 by 400 meter relay team of Taylor, Williams, Sephora Senestant and Kim Cunningham finished seventh, setting a school record with a time of 4.31.17.

Both teams will be in action at the ECAC Indoor Championships in New York City on March 2-3.

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