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## Theater drama continues: Elks on a deadline?

Mayor Curry wants time limit on selling to Friends group

By Dan Miller danmiller@pressandjournal.com

Urged on by Middletown Mayor James H. Curry III, the borough authority that owns the historic Elks Theatre has given the nonprofit group that wants to buy the theater a 60-day deadline to put up,

or shut up. But a representative of the group, Friends of the Elks Theatre, told the Press & Journal that thegroupnever



received "a formal request" from the authority for information sought related to the group's wanting to acquire the theater from the authority for \$1.

In February, Friends submitted a letter of intent confirming the group's accepting of an offer from the Industrial and Commercial Development Authority to transfer ownership of the theater to the

However since then, the authority has received none of the information and documentation that had been requested of the Friends group to provide evidence that the group can carry out its plan to transform the theater into a performing arts center, and that the group will be able to successfully operate the center after it opens, said Ian Reddinger, a Middletown borough councilor who leads the authority.

Curry, who is also on the authority, proposed setting a 60-day deadline on the Friends group during the authority's last meeting on June 20.

Curry said that he and others on council and on the authority have been unsuccessfully seeking information from the Friends group regarding its plans for the theater since long before the letter of intent was submitted in February.

"Have you heard from Gordon Einhorn (of the Friends' board of directors) and Friends of the Elks on the request we have had for a year and a half regarding information required — what their annual revenue was, what their payments were, what their

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### Fire up the night



STAFF PHOTOS BY JASON MADDUX

Fireworks reflect off a car parked near Sunset Park on Saturday night, July 1, during Londonderry Township's Stars & Stripes Salute. See more Out & About photos on page B6, and online at www.pressandjournal.com.



The Three Mile Island nuclear plant looms in the background as people gather for the fireworks on the 10th tee at Sunset Golf Course on Saturday.

## Huge Woodland Hills development takes step forward

By Dan Miller danmiller@pressandjournal.com

After many years of being just a plan on paper, something real might be about to happen in the proposed Woodland Hills housing

development in Middletown. Located north of the Pennsylvania Turnpike between North Union and Vine streets, the 168acre Woodland Hills tract is the largest undeveloped residential

area in the borough.

Since April 2004, the land has been owned by H-TPartners LLC, a partnership of Thomas Kile and his son Gregory Kile. It is based in Landisville in Lancaster County.

"This project is really getting kicked off this year in a matter of weeks," Thomas Kile told borough council June 20. A contractor working for H-T Partners has started clearing some trees.

"This has been a project long

talked about and long planned," borough Manager Ken Klinepeter toldcouncilduringThomasKile's appearance June 20. "We're at a point now where Mr. Kile is ready to move forward. He'd like to see a

shovelgoin the ground this year." H-T Partners has a conceptual plan that proposes building 440 housing units over 10 phases; including 150 apartments, 125 townhouses, 119 single-family detached homes and 46 semidetached homes.

But with all this momentum one big question mark remains - who is the developer that will be building all this new housing?

The agreement with the borough that Kile is seeking only covers the site preparation work. H-T Partners "will most likely be looking for another developer to take on" the project once the site

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## **UPS** hub might bring hundreds of jobs to area

**By David Barr** 

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 $United \, Parcel \, Service \, Inc. \, could \,$ be coming to Lower Swatara Township, and along with it hundreds of jobs. Officials from UPS presented

a proposal to the board of commissioners Wednesday, June 21, which would bring a UPS transportation hub to 2134 N. Union St. According to UPS public rela-

vice president of global real estate for UPS, there is a site evaluation process with many factors. These factors are employ-

According to Steve Slifer, the

are unloaded, sorted and reloaded

with packages destined for other locations in the country or pack-

ages that are entering central

Pennsylvania. It would be a re-

gional hub and would service the

northeast United States.

ment base, transportation infrations director Susan Rosenberg, a Please see UPS, page A8 hub is where the tractor-trailers



STAFF PHOTO BY DAN MILLER

The Route 230 bridge crossing Swatara Creek just outside Middletown is a few weeks away from being fully reopened to traffic, PennDOT says. In this photo taken July 3, traffic comes into Middletown from Londonderry Township on the south side of the bridge.

## 230 bridge work almost done, but expect delays on North Union Street

By Dan Miller

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The Route 230 bridge crossing the Swatara Creek in Middletown is "a few weeks out" from being fully reopened to traffic, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation spokesman Greg Penny told the Press & Journal on June 29.

Traffic on the bridge has been restricted to one lane since fall 2015, when a contractor hired by PennDOT began a project to replace the bridge. The bridge was built in 1941 and had been determined by PennDOT to be structurally deficient.

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## Woman charged in drug death of Middletown man

By Dan Miller

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Middletown police have charged an Elizabethtown woman with providing the heroin that resulted in the overdose and death of a 25-year-old borough man on May

Miranda Miller, 22, of the 4200 block of Roundtop Road, on June 28 was charged by borough police with manufacture, delivery, or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver, drug delivery resulting in death, and driving

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## **OURCOMMUNITY**

### **Orris/Weller wedding**



Sarah Orris and Shane therapy. She is an occupational Weller were united in marriage on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at Riverdale Manor in Lancaster.

The bride is the daughter of Tom and Beth Orris of Royalton. She is a 2011 graduate of Middletown Area High School, and a 2016 graduate of Elizabethtown College with a master's degree in occupational reside in Blandon, Pa.

on E. Water St.

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pork BBQ sandwiches. Veggies, mashed potatoes and

cole slaw will be available. Chocolate cake with peanut

The ladies of our Council of Catholic Women will have

their variety of baked goods, fudge, and other

goodies at their stand in the lobby of school.

butter icing, coconut cream, key lime pie.

therapist at Fox Rehab.

The groom is the son of Alan and Michele Weller of Boyertown. He is a graduate of Boyertown High School, and a 2013 graduate of Elizabeth town College. He is an engineer with East Penn Manufacturing.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Jamaica. They

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#### **NEWS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD** LAVONNE ACKERMAN

## Get out and do those summer activities

Now that the corn crop is way past knee-high, it is time to get into full swing of all things sum-

Where is that summer to-do check list? Swim. Catch fire flies. Camp out. Cook s'mores. Picnic. Barbecue. Walk barefoot in the grass. Visit the beach. I hope you are getting your "summer on" and have some of these com-

Before we are finished with California, I have to share about our journey on the 17-Mile Drive, which features Pebble Beach and Del Monte Forest. The legendary Pebble Beach Golf Links is nestled between Monterey and Carmel. It is regarded as one of the most beautiful courses in the world. It was a misty cloudy morning as we headed for the coast. Even with very little visibility, we could still take in the beautiful

We were able to drive part way up State Route 1, which is also known as Scenic Highway One. We traveled along Big Sur, which is a rugged stretch of California's central coast. It is bordered by the Santa Lucia Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. We could only go so far because the region was recovering from mud slides. It is a beautiful windy turning two-lane road with seaside cliffs and views of the beautiful coastline. Words and photos can't do this experience justice! Definitely one to add to the bucket list.

Please feel free to share your news, family celebrations, student accomplishments or maybe a fun vacation story. Your neighbors care! Have a wonderful week.

#### **Birthdays**

Hey, Carl Stevenson of Middletown! Hoping your party day

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**FRIDAY** 

Rita Angelucci

from Class Act

**SATURDAY** 

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17-Mile Drive offers plenty of picturesque spots.

Wednesday, July 5 is wonderful as you turn Sweet 16. Happy beep-beep-honk birthday!

Best wishes for a happy Sweet 16 birthday to **Hanna Wilsbach** of Middletown. Her honk-honkbeep day is Thursday, July 6. Enjoy!

Happy brand-new-teener cake day to **Abbey Leister** of Lower Swatara. Have a thrilling Thursday birthday on July 6, Abbey!

If you see Cole Golden out and about Lower Swatara on Friday, July 7, give him a happy birthday pat on the back because this guy turns landmark 18. Congrats!

Best wishes for a fantastic Friday birthday to **David Hurlock** of Lower Swatara. I hope your July 7 birthday is the best yet!

**Gary Klock** of Lower Swatara hits cake day No. 52 on Friday, July 7. Happy weekend extravaganza birthday, Gary!

Happy balloon-flying day to Charlie Stare of Lower Swatara on Saturday, July 8. I hope your day is hot and you get to enjoy a relaxing pool day, Charlie!

**Kayce Deibler** of Lower Swatara celebrates her 23rd razzle-dazzle birthday on Saturday, July 8. I hope your weekend is just how you like it, Kayce!

Mackenzie Trafka celebrates her 24th frosty-filled day on Saturday, July 8. Enjoy your special weekend!

Many good wishes of love and joy are sent to **LeeAnn Coble** of Lower Swatara on Sunday, July 9. Hoping your day is super sunny and special!

Happy confetti-popping day to Nancy Witkowski of Lower Swatara on Monday, July 10. Hoping there will be some cool breezes to keep you comfy, have

**Rachel Romberger** of Lower Swatara will hear the birthday song on Tuesday, July 11. I hope it truly blesses you, Rachel. Happy 24th!

Here is a shout-out to **Mat**thew Wagner of Lower Swatara. His 14th birthday is on Tuesday, July 11. I hope it is almost too much fun, Matthew!

Happy fun-filled birthday to

**Lynn Shank** of Lower Swatara on Tuesday, July 11. Enjoy it all week long, Lynn.

#### Trash news

Lebanon Farms Disposal will change its pickup schedule for the holiday week. If your trash is usually picked up on Friday morning, for example, please bump it one day to Saturday morning.

#### **Anniversaries**

Happy wedding anniversary to Scott and Suzanne Hile of Lower Swatara on Sunday, July 9. I hope it is full of flowers and chocolates!

Happy 19th anniversary to **Rick and Michelle Berrones** of Lower Swatara. They made their vows on July 11, 1998. Have a terrific Tuesday as you celebrate.

#### Glad grad

**Kyle Shields**, 2013 alumnus of Middletown Area High School, graduated with a major in integrated marketing communication and minors in graphic design and film studies from Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, recently. Kyle plans to travel the world. Congrats to you, Kyle!

#### **VBS Day Camp**

There is still time to register for "Jonah, a Whale of a Tale" Vacation Bible School held at Middletown First Church of God from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, July 10 through Friday, July 14.

Children from kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to experience Bible lessons, crafts, games, lunch, field trips and, most of all, fun! The church is located at 245 W. High St. in Middletown. There is a small fee. To register, please visit www. middletowncog.org/vbs or call the church office at 717-944-9608.

#### **Festival this week**

The 15th annual Seven Sorrows BVM community festival will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. July 6, 7 and 8. Come out for games, car show, bingo, great food, flea market, raffles, music and entertainment.

The church is located at 360 E. Water St. in Middletown. Call 717-944-3133 for more information.

#### **Ladies brunch**

All women are invited to attend the Hershey Area Women's Connection brunch at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 12.

The theme, "Let Us Entertain You," will feature Annville Inn Bed and Breakfast presentation by owners Craig and Rosalie George. The speaker and musician will be Sharon Palmer of Mohawk, New York. She will share "A Musician Who Finally Found the Right Key and A Perfectionist Who Tried to be Super-Mom to Four Adopted Children."

This is affiliated with Christian Women's Clubs of America and will be held at the Hershey Italian Lodge, 128 Hillcrest Road, Hershey. For reservations, call Edna at 717-652-0997 or Mary at 717-533-3497 or email hersheyawc@verizon.net. Deadline is July 7.

#### Rummage sale

Mark your calendar for 7 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 15, at the community room in the Essex House at 320 Market St., Middletown. The Non-Profit Essex House Residents Council is delighted to announce their big spring/summer fun fund raiser rummage sale featuring men's and women's clothing, CDs, videos, knickknacks, books, baked goods and more. Come one, come all ... rain or shine!

#### **Quote of the Week**

"Worrying is worshipping the problem." — Anonymous

#### **Question of the Week**

What state would you like to live in for a summer?

"The Little Grand Canyon." Drew Rhodes, 15, Hummelstown.

"Alaska. I would love to live that adventure." — **Theresa** Sawyer, Hummelstown.

"Vermont! I was there once — Donna and it was just lovely." **Hoffman**, Lower Paxton. "North Carolina, because my

grandma lives there." — Christopher Lewis, 7, Lower Swatara.

"Maine." — Farris Azzat, 6, Lower Swatara.

"Wyoming. I was there on a short vacation. I want to go back!" — **Tyson Bomberger**, 10, Lower Swatara.

"St. Louis, Missouri. They have great stores, places and is so pretty." — Peyton Chisholm, 9, Lower Swatara.

#### **Proverb for the Week**

He who mocks the poor shows contempt for their Maker; whoever gloats over disaster will not go unpunished (17:5).

Reach LaVonne Ackerman at 717-649-7366 or by email at La-VonneAck@comcast.net.

## Third-grader honored for stopping bullying

A third-grader at Nye Elementary School was recognized as the Lower Dauphin Communities That Care "Do the Right Thing" recipient for March.

Islay Plante, the daughter of Amy and Joe Plante, was nominated after she told a teacher that a student was being made fun of on the bus and at lunch. In addition, she confronted the students for their behavior and told them

"This is exactly what kids need to do to stop bullying in its tracks," said Dr. Mary Klinger, a reading specialist at the school. "Islay was able to understand how bullying made the student feel, and she stood up for the student"

For her good deeds, she was recognized with a \$25 gift card, a Do The Right Thing T-shirt and certificate, and pizza coupons.

Madelyn Miller was also nominated in March and will receive a certificate.

The Dothe Right Thing programis modeled after a successful national program. Now in its 10th year, the program recognizes students in the Lower Dauphin



Lower Dauphin Communities That Care program director Kathy Peffer and Nye Elementary School Principal Bryan MacLeod applaud third-grader Islay Plante for doing the right thing.

community who have distinguished themselves through their accomplishments, attitude or outstanding efforts.

School staff members and police officers typically nominate students whose positive actions come to their attention, but any adult older than age 18 can nominate a child. A volunteer committee reviews

the student nominations on a monthly basis and selects a winner for each month.

For more information, contact Lower Dauphin Communities That Care program director Kathy Peffer at 566-6096.

Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church Race & Conewago Streets, Middletown

## Students recognized at Middletown Area High **School's Honors Night**

The following students were recognized June 1 during Middletown Area High School's Honors

VALEDICTORIAN/ **SALUTATORIAN CERTIFICATES:** Shannon Reese and Erin Templeton

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

October: Abel Botterbusch and Mai Dang **November:** Thomas Staker and Bianca

Jasper **December:** Aaron Fischer and Shannon

**January:** James Fitzpatrick and Elizabeth

February: Blake Gill and Celeste Osayi March: Caleb Ocker and Erin Templeton April: Mitchell Carson and Arianna Kurtz

May: John Hursh and Lydia Hursh **ARMY ROTC SCHOLARSHIP:** Abel Botterbusch

**HUGH O'BRIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD:** Terrance Jefferson

**WOODMAN OF THE WORLD** AWARD: Keeley Lombardi

**LOWER SWATARA LIONS CLUB SOPHOMORE AWARD:** Aayushi Patel and Aiden Sessa

**R. JAMES KLEINFELTER CHEMISTRY AWARD:** Terrance

**TED ESSEX MEMORIAL AWARD:** Hannah Wilsbach

MIDDLETOWN ALUMNI **ASSOCIATION 2- TO 4-YEAR** SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP: Nikol Burrows, Jessica Knisely, Caleb Ocker

PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP: Nikol Burrows

and Rowan Sessa

**G.W. FEASER SCHOLARSHIP:** Abby Yohn

JOHN C. KUNKEL ELEMENTARY PTO SCHOLARSHIP: Mai Dang and Caleb Ocker

RUTH L. GRAHAM AWARD: Erin Templeton

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H.K. ALWINE AWARD: Shannon

**WORK EXPERIENCE SCHOLARSHIP:** Arianna Kurtz and

Thomas Staker **JAMES & EDITH BOOSER** 

**SENIOR AWARD:** Kelsey Dworchak, Megan Fasnacht, Brandi Gaumer, John Hursh, Lydia Hursh and Jasmine Rivera

**BLUE & GOLD CLUB STUDENT AWARD:** James Fitzpatrick and Erin Templeton

**AMERICAN LEGION AMERICANISM AWARD: Josh** 

Brown and Marisa Mayhew

**DENISE FRISBIE SCHOLARSHIP:** Mitchell Carson

**DONALD C. CONRAD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** Gabriella Carter

**ROBERT REID ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO SCHOLARSHIP: Erin Templeton** 

**RUTH COBLE SCHOLARSHIP:** 

Shannon Reese

**CLASS OF '58 PATHWAYS** TO PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP-**ENGINEERING & INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY: Shannon Reese** 

**MIDDLETOWN AREA BLUE RAIDER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP:** Mitchell Carson

MIDDLETOWN SCHOLAR **ATHLETE:** Blake Gill and Rowan Sessa

MIDDLETOWN THREE SEASON **ATHLETES:** Gabrielle Carter, Bianca Jasper and Tristen Maxwell

**EDWARD E. BRUNNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** Riley

**EDWARD TENNIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** Jarod Frekot

**GEORGE LENKER FOOTBALL AWARD:** Justin Mayersky

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**BEN OLSEN SOCCER** 

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Blake Gill

**WILLIAM & WYLLIS LEONARD SCHOLARSHIP:** Mai Dang

**PIAA DISTRICT III** SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD-FACKLER/HOWER: Bianca Jasper

and Thomas Staker **E.E. JERRY BROOKS AWARDS:** Blake Gill

HALL FOUNDATION **SCHOLARSHIP:** Bianca Jasper

**MIDDLETOWN AREA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP:** Riley Zimmerman

**MID-PENN BANK BEST ATTENDANCE AWARD: Celeste** 

**ROTARY SERVICE ABOVE SELF:** Courtney Quaca

**BILL & BETTY FOX SCHOLARSHIP:** Aaron Fischer

**ELIZABETH G. ALESICK SCHOLARSHIP:** Kelly Moyer

**CLASS 1948 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP:** James Fitzpatrick

**KAREN R. KASPER PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP:** Nathaniel Gingrich

**RAIDER CLUB HONORARY FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP:** Joshua Brown, Justin Mayersky, Chase Snavely and Thomas Staker

**IDA PROUSER ORSTEIN/ B'NAI JACOB SYNAGOGUE SCHOLARSHIP:** Kelsey Dworchak

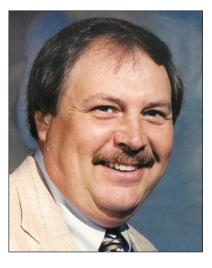
G.R.I.T. SCHOLARSHIP: Kelsey Dworchak

**ONE FOR THE KIDS: Nathaniel** Gingrich, Shannon Reese, Jessaca

**KIWANIS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP:** Gabriel Carter and Kelly Moyer

**CONGRESSIONAL CITIZENSHIP AWARD:** Erin Templeton

## **OBITUARIES**



#### **Albert Otzel**

LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP

Albert M. "Albie" Otzel, 70. of Lower Swatara Twp., died on Thursday, June 29, 2017 in Harrisburg Hospital.

Albie was born in Harrisburg on June 23, 1947 to Albert C. and Margaret Sinkovitz Otzel.

He was a self-employed painter. He attended St. John's Roman Catholic School, graduated from Steelton-Highspire High School and was a devoted Rollers fan. He attended the former St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Steelton and was a member of the Lower Swatara Lions Club and a former member of the Capital City Cruisers and the Blue Moon Cruisers. Albie was a very giving person to all his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister Yvonne

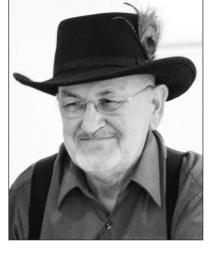
Albert is survived by his wife Sandra L. Lipiec Otzel; two brothers Thomas J. Otzel (Debra) of Highspire, and Michael A. Otzel of Middletown; one sister Monica O. Mehalick (Joe) of Chambers Hill; numerous nieces and nephews; and one brother-in-law Earl J. Lipiec (Judith) of Middletown.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday July 6, 2017 at 11 a.m. at the Wiedeman Funeral Home, 357 South 2nd Street, Steelton, with the Rev. Ted J. Keating officiating. A viewing will be held on Wednesday, July 5 from 6 to 8 p.m., and also on Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m., both in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Churchville Cemetery, Oberlin. In lieu of flowers, memorial

contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Greater Harrisburg, 7790 Grayson Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111, or The American Heart Association, 1019 Mumma Road, Wormleysburg, PA 17043.

www.wiedemanfuneralhome.



#### **Kenneth Rabuck**

FORMERLY OF MIDDLETOWN

Kenneth "Rabbit" Rabuck, age 82, of Harrisburg, formerly of Middletown, passed unexpectedly on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 in Harrisburg Hospital surrounded by his family. Kenneth was born in Tower City, Pa. on July 16, 1934 to Arthur and Gussie (Bligan) Rabuck.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers James Rabuck and Delton Rabuck.

Kenneth's survivors include his wife of 59 years, Patricia (Berstler) Rabuck, whom he married on September 11, 1957; his four children: Robert and his wife Dawn (Damweber) of Harrisburg, Robert's oldest daughter Tonya Rabuck and Robert and Dawn's three children Jessica Rabuck, Kevin Rabuck and Nicholas Rabuck; Kim Rabuck of Middletown and her two children Sarah (Bowles) Charles and her husband Justin and Matthew Bowles and his wife Rachel (Donley) Bowles; Nancy Lokey and her husband Steve of Elizabethtown and their two children Kristin Lokey and Zachary Lokey; Elizabeth Graham and her husband Mike of Middletown and their daughter Alexis (Graham) Hogentogler and her husband Ryan. Ken and Pat have five great-grandsons Conner, Lincoln, Bennett, Elliot and Jase, and one great-granddaughter Emma, who their Pappy loved dearly and enjoyed teasing. He is also survived by his brothers Clyde Rabuck, Terry Rabuck and Donald Rabuck, and sisters Jean Huey, Janet Barb and Connie Rehrer.

Kenneth served in the U.S. Army and worked as a carpenter his entire life. He loved God, his family, history, and guns.

There will be a private service at Fort Indiantown Gap on Friday, July 7, 2017.

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#### **Thomas Weyant Sr.**

**MIDDLETOWN** 

Thomas H. "Tom" Weyant Sr., 79, of Middletown, passed away on Monday, June 26, 2017 at Manor Care of Elizabethtown, surrounded by his loving family. He was the loving husband of Gladys M. (Brookens) Weyant.

Born in Harrisburg, Pa., he was the son of the late Albert and Naomi (Conrad) Wevant.

Tom was always known as a real joker! He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family and

Tom's pride and joy was his great-granddaughter, "Bibi." He was a member of Valley Baptist Church, Middletown.

Tom was preceded in death by his son, Thomas Weyant Jr., two brothers, and his four sisters.

In addition to his loving wife Gladys, he is survived by one son, Danny Weyant of North Carolina, and four stepchildren, Marie Shriner of Highspire, Pa., Meletia Shriner of Middletown, Pa., Denise McFadden of Middletown, Pa., and Frank Gordon of Fort Loudon, Pa.; numerous grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two brothers, David Weyant and Albert Weyant; five sisters, Jenny Martin, Helen Anthony, Emma Lamb, Lillian Mixell, and Barbara Barrett; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A service celebrating the life of Tom will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at Valley Baptist Church, 1190 North Union St., Middletown, Pa., with Pastor Jerry Cowan officiating. There will be a time of visitation from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Burial will be held privately and at the convenience of the family.

To send an online condolence, please visit Snyder Funeral Home.

Arrangements by Charles Inlieu of flowers, donations can F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Crematory, Lancaster.

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## **Lower Swatara** public safety director job remains open **By David Barr** davidbarr@pressandjournal.com

Lower Swatara Township is a little closer to selecting a new public safety director.

The first review deadline was Friday, June 23, meaning officials would begin reviewing the applications and resumes that were submitted already at that point. So far, 29 candidates have applied.

Township manager Frank Williamson told the Press & Journal that the resumes are being scored through an informal review of work experience in police, fire, EMS and education.

This review process makes it easier to see the applicant qualifications for officials, according to Williamson.

No exact number of applicants invited to the initial interview has been established and the expected finalized date for selecting a candidate has not been set either, according to Williamson.

"We would like it to be completed quickly, but we will be doing a thorough review of the applicants to ensure the best qualified candidate is chosen." Williamson said in an email. The selected candidate will take over William-

son's former role. Williamson had been both the public safety director and an assistant manager until May, when he was selected to the manager's role full-time. According to the Lower Swatara Township's

website, the public safety director is a civilian managerial position responsible for the administrative and operational functions for the police department, liaison to the Volunteer Fire Department and contracted EMS as well as the coordinator of all emergency preparedness functions for the township.

Candidates must have strong law enforcement experience including previous certification as a police officer, as well as working knowledge of EMS, fire and emergency operations.

The role will remain open until filled; interested candidates must send a cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to Williamson.

For a complete listing of the job description and responsibilities, please visit the Lower Swatara Township website, lowerswatara.org.

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## Stark to appear in county court Aug. 4

The Mount Joy man charged in the March 24 shooting at River House Bar & Grill in Londonderry Township is scheduled to make his first appearance in Dauphin County Court on Friday, Aug. 4.

Stark, 22, is to be arraigned before Judge John Cherry at 8:30 a.m.

Stark faces a long list Stark

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of charges, including three counts of criminal attempt-murder of the first degree, for his role in the incident that took place at River House in the early morning hours of March 24.

He is also charged with aggravated assault, discharging a firearm into an occupied structure, illegal possession of a weapon, simple assault, recklessly endangering another person, harassment, disorderly conduct, and public drunkenness.

Stark remains in Dauphin County Prison on \$250,000 bail.

## Winning Patriot's Pen essay: The America I believe in

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following essay by Sara Dintiman, who was a seventh-grader at Middletown Area Middle School last school year, won first place in the Middletown Memorial VFW Post 1620 Patriots Pen contest.

America is the land of the free and the home of the brave, but we would not have had the chance to be free unless someone believed it was possible.

If no one had put faith in our country, we might not have the opportunities we have been given today.

When they wake up in the morning, few people in America would say that they feel afraid. I believe in our government because they keep us safe, and they try to make decisions for the benefit of our country.

Citizens of other countries may not feel as secure in their country as we do as Americans. We have a strong military that not only keeps us safe, but helps protect other countries. We strive, not only for the safety of our country, but also to keep peace in our world.

When you think of America, you might think of freedom or hope. As Americans, we can put our faith in what we believe, and we are given opportunities to make our own choices instead of being forced into things.

We have laws, but our options are not nearly as limited as those in other countries. I believe in America because we have dreams, and we are given the opportunity to make them come true.

In America, each of us has the right to object to what we think is wrong, as a person or as a whole nation. I believe in my country because our leaders gave us the freedom to stand up for what we believe

Our country has made sacrifices to achieve what we have. If we were not given the opportunity to speak our minds, we would not have fought, and we would never be where we are today.

America is an amazing country. I believe in America because our government keeps us safe while also giving us our freedom. I believe as an American, I am fortunate enough to live in a country where I have a fair opportunity to achieve my goals and be who I want to be.



Left to right, Mason Barrick, Joe Myers, Tom Hanft, Bryson Harris, Domenic Durgey and Cameron Lyons are Troop 97's newest group of official Scouts.

## Scouts advance in rank, earn merit badges at Court of Honor

Rank advancements, merit  $badges\, and\, awards\, gave\, Boy\, Scout$ Troop 97 of Londonderry Township a lot of reasons to celebrate at their recent Court of Honor.

Life Scout Daniel Jilka served as the master of ceremonies that focused on recognizing hard work that led to significant accomplish-

Each Scout spoke at the Court of Honor about their favorite Scouting memory that took place since Jan. 1. The automotive merit badge, which was taught by Scout Masters Chris Hoyt and Matthew Pauley, was the most popular  $event \, mentioned. \, Tent \, camping \, in \,$ the snow at klondike and fishing at Gifford Pinchot State Park also were favorites.

Advancement Chairwoman Julie Myers and Committee Chairman Ted Pauley presented 40 merit badges including automotive maintenance, railroading, communication, aviation, fire safety, cooking, athletics, and citizenship of the community, nation and world. These merit badges can take up to three months or more to earn and require research and studying.

Awards were distributed by Scout Masters Kevin Little, Mike Harris, Ed Barrick and Ben Hanft tered numerous skills including to Mason Barrick, Dom Durgey, preparing and cooking meals on Tom Hanft, Bryson Harris, Cam campouts, first aid techniques, Lyons, Joe Myers and Anakyn Tingler for the Firem'n Chit and Totin' Chip. These awards are earned when fire safety and wood tool skills are demonstrated competently on an individual basis.

Life Scout Christopher Kiessling recognized the troop's newest inductees to the Order of the Arrow. The OA is an honor society associated with the Boy Scouts of America. Bravden Harris, Ben Spangenberg and Mason Swartz were honored by current Troop 97 OA members and family members.

Eagle Scout and Junior Assistant Scout Master Garrett Little recognized numerous Scouts for attending activities at Knoebels' annual Scout Day camporee. In addition, Assistant Scout Masters Chris Hoyt and Matthew Pauley presented nearly two dozen Scouts and leaders with Scouting for Food awards for their contributions in helping our neighbors in need.

Mason Barrick, Dom Durgey, Tom Hanft, Bryson Harris, Cameron Lyons and Joe Myers were



Life Scout Daniel Jilka presents Eric Belfanti, the Friends of Scouting chairman for the B.S.A. Keystone Council, a gift from Troop 97 to help continue Scouting projects to benefit the youth of central Pennsylvania.

awarded the Scoutrank. This is the first rank in Boy Scouts. The rank advancement requirements for Scout were significantly increased this year. The boys presented their family members their first parent pin representing the first rank advancement.

Tenderfoot rank was earned by Davin Adelman, Leo Nissley and Luke Spangenberg. They massafe hiking rules and intricate knot-tying. Each Scout was also required to service their community in a project of their choosing.

Leo Nissley and Luke Spangenberg were promoted to the rank of Second Class. They continue to learn about and develop their Scout spirit, including expanding their efforts to be trustworthy and helpful and to live up to the points in the Scout Law.

Ben Spangenberg was advanced to Life Scout rank. He is now only one step away from Eagle Scout, his ultimate goal in his nine-year Scouting career. Ben is reviewing several ideas that will benefit the community for his Eagle Scout project.

Upcoming events for Troop 97 include Philmont in Cimarron, New Mexico; Camp Keowa summer camp in Narrowsburg, New York; National Jamboree in Bechtel, West Virginia; Middletown's National Night Out and a camping and hiking weekend at Rickets Glen State Park in Benton,

Fire Company.

Pennsylvania. For more information about Troop 97, readers may contact Kevin Little at 944-1957 or Ted Pauley at 944-2766. Troop 97 is sponsored by Londonderry

## Vandals strike former asphalt plant; damage set at \$100,000

**By David Barr** 

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The former McDermitt Concrete asphalt/blacktop plant on North Union Street was vandalized some time in the last week and a half, causing an estimated \$100,000 damage.

According to a press release from the Lower Swatara Police Department, damage to the plant at 2090 N. Union St. included broken windows and damage to the equipment used to run the facility.

Lower Swatara Police Department Officer Jason Heckendorn saidgraffiti was spray-painted on equipment inside the plant. He described the inside as "totally ransacked.'

Owner Bob Mumma said the control equipment to the plant was broken and disconnected. He compared the scene to someone removing everything on the inside of a car, but leaving the engine behind.

Mumma closed the plant in 2010 and it had been abandoned since 2015 when Pennsy Supply Co., a manufacturer of aggregate, sand, asphalt and concrete throughout the north and central regions of Pennsylvania providing materials for commercial construction, infrastructure development and residential building, left the property in August that year.

Mumma had been speaking with someone interested in leasing the plant in the days prior to the incident. The damage was severe enough to make the plant non-operational. However, Mumma said he isn't going to let this stop him from moving forward.

"Eventually we're going to reopen it and be in the concrete, blacktop and stone business,' Mumma said, adding that while he isn't sure when the controls might be fixed, he hopes to be back in operation by August.

He is offering a \$10,000 reward for anyone who has information leading to the arrest of the individuals responsible for causing the damage.

"I hope that somebody comes forward with some information," Mumma said.

A similar act of vandalism occurred last September in the 2000 block of North Union Street. The owner of an unused quarry reported that more than \$10,000 worth of damage had been caused to several buildings some time between Sept. 10 and Sept. 17. That damage included broken windows, damaged drywall and phone lines, and spray-painted graffiti inside the structures. An undetermined amount of copper pipes was stolen from the buildings, according to police.

Heckendorn said the incidents "possibly could be" related due to the type of graffiti that was spray-painted in both instances. No one was caught in the September 2016 incident.

Anyone with any information is asked to call the Lower Swatara Township Police via Dauphin County Control at 717-558-6900. Information can also be given to Dauphin County Crime Stoppers at 800-262-3080 or on their website at www.dauphin. crimewatchpa.com under the "submit a tip" link.



#### August: PSU Guide

What is this?

Our **PSU Guide** (in print and online) is produced and distributed (almost 10,000 copies) to students and faculty throughout the school year. It's utilized to establish where to live, eat, work, shop and play throughout the area.

**September:** Big Buck Contest & Kuppy's Cruise-In

What are these?

Our annual Big Buck Contest showcases area hunters all vying for cash prizes and bragging rights. **Kuppy's Cruise-In** program reaches over 2,000 participant and attendee car enthusiasts. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to a local non-profit.

**November:** Shop Local

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## Gasoline prices continue to drop, down another 3 cents

Harrisburg fell 3 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.28 a gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 241 gas outlets in Harrisburg. This compares with the national average that has fallen 2.7 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.22 a gallon.

Including the change in gas prices in Harrisburg during the past week, prices Sunday were 4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago and are 16.9 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The U.S. average has decreased 15.4 cents a gall on in the last month and stands4.8 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices on July 3 in Harrisburg have ranged widely over the last five years: \$2.32 a gallon in 2016, \$2.80 a gallon in 2015, \$3.71 a gallon in 2014, \$3.37 a gallon

Average retail gasoline prices in in 2013 and \$3.19 a gallon in 2012. Areas near Harrisburg and their current gas price climate:

Lancaster: \$2.29 a gallon, down 2.1 cents per gallon from last week. Reading: \$2.33 a gallon, down 1.2 cents per gallon from last week. York: \$2.29 a gallon, up 1.1 cents per gallon from last week.

"While it has been over a month since the national average last saw a weekly rise, it is looking more likely we will soon face just that,' said Dan McTeague, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy.com. Oil prices have rebounded off the previous \$42 per barrel low, and now stand near \$45 per barrel. It is just a matter of time before the national average bottoms out for the short-term, but at least the low prices was perfectly timed with what may be the lowest average gas prices of the summer as we celebrate the Fourth."

## FROMTHEVAULT

News from the Thursday, July 8, 1976 edition of the Press & Journal

## Going, going, gone? (Carriage House)

Middletown is in serious danger of losing one of its most charming Victorian buildings! The Carriage House at the rear of Alfred's Victorian Restaurant has reached the point of gentile decay where it must either be repaired immediately, or torn

The brick-faced frame building is perhaps Middletown's only example of a Victorian Carriage House in its original form, complete with haymow, feed chutes, and cobbled floor. While serious problems with the slate roof have caused some minor damage structurally, and some major damage to the brick facade, this building could still be saved. But who is going to save it?

The owners do not feel that it is economically feasible for them to do anything other than demolition.

However, they realize the building could be of interest to future generations, and have offered a long-term, extremely reasonable leasing arrangement for any organization willing to take on the



**Original Carriage House doors** survive to restorable condition, an item the Arts and Crafts Guild

necessary repairs.

The Middletown Arts and Crafts Guild would love to use the building for a free gallery, but their budget is, like the organization itself, in its infancy. The craftspeople would donate labor for fixing the inside. The Historical Society feels the building should be preserved, but they

have their hands full with Liberty House, the Ferry House, and the Band House.

It is estimated that it would take at least \$5,000 for immediate roofing, brick work, and structural repairs to preserve the building and ready it for summer use as a gallery. Another similar amount would be needed to prepare it for year-around use.

But, time is of the essence. Anyone with an extra \$5,000 and the urge to have the immortality of having a Memorial Art Gallery named for them is urged to contact Box Number 1, Middletown Press & Journal.

\$5,000 is too rich for your blood? How about five people with \$1,000 or 10 people with \$500? Maybe we could find 50 people with \$100 and callit Middletown's Bicentennial Memorial Art Gallery.

The opportunity to save this building is offered this week! The owners must know within this 30 days what disposition to make of it. The Carriage House is truly going-going. It is up to you to say if it must be gone!

## **President Ford cites** bicen program here





Above, all decked out in appropriate bicentennial finery are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Snavely, 3501 Dew St., Middletown, and Angela Herman

Left. It takes a wee bit of wind to get a lively and peppy tune from a bagpipe as shown in this close-up photo of two members of the Kiltie Pipe Band of York, which provided a special concert at last Sunday's **Londonderry Township Bicentennial** Fair at Sunset Park.

Below, Mike Fasnacht, of 115 S. Fourth St., Steelton, shows off his unique bicentennial coiffure, which features five stars. They were created by his brother Blaine Fasnacht, a hairdresser, by shaving scalp around the outline of stars.



President Gerald R. Ford has forwarded a Bicentennial Message which commends the borough of Middletown for its part in providing bicentennial programs and earning for the community the National Bicentennial Flag.

Printed on parchment and bearing the seal of the president of the United States, it will be presented to Borough Council at the July meeting next Monday night.

Bearing Ford's signature, the message was received this week by Dr. John Hoffman, who heads the borough's Historical Commission and Historical Society. It was forwarded by John W. Warner, administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration.

Wrote Warner:

"The Communities Program, in my judgment, is one of the greatest landmark achievements of the bicentennial. Citizen volunteers in over 11,000 communities formed committees to provide bicentennial programs and to earn for their community the national bicentennial flag.

"As a final distinction to those communities which have provided the nation with lasting reminders of the bicentennial, the president of the United States has accorded this special commendation, which I am privileged to transmit."

President Ford's bicentennial message to Middletown follows:

"We now mark the beginning of our third century as an independent nation as well as the 200th anniversary of the American Revolution. For two centuries, our nation has grown, changed and flourished. A diverse people, drawn from all corners of the Earth, have joined together to fulfill the promise of democracy.

"America's bicentennial is rich in history and in the promise and potential of the years that lie ahead. It is about the events of our past, our achievements, our traditions, our diversity, our freedoms, our form of government and our continuing commitment to a better life for all Americans. The bicentennial offers each of us the opportunity to join with our citizens in honoring the past and preparing for the future in communities across the nation. Thus, in joining together as races, nationalities and individuals, we also retain and strengthen our traditions, background and personal freedom.

"As we lay the cornerstone of American's third century, I am most happy to commend the Bicentennial Community of Middletown, Pennsylvania, for playing a special part in this great national celebration."



The smile of Jo Anne Ranck, of Meadowlane, attests to the fact that she won a cuddly elephant at the **Londonderry Township Bicentennial** Fair's wheel of fortune.

## Liberty House work will be started in fall

"Liberty House" — a project calling for the rehabilitation of the old Liberty Fire House on Catherine Street and the construction of an addition to become the future home of the community library and the historical society — grows closer to reality now that the borough's second-year program in the Community Development Act has been approved by the federal government.

First- and second-year authorizations have been combined to provide \$135,600, which will get the project underway by fall. In addition, some \$50,000 in pledges and contributions collected by the Middletown Friends of the Library will swell the overall funding to \$185,600.

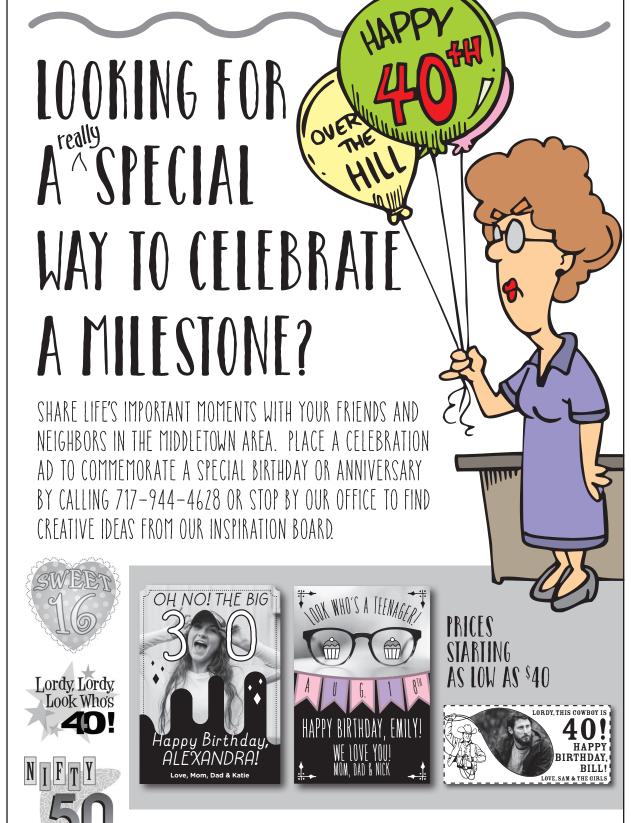
The library has never been in a borough-owned structure since it was moved from the former council chamber which stood next to the site of the new home.. The old council chamber was razed a decade ago.

Library and Historical Society aides met earlier this week with Ralph Wirth, assistant borough manager, and Harry Corywell, architect, engaged to design the new structure. They conferred Tuesday morning to discuss plans for the structure as well as a new location for an elevator.

The addition calls for three floors and a basement while the original building will be just two floors. With Phase 1 plans already completed and approved, the recent Community Development Act fund approval now makes it possible for the architect to finalize plans for Phase 2.

Wirth said every effort will be made to call for bids in early September to permit construction to get underway soon after.

Attending Tuesday's meeting were Mrs. Gail Richards, chairlady of the library board; Mrs. Sue Neiman, librarian; Mrs. Leonard Brewster, Friends of the Library; Dr. John Hoffman, president of the Historical Commission and Historical Society; Wirth and Coryell.



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- · Purcell tennis shoes, regular \$14.95, discontinued model, \$12.76. David Martin Store, downtown Middletown.
- Fresh sausage, \$1.39 a pound. Longnecker's Meats, Spring Garden Drive, Lower Swatara Township.
- Ludwig grand piano, \$995. Keynote Organ and Piano, downtown mall, 100 E. Brown St., Middletown.
- · Twin mattress or foundation, \$119.95. King three-piece set, \$499.95. Roth's Furniture Stores, 29 S. Union St., Middletown.

### Work started on new \$189,378 Union Street project in First Ward

A long-sought project to link existing South Union Street by constructing a new segment from Ann and Union streets has been started by a Harrisburg contractor.

Philip Spagnolo, executive director of the Dauphin County Redevelopment Authority, told the Press-Journal this week that a contract in the amount of \$189.378 was awarded to Rogell

Inc. of Harrisburg. The new thoroughfare will eliminate the meandering and hazardous Swatara Street.

Existing properties along Swatara Street not previously acquired by the HUD program will now be razed or relocated to other flood-free areas within the First Ward.

Spagnolo said the initial work will consist of constructing new curbing and sidewalks on South Union Street to a point near Susquehanna Street. Go-ahead for this work was given last week.

### **BRIDGES:** Union Street work over 283 will continue into October

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The project was delayed by a backlog in making and delivering of bridge beams. Other delays attributed to "technical aspects" of the project were also cited by PennDOT.

But now, the bridge finally appears to be done, at least to the untrained eye. However, there is still some more work to do.

The project contractor plans to switch traffic today on the bridge to place the latex-modified concrete overlay on the second half of the span, Penny said.

After that there will be some 'miscellaneous work and then the final wearing course overlay is to be paved on the roadway approaches to the bridge," Penny added.

Meanwhile, PennDOT on June 28 began work on a rehabilitation project to the North Union Street bridge crossing over Route 283 in Lower Swatara Township.

People who use the Union Street bridge on a regular basis should in Middletown.



Traffic on the Union Street bridge crossing over Route 283 was reduced to one lane starting the night of Wednesday, June 28, until the end of October in order for repairs to be done to the bridge.

prepare for delays, in that traffic will be down to one lane and controlled by a traffic signal in a manner similar to how traffic has been controlled on the 230 bridge

Traffic on Union Street will be reduced to one lane — with a traffic light regulating flow in either direction—until the Union Street bridge project is finished by the end of October, PennDOT says.

The project includes bridge repairs, and placing a latex-modified concrete overlay on the bridge deck, according to PennDOT.

The Union Street work is part of a much larger \$89 million project to reconstruct six miles of Route 283 from Eisenhower Boulevard to Route 341 in Londonderry Township. Hempt Bros. Inc. of Camp Hill is the project contractor.

Union Street is one of three bridges passing over Route 283 that is being repaired and rehabilitated as part of the overall project.

Work began in mid-June on the Newberry Road bridge in Londonderry Township. The bridge isclosed to all traffic until the project is completed in mid-August.

Next on the list is the Vine Street bridge in Londonderry Township going into Middletown.

The Vine Street bridge work will start shortly after July 4. The bridge has four lanes, so PennDOT  $will \, be able \, to \, maintain \, one \, lane \, of \,$ traffic in each direction throughout the project, which is to be finished by mid-October.

## **DRUG:** Text messages were key

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without a license.

Miller was arraigned on the charges June 30 before District Judge Michael Smith, and released after posting \$75,000 unsecured bail. Her preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 20.

Police were led to Miller through text messages between Miller and the victim that were on his cellphone and which were obtained through a search warrant.

The text messages between the victim and Miller, who was identified as "HM" in the text messages, were "mainly" involving the delivery of heroin to the victim, police said.

The last message being on May 19 referred to the delivery of 18 bags of heroin, police said. Police said that Miller drove a friend's car to make the delivery, even

though Miller did not possess a valid driver's license.

The victim was deceased when police arrived at his residence on Oak Hill Drive on May 21. A syringe was lying close by him, along with two baggies that are commonly used in the packaging of heroin and other drug paraphernalia, police said.

The victim's cellphone was located close to his hand. The phone displayed on the screen a text message that was typed but never sent to "HM," that read "Oh I know as good as anyone sh t's (expletive) not fun.'

Police said that several family members and friends of the victim told police that he had told them he "relapsed" because of getting heroin from Miller.

The man died from acute fentanyl toxicity, according to a report from the Dauphin County coroner's office, police said.

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## **ELKS:** Historical society group could replace Friends in taking over

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expenditures were and what their plans are for the building?" Curry

Reddinger responded that he had not received anything. Former borough council President Ben Kapenstein, who was in the audience, told Curry that the Friends group had told him about two months ago that "they are working on it.'

Curry then introduced a motion giving the Friends group 60 days to provide all the information that has been requested, with the deadline to begin as soon as the authority has under contract a real estate agent to list for sale  $the McNair House property\,which$ the authority also owns on the northeast corner of North Union and East Emaus streets.

#### What is needed

the Friends group needs to provide includes, but is not limited to, 'their financials for all the years they operated the theater, their expenditures for all the years they operated the theater, and letters

of intent from corporate donors." Friends is the successor group to the Greater Middletown Economic Development Corp., which owned the Elks Building and operated the theater from 2005 to 2014 when the building was acquired by the authority.

GMEDC continued running the theater while leasing it from the authority, until April 2015 when the authority closed the theater for renovations. The theater has not reopened since.

The letters of intent from corporate donors refers to what Curry said he has been hearing from the Friends group for a long time—that prospective donors are waiting in the wings to donate as much as "\$50,000 a pop" to Friends. so long as the group has possessionof the theater.

"They (Friends) continue to say they want to help it and reopen it, but they don't give us the documentation." Curry told the authority. "Show me a letter of intent from a corporate donor saying that 'I, XYZ Company, do pledge to provide \$50,000 worth of money to go toward the restoration of the theater in the event that it is sold to the Friends of the Elks.' Until I see that letter, which I have asked for for over a year, I don't believe (that). It's not that hard to do."

#### **Alternative**

If the Friends group does not meet the deadline, the motion calls for the authority to extend the offer of transferring the Elks Theatre for \$1 to another group that was being put together in January by the Middletown Area Historical Society with the intent of acquiring the theater and reopening it as a performing arts center.

Shortly after going public with its plan, the historical society group pulled out after meeting with the Friends' group and learning that the Friends' group was definitely looking to acquire the theater.

The society group had deferred to Friends in large part due to the Friends' group prior experience in

running the theater. However, "there is a group of people that would come (back) in" to take over the theater if the Friends group chooses to step aside, said Jenny Miller, a member of the historical society's board of trustees who was also at the



STAFF PHOTO BY DAN MILLER

Curry said the information that 
This June 30 photo shows the facade of the closed Elks Theatre along West Emaus Street.



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The McNair House could be on the market soon.

authority meeting.

Neither Einhorn nor anyone else appearing to represent the Friends group was at the authority meeting.

If the Friends group does not meet the 60-day deadline and if the society group at that time is not interested in taking over the theater, then Curry's motion calls for the authority to put the Elks Theatre up for sale, using the same agent to list the property whom the authority is hiring to list the McNair House.

#### 'We need to do something'

Curry emphasized that he does not want to put the theater up for sale. However, he is concerned that the longer the theater is owned by the authority and is on the public's "dime," the greater the chance of something happening to the 106year old theater that would be on the back of borough taxpayers.

"We need to do something here," Curry said. "If the roof falls in or there is a major issue it's us and the 8,900 people paying for it."

The mayor also reminded those attending he had expressed the same concern when the borough for months owned the former Grosh dental office building on East Main Street, until the property was ultimately turned over to the historical society to serve as its museum.

Curry's motion was approved 3-0, with fellow authority members Reddinger and borough council Vice President Dawn Knull join-

ing in. The authority said it would inform the Friends group of its decision to set the 60-day deadline in writing.

#### **Einhorn answers**

Einhorn in a July 3 email to the Press & Journal said that the Friends group "will be providing information to the ICDA.'

However, Einhorn said that the group had so far received noth-

ing in writing from the ICDA regarding the action that the authority took on June 20 to impose the 60day deadline. "The only in-



formation we have is what we learned from (the Press & Journal)" when the paper contacted Einhorn for comment. "We are working to gather the information that we understand they (the ICDA) are looking for and we will provide it in a timely

manner." Einhorn also took issue with Curry and the authority's characterizing the Friends group as being non-responsive to requests for information.

"Friends never received a formal request for additional information to support the proposal that was submitted," Einhorn said. "Several months ago I contacted the ICDA's solicitor to see if he needed any additional information and was told that more information was desired and that I should contact ICDA Chairman Ian Reddinger to find out what they were

looking for."

"I contacted Mr. Reddinger but never received any response. Council President Ben Kapenstein responded but he was not entirely sure what the ICDA needed and asked Reddinger to confirm but again, no response was ever received," Einhorn said.

#### **Clock ticking?**

The ICDA setting a 60-day deadline would seem to conflict with the Friends' letter of intent, in which Friends proposed reaching an agreement with the ICDA to transfer the theater to Friends for \$1 on or before Dec. 31, 2017.

The start of the 60-day time clock may have already begun. A contract between the authority and the Joy Daniels Real Estate Group for listing of the McNair House property is ready for signing, Reddinger told the Press & Journal on Thursday, June 29. The contract calls for the firm to receive a 6 percent commission.

An appraisal has been done of the McNair House property, as well as for the Elks Theatre, Reddinger said. Neither appraisal has been made public.

Reddinger agrees with Curry that he's not in favor of selling the theater, but that something needs to happen.

"I don't have a lot of faith" that the Friends group will meet the 60-day deadline, Reddinger said.

If they don't, "I would much rather see the (historical society group) come in and do a deal, than us putting it up for sale. That's not anybody's intention. That's not what we want to see. But we need to get this property off our docket, and off our backs," Reddingersaid.

The need for the authority to divest its real estate holdings first surfaced in early 2016, when it appeared that the authority was planning to dissolve itself.

In 2016 the state announced plans to award a \$500,000 grant to the borough toward reopening the theater.

A divided council voted to reject the grant, with the majority opposed to using borough tax dollars to help fund the project. That led to the Friends group accepting the authority's offer to transfer the theater for \$1.

The cost of renovations to reopen the theater as a performing arts center has been estimated at \$1.1 million by A.P. Williams, a contractor that was hired by Tattered FlagBrewery & Still Works, which occupies all of the Elks Building except the theater.

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## Few details in borough break-ins

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Some details emerged this week in the burglaries of two Middletown businesses overnight June 25 into June 26.

The burglaries occurred at Karns, 101 S. Union St., and J&J Pizzeria and Grille, 288 E. Main St.

According to J&J manager Luciano Pugliese, the attempted robbery to his business occurred around 11:45 p.m. Sunday. The would-be burglars entered through the back door and caused about \$2,000 worth of damage to the door and the frame.



This photo shows a person of interest in two recent Middletown break-ins.

Pugliese told the Press & Journal that nothing had been taken, but the door and frame will have Middletown police Detective

Gary Rux said Monday that his department did not have more details to release.

Police said last week they are searching for two persons of interest. Forced entry was used in both cases. However, Rux said police are not sure the type of tool used. The Middletown Police Depart-

ment released a picture last week of one of the persons of interest from a security camera. The white man was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with white, teal and blue stripes on it.

Rux confirmed that both parties

were wearing black pants and gloves. Authorities do not have a picture of the second person of interest.

Pugliese said the restaurant closed at 11 p.m. and he estimated that he left about 20 minutes before the break-in occurred. Because of the type of security system in place at the restaurant, the security company was able to alert Pugliese to the break-in Sunday night.

At Karns, manager Robert Eaton confirmed that \$2,000 worth of cigarettes was the only item stolen. Previously, it had been reported by police that \$5,000 worth of damage was caused during the



This door at the rear of J&J Pizzeria and Grille was damaged during an attempted robbery at about 11:45 p.m. on the night of Sunday June 25.

really go into details" about what was damaged or how.

He did say that several doors near the parking lot were damaged along with several registers, but

robbery. Eaton said that he "can't" no money is left in the registers overnight. Eaton was unsure if the doors would have to be replaced.

One thing Eaton was sure of, he said, is that Karns is looking into updating its security system.

## **UPS:** Project might offset TMI

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structure, projected package volume growth for the region, and community support. After evaluating these factors, officials believe the above address, in the northeast corner of the township behind the quarry, would suffice their needs.

"An important factor in mak-

ing our decision where to locate the hub will in fact, be how quickly we can go live. Time is of the essence and UPS is highly motivated to begin work on this project,'



Slifer told the board.

According to Slifer, in the first year of operation, there could be 900 total employees combined between full-time and part-time at the hub, with that number increasing to 1,250 total employees by the sixth year.

The annual real estate taxes on this facility would be between \$1 million to almost \$1.5 million. School taxes would be anywhere from \$700,000 to \$1 million annually.

Plans call for the hub to have an unloading/loading area, a vehicle maintenance shop, a fueling station, a vehicle wash tunnel, and employee and customer parking. Information on how big the building would be was unavailable.

Construction and land costs would be \$210 million, the fully automated sortation system would be \$187 million, infrastructure improvements, which include mitigating any traffic concerns, road improvements, and improvements to utilities would be \$20 million for a total of \$417 million.

Lower Swatara Township Board of Commissioners presi-

"An important factor in making our decision where to locate the hub will in fact, be how quickly we can go live. Time is of the essence and UPS is highly motivated to begin work on this project."

Steve Slifer, the vice president of global real estate for UPS

dent Jon Wilt called the move a "positive thing" given how much of an economical impact the move would have on the township, school district, and county, especially if Three Mile Island closes in a little more than

"I see it as a win-win," Wilt said.

Before any of this can happen, a text change to the zoning ordinance must occur. According to Robert Greene, the Lower Swataraplanning/zoning coordinator, this means the proposed site area does not recognize warehouses as a permitted use in that area, so the text must be changed to allow a warehouse to be built there. In addition, the planning com-

mission board is required to have at least one meeting regarding this decision and there must be at least one public hearing by the board for residents to voice their opinions and concerns.

Wilt said the public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, July 20. at the Lower Swatara fire house, 1350 Fulling Mill Road.

After the required meetings, if all goes well, the petition would be given to the township planning commission, the county planning commission, and finally, back to the township commissioners for the final decision.

### **WOODLAND:** Council might act on development plan in September

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prep work is done, Klinepeter said. However, Kile did not identify a developer for borough council — nor did anyone on council ask him to—and neither Kile returned a phone call seeking comment for this article from the Press & Journal.

Kile also did not say when a developer would take over the project, once the site work is done.

#### **Early phases**

In 2007, H-T Partners obtained preliminary approval from Middletown Borough Council for plans for all 10 phases.

But the only phase to get final plan approval was phase 1, which proposes 154 units to be constructed on the North Union side of the development, near what is now the entrance to the Middletown Swim Club.

Four of the 154 units are model homes that H-T Partners wants to place at the entrance to Woodland Hills on the North Union Street side. The remaining 150 units are apartments clustered in five buildings, according to plans submitted to the borough.

However, Thomas Kile on June 20 requested council act on a proposed "developers agreement" that would cover H-T Partners providing financial security for the completion of site preparation work for Woodland Hills.

That would include all the infrastructure needed at the site in orderforadevelopertostartbuilding apartments and houses—such as roads, extending water and sewer lines, stormwater improvements, and electrical service.

Separately, H-T Partners also appeared before the borough's planning commission on June 28 to seek final approval for phase 2. Phase 2 would be just north of phase 1 and would include 29 units, most of them single-family homes



STAFF PHOTO BY DAN MILLER

Evidence of tree-clearing and site preparation activities can be seen in this photo taken July 3 near the entrance to the proposed Woodland Hills development along Woodland Avenue off North Union Street.



Plans show the layout for the proposed Woodland Hills housing development.

based on the plan.

The commission, a recommending body to council, took no action on phase 2 during its June 28 meeting. H-T Partners is expected to come back to the planning commission in July to submit a waiver request regarding phase 2, Klinepeter told the Press & Journal.

Final approval of phase 2 could be before council for discussion during its Aug. 15 workshop session, with council possibly ready to act on the plan in September, Klinepeter said.

H-T Partners also has permits from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for two "minor" projects related to road

work, one on the North Union Street side and the other on the Woodland Avenue side on the way to Vine Street.

"They will be beginning this summer," Kile told council.

#### No deal?

In late December 2016, news surfaced that the Kiles had hired Madison Hawk Partners of New York City in an attempt to auction the Woodland Hills property to a prospective developer.

The outcome of that proceeding is not clear, because Madison Hawk Partners stopped responding to inquiries from the Press & Journal at about the time when the deadline for sealed bids arrived in January 2017.

According to Dauphin County property records. H-T Partners is still the owner of Woodland Hills.

If and when all of Woodland Hills is developed, the plan submitted from H-T Partners calls for phases 3 through 10 to unfold from the Union Street side gradually to the east toward Woodland Avenue and Vine Street.



#### **TOWN TOPICS**

#### **Library summer reading** program focuses on arts

Middletown Public Library's free Summer Library Reading Program is sponsoring Build Your Senses World-Class Wednesday: Art Education from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 12.

Art education is vital to "building" a child's mind. So this week of programs will be art themed.

For more details, visit middletownpubliclib.org.

#### **Seven Sorrows festival** starts on Thursday

Seven Sorrows BVM, 360 E. Water St., Middletown, will hold its 15th annual Community Festival from 6 to 10 p.m. July 6,

7, and 8.

There will be games of fun, skill and chance for kids and adults, entertainment, a car show, bingo, lots of great food and much more.

For more information, call 717-944-3133.

#### Bingo at Londonderry **Fire Company**

Londonderry Fire Company, 2655 Foxianna Road, Middletown, will hold its Bingo Mania on Sunday, July 9. Doors and kitchen open at noon, and bingo starts at 2 p.m.

#### **Community day at Church of the Nazarene**

Rosedale Church of the Nazarene, 1901 Rosedale Ave., Middletown, will hold its fifth annual Community Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 8.

There will be food, fire and police departments, miniature ponies and much more.

For more information, call the church office at 717-939-3740 or visit rosedalenazarene.org.

#### Live music on the deck with Sherri Mullen

Sherri Mullen will perform on the deck at Sunset Bar & Grill, 2601 Sunset Drive, at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 6.

#### Rep. Mehaffie's has concealed carry class

Rep. Tom Mehaffie invites you to attend a concealed carry class from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday,

Aug. 3, at Hummelstown Chemical Fire Company No. 1, 249 E. Main St. Seating is limited and registra-

tion is required. RSVP by July

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Hershey office at 717-534-1323.

#### Slavic American Festival is July 16 in Harrisburg

The Slavic American Festival will be held from noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, July 16, at St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church, 5408 Locust Lane, Harrisburg.

There will be ethnic foods, raffles, bingo, kids games and entertainment. The public is invited. Parking and admission

For more information, call 717-652-1315 or visit stannbyz.org.



## MAHS softball field to get \$300,000 upgrade

"We are excited for the much needed changes. Much needed is an understatement. I usually have to apologize to coaches when they come to play at our field. The playing field is actually in great shape but it's everything else I apologize for."

Middletown Area High School head softball coach Mike Thomas

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The Middletown Area High School softball field will look much different next season after renovations this summer.

### New seating areas and sound system will be added; infield will be moved

**By David Barr** 

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The Middletown Area High School softball field will receive nearly \$300,000 worth of improvements this summer.

About \$290,000 from the capital reserve fund will be used to finance the project for the field, which is located behind Middletown Area Middle School. Capital reserve funds are intended to be used for capital improvements and main-

tenance in the district, according to David Franklin, the district's chief financial officer.

"I can't wait until next year," head softball coach Mike Thomas said in an email. "New field, new uniforms. Our players will be very excited to play for Middletown."

The Middletown Area School District School Board approved the work at its June 19 meeting. The project will be completed by WG Land Co. LLC of Fayette County.

Improvements include a new elevated fan seating area behind the backstop, a warning track around the outfield fence, bullpen and batting cages, backstop netting, a sound system, provisions for a concession stand, and a flagpole.

"We are excited for the much needed changes," Thomas said. "Much needed is an understatement. I usually have to apologize to coaches when they come to play at our field. The playing field is actually in great shape but it's

everything else I apologize for. Our new field guy, Kurt Klinger, has done an excellent job with

the field." The infield will be moved closer to the outfield fence, which improves the line of sight for spectators. Thomas said that the process of moving the field involves cutting out more dirt in the outfield and planting grass in areas closer to the dugouts.

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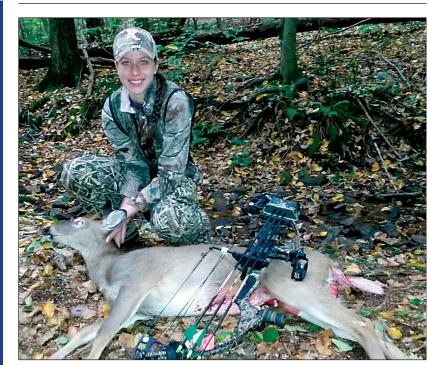
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Katie Mace shows off her deer she shot with a bow and arrow last October, after years of preparation.

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## Katie's patience pays off after several years

Having two older brothers that hunt along with her dad, Katie assumed she would hunt when the magical age of 12 came about. She took her hunter safety class and successfully completed it. She was officially a Pennsylvania hunter.

Katie had the credentials, but her physical abilities at her young age prevented her from pulling back her bow and arrow. The work and preparation began. She wanted to hunt exclusively with her bow and arrow, but couldn't achieve the required poundage of her bow. The minimal requirement of 40 pounds was just outside her skill

Katie's dad worked with her, and she practiced pulling back her bow. Small strives were achieved and finally after months of practice, she reached the goal of 40 pounds. Katie was given the green light to hunt for whitetails.

Katie's first three years of hunting with her bow were fun and enjoyable being outdoors, but deer weren't seen or they saw her in her stand, not offering a shot. Sitting with her dad in the tree stand created special times between father and daughter. She continued an extreme interest in hunting and was

determined to be successful at it. When Katie turned 15, things began to change. She became

more independent and learned more about hunting and what it takes to be successful. Practicing with her bow and arrow was commonplace and she felt rather confident at 20 yards. She enjoyed the time in the woods and sacrificed extracurricular activities to sit in her tree stand on a Friday or Saturday night.

One evening in October 2016, as Katie was sitting in her tree stand with her father close by, she heard a noise below her. Deer were coming up toward a field. Her stand was at a perfect intercept. She pulled her bow back, anchored and left an arrow fly. A clean miss. Her chance was there and gone. Katie could have given up, but that wasn't in her.

The very next evening, Katie was back in her stand by 3:30 p.m. The wait began in hopes of redemption. The clock ticked toward the magical last hour. Just as she unwrapped a candy bar and began to eat it, she heard something. Was it the candy paper making the noise? She went quiet and listened. The noise continued coming her way. It was two deer. The first one walked past her not offering a shot, but the second one did. Katie released her arrow and the deer immediately bolted from sight.



LOWER SWATARA POLICE DEPARTMENT PHOTO

A prescription drug drop box now is located in the lobby of the **Lower Swatara Township police** 

### Police in Lower Swatara add drug drop box

Lower Swatara Township police have installed a prescription drug drop box for use by the public. The secure drop box was received through a grant from CVS Health.

"Prescription drug abuse has become an increasingly serious problem in our region. Research has shown that unused prescription medications often find their way into the illicit market and are used for nonmedical purposes. Providing citizens with a way to anonymously and safely discard their unused medications has proven to also be a step towards combating the current opioid epidemic," a press release from the police department stated.

The drop box will be available during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) in the lobby of the police station at 1499 Spring Garden Drive. While police officers will not accept drugs to be placed into the box, residents can contact the police to be given after-hours access to the drop box, by calling Dauphin County Department of Public Safety at 717-558-6900.

The following are accepted in the drop box: prescriptions, prescription medications, prescription patches, prescription ointments, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, samples, medications for pets, prefilled syringes without needles.

What is not acceptable: hydrogen peroxide, inhalers, aerosol cans, ointments, lotions, liquids, medications from businesses or clinics, needles (sharps), and thermometers.

#### LOWER SWATARA POLICE ROUNDUP

## Naxolone helps in OD; multiple DUI cases filed

Police report an officer's actions to use the overdose drug Naxolone appeared to have been successful intreatment of an overdose victim.

Officers were called to a residence in the 2000 block of Market Street Extended at 8:49 p.m. May 23 to investigate an individual who allegedly experienced a heroin overdose. The investigating officer said the victim was having difficulty breathing and was turning blue. Police said a relative of the victim administered CPR to the victim when officers arrived. Police injected 4 milligrams of Naxolone into the victim's nose after which emergency medical services personnel arrived and continued treatment.

Police added the victim was taken to the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center by EMS.

#### **Multiple DUI cases reported**

Brandon L. Crosson, 28, of the 3000 block of Club Drive, Harrisburg, has been charged with DUI and driving with a suspended license, police report.

According to police, Crosson was driving a 2011 Hyundai Sonata that was stopped in the 800 block of South Eisenhower Boulevard at 2:03 a.m. June 17 because of a faulty light over the car's license plate.

On suspicion that Crosson was driving while under the influence of intoxicants, police took him to the Dauphin County Judicial Center. Reportedly he refused to provide a blood sample that was to have been analyzed for the possible presence of intoxicants.

Crosson was placed in Dauphin County Prison as a result of a warrant detainer filed against him in an unrelated case.

He is scheduled to appear before District Judge Michael Smith on July 19 for a preliminary hearing on the charges.

In a separate case, charges of DUI-highest rate of alcohol and DUI have been filed against James W. Souders III, 37, of the 700 block of Keckler Road, Harrisburg, following his arrest at 2:26 a.m. May 24, police report.

According to the arresting officer, Souders was unresponsive to police while sitting in a 2005 Toyota Corolla in the 1000 block of Bonnie Blue Lane. Police said the engine in his car was running and its stereo was playing at a loud volume. The car's transmission was in park.

Police said Souders spoke with slurred speech and had an odor of alcohol on his breath. Following his actions in field coordination tests, Souders was taken to the Dauphin County Judicial Center, where blood was drawn to test for the possible presence of intoxicants. Results of the test were not reported.

Souders is scheduled to appear before Smith on July 13 for a preliminary hearing.

In another case, Jason R. Naugle, 37, of the 2000 block of Spring Garden Drive, Middletown, has been charged with DUI-highest rate of alcohol, DUI, careless driving and failure to act in an emergency response area.

Charges were filed following Naugle's arrest at 2:17 a.m. May 14 at his residence, police said.

According to the arresting officer, Naugle was driving a 2014 Honda truck at a high rate of speed and came within 5 to 7 feet of a police officer who was at an unrelated traffic investigation in the area of Turnpike Road at Pennsylvania 283. Police chased Naugle's vehicle and took him into custody when he pulled into the driveway of his home.

According to the arrest report, Naugle was unsteady on his feet, spoke with slurred speech and had an odor of alcohol on his breath. He was unable to perform field coordination tests, police said.

Naugle was taken to the Dauphin County Judicial Center, where blood was drawn to test for the possible presence of intoxicants. Results of the test were not reported. He is scheduled to appear before Smith on July 13 for a preliminary hearing.

#### Truck's bed cover stolen

A \$400 cover for a pickup truck was removed from the vehicle and stolen while it was parked in a driveway at a home in the 200 block of Delmont Avenue, police report.

The victim told police the theft took place June 24 or June 25. He said the black Tonneau brand cover had been attached to his 2010 Nissan Frontier.

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

#### **Disorderly conduct charge**

Charges of disorderly conduct and public drunkenness were filed against Joseph A. Turns, 36, of the 200 block of Brookside Drive, Middletown following an incident outside of his residence at 5:14 a.m. June 23, police report.

According to police, Turns was yelling at several people and refused to stop when told to do so by police officers. He was taken to the Dauphin County Judicial Center and subsequently placed in Dauphin County Prison after being unable to post \$25,000 cash bail, records noted.

The accused is scheduled to appear before District Judge Michael Smith on July 5 for a preliminary hearing.

#### **Criminal trespass charge**

Melissa J. Fahler, 44, of the 200 block of North Union Street, Middletown, has been charged with criminal trespass and stalking relative to an incident at 7:30 a.m. June 21 at a business in the 2000 block of West Harrisburg Pike, police said.

According to police reports, Fahler was at a business after being told not to be there by police and the owner of the business.

Fahler was placed in Dauphin County Prison after failing to post \$25,000 cash bail, records noted. She is scheduled to appear before District Judge Michael Smith July 6 for a preliminary hearing.

#### Catalytic converter stolen

Someone stole a catalytic converter from a pickup truck parked in the area of the West Porte Center in the 1000 block of West Harrisburg Pike.

Police said the converter was sawed from the exhaust system of a 1997 Ford E150 owned by Nardo Construction Co. Investigators believe the theft took place between June 17 and June 19. Loss was estimated at \$400.

Anyone with information about the theft should call police at 717-939-0463.

#### \$3,600 vacuum stolen

An array of items, including a vacuum cleaner valued at \$3,600, were reported stolen on June 11 or June 12 from a mobile home in Nelson Manor Mobile Home Park.

In addition to the Rainbow vacuum, a 42-inch Vizio television valued at \$400, an engagement ring valued at \$349, an assortment of CDs valued at \$1,200 and \$550 in cash were stolen. Entry might have been through one of the home's windows, police reported.

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

#### Cash, ammo stolen from truck

A loaded ammunition magazine and \$200 in cash were stolen from an unlocked truck in the 1000 block of Lakeside Drive during the early morning hours of June 10.

The owner of the Ford F250 truck said the pistol magazine contained 13 rounds of .40 caliber ammunition. The cash was in a wallet that also was stolen.

Another unlocked vehicle also was targeted, with the owner reporting less than \$10 in change taken. Police did not report the make or year of that vehicle.

Anyone with information about the thefts should call police at

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To accommodate the new back-

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#### DUI charge after two-vehicle crash

Frank S. Heffelfinger, 63, of the 400 block of Caravan Court, Middletown, has been charged with DUI, DUI-highest rate of alcohol and reckless driving, police report.

The case stems from the investigation of a two-vehicle accident at 11:08 p.m. May 25 on Eisenhower Boulevard at Fulling Mill Road. Police say Heffelfinger was the driver of a 1999 Toyota Camry that struck a 1994 Chevrolet Tracker. Police said they were told the crash involvedentrapment. Details were not reported.

The arresting officer said Heffelfinger was taken to an area health facility where blood was drawn and tested for the possible presence of intoxicants. Results of the test were not reported.

Police said both vehicles sustained major damage and were towed from the scene.

Heffelfinger is scheduled to appear before District Judge Michael Smith on July 13 for a hearing on the charges.

#### **Terroristic threats charges**

Christen L. Manley, 32, of the 100 block of C Lane, Harrisburg, has been charged following an incident at 12:39 a.m. May 25, police report.

Court records state Manley has been charged with strangulation, terroristic threats, simple assault and harassment, among other counts. Police said the incident that prompted the arrest took place at Manley's residence. The arrest report said she grabbed the victim around his neck during a confrontation. Police said the victim suffered a cut on his left arm when he attempted to get away. There was no report of medical treatment administered.

Police noted a neighbor had called Dauphin County's emergency dispatch to alert authorities.

Manley was taken to the Dauphin County Judicial Center, where she was arraigned before District Judge Michael Smith, who set a cash bail of \$10,000. Court records on May 30 noted the accused did not post bail and was placed in Dauphin County Prison.

Manley had a preliminary hearing on the charges June 7 before Smith and the case was held over for Dauphin County Court. Bail was decreased to \$5,000.

#### High-speed pursuit, then arrest

An alert Harrisburg Police Department officer arrested a Harrisburg man who led township police on a brief high-speed chase in the early morning of June 18.

Police report Derek Smith, 54, of the 1000 block of Berryhill Street, was arrested and subsequently

**SOFTBALL:** Sod will be harvested for renovations

Franklin

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the middle school design project

and was intended to be used as a

practice field. It became the pri-

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charged with DUI-controlled substance, fleeing to elude police, flight to avoid apprehension, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving with a suspended license, reckless driving, speeding, disregarding a lane of traffic, failure to signal and failure to turn off the turn signal.

According to police, Smith was driving a 2007 Buick Lucerne at an extremely slow speed on Pennsylvania 283 and aroused the suspicion of a police officer who attempted to stop the car. A high-speed pursuit followed, but the investigating officer was ordered to cancel the pursuit after both vehicles traveled more than 4 miles and out of the township.

Area police were notified to be on the lookout for the car, and Smith was taken into custody in the 1000 block of Berryhill Street by Harrisburg police. He was transported to the Dauphin County Judicial Center. Smith refused to provide a blood sample to be tested for the possible presence of intoxicants.

Smith waived his scheduled June 29 preliminary hearing before District Judge Michael Smith, meaning that all the charges filed against him proceed to Dauphin County Court. He is to be arraigned in county court on Aug. 4 before Judge Richard A. Lewis.

Smith was released from Dauphin County Prison after posting \$10,000 bail.

#### Drug paraphernalia charges

William K. Nash, 21, of the 600 block of Darby Court, Hummelstown, has been charged with four counts of possession of drugparaphernalia and a charge of driving without headlights, police report.

According to court records, Nash was placed in Dauphin County Prison after not posting \$10,000 cash bail set by District Judge George Zozos during an arraignment on June 10.

According to the arresting officer, Nash was stopped because the 2001 Audi he was driving did not have its headlights on at the time. Police said they searched Nash's vehicle and found items classified as drug paraphernalia.

Nash was taken to the Dauphin County Judicial Center, where he was processed and released pending a preliminary hearing. He pleaded guilty at his hearing to one count of use/possession of drug paraphernalia. All the other charges were withdrawn.

Nash on June 29 was sentenced to six months of probation by Dauphin County Court Judge Deborah E. Curcillo on the charge. He must submit to a drug and alcohol evaluation, and follow whatever treatment is ordered as a result of that evaluation, according to online court records.

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Katie's dad examined the shot location and discovered blood. Katie made a hit and a blood trail began. They trailed her deer for a time until the blood trail became sparse. No need to push the deer into the darkness, so the next morning they commenced trailing.

It was a restless night for all, especially Katie. Finally the morning came. The moment Katie was waiting for since she was 12 years old was discovered only a short distance from her

tree stand. The deer made a circle from the woods into a field and then back toward the stand. Katie had her first harvest with a bow and arrow. Her practice

When I spoke to Katie about gun, bow, and fishing rod will be the generation for the future of

Katie Mace is the daughter of

of a hole under the left/left center field fence; the lack of a seating area for the visiting team; insufficient bullpen space; the conditions of the infield, pitcher's mound, second base, and home plate; and a lack of fence covering. After the alternate bid was

According to Franklin, while the

high school was being designed,

concerns were raised about the

dugout locations and the location

of the batter's box; the existence

rejected, the board approved minor improvements, including fixing the hole under the left/ left center field fence; improving the conditions of the infield, pitcher's mound, second base and home plate; and the lack of fence covering.

The entire playing surface was seeded and a scoreboard was added, according to Franklin. That work cost \$15,600.

ern Dauphin County. She will be

a sophomore at Line Mountain

Tom Shank has been writing

High School.

## **DEER:** After a restless night, Katie finds her deer

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and determination paid off. her experience hunting and her first deer her smile and enthusiasm struck me deeply. She and many like her are the future of our sport. Youngsters taking up

Woods & Waters. Kevin and Karen Mace of north-

Woods and Waters for the Press & Journal for nine 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.

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## CHURCHNE

#### **Ebenezer United Methodist Church**



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

Christian Education classes for all ages.

We have several things happening at Ebenezer and all are welcome. Come join us for our free outdoor Movie Night on Friday, July 21. Free refreshments start at 8:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at dusk. Please bring chairs and blankets. For additional information you can contact the church or e-mail the childcare at ebenezercc890@ yahoo.com. There is a prayer time, "Partners in Prayer'

that meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Through scripture, song, and meditation we experience the joy of God's presence. Have a favorite board game? "Game Night" is every third Monday at 6:30 p.m. We also offer a variety of other groups including Bible studies. Any other questions please call us at 939-0766 or e-mail us at ebenezerumc890@comcast.net.

#### **Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church**



Calvary Church has been a part of the Middletown Borough community since 1936. It has been our privilege to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ all these years and to do so knowing the good news has never changed in over 2000 years. We firmly hold to the Apostles Creed and the Westminster Confession of Faith and its Larger and Shorter Catechisms as clearly

teaching what Scripture teaches. If we believe the Gospel of Christ, then by trusting in his death and resurrection for sinners we can and will be forgiven and saved from God's wrath. Please join us each Sunday to hear the Gospel.

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

also have Sunday school classes for all ages at 9 a.m., and a Bible Study each Wednesday at 7 p.m. We are now studying the Gospel of Luke.

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

#### St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church



We are a Reconciling In Christ Church located at Spring & Union Streets (121 N. Spring St), Middletown. Please join us for worship. Our worship times are: Wednesday morning at 10 a.m., Saturday evening at 5 p.m., Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. Our Sunday worship service is a recording of the 10 a.m. service, which is broadcast at 11 a.m. on WMSS 91.1FM. Our Saturday

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days, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the

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Scripture for July 2: Zech 9:9-

12; Ps 145:8-14; Rom 7:15-25a; Matt

office is open Tuesdays and Fri-

service is a casual traditional service. This service is usually 45 minutes in length. Please enter the church through the parking lot door. Sunday Church School for all ages will resume September 17 at 9 a.m.

Church and Community

**Events:** Wed., July 5: 10 a.m., Holy Communion - Chapel.

Sat., July 8: 5 p.m., Holy Com-

Sun., July 9: 10 a.m., Worship with Holy Communion will be at Sant Peter's Kierch, High and Union Sts., Middletown. The service begins the week of commemoration of the 1767 Laying of the Cornerstone. Representative Thomas L. Mehaffie III will make a presentation.

Mon., July 10: There are no St. Peter's community dinners for the months of July and August.

Thurs., July 13: Today is Anniversary Day with Brass Works music and Architectural History presented by Dr. Irwin Richman, Professor Emeritus of American Studies, Penn State. Join us at 6:30 p.m. at Sant Peter's Kierch, corner of High and Union Sts. There is no cost to attend. All are invited.

St. Peter's is a location for Middletown Area School District's free summer lunch program. Monday through Friday, 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. through August 11, any child can come and eat a free and nutritious lunch

Food Pantry News:

Kids summer food bag items are needed while kids are out of school for the summer: The pantry gives an additional food bag for each child in a family. Needed are kids pasta cups, fruit cups/applesauce, Rice Krispies bars/granola bars, small cereals (cups or boxes), and fruit snacks. Items always needed are toiletries: shampoos, cotton swabs, toothpaste, toothbrushes, tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, detergents, razors, deodorants and foods: soups, cereals, ketchup, mustard, mayo, jellies, cake mixes, vegetables, canned beans, white noodles, pastas, boxed potatoes, rice, canned fruit, canned meats/tuna/salmon, vegetable/

#### **New Beginnings Church of Middletown**



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

Our congregation meets at Riverside Chapel, 630 S. Union St., next to the Rescue Fire Company. Sunday School for all ages is at 9 a.m. We are handicap accessible via ramp at back door. Youth Fellowship is from 5 to 7 p.m. For additional church information call 944-9595. For security purposes our back and side doors will be locked every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the start of worship. The only door for entry after that hecker at 717-982-5068. Our 8 ft. will be the front door.

Mondays: Bible Study for seniors meets at noon before Sociable's; Sociable Seniors group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m.

Wednesdays: Craft Group, 1 p.m.; Choir rehearsals, 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays: Men's Group meets every Thursday morning at 6 a.m. for prayer. Community men invited; Blanket making is the 2nd Thursday of every month at 9 a.m.; Intercessory Prayer Group meets Thursdays at 6 p.m.; Bible study on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. is on prayer. The community is invited.

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

Pastor Britt writes a daily devotional on Facebook page, "One Way, One Truth, One Life." In addition, he posts a podcast of Bible study many days. We invite everyone to tune him in for inspiration for their day.

Wooden pickets for our prayer garden, inscribed for the fence, are being sold for a cost in memory of, honor of, or family name. Contact Michelle Strocross, made out of nails, is in the prayer garden in the back of the vard and is illuminated every night. Two additional crosses are now in the garden, one on each side of the main cross. Benches are provided for folks to sit on and meditate or enjoy the beauty and quietness along the creek.

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

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

#### **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.

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

This week's worship assistants are as follows: Pastor - Lee Ellenberger; Organist - Don Cowsert; Audio Visual - Steve Moyer and

Our greeters wear nametags, Jamal Warren; Greeters - Barand Bobbi Jo Kemp; Children's Time - Pastor Lee; Head Usher – Julie Kupp; Nursery Caregivers - Gloria Clouser and Vickie Hubbard.

> The alter flowers this week are in memory of Jamie Lindsey by his family.

This week's schedule of activities is as follows:

Wed., July 5: 6 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous Book Study Group. Thurs., July 6: 6 p.m., God's Kitchen at Wesley, meal provided by Wesley.

Sun., July 9: 9 a.m., Sunday school; 10:15 a.m., Worship Service.

Tues., July 11: 2 p.m., Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6 p.m., God's Kitchen at Wesley, meal provided by Evan.

**Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown** 



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

Please join us for

Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. on July 9. Our sanctuary is air-conditioned and handicapped accessible, and there are also hearing devices for anyone wanting to use one. Nursery is available during the service, as well as Bible Listening bags for children to utilize during the service. Do

Our electronic newsletter can be accessed anytime at www.pcmdt.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.

The Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown is seeking a part-time organist/keyboardpianist and choir director. Visit www.pcmdt.org for more information.

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



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Sunday School - 9 am • Morning Worship 10:15 am Evening Worship - 6 pm www.calvaryopc.com



#### **Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church** 329 Market Street, Middletown

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#### **Ebenezer United Methodist Church** "Love God, Love People, Make Disciples'

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



#### **Evangelical United Methodist Church** Spruce & Water Sts., Middletown

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#### **Geyers United Methodist Church**

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Worship - 9 am - Followed by Coffee Fellowship Sunday School - 10:30 am



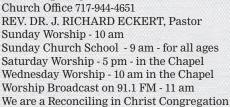
#### **New Beginnings Church** at the Riverside Chapel

630 South Union St., Middletown • 388-1641 Sunday School - 9 am • Worship Service - 10:30 am Pastor Britt Strohecker Everyone Is Welcome!



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







#### **Seven Sorrows BVM Parish** 280 North Race St., Middletown

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

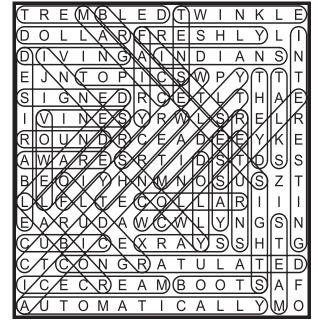


#### **Wesley United Methodist Church** 64 Ann Street, Middletown

PASTOR NAYLO HOPKINS Pastor James Lyles, 10xBetter Phone 944-6242 Sunday Worship - 9:15 am Small Groups - 10:30 am

To list your church service here, call 944-4628 or email info@pressandjournal.com for more information.

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## **Democrats** play Charlie Brown to GOP's Lucy

Political upstart Jon Ossoff just lost the most expensive U.S. House race in history to local Republican Party player Karen Handel.

In the deep-red 6th District of Georgia, Democrats were hoping to turn anti-Trump unease into an embarrassing loss for the president and his

The seat, which fell vacant after Congressman Tom Price was confirmed as secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, has been in Republican control for nearly 40 years. Despite Trump winning the district last fall, Democrats saw an opportunity to test their message in a white upper-middle class enclave.

The effort fell short, with Handel taking 52 percent of the vote to Ossoff's 48 percent. A nearly 5 percent gap was not what donors had in mind after shelling out \$23 million to the Ossoff campaign.

For the price of 10 private Hillary Clinton speeches, Democrats expected more, and were right to do so. Donald Trump's ongoing foibles in office, including a possible obstruction-of-justice charge, don't sow hope in the wellto-do class who make up the contested Georgia suburbs.

On the trail, Handel conspicuously avoided tying herself to Trump, instead labeling her opponent a rubber stamp for Nancy Pelosi. She never let voters forget that Ossoff actually lived outside the district and was unable to vote for himself, painting a picture of an outside liberal invader.

The strategy worked. Ossoff, sensing his district wasn't ready for a full-blown progressive, avoided attacking Trump directly in the weeks before Election Day. Rather, he endorsed a set of quasiconservative policies, which, in Trump's America, helped him stand out like a cubicleconfined middle manager in a large corporation.

"Together we are going to stand up for science," Ossoff declared during his final rally. It's a wonder he didn't ride to victory vowing to reform CAFE standards.

Only in politics does a months-long, \$50 million event fade from memory in a matter of hours. The political clock lurches forward toward the 2018 midterms. Ossoff is finished, but the question still lingers: Can Democrats ever beat Trump?

The fight for Georgia's 6th is the latest in a string of stinging defeats for Democrats. Special elections in Montana, South Carolina and Kansas all turned a big "L" for the minority party. Each time the national media hyped up the race, only for Democrats to fail in gaining a foothold.

If they're going to stand a chance at retaking a chamber in Congress next year, Democrats need a better plan, and fast. Thankfully, elections abroad give hope to Democrats at home.

The impressive showing by the Jeremy Corbyn-led Labour Party in the recent snap election demonstrated that unabashed welfare statism has an enduring appeal in the United Kingdom. France's dilettante-turned-president Emmanual Macron won a national election on a platform of optimism and neoliberal

If you listen to any Democrat strategist, or, heck, even to Democratic voters, they're

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**EDITORIALVIEWS** 

## The Fourth is over, and U.S. pushes on

The Fourth of July is over.

We hope you had fun. Maybe it was an extended weekend for you, taking Monday off and getting four days to celebrate our nation's birth.

It was an amazing thing that happened in July 1776. Colonies broke away from their parent country, one of the few times it has ever happened in history.

It took a revolution and the unwavering bravery of the Founding Fathers to do it, but we've made it this far, 241 years.

It gives us some perspective to think about those 241 years. While the political tenor in the United States right now hardly makes us feel united, we have been in much, much worse situations.

We have endured a Civil War, during which about 620,000 Americans died. To put that in perspective, that's almost half the number of all American soldiers who have died in all our wars.

And of course we fought that Civil War because African-Americans were considered less than human. What a dark time in our history, along with the way we abused, assimilated and eliminated Native Americans.

Even 100 years after the Civil

War, our race relations were awful. Lynchings in the South. Riots in Watts. Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated. We continue to improve, but there is no doubt race problems still plague us. For how long?

We went through a Great Depres-

We watched in horror on Dec. 7, 1941, as our ships sank at Pearl

Our soldiers have died in two world wars, as well as defending us and what we believe in the years before and after World War I and World War II.

We fought a war in Vietnam that few understood and then needlessly protested against the U.S. soldiers who returned.

We have seen presidents killed, including John F. Kennedy. Many of you are old enough to remember that day vividly.

We lived through what could have been a deadly nuclear disaster in our own backyard at Three Mile Island.

We saw two space shuttles fall from the sky, killing the explorers inside them.

We endured 9/11, and plenty of terror attacks that have followed. Thank God, none have rivaled that horrific day.

before us.

We will continue to have days of sorrow in this country. We don't know when they will be or what they will entail. But they are ahead of us.

And we will endure. Because we always do.

We only get to live through seven or eight decades of American history, if we are lucky. Sometimes we lose perspective on what it has been like for the generations who came

We have freedoms that people in some countries would be willing to die for to ensure their children could live like we do.

We live longer lives than our ancestors ever could have considered.

Technology allows us to live in ways unthinkable even 25 years ago. We have comforts that keep us cool, all the information in the world at our fingertips, and the ability to communicate with loved ones — and strangers — around the world immediately.

That same technology, in the form of social media, can bring us together. But it is also ripping us apart with brutal attacks, unwarranted accusations and fake news. It is very sad to see.

And yes, we have one of the most divisive presidents in history.

But we have also shown in our history that our country is bigger than one person.

If you are a Donald Trump supporter, you can't wait to see what our country looks like in 3 1/2 years as we near the end of his term.

If you oppose our president's policies and think he is destroying the country, then you likely have been mobilized to ensure his defeat, to speak out against the policies he supports, to participate in our democracy.

One of the great things about our country is the pendulum swings back and forth. When we veer too far one way politically, there is a reaction that brings us back toward the middle. Sometimes it takes years, but Americans tend to even things out.

Even though the Fourth of July is over, celebrate every day we have as Americans — the good with the bad. Our democracy is a growing entity.

"I believe in democracy," President Woodrow Wilson said, "because it releases the energies of every human being."

Being an American takes work. But it's worth it.

### READERVIEW

## Recalling reason for LGBT Pride Month, right here in Middletown

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month was celebrated in June because of the Stonewall Riot that took place at the Stonewall Inn in the Greenwich Village part of Manhattan in New York City during the early hours of June 28, 1969.

The Stonewall Riot, also referred to as the Stonewall Uprising or the Stonewall Rebellion, had happened because police had raided the Stonewall Inn. Police, armed with a warrant, had found that the employees of the Stonewall Inn were distributing alcohol without a license to do so and arrested them.

Patrons who had become angry and were fed up with constant harassment and discrimination had grouped outside instead of leaving and were becoming more and more angry as everything happened. The straw that broke the camel's back was when the patrons

watched a police officer hit a lesbian woman over the head while trying to force her into the officer's car and she had shouted to the groups to act. They had begun to throw anything they could find at the police and soon a full-on riot had begun.

The officers, few prisoners, and a writer from the Village voice nau retreated to the bar, which patrons had tried several times to set fire to after breaching the barricade.

Shortly after the riot had begun, fire departments and riot squads had extinguished the flames, gotten everyone out of the building, and dispersed the crowds. Though that riot had ended, many more were to come over the course of five days, each involving thousands of people. Riots had flared up more after the Village Voice reporter published their account of the riots.

The Stonewall Riots had not started the gay rights movement, but it had led to many LGBT organizations being formed, including but not limited to: Gay Liberation Front; Human Rights Campaign; Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD); and Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG).

In 2016, former President Barack Obama had designated where the riots took place — the Stonewall Inn, Christopher Park, and the surrounding streets and sidewalks — a national monument to recognize the contribution to gay and human rights.

During Pride Month, those who are part of the LGBT community can fully embrace their sexualities and genders and can meet others who do as well.

Today in Middletown borough the council is trying to pass an ordinance that states that you can not or should not express judgement toward someone based on their sexuality and gender preferences.

Michael Woodworth of the Human Relations Commission was interviewed about the council and their decision. The borough council ordinance on anti-discrimination was discussed. Woodworth had stated that everyone had seemed very supportive about it, but there was some negativity about the ordinance.

At the next borough council meeting there will be a vote determining whether the proposal to renew this ordinance will be passed or declined.

It has been discussed that pride rallies and meetings are a definite possibility in the future.

> **Kailis Woodworth** Middletown

## Learn from last year's Pennsylvania budget mistakes



Here we go again. It's early summer and the state budget debate is reaching a crisis point. But before you dismiss the proceedings as political theater, consider this: The deals hashed out in Harrisburg could blow a hole in your own budget or even strip you of your livelihood.

The unnatural disaster inflicted on the vaping industry last year is a perfect example. Facing a projected budget shortfall (sound familiar?), lawmakers and Gov. Tom Wolf slapped a 40 percent wholesale tax on vaping products — even forcing shop owners to pay the tax retroactively.

Less than a year later, at least 30 percent of vape shops in Pennsylvania have shut their doors. Dozens of small business owners, hundreds of employees, and thousands of customers were devastated just to "raise revenue."

With an even larger shortfall this year, now might be a good time to ask yourself: Am I next?

The truth is, tax increases weren't necessary last year and aren't this year. Low taxes aren't fueling Pennsylvania's problems — we have the 15th-highest state and local tax burden in the nation, including the highest gas tax in the United States and the second-highest corporate income tax in the industrialized world.

Overspending and anemic economic growth are the real reasons for the budget shortfall. Raising taxes solves neither.

Just how bad is Pennsylvania's economy? From 1991-2015, Pennsylvania ranked

46th in job growth, 45th in personal income growth, and 46th in population growth. For the first time in three decades, Pennsylvania's population shrunk last year, and nearly 13,000 college-educated millennials fled to greener pastures in

If lawmakers and Wolf settle for business as usual instead of reinventing government, these depressing trends will

Contrary to what we're hearing out of Harrisburg, plenty of options exist to shore up the state's finances without resorting to risky loans or targeted tax

First, it's time to stop giving public money to private businesses. At the same time vape shops were taxed out of existence, the state gave \$800 million in grants, loans and tax credits to other businesses with more political clout in Harrisburg.

Amazon, Netflix, Kraft and Harley-Davidson are just a few of the big businesses granted special perks at taxpayer expense. The horse racing industry alone gets \$250 million per year.

Pennsylvania leads the nation in this wasteful corporate welfare spending at \$6 billion since 2007. This gravy train benefits those with the biggest army of lobbyists but fails to deliver economic growth. Let's apply the brakes.

Second, Prohibition ended 84 years ago. It's time to start trusting Pennsylvanians to purchase wine and liquor where and how they want. Ending government's liquor monopoly could generate \$500 million next year, plus annual license fees and recurring tax revenues from reducing "border bleed."

Think liquor privatization is a lost cause under the current governor? Think

again. Wolf vetoed public pension reform before signing it in June, proving he can bend to the will of taxpayers and enact transformative legislation. Lawmakers should give the governor another opportunity to prove he's on Pennsylvanians'

Third, shine a spotlight on the "shadow budget." The budget lawmakers are wrangling over now — around \$32 billion — is less than half of what the state actually spends. The total budget is \$80 billion for the current fiscal year. This includes nearly \$20 billion in state spending outside the General Fund Budget, most of which is left on autopilot to grow year after year.

Hidden in the shadow budget is the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund, which has financed projects like an African Wild Dog Exhibit and an Athletic Fields Feasibility Study. Are such projects core functions of government? Most would answer no.

These and other funds found in the shadow budget, like \$1.4 billion in subsidies to mass transit, should be redirected to more important priorities.

Each of these solutions represents immediate and recurring revenue that frees Pennsylvanians from tax hikes this year and in future years.

With pension reform, lawmakers and Wolf proved they can come together and make progress. It's time to sustain that bipartisan momentum, double-down on reinventing government, and avoid repeating the mistakes that cost many hardworking Pennsylvanians their livelihoods.

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### READERVIEW

### Health care bill must be brought to public view

A health care bill was passed in May by the U.S. House that would, in my opinion, make life much harder for people with pre-existing conditions, destroy Medicaid (care for our seniors in nursing homes) and raise the cost of health care.

The U.S. Senate is revising the House bill in an unprecedented secret fashion behind closed doors (the current health care law, the Affordable Care Act, took 14 months to pass and three months of public hearings in 2010).

Our U.S. senators, Pat Toomey and Bob Casey, need to be honest with the citizens of Pennsylvania and bring this process into the open with public hearings and town hall meetings so all Pennsylvanians can determine how this proposed health care bill will affect their families

**Don Hossler** Middletown

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## **TRUMP:** Democrats need vision

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at odds over which tact is better for American liberals. Is it time to make Bernie Sanders the lodestar of the party, and embrace more government benefits paid for by soaking the rich? Or is it time to double-down on Clintonian progressivism, rather than vacillate somewhere between being a banker lapdog and a militant socialist?

If I knew the answer, I'd sell it to the Democratic National Committee and retire a rich man. But since the power of soothsaying is beyond me, conjecture will have to do.

Let's start with the things Democrats are good at. As the "coalition of the fringes," to borrow blogger Steve Sailer's phrase, they excel at fomenting grievances in sexual and racial minorities. The party is also successful at convincing working people that the government is the only thing stopping the wealthy from reimposing the 16-hour workday without weekends.

The problem is that in 2016, Donald Trump flipped the script and appropriated the Democrat playbook for himself. He instilled a sense of injustice in wide swaths of the electorate, middle, lower, even upper class, and directed it toward a nebulous political establishment that rapaciously drained the country of its finest qualities. He then promised a return to greatness by spinning a fanciful yarn about the halcyon days of America's past that only he, a non-politician, could restore.

Through luck or wit, Trump intuited what voters craved when they craved it. Clinton was caught flat-footed, delivering bromides on tolerance and hope when people desperately wanted someone to blame for their

Fortunately for Democrats, Trump has proven the perfect foil for the resentment politics of old. Rank-and-file voters are never more fired up than when talk of impeachment is

entertained. By keeping the base enraptured by the idea of forcefully removing Trump from office, Democrats need only attract the moderate middle who took a chance on the blustery billionaire.

The key may lie in practicality. At Business Insider, writer Josh Barro proposes the Democratic Party develop a "substantive agenda" and "tell people how they will make their lives better." Doing so means a return to the party's roots, focusing on elite economic treason.

Trump was elected as a Republican who cared about manufacturing loss and didn't have a fetish for high-income tax cutting. So far, he's governed as a typical Republican, albeit one who dashes off some entertaining tweets. Democrats can capitalize on this failing if they hone in on the right message that addresses the lingering anxiety still felt by many Americans.

Does that mean all politics are local? Not quite. Politics is more, in the words of Rutgers professor David Greenberg, "the art of who gets what, when and how." In 2016, plenty of voters opted for Donald Trump's dark version of America, a country where the average, God-fearing citizen was being outplayed by people alien to him.

That kind of political vision comes once a generation, and quickly passes. It has a unique time and place. The Democrats need to find their own vision that fits the moment.

Some mix of Bernie Sandersstyle populism and a Hardingesque "return to normalcy" could be the ticket. Then again, who, speaking three years ago, could have imagined the proprietor of a luxury hotel chain would today be in charge of the country's nuclear codes?

Democrats have a long road ahead of them. Expect the next year to be a long one for the party of Kennedy.

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## Legislators trying to keep police video from public

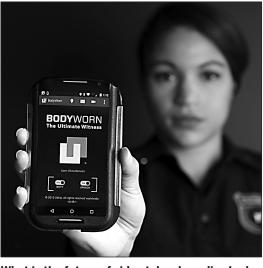


In case you missed it, there was good public access news from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court recently, when the court affirmed the public's right to access videos gathered by police on the job. Unfortunately, that right is likely to be short-lived, because of Senate Bill 560.

Two weeks ago, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled in Commonwealth v. Grove that the Right to Know Law guarantees the right to access police dash camera video. That right is limited, and the law allows law enforcement agencies to prevent access to investigative and other material.

The court recognized the critical role played by law enforcement and simultaneously recognized that public access, and the accountability that follows, is a necessarv and critical right as well. The Court found that the Right to Know Law strikes an appropriate balance between the need for confidentiality in some circumstances and the importance of public access and accountability in others.

You've seen these videos (mostly from other states); they show how law enforcement interacts with the public they are sworn to serve and protect. These records are irrefutable evidence of what actually happened. Many times, they illustrate law



What is the future of video taken by police body cameras in Pennsylvania?

enforcement doing their job and doing it well. But you've also seen videos that show when things go wrong, terribly wrong, for officers and the public. Both types of videos can be agents for positive change, by illustrating best practices and showing where improvement is needed. Public access to these videos results in better policing and better relationships between law enforcement and the communities that depend on

Unfortunately, Senate Bill 560, which would eliminate access to most, if not all, police bodycam and dashcam footage, appears to be heading quickly to the governor's desk. On the same day that Grove was decided, the House passed Senate Bill 560, which would render the Grove decision meaningless.

The bill would remove all police recordings from the Right to Know Law and impose a cumbersome, unworkable process that makes it all but impossible to get these records. Proponents of the bill say it will allow some access, and it's true that there is limited access language in the bill. But, the process is so cumbersome and allows law enforcement so many ways to deny access, that there simply won't be meaningful public access in Pennsylvania.

Senate Bill 560 was introduced in March and was passed out of the Senate soon after. Despite concerns voiced by numerous good government organizations, the bill's public access provisions have not been significantly amended. In advancing this bill in its current form, lawmakers have missed a real opportunity to craft a thoughtful, meaningful test balancing the very real needs of police, against the importance of public access and accountability in the communities they serve.

A far better path would be to acknowledge the Grove decision and recognize that the Right to Know Law — which involved months and even years of legislative discussion and debate — is the best method to strike the balance between meaningful public access and the need for law enforcement confidentiality.

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## PUZZLES AND HOROSCOPE

#### WORD SEARCH ANSWERS ON B3

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This president called for democracy during his campaign:

Thomas Jefferson Lewis & Clark, 4) Assimilation, 5) West Point, Answers: 1) Bipartisanship, 2) Expansion, 3)

### CROSSWORD

**ACROSS** 1. Core

5. Alpine transport (hyph.) 9. Grammar topic

14. Length x width, for a rectangle

15. Lady Macbeth, e.g. 16. Not lost

17. Driven by a certain fuel

19. Correct, as text 20. Subjugate 21. Worthless

22. "\_\_\_ moment" 23. "lck!" 25. Solvent

28. Delay 29. "God's Little \_\_

33. Great time 34. Relating to a prophet

36. "Jurassic Park" girl 37. Lad

38. Brewer's non-

alcoholic product

42. Brooklyn's \_\_\_ Island

43. Part of the intes-

tine 45. Bakery buy

47. \_\_\_ Day

49. M-1, for one 51. Decay

52. Pay 55. Talk about

pine plant

63. Western blue flag, e.g.

65. Gawk 66. Cabinet div.

**DOWN** 1. Clip

### ANSWERS ON B3

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\_-Wan Kenobi 41. Bauxite, e.g.

48. Attack suddenly

59. Fiber of a Philip-

60. Kind of element 62. Catlike carnivorous mammal

64. A-line line

67. Hawaiian tuber

tion 4. Hound shouts 5. A stand for a hot

plate

2. "Pumping \_\_\_"

After-dinner selec-

6. Drag 7. A pint, maybe

8. Cabernet, e.g. 9. \_\_\_ manual 10. Indian turnover

11. Ancient greetings 12. Multiple age groups of families

(abbr.) 13. Christian Science

founder 18. One with extreme enthusiasm for

something 21. Motherless calf in a cattle herd 23. Flirtatious glance

24. Threadbare 25. Brothers' keeper?

26. "La Traviata" mezzo 27. Cake part

30. Rodeo sight 31. Renaissance fiddle

32. Deposed leader, perhaps

34. Corrupt 35. Freight unit

39. Content 44. Excluded from society

46. Someone that tracks down missing property

48. Druid, e.g. 50. About to explode 52. Bursae

53. Slightly (2 wds) 54. \_\_\_ lamp 55. Big bore

56. Waste product of protein metabolism

57. Antares, for one 58. Jerk 60. Free from, with

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#### **HOROSCOPE** | WEEK OF JULY 5

CAPRICORN DEC. 22 – JAN. 19 Nope, Capricorn. You don't have to act at the drop of a hat, not for a fair-weather friend anyway. Do what you can when you can and let them make do. **AQUARIUS** JAN. 20- FEB. 18 Can you cut the mustard, Aguarius? Ask yourself that before you hop onboard. A restoration gets off with a bang, thanks to a dear old friend. PISCES FEB. 19 - MARCH 20 Egomaniac you are not. A loved one, on the other hand, is very much one. Use it to vour advantage at an upcoming event. A mystery is solved. **ARIES** MARCH 21 – APRIL 19

Freedom comes at a price. Make sure you honor those who have paid that price, Aries. Heartfelt appreciation is required at an upcoming event.

**TAURUS** APRIL 20 – MAY 20 Opportunities abound. What are you waiting for, Taurus? A gift of cheer comes from an unusual source. Be sure to return the favor one day.

**GEMINI** MAY 21 – JUNE 21 History has proven time and time again that you cannot count on that person who always insists on helping. Plan around them, Gemini. A date is changed.

**CANCER** JUNE 22 – JULY 22

You are barking up the wrong tree, Cancer. Take off your blinders so you can see what is really at fault. Then and only then will you be able to resolve the issue.

**LEO** JULY 23 – AUG. 22 Don't be shy, Leo. Your idea is excellent, the best thing since sliced bread. Present it and be prepared for many good things to come your way.

**VIRGO** Aug. 23 – Sept. 22 Keep your eye on the ball, Virgo. You're so close to finishing. An argument erupts among close friends. Don't choose sides. It will be over before you know it.

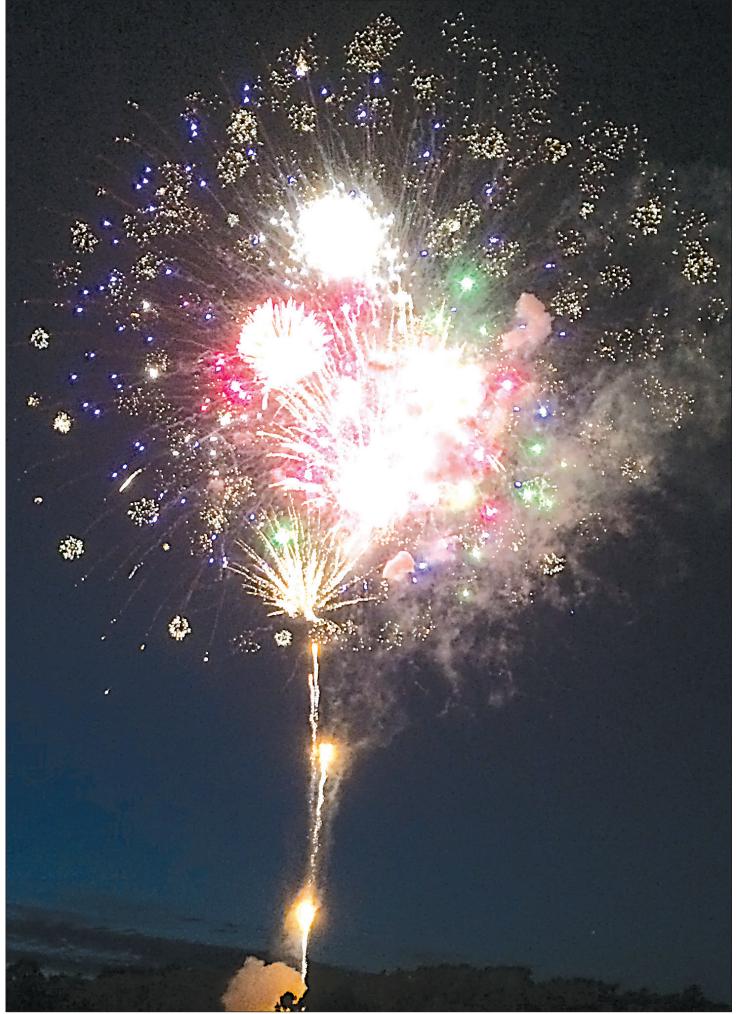
**LIBRA** SEPT. 23 – OCT. 22 Time is precious, Libra, so stop playing around. A queen bee is challenged. Prepare for some fireworks. An answer is delivered as expected.

**SCORPIO** Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Relax, Scorpio. You've been burning the midnight oil for far too long now. Take a break and go someplace fun where you can unwind and recharge.

#### **SAGITTARIUS**

Nov. 22 - Dec. 21 Yikes, Sagittarius. You have a need to fill, but it isn't going to be cheap. Better start saving now, and the best way to do that is to revise your budget.

## OUT & ABOUT



Fireworks light up the sky during Londonderry Township's Stars & Stripes Salute on Saturday.

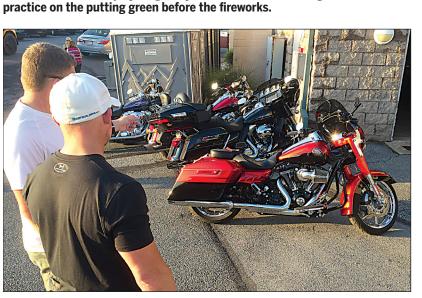


# Happy birthday, America!

It was a gorgeous night for Londonderry Township's Stars & Stripes Salute



Brian Crawford, who plays regularly at Sunset Golf Course, gets in some



Motorcycles were lined up and admired.



What would Sunset Golf Course be without a beautiful sunset?



Smokin' Gunnz played Southern Rock and the crowd was ready to dance.



Fireworks give a flowery feel during Saturday's Londonderry Township Stars & Stripes Salute. See more photos online at www. pressandjournal.com.

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Miriam Rose Blaydon enjoys the New Holland Band on

Saturday night at Sunset Park.



Flags ring the area where the New Holland Band performed Saturday at Sunset Park.