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Quick NEWS

LDSD sets prices for sports tickets

Lower Dauphin's athletic office announced event ticket and season pass prices for the 2010-11 school year.

Admission for varsity football, varsity/junior varsity basketball, and varsity/junior varsity/junior high wrestling will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

Admission for junior varsity football, junior high football, varsity/ junior varsity soccer, varsity field hockey/ junior varsity field hockey, and varsity/ junior varsity lacrosse will be \$3 for adults and \$1 for students.

Lower Dauphin School District residents 65 and older can attend events free with a Falcon Friend card which can be obtained at the District Administration Center.

Seasonal passes for admission to all athletic events, excluding tournament and playoffs are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students in the fall; \$25 for adults and \$10 for students in the winter; and \$15 for adults and \$5 for students in the spring.

The district is also offering a school year sports pass at \$50 for adults and \$20 for students.

School year sports passes and fall season passes available at Lower Dauphin High School athletic office after Aug. 1. Winter season pass will be available after Dec. 1 and spring season passes after March 1.

Steelton condemns dog fighting

Steelton Borough Council adopted a resolution condemning dog fighting in the borough.

The move echoes a similar move by Harrisburg City Council last April.

"We don't want these things happening in Steelton," said Maria Romano Marcinko, council member.

Marcinko said residents should call 1-877-TIP-HSUS to report information about dog fighting to the U.S. Humane Society and be eligible for a \$5,000 reward.

- Debra Schell

Organ virtuoso at Gretna Playhouse

Organ virtuoso Cameron Carpenter, known for his original, even unconventional approach to the instrument, will appear at the Mount Gretna Playhouse on Thursday, Aug. 5 at 8 p.m.

Audience members are encouraged to attend a pre-concert classical conversation led by Michael Murray, executive director of Gretna Music, at 7 p.m. the evening of the concert.

For information, or to order tickets, call 717-361-1508.



STEELTON

Bomb disposal shakes ground, nerves

By Debra Schell
Press And Journal Staff

When the State Police Hazardous Devices and Explosives Squad detonated fireworks it confiscated from an apartment in Highspire at a firing range in Steelton, it shook Rita Vorkapich's house.

"The ground shook. I thought a bomb was going off," said Vorkapich, who lives in the 2500 block of S. Fourth Street.

"I just don't know why we would let them come in and set these things off here. Why are we the dumping ground for these types of things?"

She wasn't alone. Vorkapich and others blasted Steelton Borough Council and Mayor Tom Acri Tuesday night for allowing the activity, which they said shook homes and nerves around 12:30 p.m. on July 2.

The blast came when state police detonated five homemade fireworks taken from a home in Highspire, said Steelton Police Chief Scott Spangler.

The explosives were taken from the home of David A. Meade, 42, of the 100 block of Second St., in Highspire, on June 24 after an explosion at 10 p.m. that sent Meade to the Penn State Hershey Medical Center for burns.

Meade was charged with possession of commercial-grade fireworks, arson, reckless endangerment, risking catastrophe, possessing an explosive, owning an incendiary device, disorderly conduct, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, and other charges. He is in Dauphin County Prison in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

"We apologize for the noise," Acri said. "The fireworks are designed to send the noise into the ground and we were not aware that there were five devices."

Spangler and Acri allowed state police to use the firing range as a favor, but would not allow it again.

"We try to help them so that they

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Nick to start new job in fall

By Jim Lewis
Press And Journal Staff

Nick DiFrancesco is resigning from the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners for what he calls a "dream job" in the private sector, but he's not ruling out a run for political office in the future.

DiFrancesco, a member of the board's Republican majority, will leave Sept. 1 to become the president and chief operating officer of the Pennsylvania Association of Community Bankers, a trade association. But the two-term commissioner, whose bid to become lieutenant governor failed to win his party's endorsement this year, may someday return to politics.



Nick DiFrancesco

Asked if he would run for office again someday, DiFrancesco replied, "Don't know."

"At this point, I would say not in the foreseeable future," he said. Though he'll be out of politics, he

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Art & Creation



Middletown artist Christine Goldbeck (below) drew inspiration from the 2004 debate in York County over teaching Creationism in public schools. The abstract paintings leave it up to the viewer to interpret. The works are on exhibit at WITF's headquarters at 4801 Lindle Road in Swatara Twp. Goldbeck will be there from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, to meet viewers.

God versus Darwin? Artist doesn't take sides

By Jim Lewis
Press And Journal Staff

Pardon Christine Goldbeck's pun, but when a York County school district injected creationism into its high school biology course in 2004 — and removed it in 2005 upon the order of a federal judge — she followed the impassioned arguments by conservative Christians who favored God over Darwin "religiously."

She saved newspaper clippings, hoping to write a

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MIDDLETOWN

Comm. Center, Louer's future cloudy

By Jim Lewis
Press And Journal Staff

The president of Middletown Borough Council is sure he has enough votes to close the borough's emergency dispatch center to save money — and certain it will cost him his job as president.

Disgruntled council members already tried to remove him, he said. But the borough solicitor shot down a motion by Councilor Scott Sites to meet privately in executive session at the end of council's July 13 meeting to talk about a personnel matter regarding a council member — an attempt to elect a new leader, suspects President Robert Louer.

Louer has appointed an ad hoc committee to recommend whether council should keep the \$339,000 communications center, close it and depend on Dauphin County's dispatching center, or assign borough police and staff to take over dispatching in the mornings, a move that Borough Manager David Clouser suggests would save about \$100,000.

The committee is headed by John Patten, a former borough councilman who served as director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for four years. Patten was also the founder of a grassroots citizens' group that won a majority of council seats in November's general election, campaigning on a promise of cutting borough spending.

Louer, one of the election winners, was chosen as president.

He does not keep secret his desire to close the communications center to save money, a political hot potato even for a resolute majority. Councilor Sandra Nagle's daughter works as a secretary for the police, and Councilor Mary Hiester's husband is a sergeant on the police force who has staunchly defended the need for the communications center.

At council's last meeting, before the rare gaze of television cameras from local stations, a representative of the police force condemned the

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LOWER SWATARA

HIA 'not a good neighbor'

Township blames airport for failure to make improvements to prevent floods

By Jim Lewis
Press And Journal Staff

Good thing Santa Claus drops down chimneys. If he entered homes to deliver gifts through the front door, he would have gotten wet in Jednota Flats on Christmas 2008.

A heavy rain inundated the flood-prone neighborhood of houses and mobile homes in Lower Swatara Twp. "You needed hip boots to get into the house," recalled Steve Hickoff, who has suffered through numerous flash floods for decades. "If family visited, it was kind of rough."

Residents were told that pipes and ponds that carried and held rain water nearby would be cleaned out this spring by their owners — the state Department of Transportation and Harrisburg International Airport — to provide some relief

off flooding in the neighborhood, located on the site of the old Pennsylvania Canal. PennDOT and HIA promised to do the work in e-mails sent to the township last fall.

But the authority that operates the airport has now balked at dredging a wide pond along Route 230 that catches rain water from Jednota Flats and other neighbors, including a large parking lot where airport travelers once parked their cars.

The Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority, formed in 1997 by Dauphin, Cumberland and York counties and local municipalities to operate the airport, had budgeted \$5,000 to dredge silt from the bottom of the weed-covered

"They could care less how many people in Jednota Flats get flooded."

Frank Linn, chairman
L. Swatara Twp.
Board of Commissioners

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Obituaries

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Raymond Carrucoli

Raymond J. Carrucoli, 89, of New Cumberland, formerly of Middletown, entered into eternal rest with his Lord on Thursday, July 15.

He was born in Rexmont on December 23, 1920 and was the son of the late Michael and Theresa Vigoni Carrucoli.

He was a retired machinist from the former New Cumberland Army Depot and a former employee of the Olmsted Air Force Base and Cornwall Railroad; was a member of Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, Middletown; was an Army veteran during World War II and proudly served his country in the North African Theater; and he was an avid gardener and enjoyed cooking and spending time with his family and friends.

He was the widower of Louise M. McGuire Carrucoli and was preceded in death by an infant daughter Theresa Carrucoli, two sons Raymond P. Carrucoli and Michael J. Carrucoli, and sister Lena Zito.

He is survived by granddaughter

Diana Carrucoli of New Cumberland; grandson Michael A. Carrucoli of Camp Hill; daughter-in-law Alexandra "Sandy" Carrucoli of New Cumberland, with whom he lived; sister Agnes C. Seaman of Manhattan, N.Y.; brother David DeAngelo of Hershey; several nieces and nephews; and his four-legged canine buddies Sophie and Madison.

Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 21, at his church, Race & Cone-wago Sts., Middletown, with the Rev. Louis P. Ogden as celebrant.

Burial with Military Honors will be in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

Viewing will be from 8 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday at the Frank E. Matinchek and Daughter Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., 260 E. Main St., Middletown, with Recitation of the Blessed Rosary at 8:45 a.m.

Condolences may be sent online at www.matinchekanddaughterfuneral-home.com.

Shirley Winkelspecht

Shirley D. Winkelspecht, 76, of Middletown, entered into rest peacefully on Wednesday, July 14, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on June 5, 1934 in Middletown and was the daughter of the late Gladys Sheetz Arnold and Harry Naugle.

She was a homemaker and a former manager of the Shangra-La Café, Lower Swatara Township; was a graduate of the former Royalton High School class of 1949; was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church, Middletown; and her greatest passion was the love of her family and the compassion of her many friends.

She was preceded in death by two sisters Donna Weyant and Sue Beistline and great-grandsons Scott Wise and Don Barkey Jr.

She is survived by her husband Donald P. Winkelspecht; six sons Fred W. Winkelspecht and his companion Becky Becker of Highspire, Harry, Dean, Danny, Joseph, and Austin Winkelspecht, all of home; four daughters Cindy Barkey and companion Robert Whary of Annville, Mary Ann, wife of Earl Wise, Margie Winkelspecht, and Eileen, wife of Craig Kline, all of Middletown; grandchildren Holly, Don, Chris, Fred, Alyssa, BJ and Nicole; great-grandchildren Kayla, Autumn, Sierra, Breelein, Marlee and Katlyn and Kylee; two brothers Harry Brandt of Pennsacola, Fla., and Jack Naugle of Leesburg, Va.

A Memorial service was held on Tuesday at her church, with the Rev. Nancy Lee Goff officiating.

Inurnment was at the convenience of the family in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

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

Condolences may be sent online at www.matinchekanddaughterfuneral-home.com.

Helen Peterson

Helen S. Peterson, 81, of Palmyra, entered into rest peacefully on Monday, July 12, at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

She was born in Harrisburg on March 10, 1929 and was the daughter of the late Herman and Helen Reisinger Schreck.

She was a retired phlebotomist at Hershey Medical Center.

She was the widow of Leslie A. Peterson and was preceded in death by a sister Shirley Snyder.

She is survived by two sons Robert G. and wife Donna Peterson, and Terry Lee and wife Christine Peterson of Hummelstown; a sister Arlene Bastress of Mechanicsburg; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A Tribute to her life was held on Friday at the Frank E. Matinchek and Daughter Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., Middletown, with the Rev. Michael Siefried officiating.

Burial will be in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

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Down, and very dirty

At Sunset Park, a muddy way to cool off

Photos by Beth Graham



Alex Agosti, Londonderry Twp. playground leader, and Gillian Dunleavy hit the mud during "Mud Day" Friday, July 16, at Sunset Park. The event was scheduled as a special day for playground staff and the kids.



Dillon Dreibelbis, left, and Jason O'Donnell get the mud spa treatment from playground leaders Alexis Graham, left, and Alex Agosti.



A blue plastic sheet and a lot of water were used to create the mud slide.

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YWCA gets grant to help female vets

The U.S. Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service today announced more than \$5 million in grants to aid homeless female veterans and veterans with families. Twenty-six grants in 14 states and the District of Columbia will provide job training, counseling and placement services (including job readiness, and literacy and skills

training) to expedite the reintegration of homeless female veterans and veterans with families into the labor force through the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program.

YWCA of Greater Harrisburg will receive \$76,424 in funding from the U.S. Labor Department to aid homeless female veterans and their families.

The grant is part of \$5 million allocated by the department to 26 recipients in 14 states.

The program provides job training, counseling and placement services (including job readiness, and literacy and skills training) to help homeless female veterans return to the work force.

"The Department of Labor is committed to ensuring that these remarkable men and women successfully transition back into the working world," said Labor Secretary Hilda L. Solis. "The members of our armed forces make enormous sacrifices for the nation. The least we owe them when they return to civilian life is a chance to earn a living, support their families and have a stable place to rest their heads each night."

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Middletown Moose recently hosted a visit from some of the students from Mooseheart Child City and School near Chicago. Pictured are children from the Pennsylvania House, along with their chaperones. Linda Garber, far right, a graduate of Mooseheart school is from Middletown. Founded in 1913 by the Fraternal Order of Moose, Mooseheart provides complete home care, education and training for youth whose families are unable to care for them.

Lower Swatara Township Talk Of The Township

LaVonne Ackerman, 1438 Old Reliance Road, 939-5584, LaVonneAck@comcast.net



Hello everybody.

Are you getting your vacation time in? Or maybe you are doing one of those "staycations" where you stay at home and do vacation-ey things all week – eat out, visit local attractions, sit and read a book on your front porch. This list goes on and on.

If I could live in Cabo San Lucas I would always staycation. If you could live anywhere, where would you live?

Let me know your news to share. Do you know of a new baby? A wedding? How about some staycation ideas? Have a great week and keep cool.

Birthday

Happy 13th to Luke Coughlin of Farmhouse Lane. He's the last teen for the Coughlins. He celebrates today. Joan Nissley of Market Street Extended marks her cake day today too. Best wishes for the best one yet.

Timothy Wagner of Constitution Drive will blow out eight candles atop his birthday cake today. Hope you are having a wonderful summer and great birthday.

Happy landmark 21-gun salute to Alex Cohick of Lumber Street. His big-bang day is tomorrow.

Kyle Koncar of Riverview Drive is 19 on Thursday. Best wishes to you as you enjoy your last teener celebration.

Happy 19th cake and ice cream day to Kehley Jo Cimino of Shirley Drive on Thursday. Kehley, hope your day is not too hot, but full of fun.

If you see Mark Fulton of Lamplight Circle on Sunday, be sure to give him a loud birthday greeting. Hope it is relaxing.

Zvezdan Blazevic of Lexington Avenue celebrates his full-fledged-adult birthday on Sunday. Hope it is just super.

Happy confetti-popping day to Elizabeth Chavey of Donald Avenue on Sunday. Wishing you sunny skies and cool breezes.

Lise Wilkinson marks her happy birthday celebration day on Monday. Lisa, if I met up with you at Karns I would give you a giant hug. Hope your week is marvelous.

Kelsey Cleckner of Powderhorn Road turns 20 on Monday. Happy birthday to you girl. Hope your day is just wonderful.

Happy birthday balloons will be flying on Monday for Rob Rineer of Swatara Drive. Hope your day is extra-special.

Jeff Lykins marks his cake day on Tuesday. Best wishes to you on this

special day and during this very special summer.

Happy Birthday wishes go to Drake Bahajak of Old Reliance Road. This birthday boy will turn 18 on July 27. Drake is going to be a senior at Middletown Area High School this year. He is enjoying his summer working, hanging out with friends and jet skiing. Happy Birthday Drake. You grew up way too fast.

Sheila St. Amand celebrates her party day on Tuesday. Happy birthday wishes to you.

Ed Arnold will hear the birthday song on Tuesday. Hope all your favorite people will be crowded around you on Nissley Drive.

Tax Message from the Township

The 2010 Act 511 taxes have been sent out. We realize that no one looks forward to receiving a tax bill, but it is important to pay attention to this bill. All residents who are over 18 should have received a bill. It is not our intention to bill anyone over the age of 72. The bills have a face value of \$35.00 - \$10.00 in per capita amounts and a \$25.00 occupation tax. Please do not confuse these taxes with any payroll related taxes. Dec. 31, you may apply to be exonerated from the occupation portion only. College students are not automatically exonerated. If you are retired and do not have any earned income, you may also apply to be exonerated from the occupation portion.

If you did not receive an invoice, please contact tax collector Loretta Matz at 939-9033. If you receive a duplicate bill, bring it to the township's attention so the proper adjustments can be made.

With the ever increasing costs of college tuition, more people are taking advantage of the local courses offered by HACC. As our area is a sponsoring district, any student seeking a reduced fee must show a paid tax receipt. In the event they were not billed, they must show the paid receipt from a parent.

If the tax is not paid by Dec. 31, your information will be turned into our delinquent tax collector.

Please call the township with any questions.

Anniversaries

Bill and Barb Dagenhart of Brookside Drive mark their 12th heart day today. Best wishes to you both.

Bill and Doris Dixon of Oberlin Road celebrate 56 years of wedded bliss on Saturday. Congrats to you both.

Bob and Becky Wierman of Old Reliance Road celebrate their 29th anniversary on Sunday. Hope you two do something extra-special this week.

Dale and Julie Reigle of Leshner Drive also celebrate number 29 on Sunday. Enjoy. Enjoy. Enjoy.

Happy anniversary to Ed and Mary Hawk of Woodridge Drive. Their landmark day is Sunday. Congratulations for 40 fun years.

Summer Breakfast

The Lower Swatara Volunteer Fire Department motorcycle breakfast is this week. For a small fee everyone is invited to come out for the delicious buffet on Sunday from 7 to 11 a.m. for scrambled eggs, hash browns, pancakes, sausage patties/gravy with biscuits, ham, bacon, oatmeal, toast, fruit cocktail, pastries, coffee and juice. The other dates are August 22 and Sept. 26. It is held at the fire house on Fulling Mill Road.

For more info, go to www.LowerSwataraFire.com Rain or shine, come out, kids under 5 are free.

Bus Trips for All

Londonderry Seniors are offering bus trips to see "Joseph" at Sight & Sound in Lancaster on Friday, Sept. 17. Lunch at Hershey Farm Resort and ticket to show included.

Also "Grand Illumination" in Williamsburg, Va., Dec. 4-6. This is the beginning of their Christmas season with colonial decorations, fireworks

and entertainment.

Please call 717-944-1644 for more information.

Shop For Free

Come to God's Clothes Closet event on August 7 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at 157 East Water Street in Middletown. Shop for men's, women's, children's clothing, linens and blankets. Free refreshments. Sponsored by Evangelical United Methodist Church. Call 944-6181 for directions.

Question of the Week

If you could live anywhere, where would you live?

"I would stay in Middletown with my friends and family." – Kayce Deibler, 16, Heritage Square.

"Orlando. It is warm and there is lots to do." – Joe Klock, 15, Woodridge Drive.

"By the beach (North Carolina)." – Maureen Hartwell, 10, Bayberry Road.

"In the Bahamas, it is nice and warm." – Jourdyn Alford, 12, Powderhorn Road.

"In Russia because I was born there." – Vladislav Ryazanov, 12, Greenwood Drive.

"Nebraska because that is where I was born. In Silver Creek." Trevor Fuller, 12, Royalton.

Proverb for the Week

"To have a fool for a son brings grief; there is no joy for the father of a fool." - (17:21)

Susquehanna Chorale presents Diverse Passions at Mt. Gretna

The Susquehanna Chorale will perform at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Mt. Gretna Bible Festival.

Under the direction of Linda L. Tedford, founder and artistic director, this year's concert, "Diverse Passions," takes the listener from the profound to the whimsical, from the sensual to the humorous.

The concert will be held at the The Tabernacle in Mt. Gretna. The Tabernacle is located at Third St. &

Glossbrenner Ave., behind the United Methodist Church, in Gretna's Camp-meeting section, east of Pinch Road and south of Route 117.

The concert is open to the public and free of charge.

For additional information, email the Susquehanna Chorale office at sc@susquehannachorale.org, or call 717-533-7859.

Information is also available online at www.susquehannachorale.org.

Dean's lists announced, local students graduate

Clarion University

Area dean's list students include: The following area students were named to the spring semester dean's list at Clarion University:

- Beth Ellen Dibeler of S. Walnut Street, Hummelstown, a marketing major.
- Abigail K. Gulya of Fieldstone Lane, Elizabethtown, a liberal studies major.

Indiana University of PA

Sarah Geisweit was named to the fall and spring semester dean's list at Indiana University. She is a student in the College of Education and Technology.

Loyola University

The following area students were named to the spring semester dean's list at Loyola University:

- Maeda Myers, Elizabethtown.
- Ashley Twaddell, Hummelstown.

Virginia Tech

Area students named to spring semester dean's List at Virginia Tech.

- Edward R. Misel, Elizabethtown, economics.
- Matthew C. Bugas, Hummelstown, biological science.
- Timothy R. Bugas, Hummelstown, mechanical engineering.
- Erin E. Dewillie, Hummelstown, aerospace engineering.
- William O. Nachlas, Hummelstown, geoscience.

Graduate

MGH Institute

Jessica Wreski of Middletown was graduated from the MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston.

Wreski earned a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.



Submitted photo

Emily Haas, a 5-year music student at Cygnet Studios in Elizabethtown, who was recently graduated from Palmyra Area High School, will perform at Conewago Coffee and Tea from 6-7 p.m. Wednesdays in July.

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The Dauphin County Library System has announced its calendar of events for September.

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Sept. 7 - Oct. 9: Early fall storytimes on Tuesdays. Check dcls.org for a complete listing of times, dates and locations, or pick up a complete schedule at any DCLS library.

Sept. 7: Family Movie Night, 5:30 p.m. at Kline Library (234-3934) 530 S. 29th St., Harrisburg.

- Novel Thoughts Book Club, 6:30 p.m. William H. & Marion C. Alexander Family Library (566-0949), 200 W. Second St., Hummelstown.
- Sept. 8: Friends of the William H. & Marion C. Alexander Family Library Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Hummelstown.
- Sept. 16: BookRATs, 6 p.m., East Shore Area Library (652-9380), 4501 Ethel St., Harrisburg.
- Sept. 30: Closed.

Hershey Library book sale

The Hershey Public Library will hold its annual book sale Aug. 7-12, offering more than 60,000 books, videos, software and other items.

The sale will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 7; 1 to 5 p.m. Aug. 8; 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Aug 9 to 11; and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The library is located at 701 Cocoa Avenue. Proceeds go to the library's programs.

For more information, readers may call the library at 533-6555 or visit the library's website at www.hersheylibrary.org.

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CIVIL ACTION - LAW
2009 CV 8640-MF

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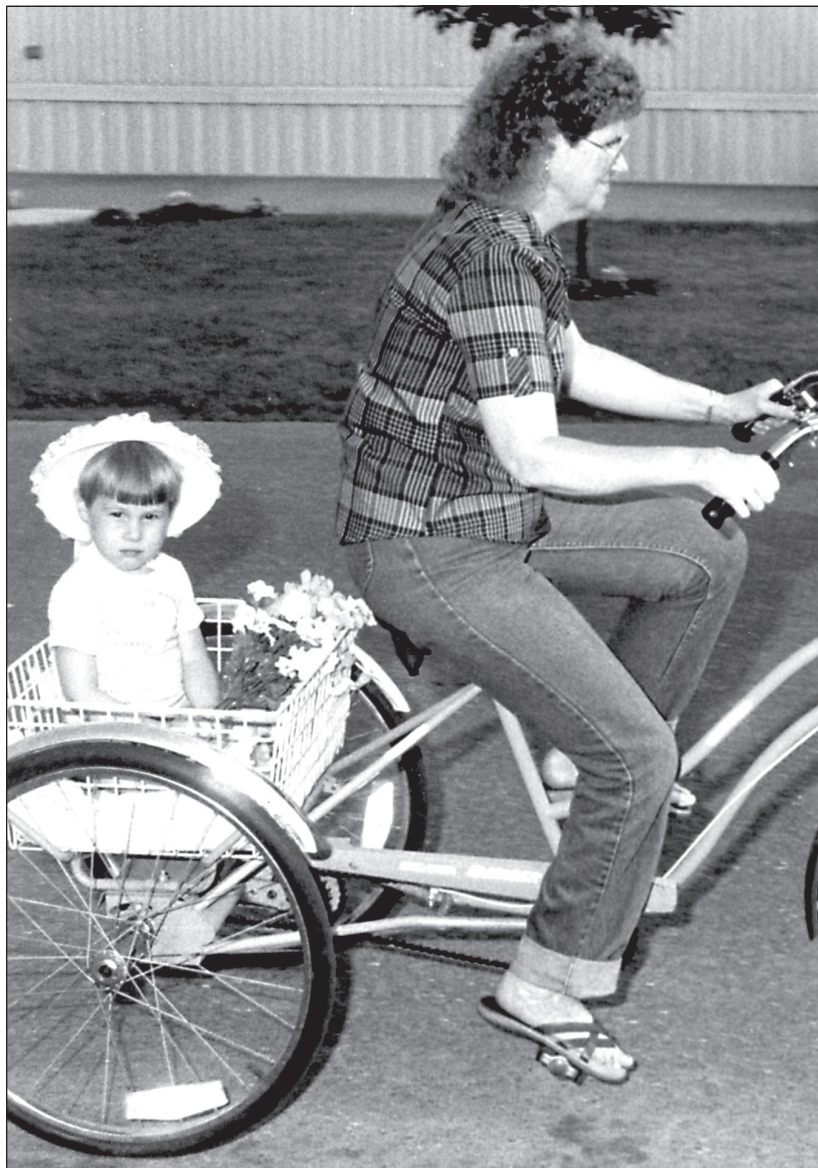
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23 Years Ago

From The Middletown Journal Files



23 YEARS AGO – SUNDAY RIDE – Holding a bouquet of summer flowers, Jennifer Smith, 3, of Middletown enjoys a ride in the basket as grandma, Judy Craig, pedals.

From The July 22, 1987 Edition Of The Press And Journal

M-town Students Scored Well In State's TELLS Reading, Math Exams

Students in the Middletown Area School District in grades three, five and eight scored above the national averages in reading and mathematics in their TELLS battery of tests, according to Middletown faculty member Nancy Demey.

The Middletown students also scored higher than the state-wide averages among Pennsylvania youngsters in the same grades in most categories.

Demey told the Middletown Area School Board members last week that the only category in which the Middletown students scored below the state average was "fifth grade reading."

The local third graders and eighth graders scored higher than the state and regional averages in the reading test. All three grades, third, fifth and eighth, scored above state and national average levels in math, Demey reported.

The TELLS test (Testing for Essential Learning and Literacy Skills) was initiated in the fall of 1984 by Governor Dick Thornburgh to identify students in Pennsylvania elementary schools who needed help in the basic fundamentals of reading and math. Children whose test scores are below a predetermined level are eligible for remediation funded by the state.

Rabid Raccoons Killed In Conoy; Police Warn About 'Stray' Animals

Lingering doubts about the validity

of the current rabies epidemic were swept into the dustbin late last week when Conoy officials announced that a second rabid animal was discovered in the Township on Wednesday.

Police Chief Richard Boas reported to the *Press And Journal* Monday that a raccoon he shot near a Bainbridge residence last Wednesday was rabid based on results of a test done on the dead animal at the state Department of Agriculture's Summerdale laboratory.

Chief Boas said he shot the animal after being notified by a Bainbridge resident who reported observing a raccoon that was behaving strangely.

Another rabid raccoon was destroyed in the northeast end of the Township on Friday, June 12. A rabies test on that animal at the Ag. Dept. laboratory also proved positive.

Clinic Next Tuesday

Boas reminded residents that the Township will conduct a special rabies clinic at the Township's municipal building next Tuesday, July 28 starting at 6 p.m. In light of the apparent spread of the disease in the Township, the police chief urged pet owners to avail themselves of the opportunity to have their pets inoculated.

New Devices Help Conoy Police Battle Alcohol-Related Crimes

Thanks to the Falmouth Civic Association, the Conoy Township Police Department has a new weapon to help it in its efforts to deal more effectively with juvenile drinking problems and suspected drunk drivers.

The Civic Association recently presented two modern digital analyzers to Township Police Chief Richard Boas for his department's use in making on-the-spot tests to determine if a suspect

is under the influence of alcohol.

The two devices were included in a \$480 instrument package that the Civic Association voluntarily purchased after learning that there were no funds available in the Township's current budget to buy the equipment.

Anxious to improve on his department's continuing campaign against drunk drivers and underage drinking, Chief Boas had asked the Civic Association if it could help finance the purchase of the analyzers.

FCA officials, impressed by the record Township Police compiled against drunk drivers during 1986, readily agreed to buy the analyzers. Conoy police last year successfully charged 29 persons for driving on Township roads while under the influence of alcohol.

Modern World Effects

On Traditional Community

Impact of the modern world on traditional wholistic societies such as the Amish and the Mennonites communities will be the topic of discussion at the international conference at Elizabethtown College, July 24 and 25.

The program, "Coping With Modernity," marks the third recent gathering of scholars interested in the current state of research related to "plain" people.

Throughout the two-day event, scholars will present their research findings on topics as diverse as the influence of the marketplace, language patterns and change, community and family change patterns, health care, the education of children, and constitutional implications of religious non-conformity.

Sponsored by the new Center for the Study of Anabaptist and Pietist Groups at Elizabethtown College, the two-day conference had been organized by Dr. John A. Hostetler, scholar-in-residence at Elizabethtown, and Dr. Werner Enninger, professor of languages at the University of Essen, Germany.

Hostetler, a world-renown authority

on Anabaptist and Pietist groups, is director of the educational and research center being established at the private liberal arts college.

Hostetler explained that while the focus of the Elizabethtown conference is on the Amish and Mennonite groups that prominently live in Lancaster County, other groups will also be discussed. These include various Church of the Brethren groups, the Orthodox Russian "Old Believers," American Indian, Mormon and the Amana communities.

Council Rejects Highway Dept. Staff Additions

Middletown Borough Council last week defeated a proposal to create two full-time positions within the Highway/Property Department in a 4-3 vote.

Although the proposal noted that funds exist within the Borough's General Fund to support the additional staff, Councilman Richard Swartz said it was not appropriate to "change course" between budget sessions.

Councilman George Elberti, Don Smith and Robert Louer joined Swartz and voted "no" to defeat the motion.

Councilwoman Barbara Layne, who supported the measure, pointed out that two men are already on the payroll.

"I have a problem working part-time people 39 hours a week," she said. "If they're good enough for that, let them work 40 hours and give them the benefits."

Councilmen James Grimm and Barry Goodling also voted for the proposal.

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Middletown Police News

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

Recklessly endangerment

Michael Camp, 20, of the 200 block of Market St., Middletown, was charged with recklessly endangering another person, and possession with intent to use drug paraphernalia.

The charges stem from an incident at 9:29 a.m. on July 7, in the 100 block of Beechwood Drive.

Police said Camp had a needle in his pocket and recklessly endangered the police officer by saying his pockets were empty.

Camp also had a warrant from York County for a disorderly conduct charge, police said.

Drunk driving

Daniel A. Oliver II, 22, of the 800 block of Spruce Street, was charged with DUI, DUI-high rate, and not discontinuing a turn signal.

Charges stem from an incident at 1:17 a.m. on July 3, in the area of Park Circle Road and Spruce Street,

police said.

Oliver had a blood alcohol level of .154 percent, police said.

John T. Weimer, 37, of the 100 block of Elmwood Dr., was charged with DUI and DUI-highest rate.

Charges stem from a traffic stop at 2:24 a.m. on July 3 in the area of W. Main and Ann streets, police said.

Weimer failed a field coordination test and had a blood alcohol level of .214 percent, police said.

Theft, bad checks

Ramadan Tchorno, 23, of the 1300 block of Derry St., Harrisburg, was charged with theft by unlawful taking and passing bad checks.

The charges stem from an incident at 2:55 p.m. on May 17.

The landlord of an apartment building in the 100 block of E. High St. told police Tchorno took furniture that belonged in the apartment, police said.

The landlord also alleged Tchorno wrote a bad check to in the amount of \$138, police said.

Police alleged that Tchorno wrote the check, knowing that there were insufficient funds.

Receiving stolen property

William R. Blackwell, 25, of the first block of N. Pine St., Middletown, was charged with receiving stolen property, person not to possess a firearm, possession of a controlled substance, possession of a small amount of marijuana, possession with intent to use drug paraphernalia, criminal mischief, and escape.

The charges stem from an incident at 10:30 a.m. on July 13, in the first block of N. Pine St., police said.

Public drunkenness

Ryan J. Zirkle, 27, of the 100 block of Eby Lane, was charged with public drunkenness.

The charge stems from an incident at 2:58 a.m. on July 6, in the area of Race and Mill streets, police said.

Simple assault

Kenneth Fink, 46, of the first block of S. Union St., Middletown, was charged with simple assault.

The charge stems from a domestic dispute at 5:45 p.m. on July 11, in the first block of S. Union St., police said.

The alleged victim told police Fink grabbed her and threw her into a door, leaving marks on her arm, police said.

In park after dark

Benjamin J. Fugate, 27, of Philadelphia, was cited for being in a public park after dark.

The citation stems from an incident at 1:14 a.m. on July 9.

Police responded to a call about a suspicious vehicle at Hoffer Park, and found Fugate.

MIDDLETOWN

Council lowers electric rate cap

By Jim Lewis
Press And Journal Staff

Middletown Borough Council capped the markup it places on electricity it buys wholesale and resells to borough residents, hoping to reduce customers' electric bills through the end of the year.

Council approved a 5.5-cent cap through December, a tighter control on the rate it charges customers than it previously had imposed. The borough had previously placed a 6.75-cent cap on rates that for the first six months

of the year.

The new cap was approved by a 7-2 vote on Tuesday, July 13.

Middletown buys electricity and resells it to residents through its electric department, using the revenue to fund borough expenses.

The borough's finances are in good shape, and Middletown can afford a tighter cap on the rate it charges customers, said Councilor Mary Hiester.

With each cent worth \$750,000 in revenue, a 5.5-cent cap would generate enough money for Middletown's

budget through the end of the year and then some, said Hiester.

"That will still give us a \$2 million 'cushion,' you could say, in case something unforeseen comes up," she said.

The cap places the rate charged to Middletown customers between those charged by two electric utilities that serve neighboring municipalities — PP&L and Met-Ed, said Hiester, who proposed the 5.5-cent limit.

A previous attempt to tighten the cap in the spring failed as a majority of council feared the loss of revenue

could hurt the borough's finances at the end of the year.

This time, a majority was satisfied that the borough could withstand the cut.

For Councilor Barbara Arnold, one of a new majority of council members who won election in November on a campaign of reducing residents' electric bills and austerity in borough spending, the new cap was a sign of progress.

"We've been fooling around with this for six months now," she said.

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

CREATION

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book about it. One day she decided to skip the book — she is a painter, so why not paint her opinions on canvas?

For six months she painted, creating seven large expressionistic canvases. They hang, stacked in two rows in a corner of her Middletown art gallery, next to lighted candles, circular womb in glowing red-oranges and blue-greens that seem to be churning.

They impressed officials at the local public television station, WITF, so much that they offered space in the lobby of their Swatara Twp. headquarters to display them for the entire month of July.

The exhibit ends with a reception featuring Goldbeck from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29 at the headquarters,

located at 4801 Lindle Road.

Does she believe in creationism or evolution? She purposely made her canvases ambiguous, painting intuitively, not from a sketch. Feel free to tell her what you see in the paintings. She is not the type of artist who prefers to explain to you what she meant.

"I always like my viewers to tell me things they see that I didn't see when I made it," said Goldbeck, owner of Arts on Union Fine Arts Gallery on North Union Street. "I want the viewer to take away their own story."

The paintings, in fact, could represent the soul in each of us, constantly churning, evolving. Hung in a row, the first painting features a circular swirl in glowing orange surrounded by dark brown atmosphere that gives it image an intimacy. The womb

circles in the remaining works are surrounded by a coppery palate and seems in constant motion, producing protoplasmic shapes created from cheesecloth, or the alphabet — a symbol of intelligence? — or recognizable shapes such as flowers and fish from the primordial cyclone.

Goldbeck incorporates aluminum foil, dried flowers and handmade paper in her mixed media works.

Her paintings have much to say about the origins of creativity — "Where we get our ideas from," she said.

Her idea for the series sprung from the injection of creationism in a science class at Dover Area High School. It marked the first time in the country that a public school board introduced "intelligent design" into its science curriculum.

Parents sued, and the case went before a federal judge in Harrisburg. Judge John E. Jones ruled the introduction of intelligent design violated the constitutional separation of church and state, and ordered it removed.

To Goldbeck, there seemed to be "an arty side" and "a practical science side" of the debate that interested her.

"I'm fascinated by it, by the passion expressed. It fascinates me from a human perspective."

Goldbeck describes herself as "spiritual — I'm not religious," yet each painting contains at least one abstract hand.

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Council gives Authority power to set rates for Lytle

By Jim Lewis
Press And Journal Staff

Middletown Borough Council has approved a kind of hybrid arrangement that would give the Middletown Borough Authority the power to set water and sewer rates for a proposed 1,700-home development on the Lytle Farm in Londonderry Twp. while council keeps its power to set rates in the borough.

Council agreed to share rate-setting powers by a 6-3 vote at a meeting on Tuesday, July 13. Middletown would earn \$1.5 million in revenue from providing water and sewer service to the massive project once all the houses, apartments, condominiums and businesses on preliminary plans are built, possibly in 15 to 20 years, according to authority estimates.

The developer, George Desmond,

has offered \$3 million to cover some capital costs. Other details, such as tap-on fees, are still under negotiation between Desmond and the authority.

The unusual arrangement is a compromise that will keep Desmond from finding another utility provider, or the Public Utility Commission from taking control of rates from the combined Middletown-Lytle Farm area once lines are installed.

Middletown has agreements with neighboring Royalton and Lower Swatara Twp. to provide water and sewer treatment to those municipalities' systems that gives them the power to set rates. But Londonderry Twp. wants no part in providing water and sewer service to the Lytle Farm project, officials said.

Middletown's authority sees it as an opportunity to make lots of money

with little investment. Middletown has enough water and sewer plant capacity to provide for the Lytle project, authority members said.

"This money is low-hanging fruit for the borough at a time when the borough badly needs it," said Richard Swartz, an authority member.

Councilor Sandra Nagle agreed. "I think it's a no-brainer."

But some council members were opposed to giving the authority the power to set rates, fearing it would commit the borough to expenses that it couldn't afford, such as a state-forced expansion of water or sewer to other parts of Londonderry.

Council President Robert Louer cited the financially-strapped Harrisburg Authority, whose \$288 million debt on the city's incinerator has thrown city finances into turmoil, as an example of political appointees

gone wild.

"I cannot see having elected officials giving up the authority," said Louer, who voted against the hybrid arrangement. "Once that is granted, you have no authority over the authority."

It's not legally possible for the state to force Middletown to pay for water and sewer expansion to other parts of Londonderry, said Tom Wenger, the authority's solicitor.

The authority will agree that rates to Londonderry customers won't be lower than those paid by Middletown customers, members said.

The benefits of providing water and sewer to the proposed Lytle Farm project are too good to pass up, officials said.

"It will increase the revenues to the water and sewer system and lower the cost of water and sewer

to Middletown residents," said Wenger.

The Londonderry Twp. supervisors unanimously gave conditional approval to the project on June 7, moving it closer to reality. Once completed, it would nearly double the population of the rural township.

The number of customers served by Middletown would increase by about 40 percent. The average customer's payment for water and sewer is currently \$960 a year, according to the authority.

The authority is still negotiating details with the developer.

Council still must approve a management agreement with the authority regarding the Lytle Farm area, officials said.

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POND

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pond to allow more water to collect there, but the need for state permits and more involved work than simply digging raised the price of the project to \$17,000, said Fred Sembach, an authority member appointed by Lower Swatara Twp.

Even for a government entity with a \$20 million budget, it's difficult to come up with the money needed for a project that's escalating in cost. "We're extremely tight, and have been for some time," said Sembach.

It's not that the authority has rejected the idea of dredging and clearing the pond, "The matter is, 'When?' he told township commissioners at a recent meeting.

To Frank Linn, chairman of the commissioners, the authority was abandoning its promise to maintain the pond. Silt and weeds have gotten so high they're blocking the pipe that empties runoff water from Jednota Flats into the pond, said Linn. Another pipe diverts water collected in the pond to the Susquehanna River, an arrangement designed to protect the airport from floods.

"They don't care about the neigh-

borhood," Linn said of the authority. "They're not a good neighbor. I'm sorry to say that. They're not a good neighbor to Lower Swatara Twp."

While dredging and weeding the pond would not eliminate flooding at Jednota Flats, it could provide some relief during a sudden, heavy rain, said Linn.

"This is no priority to them," he said, surveying the empty pond, a weeping willow bending down toward the weeds on a dry shore. "They could care less how many people in Jednota Flats get flooded."

For Hickoff, the dredging is just one more proposal to eliminate flooding in Jednota Flats that is being ignored. A previous study listed steps to make wet Christmases a memory, but it would cost millions.

"We're upset because now we're getting a run-around," said Hickoff.

PennDOT and Jim Nardo, the owner of the former Jamesway Plaza who plans to develop the plaza property, have installed drainage pipe and taken other steps to divert runoff water into the pond, said Linn.

Other property bordering the pond is owned by the airport author-

ity, including the former Sunburst restaurant. Now abandoned, the Sunburst was once the site of a proposed hotel.

The question of whether the pipe carrying water to the pond is blocked by silt and weeds will soon be moot. A new drainage system – an open channel along Route 230 that will carry rain water to a new pipe that will deposit it in the pond – is planned when crews build a new road, called Meade Avenue by the township, from 230 past the old Jamesway Plaza to Penn State Harrisburg. The road will allow tractor-trailer rigs to get to an industrial park behind the university without using the school's main entrance.

Still, the authority must be responsible for cleaning silt and weeds from the mouth of that pipe once the new drainage is built, Linn said.

Hickoff can only look at the current pond and imagine what might happen to the flooding problems in his neighborhood if it was cleaned.

"Our yards are the retention ponds now," he said.

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"He has helped to bring a new level of honesty and openness to government to improve the quality of life in the region."

- George Hartwick III
Dauphin County Commissioner

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noted that he considered himself "out of politics" when he worked as a government relations specialist for the very banking association that he will now lead. It was Jeff Haste, the chairman of the commissioners, who convinced DiFrancesco to run for the county board in 2003.

The job with the bankers' association, however, is "my dream job," said DiFrancesco. "This is the first time I'm looking at a job as a 20-year career," he said.

Dauphin County Court will appoint a Republican to serve the remainder of DiFrancesco's term, which expires at the end of 2011.

DiFrancesco, a former Lower Swatara Twp. commissioner and the youngest president of Highspire Borough Council, twice won election to the county board, in 2003 and 2007, promising to serve a limit of eight years.

He announced his candidacy for lieutenant governor last year, touring the state on his Harley Davidson motorcycle. But he lost an important endorsement vote in his party's central Pennsylvania caucus to Curt Beiler, the GOP chairman of Lancaster County, in January, and eventually ended his campaign.

"If we stuck together as a central Pennsylvania group, he would have been our candidate – and a good one," said Frank Linn, president

of the Lower Swatara Twp. Board of Commissioners and a local GOP leader. "There's no one politician I would trust more than him."

DiFrancesco said he's proud that Dauphin County has not raised county taxes in the last five years. The privatization of the county nursing home saved money, along with a decrease in the county workforce, from 2,300 employees to 1,600.

"He has helped to bring a new level of honesty and openness to government to improve the quality of life in the region," said Commissioner George Hartwick III, the Democratic minority member of the county commissioners.

Added Haste, "He'll be greatly missed. His input is invaluable."

DiFrancesco said he's leaving the county "in better shape than it was six years ago," when he took office.

The county is facing a sticky financial problem with the Harrisburg Incinerator, which has run up \$288 million in bond debt for a failed renovation that the county and city backed as guarantors, but DiFrancesco is confident a solution will be found.

"Yes, there is that black cloud, but we'll weather this storm just as we weathered other storms," he said.

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move as a possible threat to human life if the response time of police and firefighters is slowed by using the county's 9-1-1 dispatching system. A representative of the Teamsters, the union of the local dispatchers, gruffly reminded council members that a labor contract between the workers and borough was still in effect.

"If you're going to farm that work out, there's going to be a major fight," he said.

Louer was certain he was about to lose his leadership post about an hour later.

Councilor Diana McGlone may have enough votes to replace him, he said. One councilor called him before the July 13 meeting and told him members would move to replace him. McGlone, who did not make that call, telephoned Louer on Monday, July 19, and asked him to step down, he said.

McGlone did not return a phone call seeking comment.

"I asked what good, viable reason there was to take me out of that chair," said Louer. "I've never dictated to anyone how to vote. It was incredible."

Sites said in an e-mail that he asked

for an executive session to discuss "personal issues involving council members." He did not elaborate. Attempts to reach him by phone were unsuccessful.

Louer said he is certain "that was the move to put me out."

Louer put the communications center issue into the hands of the ad hoc committee on Monday, July 19, appointing Patten, Councilor David Rhen, Finance Director Richard Grove and the heads of Middletown's emergency services – Police Chief Keith Reismiller and Fire Chief Jim Wealand – to it. He said he hoped to appoint a representative from South Central EMS, the ambulance company that provides service to the borough, to the committee as well.

Its first meeting is July 29.

"They're going to take the pros and cons and all the factors – the volatility of it, the cost of it, the numbers," said Louer.

Council will take a vote after it studies the issue, possibly in August.

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BLAST

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will return the favor. We didn't know that it would be that loud," said Acri.

"I also apologize about the noise and it will not happen again," said borough council member Steven Shaver, who is also Dauphin County's emergency management director.

Had the borough known earlier, officials would have gone door-to-door to notify residents about the explosion.

"If those had went off in a residence, it could have taken out a city block," said Spangler.

Highspire Mayor John Hoerner said he could hear the June 24 blast that injured Meade from his home.

"It was a very loud explosion," he said.

Highspire fire and police crews evacuated approximately 20 people from the area, Hoerner said.

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Town Topics



News & happenings for Middletown and surrounding areas.

Middletown Historical Society talk on trolleys

The Middletown Area Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting at the Liberty House Museum above the library at 20 N. Catherine St., Middletown, on Monday, July 26 at 7 p.m.

The program: "Old Trolleys," will be presented by Tony Orsini, a retired history teacher from Hummelstown.

The public is invited to attend. The museum is handicapped accessible.

For more information call 944-3233.

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Motorcycle breakfast

The Motorcycle Summer Breakfast Series, teaming up with Feel Your Boobies Foundation of Middletown, is sponsoring a buffet-styled breakfast on Sunday, July 25 from 7 to 11 a.m. at Lower Swatara Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept., 1350 Felling Mill Rd., in Lower Swatara.

For more information visit www.lowerawatara-fire.com.

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Music in the vineyards

Nissley Vineyards, 140 Vintage Dr., Bainbridge, is sponsoring a lawn concert featuring Flashback with Donna Mark, on Saturday, July 24 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. The band plays a variety of music from the 1960s and '70s.

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PinnacleHealth hospice training

PinnacleHealth Hospice is seeking volunteers interested in providing support and companionship to its patients and their families.

Training will be held on July 28 and 30, and Aug. 11 and 13 from 9 a.m. to noon at Messiah Village, 100 Mount Allen Dr., Mechanicsburg.

For more information, or to register for training, contact Stephanie Schaefer at 782-2300, or 1-800-889-1098.

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Free clothes

God's Clothes Closet, sponsored by the Evangelical United Methodist Church at 157 East Water Street, Middletown, will give away clothing for men, women, and children from 8 a.m. to noon, on Saturday, Aug. 7.

Items include jeans, slacks, shirts, sweaters, dresses, coats, shoes, hats, belts, linens and blankets. Refreshments will be served. For more information or directions, call 944-6181.

Correction

The Ryan Pacella Big 33 Scholarship at Middletown Area High School was incorrectly identified in the July 14 issue. The winners of the award were: Katelynn Jerome, Aaron Lupia, Michael Lupia, Stephanie Popa and Stephanie Strauss.

The Press And Journal regrets the error.

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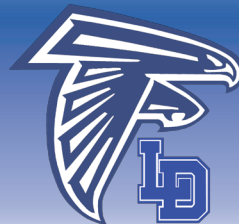
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Sports



There is life after cancer

By Debra Schell
Press And Journal Staff

Looking at Grant Morrill, an international award-winning racquetball player, you wouldn't know that just a few years ago he was given six months to live.

Morrill, 73, has been playing racquetball for 15 years. He competed at the Senior World Doubles Racquetball Tournament in Paris in 2000, winning two gold medals in the 55-plus mixed doubles, and the 60 men's doubles.

Last week, he won a silver medal in the 70-plus division at the National Masters Racquetball Tournament in Allentown.

Last month Morrill won a bronze medal in the 65-plus division, and silver in the 70-plus division during the Senior World Doubles Racquetball Tournament, held in Kingscourt, Ireland from June 6-13.

But back in 2006, Morrill wasn't feeling well. "I kept feeling sicker everyday," he said.

Eventually, he had to quit working.

"I thought that I was dying," he said.

He was a mystery to his doctors, too. They couldn't figure out what was wrong, he said.

Doctors at Penn State Hershey Medical Center referred Morrill to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where he was diagnosed with lymphoma, a type of cancer that damages lymph nodes and other internal organs.

For months, Morrill commuted between Hershey and Rochester for chemotherapy, radiation treatments, while participating in an experimental stem cell implant surgery.

At one point, Morrill was down to 95 pounds, he said.

On Christmas Eve of 2007, he received a lethal dose of chemotherapy and stem cell implants.

"I had to wait 100 days before they could run tests to see if it worked," Morrill said. Waiting for 100 days was hard, and not being able to eat was just as bad, Morrill said.

"When the doctor told me that I was cancer free, I started crying," Morrill said.

Morrill is still cancer free and started getting back to playing racquetball last July.

"When I thought I was going to die, I had a will to live, and to play racquetball," Morrill said.

Morrill said that the most important thing to him is keeping active and staying healthy.

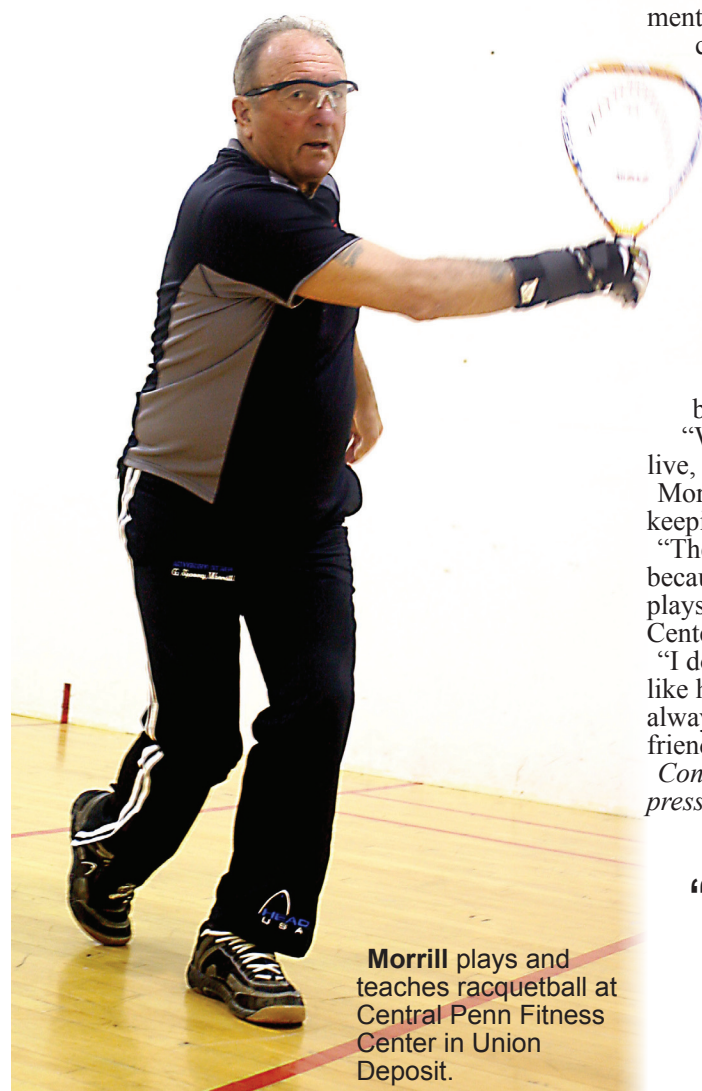
"The reason I am able to keep going at my age is because I stay in good shape," said Morrill, who plays and teaches racquetball at Central Penn Fitness Center, in Union Deposit, in addition to playing golf.

"I don't know anyone who has as much willpower like him. He has a great sense of humor and he has always been a 'stand-up' guy," said Joan Moore, a friend of Morrill's for more than 37 years.

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"The reason I am able to keep going at my age is because I stay in good shape."

-Grant Morrill



Morrill plays and teaches racquetball at Central Penn Fitness Center in Union Deposit.



Grant Morrill, of Hershey, stands behind the awards he has won over 15 years of playing racquetball.



Known to many as "Spoony the Clown," Morrill hands out autographed racquetballs to children. Over his career, he estimates he has given out thousands of the balls, on which he draws a clown face and the message: "Use Your Head, Say No To Drugs."



The newest medals Morrill won in this year's Senior World Doubles Racquetball Tournament, held in Kingscourt, Ireland from June 6-13.

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Summer Basketball

By Olivia Folmar
For The Press And Journal

Girls Division Bam's Auto 30 Midtown Pizza 20

Midtown Pizza finished the season with a tough loss to Bam's Auto.

The game started out well for Bam's, who won the tipoff and kept possession and the lead throughout the game.

Maria Prymak and Sarah La-Master led all scorers with 10 points each and were assisted by Alexis Cleland who had 6.

Maddie Jorich had 11 of Midtown's 20 points, making her the leading scorer.

Bam's will now face the Law Office of Davis C. Miller, Jr. for the championship at the Main Street Gym on July 25.

Pony Boys Don Smith's Crew 37 Peifer Construction 34

Peifer Construction closed their season with a close game against Don Smith's Crew. Winning the tipoff helped Peifer gain the lead in the first quarter, but fortunes changed after the first quarter horn.

The Crew took charge with a bucket by Tre Leach with just

Summer Slam playoff lineup

Girls Division: Law Offices of David C. Miller, Jr. vs. Bam's Auto. Pony Boys: Jack's Auto vs. Don Smith's Crew.

Midget Boys: Hannah's Hoops vs. Seven Sorrows. All game held at the Main Street Gym on Sunday, July 25.

three seconds to go in the half.

After a talk by Coach Scott Douglas, the Peifer side came out strong to start the second half, and tied the score 24-24 at the end of the third. Both teams came out strong in the fourth quarter, but the Crew took charge and took fate into their own hands.

Leach led all scorers from the Don Smith side with 15 points and a lot of poise at the point guard position.

Jerrod Myers chipped in 10 points to help keep the lead. Adam Peifer of Peifer Construction kept the team in the game with outstanding shooting. With 21 points, he was the game's leading scorer.

Don Smith's Crew victory now takes them to the championship game against Jack's Auto at the Main Street Gym on July 25

Midget Boys Seven Sorrows 35 K. R. MacDonald 25

Holding onto a slim lead late in the final contest, Seven Sorrows edged out K.R. MacDonald by a 10-point margin to advance to the championship game against Hannah's Hoops.

Seven Sorrows was paced by Caleb Leggore with 9 points and assisted by Dakotah Fortney with 8 points.

Both Adrienlede Bohm and Christian Barilla of K. R. MacDonald chipped in 7 points each.

Seven Sorrows will now test their skills in the championship game against Hannah's Hoops at the Main Street Gym on July 25.

Games This Week

July 21

Twilight Baseball

Middletown @ home, 6 p.m.

Women's Softball

Middletown at Double Whammy, TBA

July 22

Twilight Baseball

Middletown at Hummelstown, 6 p.m.

July 24

Twilight Baseball

Middletown vs. Valley View, 1 p.m.

Middletown vs. Valley View, 3 p.m.

July 25

Basketball

Summer Slam vs. Main Street Gym, 5, 6, 7 p.m.

July 26

Twilight Baseball

Middletown at Penbrook, 6 p.m.

Women's Softball

Middletown vs. Diamondbacks, TBA

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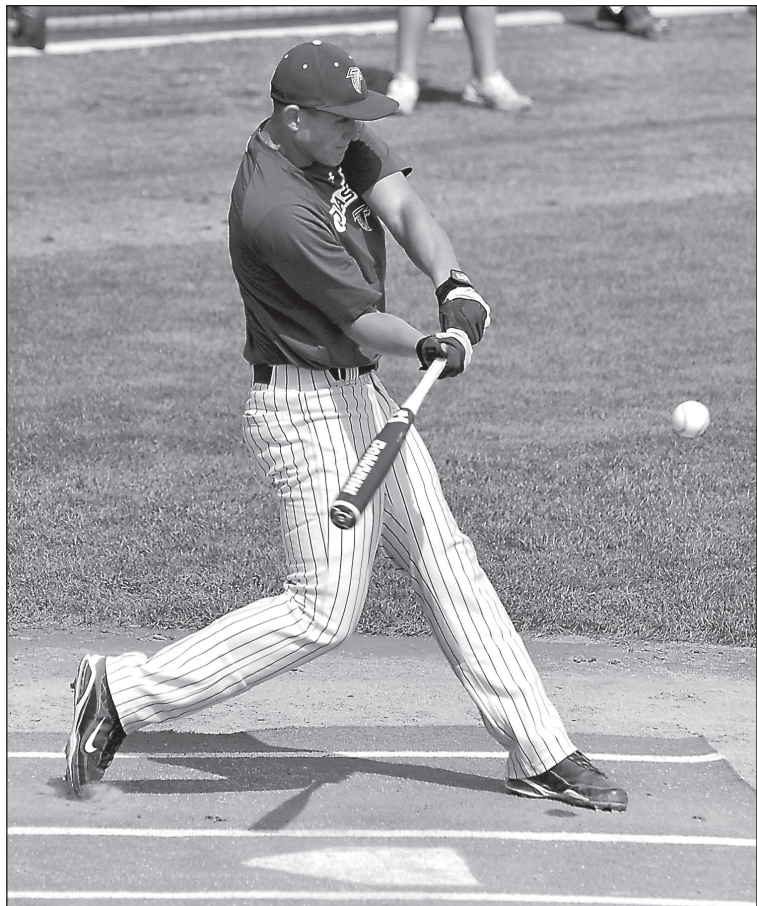
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SidelineView

Outta here!

By Bill Darrah



Lower Dauphin senior Colbe Herr shows the swing that made him the winner of the high school home run derby at the Eastern League's All-Star Game at Metro Bank Park in Harrisburg on Wednesday, July 14. Herr launched eight balls out of the park.

During a hot streak he hit three in a row and bounced another off the Jumbo-Tron to bring the crowd to its feet.

East Pennsboro's Bryce Wilson finished second with 4; followed by Big Spring's Tyler Carns; CD's Corey Ellsesser; and Bishop McDevitt's Mike Solomon.



Twilight Baseball

Middletown takes 1 of 2

Middletown 5 Palmyra 1

Middletown pitcher Adrian Huber threw scattered six hits over seven innings and allowed only one run in a 5-1 road win over Palmyra on Thursday, July 15.

Huber, along with Roberto Escalot, Todd Huber, and Joe Gunkle chipped in two hits apiece, to drive in the five runs. One of Gunkle's hits was a home run.

Middletown took the lead in the fourth to break a 1-1 tie and never looked back.

Lawnton 4 Middletown 0

On Friday, July 16, in some rainy weather, Middletown couldn't get anybody across the plate, in a 4-0 shut-out loss to Lawnton.

Joe Gunkle threw a strong game for Middletown, but surrendered 2 runs in each in the fifth and sixth to give Lawnton all it needed for the win.

Middletown had eight hits on the night, but none with runners in scoring position.

Middletown plays four games this week. They're at home Wednesday (6 p.m. Middletown Area High School); at Hummelstown on Thursday (6 p.m.) and back home on Saturday for a double header (1 p.m. and 3 p.m.)

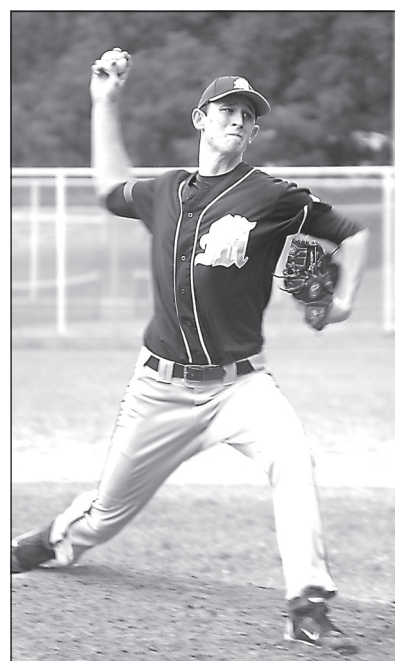


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Middletown Twilight players high-five one another as they come off the field early in the game against Lawnton on July 16. Middletown lost the game, 4-0.



Middletown's Chucky Kline is safe at third during the game against Lawnton on July 16.



Middletown pitcher Joe Gunkle held Lawnton scoreless until the fifth inning.

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Golf Roundup

Kothe birdies 18th for 1-stroke win

Enola's Mike Kothe trailed Wellsville's Chandler Wells by a stroke heading in to the 389-year, par-four 18th hole at Iron Valley. To win, he needed to birdie the hole.

And that's just what he did.

Kothe sank a 12-foot putt for a two-stroke swing and a win in The Amateur Golf Tour's eighth tournament of the season. It was Kothe's third win of the year on the tour.

Kothe carded a couple of birdies on the front nine to take a three-shot lead over Wells and a five-stroke lead over Middletown's Mike Ramsey.

It was Wells, though, who made a run at Kothe on the back nine ending with a birdie on the par-five 16th.

The four-hole stretch moved Wells from four down to a tie. He took a short-lived one-shot lead on the 17th hole before giving it up on the final hole. Ramsey finished with the low net score at 72.9.

In the season points race, Wells continues to lead with 3,425. Kothe moves into second place with 3,387.5, just a head of Pamyra's Cliff Unfried who's in third at 3,362.5 points.

The tour moved to the West Shore for dates at Armitage Golf Club in Mechanicsburg on Friday, July 16, then Valley Green Golf Club in Etters on Friday, July 23.

Pavlishin ranks 5th in Mid-Penn summer play

Middletown Area High School golfer Cole Pavlishin is ranked fifth overall in the Mid-Penn Monday summer golf tour run by Mechanicsburg golf coach Doug Erney. Pavlishin shot a 1-under-par 71 last week at Manada Golf Course. Finishing second in the round was Charles White (73) of Palmyra Area. Adam Cooper (75) of Palmyra was third. Middletown player Dave Swartz is also playing in the tour. He is ranked 14th for the tour.

Lower Swatara Twp. Police News

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



Drunk driving

Michael S. Lehw, 36, of the 1000 block of Felker Rd., Middletown, has been charged with DUI, DUI-high rate of alcohol and speeding. The case stems from Lehw's arrest on June 27 at 10:11 p.m. According to the criminal complaint Lehw was stopped for driving his 1992 Dodge truck at 78 mph in 65 mph zone on Route 283. Lehw failed sobriety tests, and had a blood-alcohol level of .113 percent, police said. Also in connection with this case, a citation for disorderly conduct was issued to Daryl Z. Lehw Jr., 36, of the 200 block of S. Market St., Elizabethtown.

Citations

Jessica Guenther, 31, of the 10 block of Donald Ave., Middletown, was cited for disorderly conduct. The case stems from an incident in the 10 block of Donald Ave. on July 7.

Caitlin Williams, 18, of the 1000 block of Pennsylvania Ave., Harrisburg; a 17-year old Harrisburg resident; and a 16-year-old Highspire resident were issued citations for being in a public park after hours, police said. The citations were filed following an incident on July 8 at 10:06 p.m.

Gasoline stolen

A homeowner in the 400 block of Brunswick Dr. reported the theft of two containers filled with gasoline some time on July 8. Brian McCorkle told police he noticed the containers, filled with about 11 gallons of gasoline, were missing on July 8. Loss was estimated at \$70.

Break-in at concession stand

A microphone, candy, and some loose change were reported stolen during a burglary of a concession stand at a baseball field behind Middletown Area High School. Police believe the break-in and theft took place some time on July 8. According to investigators, a door to the stand was kicked in and a deadbolt was pried off. Police added a window in the concession stand also was smashed. Loss was estimated to be at least \$30. Police are asking anyone with information about the incident to contact them at (717) 939-0463.

Domestic disturbances

Bernard O. Everson, 25, of the 1000 block of Georgetown Rd., Middletown, was charged with two counts of simple assault, terroristic threats and false imprisonment. Charges stem from domestic dis-

pute on July 11 at a home in the 1000 block of Georgetown Rd. A 28-year-old female alleged Everson, her boyfriend, choked her, struck her in the face and dragged her back into her home after she tried to escape. The woman was treated for injuries at Penn State Hershey Medical Center. Police allege the assault took place during the early morning hours of July 11.

Daniel L. Quaca Jr., 42, of the 200 block of Selma Ave., Middletown, was charged with two counts of simple assault, two counts of terroristic threats, and two counts of harassment. Charges stem from an incident on July 11 at 9:09 a.m. in the 200 block of Selma Ave. Police allege Quaca threatened two people with a knife. The victims in the case, a 21-year-old and a 49-year old, both of Middletown, were not injured.

Theft from auto

A wallet and money were reported stolen from a vehicle parked in the 100 block of Shirley Dr. on July 11. The alleged victim, Scott Brown, estimated the loss at \$80. It was unknown whether the victim's vehicle was locked at the time of the theft.

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EDITOR'S VOICE

Silence is betrayal

On June 30, an anonymous individual touched off a firestorm with these comments in the *Press And Journal's* Sound Off column: "How come the white community pool is working and the pool where the African-American community is [is] not...?"

Since then, the newspaper's forum for anonymous public discourse – granted, a forum not known for reasoned civil debate – has crackled with responses.

Thankfully, all have taken the writer to task for trying to turn Middletown Borough Council's inability to re-open its public pool into a race issue instead of a financial issue.

"Shame on you," responded one reader. "You are single-handedly ruining all the important work of Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks. Stop teaching racism to kids. Any child will play with any child until someone else stops them."

And it's not just Middletown. Last week officials in Lemoyne found themselves in the middle of a public relations storm when residents complained about behavioral problems at that community's pool, saying the problems were caused by mostly minority teens.

That drew a quick, and appropriate, response from Stanley Lawson, president of the Greater Harrisburg Branch of the NAACP, denouncing the comments.

What is sad here is the ease with which our racial fears are pricked. Is that because, despite our claims that we've moved on, we've really just suppressed these feelings of distrust?

There is a lot of anger out there and, as the callers to Sound Off too often show us, people are looking for somebody other than themselves to blame. And there is no shortage of scapegoats – liberals, conservatives, Section 8'ers, homosexuals, the "haves," the "have-nots." It's probably not surprising that these sentiments are surfacing during a time of economic turmoil in our country. Fear is high. And frightened people don't think rationally. Still, that's no excuse for behavior based on ignorance.

Martin Luther King Jr. said, "A time comes when silence is betrayal." That statement is never truer than when we choose not to challenge racist thought at its root. We're glad that many of our readers followed his advice and made some noise.

That's what we think. Tell us what you think by writing to editor@pressandjournal.com.

PUBLISHER'S VOICE



Asalute to our Dauphin County Commissioners, and specifically to Commissioner Nick DiFrancesco, for supporting the YouthWorks program locally.

To bring you up to speed, the program is the largest youth mission organization in the country. It is a success thanks to junior and senior high school student volunteers from across the nation who roll up their sleeves and help homeowners who need assistance with outside maintenance of their homes, such as painting the exterior, landscaping and clearing lots.

YouthWorks will be in Harrisburg through Aug. 5, and its managers are looking for additional outdoor home improvement projects.

Nick noted the youths are looking for tasks suitable for teens to fulfill their mission to bring positive change to communities by helping strangers in need.

Projects, such as landscaping, simple repairs, painting, removing weeds and other outdoor tasks, will be accepted.

If you live within 10 to 15 miles of Harrisburg and need assistance with simple outdoor home improvement projects, reach out to YouthWorks. Nick says it best: "This caring group of teens will lend a helping hand and at no cost to the homeowner."

You can apply for assistance by calling YouthWorks at 580-8105, e-mailing the team at harrisburg.youthworks.team@gmail.com, or by completing an application at one of the following locations in Harrisburg:

Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging
Contact: David Daniels
ddaniels@dauphinc.org
780-6130
2 South Second Street, Third Floor
Dauphin Administration Building
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Community Action Commission
Contact: Jennifer Jaha
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1514 Derry Street
Harrisburg, PA 17104

Center for Independent Living of Central PA
Contact: Janetta Green
jgreen@cilcp.org
731-1900
207 House Ave., Suite 107
Camp Hill, PA 17011

And if you fail to meet this year's deadline, fear not. Projects that are unable to be completed this year will be added to a list of projects for the YouthWorks team when it returns in 2011.



Here's a good one from HR Morning: There seems to be an unexpected silver lining to our recent economic woes – employees seem to be making healthier lifestyle choices.

At least that's the indication in a recent CareerBuilder study. According to the online job board:

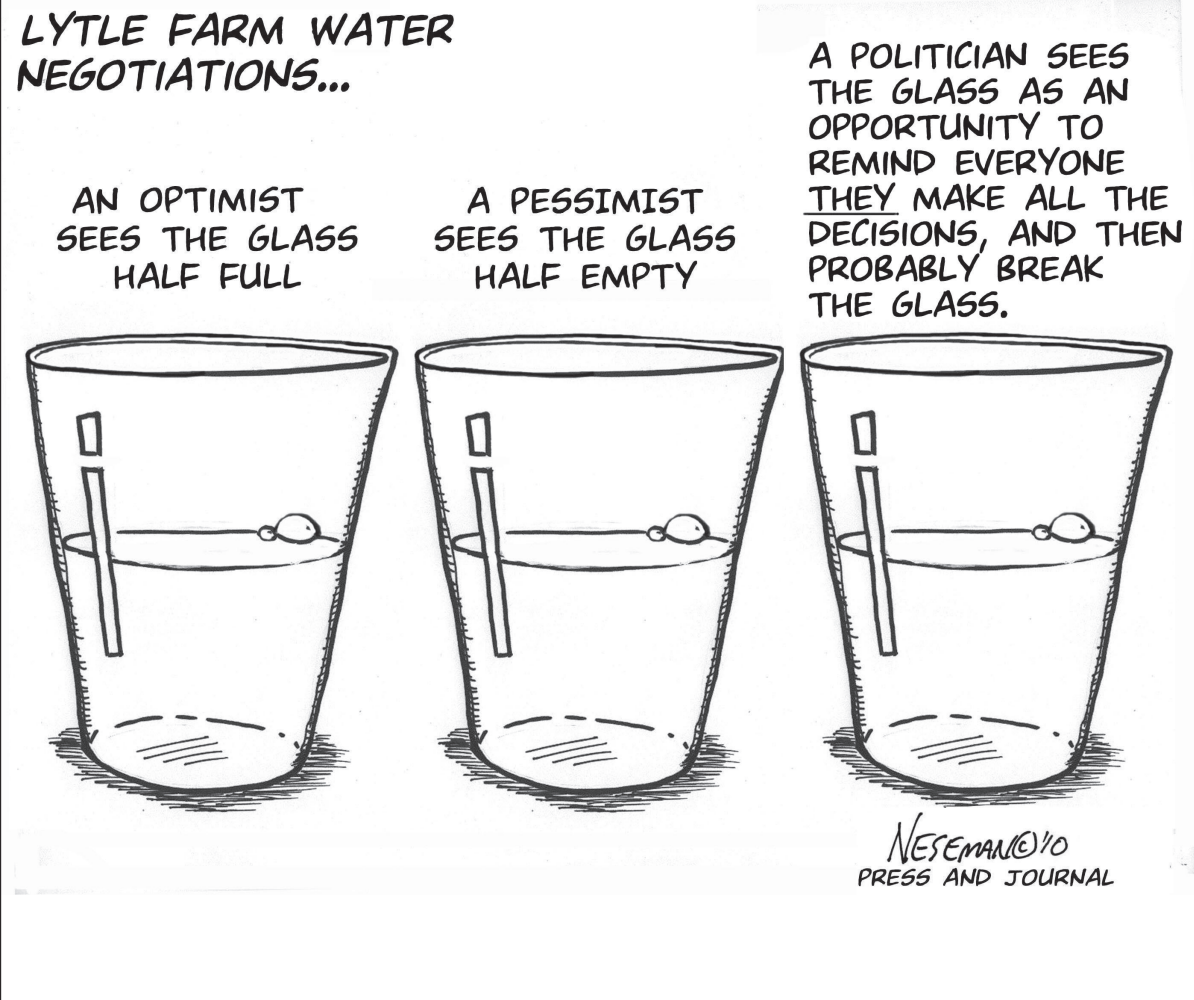
- 47% of workers have been packing a lunch more often to eat healthier or save money.
- 44% of workers who smoke said they're more likely to quit now, given today's economic conditions.
- 21% of the puffers said that they've decreased the number of times they smoke during the workday.
- 20% said they've actually kicked the butt habit.

Forgive me if I put on my cynic's hat, but what's going to happen to all this healthy behavior when the economy improves?

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When victory isn't so sweet



The basic law that forms the foundation for the study of politics and economics is quite simple: Human desires are infinite, but societal resources are finite.

This understanding illuminates human behavior and the consequences of that behavior. During our state and federal budget seasons, this maxim should not be forgotten.

Pennsylvania has a budget for 2010-11. It is the first budget that was passed on time – by July 1 – during the eight years of Gov. Ed Rendell's tenure.

Democracy is based on building consensus and on compromise. Indeed, our new state budget is a patchwork quilt of compromises, and the General Assembly and the governor were willing to accept compromises to finally abide by our state Constitution.

The criticism and ridicule that the two branches of our Commonwealth's government were going to face if they had not agreed upon an on-time budget this year were not attractive prospects. Furthermore, both parties realized that they would rather not face that type of criticism in a gubernatorial election year. These factors combined with the normal yearning of state legislators for a quiet summer vacation to prod the two government branches to a budget agreement.

One finds upon close inspection of the new state budget that it is a compromise agreement that simply postpones confronting the gales of fiscal reality next year. Therefore, this will surely be a budget that both fiscal conservatives and free-spending liberals will criticize. In effect, we are opting to postpone tough budgetary choices and let a new governor and General Assembly deal with them. Government by postponement?

As the Pennsylvania Business Council said in one of its updates on the budgetary process, "Break out the vuvuzelas; it looks like Pennsylvania has a budget!" Yes, while the World Cup continued in South Africa, hard fiscal choices remained just over the horizon in the Commonwealth, but all parties to these budget negotiations claimed some trophy to take home and brandish before their constituencies so that they can proclaim some negotiating victories.

The Commonwealth's budget for fiscal year 2009 was agreed upon 101 days late, and since Rendell had yet to finish a budget on time, outside observers certainly did not expect this budget to be on time. Rendell had proposed a \$29.3 billion budget for 2010-11 that would have increased business taxes, imposed new taxes on natural gas and tobacco and expanded the sales tax to many services and goods that are presently exempt. The Senate Republicans, who have a 30-20 majority, have been stalwarts in defense of a no-new-taxes position, believing that citizens are already overtaxed and that any new taxes will delay an economic recovery for the Commonwealth.

Rendell, on the other hand, wanted to be viewed after leaving office as a staunch friend of education. So while the GOP fought every new tax proposal, the governor stood firm with his insistence that basic education funding should be increased by \$250 million. In the end, a \$28.05 billion budget was agreed upon with no new taxes on citizens and with the governor's \$250 million boost in basic education funding.

The budget also calls for the establishment of a severance tax on natural gas extraction in Pennsylvania in the Marcellus Shale region that will be enacted by Oct. 1 and effective in January 2011.

The rate and the distribution of this revenue will be determined in the next few months.

Ultimately, Rendell agreed to a budget approximately \$1 billion lower than he desired, while the Republicans fought off any other tax increases and agreed to a budget that increases spending less than 1 percent over the existing one.

While both sides can claim victories, this budget has not dissipated the storm clouds that loom ahead. Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi has identified a \$5 billion structural deficit that will emerge next year. The budget also relies on an \$850 million Federal Medical Assistance Percentage reimbursement that Congress has yet to approve. In fact, the U.S. Senate recently defeated a bill that contained these monies. If this payment is not forthcoming from Washington, the new governor and the General Assembly will have to turn to the new basic education money that Rendell championed to make up the shortfall.

This budget also assumes a 3 percent growth in revenues – a highly optimistic projection given the current national and state economic picture. Also, Pennsylvania is anxiously awaiting a judgment from the judiciary to see if it must repay the \$800 million it took last year from MCare, a fund that helps doctors pay their malpractice insurance premiums, to balance its budget. Will we have to repay that amount as well?

Rather than investigate these budget uncertainties, our political leaders and budget negotiators simply postponed our day of reckoning.

While this essay began with the invaluable maxim surrounding all of economics and politics, another one needs to also be considered. This maxim has been attributed to many different authors over the generations, from Ben Franklin to Alexis de Tocqueville to Alexander Tytler: "A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largess from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, followed by a dictatorship. The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years."

Throughout the budget-making processes in Harrisburg and Washington, all discussion has been about expanding services, serving new clients and taking a greater percentage of society's income for our three levels of government. One hears little discussion of wealth creation.

For the past 20 years, we have seen the greatest transfer of wealth in history, between the United States, China and India. Our government and its leaders have been poorly informed, shackled by fragments of one ideology or another, or persuaded to "look the other way" for lavish cash payments so that a large percentage of our economy's manufacturing sector could be dismantled and sent overseas for larger short-term corporate profits and larger political contributions.

Today, the middle class is disappearing, and few school students wish to enter the private sector – they'd rather work for the government, or be taken care of by the government.

Rendell and the General Assembly should work on the budgetary challenges that will be forthcoming and on restoring Pennsylvania's manufacturing base. We should be focusing our energies on bringing new jobs and wealth to the Commonwealth instead of engaging in gladiatorial combat over the dwindling wealth of the Keystone State.

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KEITH WILKES

Our budget is like a bad Chevy Chase movie



Do our fearless leaders in Harrisburg just not get it? Or do they just not care? They continue to spend our money like drunken sailors. No offense to drunken sailors.

With the state facing a several hundred million dollar shortfall, Gov. Ed Rendell told those who represent us to give him the money or else, whereupon they caved – and then some – to the tune of around \$600 million.

By now you've probably heard that the state House and Senate both voted to approve a new budget that counts on the state receiving about \$850 million from the federal government. That's like Chevy Chase deciding to order the new backyard pool before he receives his several thousand dollar bonus in the movie "Christmas Vacation."

For those of you who didn't see the movie, the boss cancelled the bonuses.

Our legislators who approved the budget are doing the same thing. Do you really think the federal government will send Pennsylvania all, or even part, of that \$850 million?

I remember President Obama saying soon after he took office that the country was out of money.

The money for the slush, uh, I mean capital projects fund is split about evenly between the governor and the legislators. Those who say they represent us will be able to use their share in their home districts to buy votes – oops, I mean, help their communities.

Two of the communities that will be helped are Philadelphia and Johnstown. Rendell wants to honor U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter with a library in Philadelphia and deceased U.S. Rep. John Murtha with a public policy center in Johnstown. Both projects, says Rendell, are shovel ready.

What does that mean anyway? Are there unemployed construction workers standing by with shovels in hand waiting for the green light?

The politicians who delight in spending our tax dollars on "shovel ready" projects don't mention that any jobs they create with construction projects will go away once the money is spent. Unless, that is, they come up with another government sponsored project.

Why don't they let us business owners keep our money and use it to create jobs – permanent ones?

Wasn't it just a few short years ago, in 2005, that we saw a historic turnover in the both the state House and Senate because of the dead-of-night pay raise scandal? Didn't we hear promises then of cleaning up Harrisburg?

Yeah, right.

To give them credit, some legislators voted against this budget, likely because it wasn't balanced, as required by the state Constitution. Not enough of them, though.

As we've seen with the recent Bonus-gate charges and convictions, corruption doesn't go away because a few new faces are elected to the House and Senate.

Sen. Mike Folmer said – and I'm paraphrasing – that it's tough to get any meaningful change in Harrisburg because there are still too many of the Old Guard in power – along with those who would do their bidding.

Just as in Washington, rules, laws, and constitutions don't seem to matter to many in Harrisburg. They do what they have to do to keep their jobs or appease the special interest groups that help fund their campaigns. They've become so enamored with their lifestyle of power that they'll do almost anything to hold onto their positions, their seats.

The winds of change are coming in November, though it won't be enough. The 2010 and 2012 elections will determine our course.

If we truly want to change Harrisburg and Washington we must find people willing to serve who will pledge to govern according to the state and federal Constitutions.

The push for honor and integrity in our politics must continue.

If an elected official breaks a pledge, any pledge, they must be voted out in the next election.

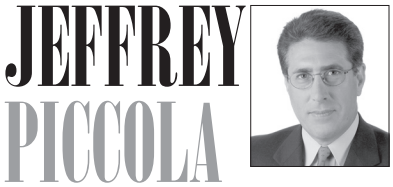
Trustworthy, honorable people are out there.

We just have to find them. Then we have to convince them that helping to restore integrity to our state and country is one of the most important tasks they'll ever be asked to do.

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Report cards for schools needed

In this day and age with the ever-changing and competitive global economy, it is important schools produce the best and brightest students ready to succeed in the workforce, or pursue a higher education. Unfortunately, some districts in Pennsylvania are simply underperforming and failing to deliver the results that they should. But a new proposal I have unveiled would help reverse this trend and also ensure parents have a voice in their child's education and the overall performance of their schools. I am pleased that my efforts and commitment to education reform also mirrors the agenda put forth by our president who has called on states to work to turn around their worst performing schools and has provided federal aid to accomplish this goal. Under my legislation, parents

"The Commonwealth's schools have a duty and responsibility to educate each child to the highest level possible, and that's why providing this petition as well as creating this report card is necessary."

of children attending one of the state's lowest performing schools in the Commonwealth would be permitted to petition the Pennsylvania Department of Education to take dramatic action to help improve their child's educational opportunities. Specifically, the parents of 51 percent of students in such a school could petition PDE to take one of three actions:

- Close the school and reassign students to another school within the same district.
- Close the school and reopen the school as a charter school.
- Enter an agreement with a person, a for-profit or non-profit organization or another school district for alternative management of a school.

If a petition to reopen a school as a charter institution, or under alternative management is approved, the change would be overseen by the local intermediate unit. The IU would appoint a committee to receive and review proposals from charter school operators or other education management organizations. The committee would consist of a representative from the intermediate unit, two parents, and two teachers who would be responsible for selecting the winning proposal. The proposal would be subject to PDE approval.

The other component to my legislation involves the creation of a Web-based state report card system published by PDE to identify those schools scoring in the bottom five percent on state assessment exams. Students receive regular report cards; now their schools will, too. The report cards will provide transparency and accountability by giving parents the ability to check on the progress of their children's schools, student achievement, and continue growth.

The Commonwealth's schools have a duty and responsibility to educate each child to the highest level possible, and that's why providing this petition as well as creating this report card is necessary. By encouraging this level of choice in education, we are allowing parents to take matters into their own hands.

Jeffrey E. Piccola is a Republican member of the state Senate representing the 15th Senatorial District.

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- 😊 "Happy Birthday to Catherine Drayer today July 8, 2010, she is 86 years young. A lot of River Rats should know Mrs. Drayer. She is the sweetest lady you will ever meet. Happy Birthday!"
- 😊 "What difference does it make if you are black or white. God made everyone equal, he just made them different colors. Everyone should get along with each other, life is too short. If you work together things might get somewhere. I thought that the pool downtown was for everyone, not just certain people. If you all want that pool open again, then work together to get it up and running and stop complaining about it. It takes money; have yard sales, bake sales, get a permit and do a fundraiser."
- 😊 "The Press And Journal is not the bad guy in reporting the arrest of Michael Dalton. It is not their choice but their obligation to keep the general public informed. It's not just the Press And Journal - it's the law. Yes, it's called Megan's Law and you can look it up on the Pennsylvania State Police website. You can see all of the registered sex offenders that live and work in your ZIP code along with their pictures. This is where Mr. Dalton will end up and the public has the right to know. Look it up but keep in mind, you might be surprised at what you find and it may keep you awake at night."
- 😊 "Has anyone lowered your electric bill yet? I think I heard someone lie and say it is lower. It isn't. Putting a cap on the rate isn't the same as lowering the rate. Shut up and lower my electric bill."
- 😊 "Thanks, John Patten, for really helping this town during the last election cycle. I do not know where we would be without your worthwhile involvement."
- 😊 "Whoever stole our \$300 lighthouse from our front flower bed on S. Union Street, please return it, and our neighbor's fountain and another neighbor's American flag. What citizen steals an American flag?"
- 😊 "I wish I could give kudos to Lower Swatara Police. They are not even on the map. It used to be a police department you were able to look up to, I hear from people that have lived here. I feel it is more like a mafia-run organization than it is a department. The attendees there spend more time on Facebook than they do on the streets!"
- 😊 "Did anyone listen to the

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- call to Sound Off titled, 'Yeah, Middletown Area School Board'? Very confused person. Does not know the difference from borough members and school board. He also seems to think that these members don't pay taxes and get a large paycheck for serving. I suggest he get more involved and get to some meetings. But then again, this is about par for the course, it seems."
- 😊 "No pool, same electric deal, Middletown Fair almost vacant, landlords and their deranged tenants rule the street, and no improvements. Mark my word, if borough council doesn't fix these things by the end of the year, they will be asked to turn in their resignations."
- 😊 "I think that it's a shame that when social services is called for help they don't do their jobs right. If they would go and ask questions from other people other than the person calling maybe they would get somewhere. And for the people that know what's going on, what's wrong with you? Why don't you want to get involved? Don't you know that when you get involved you're saving a child? It's when you don't get involved that hurts the child or children. These young kids cannot talk for themselves, they need your help. It's up to you to help them speak out for help."
- 😊 "Here's a revelation: A town or city is only as good or bad as the people that inhabit it. Likewise, a government is only as good or bad as the people that elected it. Take a few steps back from your opinions and just read what people say here. Now ask yourself if you are surprised that Middletown has become the way it is. I'm not, and there is a reason I chose to take a job in another state. And why do you think so many other competent college grads leave? Middletown is now overflowing with bigotry and ignorance. I am glad to be leaving. You should be embarrassed."
- 😊 "Face to face doesn't work. Spoken words are not understood, but when they are written down, they speak louder than voices or who they come from. Hit a (bleepin) nerve because it is true. Truth written to be read in the calm or vocal truth at a heated meeting. Pen is mightier than a bark."
- 😊 "Bullies need bullied then it wouldn't be a cool thing to do. Most of these kids that are the bully or the follower of a bully have clueless parents."
- 😊 "Too many chiefs and not enough Indians."
- 😊 "Just wanted to say there is a family in Lower Swatara Twp. that has taken in 13 Big 33 players from Ohio. And by the way, in an article about the cheerleaders, it was stated that Pennsylvania won. Not so. OHIO took those honors this year."
- 😊 "There was no need for you to put the complete text message in the paper, very rude."
- 😊 "Has anyone heard any more about the families in Crestview fighting the landlords and the family that was in an article a couple of months ago that lives there? 'Strowbridge,' I think, was their name. Just wondering."
- 😊 "For everyone complaining

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The Capitol REPORT

The following is a weekly summary of events on Capitol Hill and in the 106th Legislative District provided by Rep. John Payne, R-Hershey.

During legislative session in the months of May and June, the state House sent 63 pieces of legislation to the state Senate for consideration, and 23 bills to the governor for his signature. Below is an overview of some of the proposals signed into law by the governor:

House Bill 464 prohibits the use of automated ticket purchasing software for the purchase of amusement/entertainment tickets over the Internet. This bill was signed into law by the governor as Act 23 on May 12.

House Bill 961 amends the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act by extending the \$2 per ton recycling fee to Jan. 1, 2020. This bill was signed into law by the governor as Act 24 on May 12.

Senate Bill 960 permits the Military Officers Association of America to have a voting member on the Pennsylvania State Veterans Commission. This bill was signed into law by the governor as Act 28 on May 12.

Senate Bill 916 extends the deadline for counties to submit the preceding year's statement of financial condition from the first Monday in May to the first Monday in July. This bill was signed into law by the governor as Act 27 on May 12.

House Bill 1186 takes the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and elevates it to a cabinet-level position within the executive branch. This bill was signed into law by the governor as Act 50 on July 9.

Senate Bill 383 amends the Judicial Code to establish problem-solving courts, such as drug courts, mental health courts and driving under the influence courts, within each county's Court of Common Pleas. This bill was signed into law by the governor as Act 30 on June 3.

Senate Bill 928 divests Commonwealth fund investments in Iran or Sudan, or in any company based in either country. This bill was signed into law by the governor as Act 44 on July 2.

House Bill 2279 is the state's general fund budget for the 2010-11 fiscal year. It was signed into law by the governor as Act 1A on July 6.

Swatara gets DEP grant
Swatara Twp. was awarded a \$37,019 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Recycling Performance Grant Program. The grants are based on the amount of recycled materials collected by the municipality and its population. Swatara recycled more than 2,590 tons during 2008. The grants are an incentive for Pennsylvania communities to increase the amount of materials recovered through recycling, and promote economic growth expanding markets and creating jobs. These grants are in addition to the funds that DEP allocates to each municipality to establish and maintain recycling programs. This is proof that the citizens of Swatara Twp. are taking an active role in helping to protect the environment. Recycling helps reduce the number of landfills and curtails the amount of waste that is discarded.

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Carnival time in Highspire

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Jean Krone, of Highspire, right, and Joanne Sprout, of Newberrytown, get their winnings after playing a game at the Highspire Carnival on July 15.



Nicky Toto, 2, of Chambers Hill, attempts to win a fish by throwing a ping-pong ball into a fishbowl.



Kids ride down the slide at the carnival.



Audriana Deitz, 8, of Marietta, eats a cheeseburger while Steven Schildt, 6, of Highspire, enjoys french fries.



Harley Fowler, 6, of Dover, Del., tries the dragon ride.



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Real Estate Guide

Make Your Home More Inviting

Whether you're entertaining guests or trying to sell your house, nothing beats a great first impression.

And when it comes to improving its exterior to appear more inviting, there's no substitute for decorating the curbside view with a few key enhancements that beckon you inwards.

That all-important first impression can be enhanced with a few simple cosmetic changes that include:

• **Slate:** There are many natural materials that can be

incorporated into outdoor landscaping projects, but one of the most popular is slate. Used patio design, roofing, entryways and more, slate provides a classic and natural outdoor element that works nicely against typical landscapes. Stain-resistant and non-absorbent, it's also a very durable rock that helps warmly lead visitors into your home.

• **Landscape Lighting:**

Outdoor lighting elements not only provide decorative flair, but complement a

home's exterior facade and add that extra touch to the landscape. With a wide variety of creative designs, outdoor lighting also can accent other aspects of your property, including your porch, or the walkway to your patio. For example, Kichler Lighting offers a wide range of landscape lighting fixtures, from lighted potted planters to coordinating outdoor chandeliers and wall sconces.

• **Energy Efficient Products:** The buzz on energy efficient products continues to grow as homeowners remodel and expand outdoor settings. The key to reducing energy consumption in outdoor lighting is the reliance on LED lighting -- an ultra energy-efficient light source that uses 75 percent less electricity than typical incandescent lighting. And, depending on the particular style you're seeking, there are a variety of LED fixtures that

can help welcome visitors to your home while accommodating your energy efficient needs.

• **Outdoor Fans:** With an array of exterior cooling options, outdoor fan designs have certainly come a long way. Not only do they provide refreshing, cooler air, but design innovations have made them the perfect accent to any outdoor space. Outdoor ceiling fans are now moisture-resistant to withstand certain weather conditions, and some are even equipped with energy efficient DC motors to reduce energy consumption while being safe for the environment.

Whatever styles you pursue, there are many ways to reconfigure your home's exterior, making it more inviting and welcoming for both family and visitors.

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