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## Lytle Farms, School Heights may move ahead

New developers apparently ready to take over major Londonderry housing projects

**By Laura Hayes**  
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The long-awaited Lytle Farms development project as well as School Heights Village behind Saturday's Market might be moving ahead as new developers take over the projects.

Londonderry Township man-

ager Steve Letavic said there are two new developers, although he could not say who they were, during a town hall meeting April 6.

Five residents attended the meeting and asked Letavic and supervisors Mel Hershey and Mike Geyers questions about a number of topics, including the proposed developments that po-

tentially would mean thousands of new residents in the township.

But an ongoing issue will in part decide the future of the developments — infrastructure.

"This is all going to hinge on the sewer," Letavic said.

Resident Frank Bialas said he noticed orange flags behind Saturday's Market.

"I know the property behind Saturday's Market is under agreement. The Lytle farm is under agreement. The real question is, can we find a solution — a wastewater solution that is economically feasible?" Letavic said.

Residents wouldn't see any major changes for at least three years, Hershey said.

There have been talks of the two housing developments for years.

Tuck-A-Way II LLC was proposing to develop 340 acres on either side of East Harrisburg Pike entering the township from Middletown. The development would include 1,600 residences

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## MASD cuts ties to doctor after he is charged

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Middletown Area School District has ended its relationship with a Lancaster County doctor who had been the district's school physician since 2013-14, after Dr. William R. Vollmar was charged by State Police with indecent assault.

The district learned through media reports Wednesday, April 10, that Vollmar had been charged, Superintendent Lori Suski wrote in a letter dated Thursday, April 11, that was provided to district parents.

Suski told the Press & Journal that earlier Thursday she had sent Vollmar a communication telling him that the district would be discontinuing his services under terms of the current agreement between Vollmar and the district.

On Thursday evening, Suski said she received an email from Vollmar, who lives in Willow Street, Lancaster County, containing his letter of resignation.

The school board is expected to act on accepting Vollmar's resignation during its next meeting April 16, Suski told the Press & Journal.

Vollmar, 55, a sports medicine specialist who practiced out of the Quarryville location of Stephen G. Diamantoni M.D. and Associates in Lancaster County, was arrested by State Police on Wednesday and charged with one misdemeanor count of indecent assault/without consent of another, according to online court records.

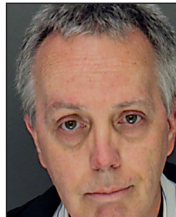
Law enforcement officials are seeking information about Vollmar. Anyone who believes they have information regarding him that law enforcement should be aware of is asked to contact their local police department or submit information via the Lancaster County district attorney's Crime-Watch page.

According to the affidavit of probable cause State Police filed with District Judge Stuart J. Mylin, the incident occurred in a sports clinic room at the Quarryville office during an after hours appointment Vollmar had with a male patient at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 24.

The patient requested the appointment with Vollmar for treatment of an ankle injury.

After about eight to 10 minutes

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Vollmar

## That's quite a catch!



Levi Mader, 6, of Lewistown, displays his prize catch, a rainbow trout 17 inches in length. Levi was the first-place winner in the 2019 Sportsmen Limited Kids Trout Derby's ages 2-6 category. See story and photos on page A6.

## Londonderry looking at new hiking trails

**By Laura Hayes**  
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Outdoor lovers and hikers will soon have an opportunity to hike through Londonderry Township.

The township wants to construct hiking trails that would start in Sunset Park — one trailhead across from the clubhouse at Sunset Golf Course and the other near the public works facilities.

The plan was introduced during the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 1.

In an email, township manager Steve Letavic said the township hopes to go through the design process this year with some construction depending on the weather and permit requirements.

"We wanted to create the trail, in a general sense, so that our residents that visited Sunset Park would have the opportunity



Letavic

to get out and hike in a natural setting," Letavic said.

According to township engineer Andrew Kenworthy, there will be 2.4 miles of trail and sidewalk.

Letavic said the township wants to dedicate the trail to veterans.

"We have heard from DCNR that many veterans have said that the paving allows them to use trails in scooters or motorized wheelchairs, and it gives them a great opportunity to get out into nature," Letavic said.

In the past, the township's pub-

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lic works employees have started a path through the woods in the park. The trail would run along the new Harrisburg Rugby Football Club field. Ground broke on the field in November.

The trail would continue along the western edge of the golf course, behind the second hole, up Sunset Drive, along Hillsdale

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## Gaming grants bring close to \$1 million to area

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Of \$6.4 million in gaming grants awarded by Dauphin County Commissioners on Feb. 27, close to \$1 million is going to projects that directly benefit the greater Middletown area.

Commissioners each year announce projects to receive

funding using proceeds derived from Dauphin County's share of gaming revenue that is generated from the Hollywood Casino at Penn National in East Hanover Township.

Under state law, the county must use the grant funds for projects that help human services; improve local infrastructure such as water and sewer; enhance transportation; address

health and safety needs, assist with emergency services, and further public interest objectives.

The projects to receive funding with a direct impact upon the greater Middletown area are as follows:

- \$181,276 to Lower Swatara Township to reduce debt on township bridge replacement projects, and to update the

township's public sewer plan. Known as the Act 537 plan, the plan is 35 years old, said Lower Swatara Township Manager Betsy McBride. She believes the gaming grant will also go toward paying down township debt for replacing a bridge on Richardson Road in 2015. The township took out a \$500,000 Dauphin County

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## State grants if TMI shuts down?

Senate bill aimed at municipalities that lose taxes if power plant closes

**By Dan Miller**  
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Legislation providing for state grants to help communities impacted by a power plant closing is to be introduced by state Sen. John DiSanto.

Republican DiSanto's 15th District includes much of Lower Dauphin School District — which gets \$700,000 a year in property tax revenue from Three Mile Island.



DiSanto

However, DiSanto opposes legislation now being considered in the state House and Senate intended to preserve TMI and the four other nuclear power plants in Pennsylvania, by making them eligible for credits that electric utilities would have to purchase.

Exelon Corp. has said it will prematurely shut down TMI in September, unless the state acts to support the nuclear industry.

"I am deeply concerned about the local impact that will be felt here in Dauphin County," DiSanto said in a release issued April 11. "While I oppose burdening Pennsylvanians with costly subsidies for the benefit of big, highly profitable energy corporations, I believe we should support our local schools and municipalities through this challenging transition."

Under DiSanto's proposal, the Department of Community and Economic Development would make state grants available to

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# OURCOMMUNITY

## TOWN TOPICS

### Youth Club Bingo slated for Thursdays

Youth Club Bingo will be held Thursday nights at the Middletown Volunteer Fire Department, 10 Adelia St. Doors open at 5 p.m., and bingo starts at 6:45 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Middletown Youth Club.

### Last fish fry at Londonderry Fire

Londonderry Fire Company, 2655 Foxianna Road, is sponsoring its last fish fry from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 19. Call 717-944-2175 for takeout.

### Cash Bash Bingo at Middletown Fire Hall

Cash Bash Bingo will be held at the Middletown Fire Hall, 10 Adelia St., on Sunday, May 5. Doors open at noon. Bingo starts 4 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Middletown Blue Raider Football Camp. For information, call Cyndi Pugh at 717-319-9785 or visit [mixprincess2002@comcast.net](mailto:mixprincess2002@comcast.net).

### I've seen Jesus! Easter egg hunt is April 20

I've Seen Jesus! Easter egg hunt will be held at Middle-

town First Church of God, 245 W. High St., Middletown, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20. Egg hunts begin at 1 p.m. for all children through grade 5. There will be crafts and activities and a light lunch.

### Frey Village Strawberry Festival is June 1

Frey Village, 1020 N. Union St., Middletown, is sponsoring its annual Strawberry Festival from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 1. Frey Village will accept donations of new and gently used books, puzzles, jewelry and silent auction items to be for sale at the festival. Drop off items at the front desk from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. through May 15. For information on becoming a vendor, contact Tracy Klein at 717-930-1225 or email [kleint@diakon.org](mailto:kleint@diakon.org).

### MASD schedules several events

Middletown Area School District April events include:

- April 18: Early dismissal for students, spring recess.
- April 19-22: No school, spring recess.
- April 25: Evening in Paris, 7 p.m., MAHS.



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## See the beauty around you this Easter



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Flowers are beginning to surround us as Easter nears.

for a super 24th birthday on Saturday, April 20. Do all your favorite things, Justin!

Happy Easter and happy birthday to **Evan Grogan** of Lower Swatara. He hits No. 17 on Sunday, April 21. Enjoy your holiday weekend, Evan!

**Samantha Romberger** observes her golden birthday on Easter Sunday, April 21. I hope your big-deal 21st cake day is extra-special. God bless and be happy, Sam!

**Rochelle Gonzales** of Middletown marks her exciting honk-beep-honk day on Easter Sunday, April 21. Happy 16th!

**Jackie Leonard** of Lower Swatara will hear the birthday song on Tuesday, April 23. Have a terrific birthday week, Jackie!

#### Anniversaries

Best wishes to **Tim and Joan Nissley** of Lower Swatara. They married on April 21, 2001. Happy 18th. I hope your Easter Sunday anniversary is perfect!

**Joe and Karen Bendgen** of Lower Swatara observe their big-deal 30th anniversary on Monday, April 22. The gift is diamonds. Enjoy!

Welcome, Easter Week. I hear people saying that Easter is late this year. My husband laughs and says Easter is either early or late, but never on time. Whatever your point of view, I wish you a lovely holiday.

I love how nature is bursting forth with life. Flowers with beautiful colors and all kinds of green surround us. The new life reminds me of Easter Sunday and how all are invited to receive new life.

Take some time and see the beauty around you. Let me know your news to share and have a blessed week.

#### Birthdays

Happy birthday blessings are sent out to **Daniel Reese** on Wednesday, April 17. Enjoy your big-deal 25th cake day, Daniel!

**Rachel Gatesman** of Lower Swatara marks her 11th cake-and-ice cream day on Thursday, April 18. I hope it is full of fun and surprises!

Happy birthday to **Julian Rodriquez** of Royaltown. This sweetie-pie celebrates on Friday, April 19. God bless you, Julian!

**Marley Kinsey** of Lower Swatara celebrates her landmark 18th cake day on Friday, April 19. Congrats, and have a fantastic weekend!

**Lindsay Truesdale** of Lower Swatara has 22 reasons to smile on Friday, April 19. Enjoy your day all weekend long!

Best wishes to **Terrie Lupia** of Lower Swatara on Good Friday. I hope your April 19 birthday is special indeed!

**Kordre Butt** of Middletown observes his Sweet 16 beep-beep-honk day on Friday, April 19. Enjoy and be careful! Best wishes to **Justin Musser**

**CD and Cathy Farr** of Lower Swatara celebrate their romantic holiday, April 23, on Tuesday. Happy 24th anniversary!

#### Ebenezer Church news

All are invited to attend Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 p.m. April 18 and Easter Sunday Service on April 21 (traditional service at 8:45 a.m., praise service at 10:45 a.m.) The church is located

at 890 Ebenezer Road, Lower Swatara Township.

Thank you for all who supported the church with the Easter Egg project this year!

#### Easter egg hunt

I've seen Jesus! All are invited to Middletown Church of God from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20, for fun activities and crafts as we learn more about Jesus.

A light lunch will be served. Egg hunts for children through fifth grade will be divided by age groups and begin at 1 p.m.

The church is located at 245 W. High St., Middletown. For more information, call 717-944-9608.

#### Mexican Fiesta Meal

*Thanks to Marybeth Romberger of Lower Swatara*

- 1 can black beans drained and rinsed
- 2 jars (16 oz each) salsa
- 1 c whole kernel corn
- Mexican rice

Mix together and heat. Serve over Mexican rice. Top with

your favorite taco toppings and serve with tortilla chips. You can add chicken for a heartier meal.

#### Egg hunt

The Lower Swatara Lions Club will hold its annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 20, at the Lions building in Shope Gardens, 10 a.m. sharp.

The hunt is open for children up to age 12. Bring all the little ones down to meet the Easter Bunny and receive a gift. Prize eggs will be found in all age groups. The Lions hope to see you all there for a fun morning.

#### Quote of the Week

“What God plants grows. What he nurtures thrives. What he loves blossoms.” — Michele Cushatt, author.

#### Question of the Week

In which state would you like to try to live?

“Georgia. It is a nice place. Probably the Atlanta area.” — **Skylar Smith**, 9, Middletown.

“Maryland. I was born there and my siblings live there!” — **Kayla Bard**, 10, Middletown.

“Texas. It has horses and bulls. I like cowboy stuff!” — **Amelia Bishop**, 8, Middletown.

“Florida. That’s where my dad was born.” — **Carter Ewing**, 8, Middletown.

“Minnesota. I know a Youtuber who lives there!” — **Anthony Albright III**, 9, Middletown.

#### Proverb of the Week

Do not gloat when your enemy falls; when he stumbles, do not let your heart rejoice (24:17).

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## Area youths honored for Communities That Care work



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Middletown Borough Council Vice President Mike Woodworth, left, presents certificates of appreciation during council's April 2 meeting to members of the Communities That Care Youth Corps for their work supporting the second annual Community Art Show that was held by the borough's Human Relations Commission. Members of the group set up tables, chairs and display panels in the MCSO gym the day before the show March 29. During the show on March 30, the students acted as greeters, staffed the registration table, made cotton candy and popcorn to give to children attending the show, and helped with breakdown after the show was over. The students are in grades 5 through 9. The students from left are Ayden Harper, Ivory Parker, Deshawn Patterson, Kelsey Richards, Caleb Shertzer, Robert Lian and Tyler Dietzler. Also present and receiving a certificate but not pictured is Iang Tdoy.

## Third-graders get dictionaries

The Hershey Rotary Club donated Webster Student Dictionaries to all third-grade students in Middletown Area School District. Rotarians, Dr. Clemmie Gilpin, retired Penn State Harrisburg professor, and Mike McCormick delivered the dictionaries to each classroom at Fink, Kunkel and Reid elementary schools on April 8-9. The dictionaries are gifts to the students for them to keep as their own. Shown are Skylar Smith-Sosa, McCormick, Caleb Tucker, Christina Eng, Gilpin and Eliyana Lake at Fink.

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## Dauphin County offering Older & Wiser seminar for seniors

Dauphin County Commissioners Jeff Haste, Mike Pries and George P. Hartwick III and the Area Agency on Aging will offer two Older & Wiser seminars for older adults, their families and caregivers on estate planning. “Our partnership with local law firms and senior centers is

designed to help senior citizens and their families make informed decisions about critical issues they’re facing,” said Hartwick, who has oversight of the county’s Area Agency on Aging. The following free seminars will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m.:

- April 30, Pheasant Hill Estates

Community Center, 4400 Pheasant Hill Road, Harrisburg.

- May 7, Valley’s Church, 3682 Peters Mountain Road, Halifax.

A question-and-answer session will be part of the seminar, and light refreshments will be served. Since Dauphin County began hosting Older & Wiser seminars in

2012, sessions have covered health care facilities, retirement benefits, living wills and protection through powers of attorney. Register by calling the county’s Area Agency on Aging at 717-780-6133. For more information about Older & Wiser seminars, go to [www.dauphincounty.org](http://www.dauphincounty.org).



TMI

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local governments that experience a reduction of at least 20 percent in property tax collections and payments in lieu of taxes received by a power plant.

Eligible local governments could apply for temporary relief for up to four years. Initial awards may be up to 80 percent of the demonstrated tax loss in the first year, up to 60 percent in year two, 40 percent in year three, and 20 percent in year four.

The General Assembly would have to appropriate money to fund the grants, DiSanto said in the release.

The “temporary relief” the grants provide would give municipalities and school districts affected by a power plant closing more time to replace tax shortfalls and to transition, while lessening the immediate impact upon schools and essential public services.

Dauphin County, Londonderry Township and Lower Dauphin School District combined receive about \$1.5 million each year in real estate taxes and payments in lieu of taxes from Exelon because of TMI, DiSanto noted.

Besides direct tax revenue, Lower Dauphin School District officials have also noted the potential loss from Three Mile Island’s closure of more than \$150,000 that the plant and its employees have donated over the past 10 years to support educational programs that benefit district students, such as the Communities That Care bookmobile.

The legislative proposals that DiSanto opposes would both add nuclear to the current list of 16 types of renewable energy production, such as wind and solar, now eligible for the purchase of credits under Pennsylvania’s Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards.

This would place nuclear on a “level playing field” with the renewables, and would compensate TMI and the other nuclear plants for their “carbon-free” generation of electricity, advocates say.

Opponents characterize both legislative proposals as bailouts that would reward profitable private companies while penalizing Pennsylvania residents and businesses with higher electric rates.

These critics also say that of the five nuclear plants, only TMI is unprofitable. However, FirstEnergy Corp. has said it will prematurely shutter Beaver Valley nuclear power plant in western Pennsylvania in 2021, unless the state acts to support the industry.

Opponents also say the measures would undo increased competition in the energy market resulting from deregulation in Pennsylvania in 1996.

Rep. Tom Mehaffie, R-Lower Swatara, who introduced the House legislation, House Bill 11, on March 11, has estimated his proposal would cost on average \$500 million a year.

However, he says loss of the five plants will cost the state \$4.6 billion a year, including \$788 million more in higher electricity costs.

Mehaffie’s bill is in the House Consumer Affairs Committee, which held its first public hearing on the measure on April 8.

The committee scheduled additional hearings for April 15, April 29 and May 6.

Similar legislation introduced in the state Senate by Sen. Ryan Aument, R-Lancaster, is in the Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure Committee. The committee held a public hearing on Aument’s legislation, Senate Bill 510, on Wednesday. No additional hearings had been scheduled.

The hearings are live-streamed on the Internet. You can watch the hearings on Mehaffie’s bill by going to the website of committee Chairman Rep. Brad Roae, <http://www.reproae.com>. Copies of the testimony are also available at the site.

You can watch the hearing on the Senate bill by going to Aument’s website, <http://www.senatoraument.com>.



Mehaffie

OBITUARIES



Dorothy Hansen  
MIDDLETOWN

Dorothy J. (Selcher) Hansen, 92, a lifetime resident of Middletown, was peacefully called home to the Lord on Friday, April 12 at Frey Village Retirement Center surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Middletown on the Selcher Farm, she was the daughter of the late William Selcher Sr. and Viola Albright Selcher, both of Middletown.

Dorothy was a graduate of Middletown High School, class of 1944, was retired from Ugit

Gas Company, and was a faithful member of the Middletown First Church of God. Dorothy was on the church visitation committee, a volunteer at the Thrift Shop and helped with Meals on Wheels.

She was a loving mother and grandmother and a devoted wife of 56 years to Carl L. Hansen, who preceded her in death in 2005.

Dorothy is survived by her brother, William Selcher Jr.; her five children, Cheri Chichi, Marianne Hansen, David Hansen, Thomas Hansen and Douglass Hansen Sr.; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 1 p.m. at Middletown First Church of God, 235 W. High St., Middletown, Pa. A viewing will be held on Thursday at 12 p.m. until the time of the service at the church.

Burial will be in Middletown Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to her church at 235 W. High St., Middletown, PA 17057.

K.M. Knight Funeral Home, Highspire is handling the arrangements.



Joyce Baker  
HERSHEY

Joyce A. Baker, 86, of Hershey, entered into eternal rest on Monday, April 8th, 2019 at home. She was the widow of George M. Baker Sr.

Joyce was born in Middletown, Pa. on April 19, 1932 to the late Norman and Edna (Houser) Reigle.

Joyce was a member of Fishburn United Methodist Church and a retired production machine operator for Hershey Chocolate Company where she operated the Hershey Kiss machine. She enjoyed cooking, watching sports and taking care of her house. Two of her favorite teams were the Baltimore Ravens and the LA Dodgers. Joyce’s greatest joy was spending time with her family.

Her daughter, Karen Lynn Baker preceded her in death.

Joyce is survived by her sons, George M. Baker and wife Michelle of Hanover and John S. Baker and wife Charleen of Palmyra; her two daughters, Vicki J. Welsh and husband Milt and Susan E. Payne and husband Kim, all of Tampa, Fla.; her sister, Betty Hoerner; her 10 grandchildren, Kristen Feaga, Meghan Schmidt, Natalie, Tyler, Trent and Trey Baker, Jennifer Menendez, Stephanie Key Hetler and Kyle and Ryan Payne; and her eight great-grandchildren, Isaiah, Aaron, Logan, Owen, Joey, Malory, Nolah and Hobe.

A tribute to Joyce’s life was held on Monday, April 15, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Fishburn United Methodist Church, 1215 Fishburn Road, Hershey, Pa., with Pastor Jennifer Williams officiating. Viewing was from 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday at the church.

Matinchek Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Inc., 260 East Main St., Middletown, Pa. has been entrusted with handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online at [www.matinchekfuneralhome.com](http://www.matinchekfuneralhome.com).



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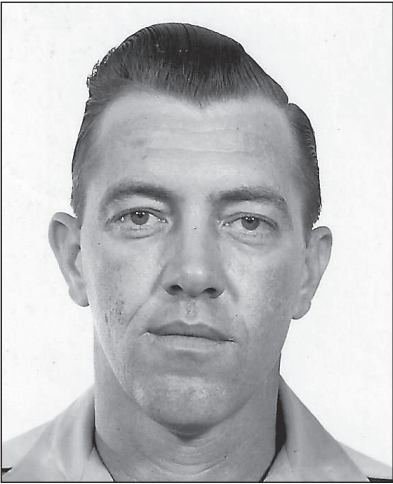
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Charles Fornwalt  
MIDDLETOWN

Charles C. Fornwalt, 83, of Middletown, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at the Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, Pa.

Charles was born on February 26, 1936 as son of the late Russell and Susan (Berford) Fornwalt of Upper Swatara in Dauphin County.

Charles spent the best part of 25 years of his working life in the U.S. Army and after the service he worked for the Middletown School District as a maintenance manager.

Charles was preceded in death by two brothers, Ronald Fornwalt and Russell Fornwalt.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Anna Mae (Leach) Fornwalt; two children, Cindy Golden (Marlin) and Charles (Chuck) Fornwalt; three grandchildren, Christina Kerstetter (Jess), Amie Biermaas (Tim), and Miranda Kerstetter; five great-grandchildren, Scotlyn, Lily, Isaac, Tanner, Adelyn; five siblings, Ken Fornwalt (Judy), Larry Fornwalt, Joyce Fornwalt, Susan Fornwalt, George Fornwalt (Kim).

Graveside funeral services and burial with full military honors was held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 12 p.m. in the Hillsdale Cemetery, Londonderry Township. There was no viewing. Memorial contributions may be made to Compassionate Care Hospice, 1513 Cedar Cliff Drive, Suite 100, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

K.M. Knight Funeral Home, Highspire is handling arrangements.

Mary Clouser  
PALMYRA

Mary Ellen Clouser, 102, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 7, 2019 in Palmyra. She was born October 21, 1916 to the late Issac and Nora (Hoover) Page. She is predeceased by her loving husband Augustus M. Clouser since 1991.

Mary had a natural talent for cooking and adored her houseplants. She enjoyed spending time at the beach people watching almost as much she loved watching birds, specifically cardinals. She loved to do embroidery in her spare time. Most importantly she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister.

She is predeceased by her siblings Gladys, Art, and Ira Page and Pauline Herndon.

She is survived by her children, Joyce Koch and Robert Clouser; grandchildren, Keith Koch and wife Sheila, Christina Kerstetter, Michael Clouser, and Melissa DeFrancesco and husband Adam; great-grandchildren, Jennifer Morgret, Alex Koch, Scottlynn Kerstetter, Kairi, and Annabell; great-great-granddaughter, Scarlet Morgret; and a brother Cliff Page.

A funeral was held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Fager-Finkenbinder Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc., 208 N. Union St., Middletown, PA 17057, with Reverend Samuel Fry officiating. A time of viewing was held from 10 a.m. until the time of the service and also Wednesday April 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial followed the service on Thursday in Middletown Cemetery, Middletown.

Memories and condolences may be shared at [www.Finkenbinder-Family.com](http://www.Finkenbinder-Family.com).





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...Luke 23:34

**“Verily I Say Unto Thee, Today Thou Shalt Be With Me In Paradise.”**  
...Luke 23:43

**“Woman, Behold Thy Son, Son, Behold Thy Mother.”**  
...John 19:26-27

**“My God, My God, Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me.”**  
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**“I Thirst.”**  
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Hearing Regarding Verizon Cable Franchise Renewal for Lower Swatara Township

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Lower Swatara will hold a public hearing regarding cable franchise renewals with Verizon. The public hearing will take place on May 1, 2019 at 6:45 p.m. at the Municipal Building located at 1499 Spring Garden Drive, Middletown, PA 17057. Citizens are invited to testify. The purpose of the public hearing is to review the past performance of Verizon and to identify the future cable-related community needs of the Township. Questions may be directed to Elizabeth M. McBride, Township Manager at 717-939-9377. Elizabeth McBride  
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Honorable John McNally, Chairman  
Patricia Davies  
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Gerald D. Feaser, Jr., Director

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Change in Highspire Borough Civil Service 2019 Meeting Dates  
The Highspire Civil Service Commission will be meeting on the following dates in 2019: Wednesday, June 5, 2019, & Wednesday, October 2, 2019. The meetings will commence at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted and be held in the Council Chambers of the Highspire Borough Municipal Building, 640 Eshelman Street, Highspire, PA 17034, unless otherwise specified. All interested parties are invited to attend. The Highspire Borough Municipal Building is handicapped accessible. Anyone needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in a meeting should contact the Borough office at (717) 939-3303 at least three days in advance of the meeting.  
Mark Stonbraker  
Borough Secretary

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Public Hearing Regarding Verizon Cable Franchise Renewal for Borough of Royalton  
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ESTATE NOTICE  
Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the Estate of Karen L. Stickler, Deceased, late of South Hanover Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, have been granted to the undersigned Administrator. All persons therefore indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having just claims will please present the same, duly authenticated, for settlement, without delay.  
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c/o Jeremy D. Wagner, Attorney  
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ESTATE NOTICE  
Letters of Administration on the Estate of Ruth A. Lindsey, late of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, were granted to Marna L. Hartzell on February 27, 2019. All persons having claims against the Estate of said Decedent are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent are requested to make payment without delay to the Administrator, Marna L. Hartzell, or her attorney: Stephen S. Werner, Esquire  
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Five women charged in bad check scheme; four were in prison together

It didn't take long for four women who had been in the same state prison at about the same time to get in trouble with the law again, according to Middletown borough police.

Police on April 10 charged five women — three from Harrisburg and two from Middletown — with running a bad check scheme targeting the Members 1st Federal Credit Union.

The offenses occurred in October and December, according to arrest papers Middletown police filed with District Judge David Judy.

The total amount of the checks

written was \$2,250, with a net loss to Members 1st of \$1,147.46, police said.

One of the women being charged, Destany Nicole Miller, 27, of the 2200 block of Walnut Street in Harrisburg, owes Members 1st an additional \$1,317.06, police said.

Police in arrest papers called Miller a "key player" in what was described as "an organized fraud group working out of the Middletown area" consisting of the five women.

All charged with conspiracy, access device fraud, and bad checks are Miller; Goldie M.

Duncan, 37, of the 1300 block of Howard Street in Harrisburg; Santa Tomasa Flores, 23, of the 1100 block of North 15th St. in Harrisburg; Waleska Ivette Guadalupe-Rosario, 35, of the 100 block of Wayne Avenue in Middletown; and Erin E. Pinterich, 29, also of the 100 block of Wayne Avenue in Middletown.

Miller is also charged with driving under suspension.

All five women are awaiting setting of a preliminary hearing.

All except Flores had been in Muncy State Prison at or about the same time in about the last year, police said.

Police: Man sexually assaulted 4-year-old

A Lancaster County man is to be arraigned in Dauphin County Court on May 17 on charges he sexually assaulted a 4-year-old girl at a residence in Londonderry Township in January 2018.

Mark Anthony Nigro, 42, of the first block of Landis Avenue in East Lampeter Township, was arrested by State Police on Feb. 27 and charged with aggravated indecent assault of a child, unlawful

contact with a minor-sexual offenses, indecent assault of a person younger than age 13, and corruption of minors by a defendant age 18 or older.

Nigro was ordered bound over



Nigro

on all charges to county court during a March 11 preliminary hearing before District Judge David Judy.

Nigro is being held in Dauphin County Prison on \$500,000 bail, according to online court records.

According to arrest papers that State Police filed with Judy, the victim told police Nigro abused her five times from November 2017 through January 2018.

POLICE AND COURTS ROUNDUP

Area woman charged with harboring man who escaped from Dauphin County prison

Middletown police charged a borough woman after a man who had escaped from Dauphin County Prison was located in her residence April 10.

The inmate, Tevin Brown, was on a work detail in front of the prison in Swatara Township when he walked away on Tuesday afternoon, April 9.

Shortly before 5 p.m. April

residence led to police finding marijuana and drug paraphernalia, police said.

Powers was arraigned before night court District Judge Steven M. Semic and charged with hindering apprehension/prosecution-harbor or conceal, possession of marijuana, and use/possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bail was set at \$5,000, and her preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 22.



Powers

Traffic stop leads to drug charges  
Middletown police arrested a Steelton man on drug charges after police followed him out of the borough and pulled him over in the Sheetz parking lot on Route 230 in Lower Swatara Township on April 9.

An officer on patrol followed Kevin Ryan Caraballo, 26, of the 700 block of South Second Street, at 3:09 a.m. as Caraballo was driving in the area of West Main and Ann streets in Middletown, according to arrest papers police filed with District Judge David Judy.

Police obtained consent to search the vehicle. Among the items found was a clear baggie of a white substance believed to be cocaine, two clear baggies of marijuana, two digital scales one containing marijuana residue and the other

white powdery residue, and two cellphones.

Caraballo was arraigned April 9 before Judy and charged with manufacture, delivery or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver; and use/possession of drug paraphernalia.

He was released after posting \$10,000 bail in surety bonds through a bondsman. His preliminary hearing is set for April 22.

Dispute in checkout line  
Middletown police have charged a Londonderry Township man after he allegedly threatened to shoot a woman over a dispute while in the checkout line of the Giant on East Main Street shortly after 10 a.m. April 8.

According to arrest papers police filed with District Judge David Judy, Gary Lynn Goodling, 59, of the 100 block of North Geyers Church Road, threatened the woman after some of the food items she was planning to buy fell over the divider onto his.

Goodling was arraigned before Judy and charged with making terroristic threats, disorderly conduct, and harassment. His bail was set at \$10,000.

Goodling is scheduled for an April 22 preliminary hearing.

Gasoline prices in Harrisburg area up 8.8 cents

Harrisburg gas prices rose 8.8 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$2.94 a gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 241 stations.

Gas prices in Harrisburg are 25.9 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and 9.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

According to GasBuddy, the cheapest station in Harrisburg is at \$2.77 while the most expensive is \$3.06.

The national average price of gasoline rose 7.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.83.

Prices in Harrisburg on April 15 the past five years have varied:

\$2.85 in 2018; \$2.59 in 2017; \$2.26 in 2016; \$2.49 in 2015; and \$3.61 in 2014.

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:  
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# Township ponders long-term fix for Spring Garden Drive

## Sinkhole above stormwater culvert closes down heavily traveled road

By Laura Hayes  
laurahayes@pressandjournal.com

Spring Garden Drive, just past Lumber Street, in Lower Swatara Township has been closed since late February after a sinkhole formed above a stormwater culvert, according to a proposal for engineering services submitted by Lower Swatara’s consulting engineers, HRG, provided to the Press & Journal.

During the April 3 meeting, the commissioners gave HRG permission to seek bids for a temporary bridge that would allow the road to re-open.

During the March 6 meeting, township Director of Public Works Lester Lanman said the culvert — which is made of a concrete arch, a stone arch and a 36-inch concrete pipe — had a failure between the stone arch and pipe.

The road was still closed as of April 15.

With two other culverts and a

sanitary sewer pipe nearby, township commissioners and staff have discussed potentially replacing that along with the failed culvert at the same time.

Township engineer Andrew Kenworthy said during the April 3 meeting construction on the culverts and pipe might not start until spring 2020.

Kenworthy said while they want to permanently re-open the road, bids and permits could take time. In the mean time, the road could be temporarily re-opened.

The fix could be a small bridge, and would cost about \$15,000, Kenworthy said.

“I thought that was fairly reasonable to get that open,” he said. The temporary fix could be done in a couple of weeks, he said, and HRG would inspect it every three months.

Lanman said the \$15,000 quote is assuming that township staff would do the paving restoration and backfill.



STAFF PHOTO BY LAURA HAYES

Spring Garden Drive, west of Lumber Street, has been closed since February.

“The big concern there is the arch itself falling in and creating water problems if we block off the culvert and undermining the road there,” Lanman said.

The board unanimously voted to give HRG permission to get bids for the temporary bridge not to exceed \$18,000, with Board President Jon Wilt noting that it was a heavily traveled road.

One of the other culverts is located on Spring Garden Drive, and the other is on Lumber Street.

Fixing the failed culvert would cost about \$178,000, the other Spring Garden culvert would cost \$107,000, and the third on Lumber Street would cost \$109,000 — meaning the total of all three would be about \$394,000, Lanman estimated during the March meeting.

The area is easily flooded, Lanman said.

If the township replaced all three culverts at the same time, it would only have to pay one mobilization fee and save on design and permitting fees, he said.

“If we do them all together, we’ll also be able to realign the stream a little bit there to make everything flows better,” Lanman said.

Work could also be done on a nearby sanitary sewer line as the township worked on the culverts, he said.

Lanman estimated that if the township replaced all three culverts, plus the current work at the intersection of Lumber Street and Greenwood Drive, work would not have to be done in the area for at least 50 years.

Commissioner Michael Davies asked in March if it would be possible to raise the intersection.

“It’s such a low intersection,” Davies said.

Kenworthy said it would make sense if they could raise the road, adding that they could look at what it would cost and see if it would be feasible.

However, Fire Chief John Weikle expressed concern about the Lumber Street and Spring Garden intersection being closed at the same time as the Greenwood Drive and Lumber Street intersection.

“Now all of Lumber Street has no access,” Weikle said.

All of the work wouldn’t be done at the same time, according to Lanman.

## TRAILS: Network of walking paths being discussed in Londonderry

From page A1

Drive and connect to the potential Lytle Farm housing development on Foxianna Road.

Along the trails will be picnic tables and benches.

Phase one will include constructing the trailhead near the future rugby field along with signs, restrooms and a parking lot, Kenworthy said. Some work might be done in conjunction with the rugby field construction.

Eventually, they plan to connect with other regional trails such as the Conewago Recreation, Jonathan Eshenour Memorial and Northwest Lancaster County River trails.

Portions of the trail will be ADA accessible.

“Essentially, we’re going to split the trail into a couple of different phases. The intent is that this will be a paved pedestrian path as much as possible, but there will be areas that are very steep and kind of take a side route to having better views or getting to

a picnic cover or something like that,” Kenworthy said.

The township was awarded a \$200,000 Commonwealth Financing Authority grant for the project, which includes \$170,000 grant dollars and a \$30,000 match from the rugby club.

Kenworthy said the township is applying for a \$150,000 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant, using the CFA grant as the matching dollars. The supervisors voted to pass a resolution to apply for the DCNR grant during the April 1 meeting.

Kenworthy said the first phase of the project is estimated to cost \$300,000. Cost estimates haven’t been provided for the future phases, and Kenworthy said each phase would be completed as funding sources and partners are identified.

The trail would be maintained through a combination of volunteers and public works employees who Letavic said would keep the trail clear of tree limbs and maintain any stormwater management



STAFF PHOTO BY LAURA HAYES

Londonderry Township Public Works staff said this is the site of an old rough trail that runs through Sunset Park and could be the basis for new hiking trails.

features.

After it was said that the township would maintain the trail, Supervisor Bart Shellenhamer said, “OK, so ultimately in the long run, this will cost taxpayers money to maintain it.”

It’s part of the park system as it is, Kenworthy said.

“Certainly there will be some maintenance associated with it. The intent is to make it as low-maintenance as possible,” Kenworthy said.

## GRANTS: Multiple organizations, projects get state gaming money

From page A1

Infrastructure Bank loan over 10 years to pay for the project, township accountant Rebecca McClain told the Press & Journal.

- \$150,000 to Londonderry Township toward replacing the Lauffer Road Bridge. Township engineer Andrew Kenworthy told the Board of Supervisors that this was the last critical bridge following a study of township bridges. Township Manager Steve Letavic said the original cost of the project was \$702,000, but the township was able to offset \$571,260 through the gaming grant and the Dauphin County Bridge Bundling program. “That is a great savings to our residents,” he said. Kenworthy said design would take place in 2019 and construction in 2020.
- \$125,000 to Middletown Volunteer Fire Department toward the department replacing its pumper truck. The current pumper is from 2000 and is nearing the end of its 20-year life expectancy. A new pumper costs between \$650,000 to \$700,000, according to borough

Fire Chief Kenny Whitebread Jr.

- \$125,000 for improvements at the Linden Centre shopping center at Route 230 and the airport connector in Lower Swatara Township. The gaming grant money is to go for curbing, paving, site utilities and stormwater work. This grant is also conditioned upon this award being “the last funding request for the project,” according to a Dauphin County press release. Linden Centre owner and developer James Nardo and Marisa Benjamin with Towne Retail (Nardo’s development company) did not provide further information.
- \$120,000 to replace the irrigation system and to develop a new water source at the Dauphin Highlands golf course in Swatara Township just west of Lower Swatara Township. Dauphin County General Authority owns the golf course.
- \$100,000 to purchase a mini-pumper for the Harrisburg International Airport fire department.
- \$94,394 for two projects in Steelton. The borough fire department

is to receive \$64,394.43 for personal protective gear and mobile equipment and lighting. The remaining \$30,000 is for phase two of a skate park.

- \$25,000 to Harrisburg Rugby Football Club for design and construction of rugby fields with lights. The club is building the fields at Sunset Park in Londonderry Township. They broke ground in November with an estimated completion by spring 2020.
- \$10,000 to Middletown Area Interfaith Housing toward continued renovation and improvements of the building at 17 S. Union St. that is owned by the Interfaith Housing Board. Proceeds that the board receives from lease of the building go toward support of the Middletown Communities That Care program, said Ellen Willenbecher, who is president of the Interfaith Housing Board. The building is occupied by Vintage Vault Gallery, which signed a one-year lease for the space in late summer of 2018. The board plans to do fundraising this year and, adding this money to the \$10,000 received

from the county, resume renovations of the building in the fall of 2019, Willenbecher said. The board plans to have discussions with the owner of Vintage Vault Gallery aimed at the gallery staying in the building during renovations and beyond the one-year lease. Improving the building will make it more marketable and, hopefully, increase the lease proceeds contributions to Communities That Care. “It’s helping kids one brick at a time,” Willenbecher said of the initiative.

Besides these projects directly benefitting the greater Middletown area, the county also awarded a \$160,000 gaming grant to D&H Distributing for the company to build an expanded training center at its new headquarters in Lower Paxton Township.

D&H wants to build two warehouses in the Jednota property in Lower Swatara Township. The gaming grant award is not related to the Lower Swatara project, D&H Distributing Co-President Dan Schwab told the Press & Journal in an email.

## DOCTOR: Vollmar scheduled for preliminary hearing on charges

From page A1

of examining the ankle, Vollmar asked the patient if he wanted to be “worked on,” which the affidavit said involves chiropractic work on a person’s back, neck, shoulders, legs and hips, and a soft tissue massage.

During the massage the victim was undressed and lying on the table with a towel covering his genital area, when Vollmar according to the affidavit asked the victim, “Do you trust me?” The victim related he did, and Vollmar began touching the victim’s genitals. The victim stopped Vollmar and told police he had not consented to Vollmar touching his penis.

During an interview with police, Vollmar according to the affidavit referred to the incident as “a huge misunderstanding, mostly on my

part.” He told police that the patient had not given him permission to touch his penis.

Vollmar is scheduled for a May 15 preliminary hearing on the charge before Mylin, according to online court records.

Vollmar is no longer listed on the Diamantoni and Associates website. A woman answering the phone at the Quarryville location declined comment. Vollmar had been with Diamantoni and Associates since 1992 in family and sports medicine, according to media reports.

The school board first appointed Vollmar as school physician for the Middletown district in the 2013-14 school year, according to Suski’s letter to parents.

The district had renewed Vollmar’s agreement as school physician every year since, including

on March 20, 2018 for the 2018-19 school year.

As school physician, Vollmar provided mandated medical examinations of students who had not been examined by their own pediatrician or family physician in required years, according to Suski’s letter.

Vollmar also reviewed standing orders, consulted with district school nurses in emergency situations, and reviewed specialized billing regarding special education students, Suski said.

The district had paid Vollmar \$10,000 a year each year since he was first brought on board as school physician in 2013-14, district Chief Financial Officer David Franklin told the Press & Journal in an email.

The school district does not know of any other allegations

involving Vollmar, Suski said in her letter.

Suski asked any parent with questions regarding the situation to contact her via email at lsuski@raiderweb.org, or by calling her at 717-948-3300, ext. 1002.

Asked what parents or students should do if they need a school physical, district spokeswoman Jody Zorbaugh reiterated that school physicals can be done by any family physician.

Also, at this time of year the only school physicals that are needed are those for new students, Zorbaugh added. These physicals can also be done by the student’s family doctor.

Website www.lancasteronline.com reported that Vollmar also had been a physician at Pequea Valley and Lampeter-Strasburg school districts as recently as 2016.

### LOWER SWATARA POLICE ROUNDUP

## Girl injured in crash; BAC reported at 0.262

A 7-year-old girl from Middletown sustained minor injuries in a crash in the 1900 block of Oberlin Road at 3:46 p.m. April 9, police said.

Police reported the girl was a passenger in a car driven by a 41-year-old Middletown man.

The Middletown man and Adolfo Kiehl, 49, of Harrisburg, were driving in opposite directions on Oberlin Road. According to police, Kiehl’s vehicle crossed the center line.

The girl was treated at the scene, and police said Kiehl was transported to the hospital for treatment.

Kiehl was cited with driving while operating privileges are suspended or revoked, limitations on driving on left side of the road, careless driving and disregarding the traffic lane.

**Affidavit: Man’s BAC was 0.262**

A Mechanicsburg man faces DUI charges after police responded to a report of an intoxicated person at Zeeks gas station on South Eisenhower Boulevard at 9:17 p.m. March 25, according to the affidavit filed with District Judge Michael J. Smith.

The affidavit stated the blood-alcohol content of Randy Hunsberger, 42, was 0.262 percent.

Hunsberger’s vehicle was parked in front of the gas pumps, police said, and officers found him inside the store in a booth. He allegedly told police that he had a pint of rum several hours prior.

He was transported to the hospital where a blood draw was taken. The affidavit reported his blood-alcohol content level at 0.262 percent.

He has also been charged with public drunkenness.

His preliminary hearing has been scheduled for May 15.

**Man cited after March crash**

A Middletown man has been cited for a head-on car crash on South Eisenhower Boulevard at the Pennsylvania Turnpike at 12:49 p.m. March 27.

David Gilbert, 79, has been cited with disregarding the traffic lane.

Police said Gilbert’s vehicle struck a 20-year-old Harrisburg man’s car. Gilbert was trapped and had to be extricated. Both drivers were transported to the hospital for evaluation.

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Crews work on Vine Street on Tuesday morning as part of a median guiderail project.

## Median guiderail work will affect traffic on Vine Street

Starting at 7 a.m. Monday, April 15, the northbound and southbound passing lanes of Vine Street north of Middletown were closed and a single-lane traffic pattern will be in place for up to 25 days, so contractors can remove the median guiderail and replace it with mountable concrete curb.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation made the announcement Friday.

The work marks the start of a project to rehabilitate a mostly 1.52-mile concrete section of Vine Street just north of Interstate 76 (Pennsylvania Turnpike) overpass from Swatara Park Road at the Middletown borough-Lower Swatara Township line through Londonderry Township to just north of Swatara Creek Road in Derry Township.

The \$3,756,090 contract was awarded Jan. 31 to Kinsley Construction Inc. of York and includes replacing the existing median guiderail with concrete mountable curb, patching concrete pavement, replacing two drainage pipes, reconstructing the road shoulder, diamond grinding the concrete portion of the road, removing the top layer of asphalt at the southern end

of the project and resurfacing that portion of the road with a 3-inch Superpave warm-mix asphalt overlay, and installing new guiderail, signs and pavement markings.

Work under this construction contract is scheduled to be completed by the end of November.

Vine Street will be restricted to a single lane for up to 25 days from just south of the Swatara Creek bridge to just south of the ramps for Route 283 as crews remove the existing median guiderail, install concrete mountable curb and conduct concrete patching in the passing lanes. This section of Vine Street, officially designated as state Route 2003, averages more than 10,000 vehicles traveled daily. To avoid delays, travelers should allow for additional time in their plans or seek an alternate route, PennDOT suggested.

At all other times motorists might encounter lane shifts and single-lane restrictions with flaggers directing traffic through the work zone daily between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. as well as five or six nights per week from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

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It was a fine day for fishing Saturday at the 2019 Sportsmen Limited Kids Trout Derby at the Middletown Reservoir. See more at [www.pressandjournal.com](http://www.pressandjournal.com).

# Youngsters enjoy fishing derby

Stories and photos  
by Phyllis Zimmerman  
Special to the Press & Journal

Skies cleared and breezes warmed Saturday morning just in time for the 2019 Sportsmen Limited Kids Trout Derby.

The 26th annual event was hosted again this year by Sportsmen Limited of Middletown at the Middletown Reservoir in Lon-

donderry Township. Although the grounds remained saturated after Friday's heavy rains, no one really seemed to mind.

"I think it's a great program. The kids all get fishing poles and the winners get trophies. If they catch a tagged fish, then they win money," said Coleen Mills, of Lower Swatara Township, whose great-nephew, Truman Doyle, 7, was a participant.

"And the best thing is, there's no video games," added husband Vince Mills.

Ed Barb of Sportsmen Limited said 76 young anglers registered this year, a drop from the event's usual tally of 175 or so. Barb said the lower-than-usual numbers probably were caused by the date of this year's derby coinciding with the first day of trout season in other areas of Pennsylvania.

The first day of trout season here took place on March 31.

Winners of the derby's ages 2-to-6 category were: first place, Levi Mader; second place, Sophia Farr; third place, Audrina Kohr; and fourth place, Juni Reyes.

Ages 7-to-12 category winners were: first place, Conor Kirsch; second place, Everett Olson; third place, John Snyder; and fourth place, Bailee Thomas.



Winners of the 2019 Sportsmen Limited Kids Trout Derby 7-12 age group were, from left, fourth place, Bailee Thomas; second place, Everett Olson; and first place, Conor Kirsch. John Snyder, not pictured, took third.



Winners of the 2019 Sportsmen Limited Kids Trout Derby 2-6 age group were, from left, first place, Levi Mader; second place, Sophia Farr; third place, Audrina Kohr; and fourth place, Juni Reyes.



Dennis Earley, 6, and mom Candace Shepard, of Middletown, were ready to reel in some trout on Saturday morning at the derby.



Truman Doyle, 7, of Lower Swatara Township, lets it all hang out with a crayfish he caught from the Middletown Reservoir.



Juni Reyes, of Londonderry Township, might have liked catching these fish, but she definitely didn't want to hold them. Juni placed fourth in the 2019 Sportsmen Limited Kids Trout Derby 2-6 age group April 13 at the Middletown Reservoir.

## PROJECTS: Township looking at sewer work, but is 'under the gun'

From page A1

that included single-family homes, condos, townhomes, and apartments along with commercial space, offices, community and recreation area and dedicated space for a new elementary school.

According to the Dauphin County Recorder of Deeds' website, the deed is still held by Tuck-A-Way, which bought the land in 2009 for \$4.6 million.

Hershey said the new developer planned to have a traditional neighborhood design on one side of the East Harrisburg Pike and commercial on the other.

School Heights Village would be located behind Saturday's Market and bordered by Beagle Road to the north. It would include 986 homes on 197 acres made up of single-family homes, townhomes, apartments and commercial space, according to previous plans.

The deed for the land was transferred from S&T Bank to F&M

Trust Company of Chambersburg in July for \$1.

Under the 1966 Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, known as the Act 537, municipalities are required to develop a sewage facilities plan, and Londonderry's plan calls for public sewer systems in Londonderry Estates and Sewer Districts No. 2 and 3, or the districts where the Lytle Farms and School Heights Village developments would be located.

A public water pipe has been extended from Vine Street to the edge of the Lytle property.

According to the township newsletter, it would cost about \$35 million to meet the plan requirements. Letavic said both Suez and Derry Township Municipal Authority have potential sewer capacity.

Letavic said he's still working on sewer agreements, although he added that he was hoping to have something by June.

"I'm trying to find a way that we can meet our 537 plan require-

ments without passing the cost directly onto our residents. The only way you can do that is if you partner with developers," he said.

With about 5,200 township residents in 2,100 households, Letavic said it's a simple equation.

"If you don't develop, you die on the vine because you've got to spread that money over 2,100 households," Letavic said.

We want controlled growth, Geyers said, and Letavic said the township wants to develop along major and state roads.

"We wanted to control where it went so that we could create a tax base, and preserve the rest of the rural nature of the township," Letavic said.

We have to grow the township's tax base, he argued. Residents will say they don't want to have their taxes raised, but also don't want development.

"You can't have 2,100 homes, a static revenue base, unfunded mandates and mounting liabilities

on your roads and bridges and think you can continue this way. ... Better develop in the near term or we're going to die on the vine," Letavic said.

However, Letavic said the township is "under the gun." The township submitted their Act 537 plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in 2016, and the public sewer system to Londonderry Estates was to be fully operational five years after DEP approved the plan.

Letavic said the last time he met with DEP, they gave the township time to work on their plan because they knew Letavic had been working on it for 10 years. DEP, he said, told him that the township wasn't going to get another 10 years.

With two developers having the land under agreement, Letavic said he thought the plan was closer to becoming a reality than it was several years ago.

"That's better than we had before," he said of the agreements.



Each Nerf battle will have adult supervision, and any litter will be cleaned up at the end of each battle.

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**Avery Williams, Scott Ash, Brady Keyser, Garrett Miller and Cam Peters gather April 8 at home vs. Trinity.**



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Jenna Jerome makes contact during Monday's home win against Red Land.

# Softball spits 2; Zimmerman strong in win

The Middletown Area High School softball team split a pair of games in the last week to move to 3-4 on the season. The Raiders beat Red Land at home Monday, 2-1, behind the pitching of Noelle Zimmerman, who allowed just six hits in seven innings. She struck out three. Kate Fitzpatrick was 2-for-3 for the Raiders, including a triple

that drove in a run. Hayli Akakpo-Martin's fielder's choice drove in Camila Martinez. On April 10, the Raiders fell 8-0 at home to West Perry. Middletown managed only one hit, a first-inning single by Carly Dupes. Madison Gipe was the losing pitcher for the Raiders, allowing 8 runs on 12 hits in seven innings. She struck out three batters.



SPECIAL TO THE PRESS & JOURNAL BY DAWN ZIMMERMAN  
**Noelle Zimmerman pitches Monday at home against Red Land. She allowed only one run.**



SPECIAL TO THE PRESS & JOURNAL BY DONALD GRAHAM  
**Camila Martinez takes a cut April 10 at home vs. West Perry.**

## BASEBALL: Blue Raiders hang on in two wins, as comebacks take both games down to the last inning

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And, after leading 6-2 after four innings, it appeared as if the Middletown team was heading towards a solid victory. But the Shamrocks scored a single run in the fifth and added two more in the sixth to make it a one-run game and cause some major concern on the home side. The tension mounted after the Raiders came up empty in the home half of the sixth. But a strong finish on the mound by Garrett Miller, along with solid defensive play, ended the threat and secured the victory. After starter Brady Keyser sat down the Shamrocks in order to start the game, the Middletown offense scored 4 runs in the home half of the first inning to grab the early lead. With two outs and Scott Ash on third following a walk, stolen base and a balk by Trinity pitcher Andrew Root, Ray Truntz also drew a base on balls to put two runners on base. Truntz stole second with Miller in the batter's box. Miller's infield single and a fielding error pushed in both runners for a 2-0 lead. Cam Peters then was safe on an error that allowed Miller to score the third run. The next man up was Jaxson Senior, who laced an 0-2 pitch to right for an RBI double for run No. 4. Keyser had another 1-2-3 inning in the second, but so, too, did Root for the Shamrocks. Trinity broke into the scoring column with a pair of runs in the top of the third, getting three hits off of Keyser, a pair of singles and a double by Maika

Nui. A pair of hit batsmen loaded the bases with two outs, but Keyser avoided more trouble by inducing a pop-up for the third out. The Raiders added a run in the bottom of the third when Tim Wagner's leadoff double was rewarded via a two-out single up the middle by Peters. The home team padded its lead to 6-2 in the home half of the fourth following another 1-2-3 inning by Keyser. Justin Yohn led off the inning with a single to right and stole second before racing home on an RBI single by Avery Williams with two outs. Trinity picked up its third run in the top of the fifth to make it a 6-3 game. In the bottom of the frame, Truntz's lead off single went unrewarded, and the score stood with the Raiders leading by 3 runs. Trinity led off the sixth with a single and added another with one out to put two runners on base. An error on a misplayed shallow fly ball between center and right loaded the bases with Shamrocks. Keyser struck out Luke Pastor for the second out before being relieved by Miller. But another miscue, this one coming on a passed ball and throwing error, allowed two runners to score to make it a one-run game. But a rundown between first and second on the play produced the third out. Wanting to pick up an insurance run, the Middletown offense instead was shut down. The score held at 6-5 heading into the top of the seventh. Miller and the defense saved the day with a 1-2-3 inning, the outs secured on a pop-up to Senior at second base, a line-out



PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE PRESS & JOURNAL BY DIANA KEYSER  
**Above, Tony Powell takes a swing April 8 at home vs. Trinity. Below right, Garrett Miller fires a pitch vs. Trinity.**

to Williams at third and a ground-out aided by a good scoop at first by Peters. **Middletown 7, West Perry 6** Baseball wins at West Perry have been few and far between, and the April 10 road trip to Perry County posed lots of questions for the Blue Raiders. But a surprisingly good start that saw the Raiders score 4 runs in the first inning and shed a different light on the Capital Division contest. Later, when the Blue Raiders climbed to a 7-1 advantage, it appeared as if the Middletown nine was heading to an easy victory. But the game took a dramatic turn in the bottom of the seventh inning as the Mustangs rallied for 5 runs. It took a clutch finish from reliever Michael Tuffy and his defensive mates for the Raiders to hold on for the tense 7-6 triumph.

Middletown pitcher Scott Ash went the first two innings but did not start the third, leaving the game with a sore arm and his team leading 4-1. Garrett Miller pitched the third, fourth, fifth and sixth innings and one-third of the seventh before the Mustangs started their rally. Tony Powell pitched to two batters in the seventh before Tuffy took over and held on for the save. While the finish was too close for comfort, the start was good. With two outs in the first, Wagner



walked, Truntz singled and Miller stroked an RBI single for the first run. Another single by Peters drove in two runs and the fourth

came when Powell was safe on an error that allowed Peters to score. West Perry scored a single run in the home half of the second stanza on a bases loaded walk to make it a 4-1 game. In the top of the fourth, the Blue Raiders plated two more runs to push their lead to 6-1. Powell led off with a walk and made it to second on an errant pickoff attempt. With two outs, Wagner and Truntz walked to load the bases. Miller's clean single to center drove in the two runs. West Perry put two runners on base in the bottom of the frame, but Miller pitched his way out of trouble, getting a pop-out and ground-out to end the threat. The 6-1 score held through the fifth inning before the Raiders picked up another run in the top of the sixth. Little did anyone know how important that run would turn out to be. Ash led off the inning with a triple to left field and scored on a sacrifice fly by Wagner. Miller faced just four batters in the bottom of the sixth to keep the score at 7-1. In the top of the seventh, Miller led off with a single but was left stranded. After getting the leadoff batter on a fly ball to right, it appeared as if the Raiders were in good shape for a win. But three straight singles loaded the bases for the Mustangs, changing that scenario in a hurry. West Perry's Aiden Russell walked on four pitches by Powell to force in one run and a passed ball allowed the second run to score. Tuffy, in relief, walked in another run to make it a 7-4 game, and a fielder's choice ground ball allowed another run to close the gap to 7-5. With two outs, a bad hop on a hard grounder let in run No. 6 for the Mustangs, adding to the already tense game. But Tuffy, facing a full count, got West Perry's No. 4 hitter Matt Chicini on a pop-up to shortstop to end the rally and lock up the win.

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### PSU's Williams is player of week

Penn State Harrisburg's Bret Williams is the Capital Athletic Conference Baseball Player of the Week. He helped lead the Lions (22-8-1) to a 5-0 week that included three wins over CAC foe Mary Washington, as well as non-conference victories against Keystone and No. 16 Johns Hopkins. Against Keystone, the junior hit a pair of home runs, including the game-winning walk-off grand slam, and racked up eight RBIs before going 4-for-5 with a double and four runs scored in the final contest at UMW on Saturday. On Sunday, he hit the go-ahead two-run home run in the top of the 11th inning of a 10-8 victory at No. 16 JHU.



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## Evangelical United Methodist Church



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

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

This week's worship assistants are as follows: Pastor – Lee Ellenberger; Liturgist – Michael Hahn; Organist – Don Cowser; Choir Director – Erich Schlicher; Children's Time – Sarah Snyder; Audio

Visual – Steve Moyer; Jamal Warren and Justin Hahn; Head Usher – Lori Keller; Greeters – Robert Miller, Lori Conner and Madison Richwine; Nursery Caregivers – Deb Lidle and Joyce Moyer.

This week's schedule of activities is as follows:

Wed., April 17: 6 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous Group Book Study; 6:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal in sanctuary.

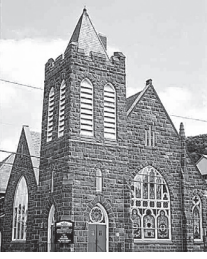
Thurs., April 18: 7 p.m., Holy Thursday Service at Wesley United Methodist Church.

Fri., April 19; 12 p.m., Good Friday Service at Penn State Harrisburg or Geysers United Methodist Church.

Sun., April 21: 6:15 a.m., Sunrise Easter Service at 260 Schoolhouse Rd., Middletown; 9 a.m., Sunday school; 10:15 a.m., Easter Sunday Worship Service.

Tues., April 23: 2 p.m., Prayer Shawl; 6 p.m., God's Kitchen at Wesley, meal provided by Highspire.

## Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown



The Presbyterian Congregation is located at 290 N. Union St. in downtown Middletown. We are a body of Christian people who reach out to others by sharing God's Word, love, and fellowship. Warm greetings to one and all as we seek to grow closer to our Lord Jesus Christ. Please join us on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. as Pastor Christian Neubaum leads us in worship. Our sanctuary is air-conditioned and handicapped accessible, and there are also hearing devices for anyone wanting to use one. Nursery is available during the service, as well as Bible Listening bags for children to utilize during the service. Do join us!

You are invited on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for our Adult Forum, an opportunity to learn more about the Bible and issues of concern to Christians! All are welcome as we study the Bible and reflect on how the scriptures can inform and inspire us to "walk the talk" in our daily lives and to be responsible and faithful Christians as we confront the critical issues of our time.

This week we celebrate Lent and Easter with the theme "Family Portrait." This Lent we will be reading a play called "Family Portrait" by Lenore Coffee and William Joyce Cowen that tries to imagine what Jesus' family might have been experiencing during his three-year ministry. It begins in Nazareth, which Jesus had just left upon his life work, and where his remaining brothers understand only that in the height of the building season he has left them and depleted the working force. It continues in Capernaum, where tavern keepers and promoters have capitalized on his growing power and

popularity. It returns to Nazareth and the disillusioning experience among his neighbors. Then, journeys to Jerusalem, where the fickle crowd has turned from its cries of "Hosanna" to shouts of hatred. The play is a simple, eloquent and reverent picture of the family of Jesus. Come join us as we read together sections of the play, look at the Biblical passages represented by the scenes, and discuss how this story enriches our understanding of Jesus as a member of the human family. These six sessions will be led by three members of the Adult Forum planning team: Susannah Gal, Phil Susemihl and Pastor Christian Neubaum.

Our electronic newsletter can be accessed anytime at [www.pcmdt.org](http://www.pcmdt.org)...click on "resources"...click on "newsletter." (These are PDF files should open with Adobe Acrobat). For further information, see our website [www.pcmdt.org](http://www.pcmdt.org), visit our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/PresbyterianCongregation](http://www.facebook.com/PresbyterianCongregation)), or call the office.

## Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church



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

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

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

## New Beginnings Church of Middletown



We are an independent body of believers offering God's invitation for a new beginning to all who seek it. We exist to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of all people through faith in Jesus Christ. We are a Safe Sanctuary congregation. New Beginnings Church invites you to worship with us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Nursery and children's church is provided. Our congregation meets at Riverside Chapel, 630 S. Union St., next to the Rescue Fire Company. Sunday School for all ages is at 9 a.m. We are handicap accessible via ramp at back

door. For additional church information call 717-944-9595. For security purposes our back and side doors will be locked every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the start of worship. The only door for entry after that will be the front door.

Mark your calendar for our "Easter Children's Drive Through" on Sat., April 20 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. This is an alternative to an Easter egg hunt. Drive up to the curb and receive an Easter bag for your children filled with a variety of things including chocolates.

Join us April 18 for our Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. for Holy Communion. Easter Sunrise service is at 6:30 a.m. held in our prayer garden overlooking the beautiful Swatara Creek to view the sunrise. Easter celebration of our risen Christ will be at 10:30 a.m. We invite everyone to share in these special services of the Easter season.

The community is invited to our new contemporary service on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. entitled "New Beginnings Unchained Worship Fellowship." Persons who have no church affiliation or are seeking to grow in their faith in their relationship with God are invited. We invite you to come and check out our new service.

Sundays: Children's choir rehearsal Sundays at 10 a.m.; Youth Fellowship meets Sunday evening from 5 to 7 p.m.

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

Wednesdays: Craft Group meets at

1 p.m.; Choir practice at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays: Blanket makers meet the 1st and 2nd Thursdays of the month at 9 a.m.; Intercountry Prayer meets at 6 p.m., followed by Bible Study at 7 p.m.

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

Greeter for April: Dick Wagner. April ushers: Isabelle Cain, Kara and Joe Connors and Chris Long.

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

Pastor Britt writes a daily devotional on the Facebook page "Pastor Britt Strohecker."

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

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

## St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church



St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spring & Union Streets (121 N. Spring St), Middletown. We are a Reconciling In Christ Church. Visit our website at [www.stpetersmiddletown.org](http://www.stpetersmiddletown.org). Please join us for worship. Luther Hall Sunday, Adult Sunday church school at 9 a.m. Our worship times are: Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. Sunday Church school for all ages begins at 9 a.m.; Wednesday morning at 10 a.m., Good Shepherd Chapel; Saturday evening at 5 p.m., Good Shepherd Chapel. For Wednesday and Saturday

services please enter the church through the parking lot doors. Our Sunday worship service is broadcast at 11 a.m. on WMSS 91.1FM.

Schedule of Church Activities: Thurs., Apr. 18: Maundy Thursday Service at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Fri., Apr. 19: Good Friday service, 12 p.m. at Penn State Harrisburg Spiritual Center, 210 SEC Building, Good Friday service, 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church Sanctuary; Sat., Apr. 20: Easter Saturday, 5 p.m. Chapel; Sun., Apr. 21: Easter Sunday, 10 a.m. in Sanctuary.

Save the date: Sunday, Apr. 28: 3 p.m., Voices of the Valley Concert at St. Peter's. No ticket required. Free will donation.

CHRISTIANITY ON TAP – 1st and 3rd Sundays at noon at the Tattered Flag. Come explore with us what it means to be a Christian in today's world around a beverage of your choice. All experiences, beliefs, questions and doubts welcome. This is an open and relaxed environment for us to share our beliefs and understandings of the world with each other, to learn from each other. Follow us on Facebook @ChristianityonTapMiddletown.

Free Little Library: St. Peter's has a Free Little Library located at the entrance door by the parking lot. This Free Little Library belongs to everyone. Anyone may use it. The books are always free. It is not necessary to give a book to take a book.

## Ebenezer United Methodist Church



We have several things happening at Ebenezer and all are welcome. There is a prayer time, "Partners in Prayer" that meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Through scripture, song, and meditation we experience the joy of God's pres-

ence. Have a favorite board game? "Game Night" is every third Monday at 6:30 p.m. We also offer a variety of other groups including Bible studies. Any questions please call us at 717-939-0766 or e-mail us at [ebenezerumc890@outlook.com](mailto:ebenezerumc890@outlook.com).

# HIA investigated for possible chemicals in water system

By Dan Miller

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The state plans to test water from more than 300 public water systems throughout Pennsylvania to check for the presence of chemicals known as PFAS.

Military bases are common sources of PFAS, according to a DEP April 12 press release announcing the testing.

Department of Environmental Protection spokesman John Repetz could not say if Middletown will be one of the systems being tested, despite the borough being next to the former Olmsted Air Force Base.

A small part of the former base is in Middletown. Most of it is in Lower Swatara Township.

Harrisburg International Airport, which is on the former Olmsted base, is one of 19 sites in Pennsylvania under investigation for the presence of PFAS, according to the DEP website.

The testing of public water systems for PFAS will begin in May, with the first planned phase lasting about a year, DEP said.

Repetz in an email to the Press & Journal said that a full list of the public water systems being tested for PFAS under the DEP sampling plan will be released when the monitoring is complete. Results will be posted to the DEP website.

"The sampling plan is not meant to be a definitive survey of all public water systems in Pennsylvania, but a representative sample to determine the prevalence of PFAS chemicals," Repetz said.

Any public water system sampled by DEP found to exceed the health advisory limit of 70 parts per trillion set by the Environmental Protection Agency "will be required to conduct confirmation sampling and provide public notification so that their customers can be made aware," Repetz said.

Known as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, PFAS are a group of manmade chemicals that have been manufactured and used in a variety of industries in the United States and worldwide since the 1940s, according to the EPA website.

PFAS are or have been found in many consumer products such as cookware, food packaging, and stain repellents. PFAS manufacturing and processing facilities, airports, and military

installations that use (or used) firefighting foams are some of the main sources of PFAS, according to EPA.

According to EPA, studies indicate that PFAS chemicals can cause reproductive and developmental, liver and kidney, and immunological effects in laboratory animals. The chemicals have caused tumors in animals.

EPA says the most consistent findings are increased cholesterol levels among exposed populations, with more limited findings including low infant birth weights, effects on the immune system, cancer, and thyroid hormone disruption.

Certain PFAS chemicals are no longer made in the United States because of phase-outs agreed to by eight major chemical manufacturers, according to the EPA.

While the EPA has established a health advisory limit for PFAS chemicals, in February it chose not to commit to setting a maximum contaminant level for the chemicals, according to the DEP.

Pennsylvania is taking "unprecedented steps to address PFAS, including beginning the process" of the state setting its own MCL for PFAS chemicals, DEP Secretary Patrick McDonnell said in the April 12 release.

This will be the first time DEP has set its own MCL rather than adopting standards set by the federal government, as DEP has with all other regulated drinking water contaminants, DEP said.

Gov. Tom Wolf in September created a PFAS Action Team to address PFAS contaminants across Pennsylvania. Shortly before DEP announced its testing on April 12, an official with Suez—the private company that operates the Middletown public water system—was quoted in an April 9 PennLive article saying that Suez planned to test its water systems for PFAS chemicals.

The comment followed word that PFAS had been found in the tap water of a resident of Newberry Township, York County, a public water system operated by Suez.

Suez did not provide information for this article in response to a request from the Press & Journal for comment regarding what, if anything, Suez plans to do to address the possibility of PFAS chemicals being in the Middletown public water system.

## Free lanternfly training available

Penn State Extension Dauphin County will host a free spotted lanternfly permit training at the Middle Paxton Township Building, 10 Elizabeth Ave, Dauphin, from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, April 25.

Businesses, including farms, operating in the quarantine zone must have permits to move equipment and goods within and out of the zone by May 1.

As of March 15, Dauphin

County is in the Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine Zone.

Presentations will be given by Penn State Extension and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture after which a permit exam will be given. Participants need to achieve a score greater than 70 percent in order to pass.

To register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly-permit-training-for-businesses> or call 877-345-0691.

# DIRECTORY OF CHURCH SERVICES



**Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church**  
10 Spruce Street, Middletown • 717-944-5835  
Sunday School - 9 am • Morning Worship 10:15 am  
Evening Worship - 6 pm  
[www.calvaryopc.com](http://www.calvaryopc.com)



**Ebenezer United Methodist Church**  
"Love God, Love People, Make Disciples"  
890 Ebenezer Road, Middletown  
(Corner of 441 & Ebenezer Road)  
Phone 717-939-0766  
Sunday Worship:  
Traditional - 8:45 am • Contemporary - 10:45 am  
Christian Education (All Ages) - 10 am  
Christian Child Care - 717-985-1650  
BRAD GILBERT, Pastor  
[www.ebenezerumc.net](http://www.ebenezerumc.net)



**Evangelical United Methodist Church**  
Spruce & Water Sts., Middletown  
717-944-6181 • [www.eumch.org](http://www.eumch.org)  
Sunday School (all ages) - 9 am  
Sunday Worship - 10:15 am



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



**New Beginnings Church**  
at the Riverside Chapel  
630 South Union St., Middletown • 717-388-1641  
Sunday School - 9 am • Worship Service - 10:30 am  
PASTOR BRITT STROHECKER  
Everyone Is Welcome!



**Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown**  
Union & Water Sts., Middletown • 717-944-4322  
Church School - 9:15 am • Worship - 10:30 am

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



**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
121 N. Spring Street, Middletown  
Church Office 717-944-4651  
REV. DR. J. RICHARD ECKERT, Pastor  
Sunday Worship - 10 am  
Sunday Church School - 9 am - for all ages  
Saturday Worship - 5 pm - in the Chapel  
Wednesday Worship - 10 am in the Chapel  
Worship Broadcast on 91.1 FM - 11 am  
We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation



**Seven Sorrows BVM Parish**  
280 North Race St., Middletown  
Parish Office 717-944-3133  
REV. TED KEATING, JR., Pastor  
Saturday Evening Vigil - 5:30 pm  
Sunday Masses - 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 6:00 pm  
Confessions: Saturday - 7:30-7:50 am, 4:30-5:15 pm



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



# FROM THE VAULT

News from the Friday, April 14, 1950, edition of the Press & Journal

## Atomic age, second generation



Editor’s note: This cartoon appeared on the front page of the Press & Journal.

## Farewell to the Rev. Longbrake

A farewell reception for the Rev. and Mrs. William V. Longbrake was held in the social room of the Old Derry Presbyterian Church at Hershey on Monday night.

The minister and his family left Thursday for Milwaukee, where Longbrake will begin his work as pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church on April 23.

The congregation presented him with gifts.

## Other headlines

- Motorcyclist, 19, killed
- 75,800 votes eligible for GOP primary
- 23-year-old held for arson

## Hot buys

- William Holden, Joan Caulfield and Edward Arnold in “Dear Wife.” George Murphy in “Border Patrol.” Elks Theatre, Middletown.
- After-Easter savings on suits, reduced to \$9.97; you save more than \$8 on these new gabardine suits. Clearance dresses, \$3.97, and skirts, \$2.97. The Classic Shop, Middletown.
- Attention farmers and broiler men — we have 35,000 high-quality chicks to sell each week. Special price — \$8 a hundred. Harrison’s High Quality Chicks, 118 N. Catherine St., Middletown.

# Borough council contracts to install parking meters

Election of a First Ward councilman to fill an existing vacancy, action to enter into an agreement to lease parking meters, and formal action on several ordinances constituted a busy session of borough council at the regular monthly meeting held Monday night in the Community Building Council Chamber.

Councilmen in attendance included President John Prowell Jr., Ross Seltzer Sr., Maurice Stauffer, Samuel Gruber Jr., John Bauder, Alexander Legoza and Earl Cain. Absent was Aaron Shaffner.

Cain presented the name of Walter E. Good to fill the unexpired term of Hiram Houser, whose resignation as First Ward councilman was submitted and accepted at the most recent session. Gruber also entered the name of Thomas Bretz. Following an aye and nay vote, Good was declared elected as he received four votes to Bretz’s three.

Supporting Cain’s nominee were Seltzer, Stauffer and Bauder.

Those voting for Bretz were Gruber, Legoza and Prowell.

Good’s term of office will constitute the remaining two years of Houser’s term.

Parking meters will become a reality in the borough in the near future as council took final action to acquire approximately 200 meters from the Miller Meter Co.

Prior to the vote on the choice of meters, council allotted five minutes of time for the five sales representatives attending the meeting. Representatives from the following companies were present and submitted the following prices (per individual meter): Park-O-Meter, \$61.50; Mark Time Meter, \$51.50 (excluding a \$4 installation fee); Mico Meter, \$58.50; Dual Meter, \$66, and Miller Meter Co., \$72.50.

The vote to acquire the Miller meter was 4-3. Following Seltzer’s motion, seconded by Stauffer, the vote by roll call found Bauder and Cain joining the above members in favor of the Miller equipment.

Councilmen voting against the motion included Gruber, Legoza and Prowell.

Legoza indicated his objection was based on the fact the Miller meter was the most expensive and that all of the meters described by the sales representatives were guaranteed as far as necessary maintenance was concerned.

Actually the acquisition of parking meters will not necessitate any outlay of borough funds since they will be paid through a lease plan which calls for the borough and meter company to share equally the revenue derived from their use until the cost of meters is met.

Meters are to be placed on Union Street, from Spring to Ann streets; Emaus Street, from Pine to Catherine streets; and on Brown Street, from Pine to Union streets.

If at the end of a nine-month period the parking meters are not considered feasible for this borough, council retains the right to have all meters removed at no cost to the borough.

## Fox, 36, who lived at Stein’s Landing, drowned

A 36-year-old Royalton man, father of three small children, drowned in the Susquehanna River, near Middletown, about 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The victim was identified as William Fox, of Stein’s Landing, below Royalton, an employee at the Olmsted Air Force Base hospital, Middletown. Identification was made by the victim’s wife, Mrs. Marge Fox, through a hat which the man was wearing at the time of the accident.

The hat was caught by two

Elizabethtown men, Ray C. Martin and Herbert Cairns, who saw the incident from the shore and tried to rescue Fox in a canoe. He sank below the surface before they could pull him out.

Fox was poling about the river in a rowboat when the boat capsized and he fell in. His wife, who said her husband was unable to swim, reported he was looking for driftwood. She also reported that he had not worked at the base hospital on Wednesday but spent the afternoon with his brother, Marcus

Fox, trimming berry bushes.

Members of Middletown’s three volunteer fire companies, the Rescue, Liberty and Union, rushed to the scene. Using a barge, the firemen continued to search until 10 p.m. Wednesday when they were forced to stop because of high winds and rain. Searchers said the wind was causing whitecaps on the river and they were unable to control the barge.

The search began again at daybreak today. The body has not been recovered up to press time.

# PUZZLES AND HOROSCOPE

## WORD SEARCH | ANSWERS ON B2

<b>Landscape word search</b>	Garden Grass Green Grubs Hose Irrigation Landscape Lawn Mulching	Pathway Pesticide Planting Plants Prune Roots Rows Seeds Shrubs	Sod Spring Trees Troubleshoot Water Weed Wildlife Worms
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Guess Who? answer: John Cena

## SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

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

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## GUESS WHO? (answer below Word Search)

I am a professional wrestler born in Massachusetts on April 23, 1977. I hold 16 WWE world heavyweight championships. I am also known for playing lead or supporting roles in a number of films.

## CROSSWORD | ANSWERS ON B2

- ACROSS**
- A way to wound
  - Hormone secreted by the pituitary gland (abbr.)
  - Shows the world
  - Decided
  - Indigenous person of NE Thailand
  - Dough made from corn flour
  - Honors
  - Political commentator Coulter
  - Expresses pleasure
  - Heavy clubs
  - Defunct phone company
  - Algonquian language
  - Salts
  - Act of the bank
  - Danced
  - Drummer Weinberg
  - Small goose
  - Helps evade
  - Certified public

- accountant
- Periods of time
- Kids’ book character
- Type of beer
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- A way to attack
- Talk radio personality Margery
- Whale ship captain
- Request
- Large underground railstation in Paris
- BBQ dish
- No (Scottish)
- Jewish spiritual leader
- Tool used to harvest agave
- Explosive
- A reward (archaic)

- Polite interruption sound
- Extremely small amount
- Very short period of time (abbr.)
- Fires have them
- Sacred place
- Island capital
- Volcanic craters
- Arthur \_\_, Wimbledon champion
- Bullfighting maneuver
- Midway between east and southeast
- A ceremonial staff
- Cheap prices
- North Atlantic fish
- Oil company
- A federally chartered savings bank
- Paddle
- Where UK soldiers train
- One point north of due east
- Attention-getting

- Ballplayer’s tool
- Sun up in New York
- Golfers begin here
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Represented as walking (animal)
- Craftsman
- Unit of force (abbr.)
- Dueling sword
- Houston hoopster
- Stone building at Mecca
- \_\_ and flows
- “Beastmaster” actor Singer
- American state
- Swiss river
- U.S. island territory
- German physicist
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## HOROSCOPE | WEEK OF APRIL 17

**ARIES** MARCH 21-APRIL 20  
Take a few tentative steps forward first before diving wholeheartedly into a situation. It is a good idea to test the waters on any big project before fully submerging.

**TAURUS** APRIL 21-MAY 21  
Don’t abandon caring for yourself if your to-do list is a mile long. Figure out a way to devote some attention to yourself and reap the rewards.

**GEMINI** MAY 22-JUNE 21  
A new outlook can help you overcome a problem that’s puzzled you. Shift your perspective for a bit, or even embrace distractions to clear your mind.

**CANCER** JUNE 22-JULY 22  
Powerful connections seem to be turning up in all you do lately. These influential people can help you in your career or personal life if you play the right hand.

**LEO** JULY 23-AUG. 23  
Don’t apologize for putting yourself first. People will respect you more when you set clear boundaries and are forthcoming in your interactions.

**VIRGO** AUG. 24-SEPT. 22  
Honesty is one of your foremost qualities. Others appreciate this and will look to you for guidance. Express your thoughts while keeping others

in mind.

**LIBRA** SEPT. 23-OCT. 23  
It’s only been a few months but you are on track to meet long-term goals. Keep up the good work and don’t be surprised when others notice and acknowledge your progress.

**SCORPIO** OCT. 24-NOV. 22  
Everyone wants a piece of you. You might feel like you’re getting pulled in a million directions. Embrace this, but make sure you don’t get swept away.

**SAGITTARIUS** NOV. 23-DEC. 21  
Without an efficient system in place, you may seem like you’re spinning in too many directions. You might need to

outsource some work.

**CAPRICORN** DEC. 22-JAN. 20  
The truth shall set you free. It could take a while to get to the heart of the matter, but all of your effort will prove worth it.

**AQUARIUS** JAN. 21-FEB. 18  
Try new things and embrace activities even if it means going out of your comfort zone. It can be scary to break out of your routine, but you’ll be glad you do.

**PISCES** FEB. 19-MARCH 20  
Find a way to unwind in the days ahead. A hectic schedule is just about to clear up, and you have earned some much-needed rest and relaxation.



# VIEWPOINTS

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## READERVIEW

# Public forums aimed at fight vs. drug use

In the Community Calendar printed in the March 27 Press & Journal, April 20 is listed as “Pot Smokers Day.”

As a sponsor of the monthly calendar and county commissioner who oversees Dauphin County’s Drug and Alcohol Services Department, we do not condone or endorse this message or any illegal activity. In fact, we work hard to prevent substance abuse and help get people on a different — and drug-free — path.

We are hosting a series of public forums with local Communities that Care organizations to try and turn the tide of drug abuse and promote positive decision-making, particularly among youth.

Please join us at the following events:

- May 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Hoffer Park in Middletown.
- June 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Steelton-Highspire football field.

Too many lives have been lost to drug overdoses in recent years, and we, as government leaders, have a responsibility to combat this crisis. We hope something positive comes out of this oversight in the Community Calendar and encourage the community to participate in our upcoming drug prevention-focused forums.

If you would like more information about prevention and treatment services, please contact Dauphin County Drug & Alcohol Services at 717-635-2254.

**George P. Hartwick III**  
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# Pennsylvania: Spend more on senior care



**ADAM MARLES**

Following years of Medicaid funding cuts from state government, not-for-profit nursing home providers across Pennsylvania are being forced to make incredibly difficult decisions.

Can we hire more employees to care for our seniors?

Will we be able to pay our existing employees a competitive wage to keep them here?

Is it possible to raise enough charitable funding to cover the continued cuts to Medicaid and increasing regulatory burdens?

Can we remain open?

The last question is clearly the most serious, and the concern is very real. No less than five different not-for-profit nursing homes in Pennsylvania are asking it right now. LeadingAge PA, the voice of not-for-profit senior services in Pennsylvania, believes the state General Assembly can solve this problem by fairly funding senior care services in the commonwealth with a very sensible solution.

For several years, the commonwealth has ignored Medicaid funding requirements. In his budget proposal released in February, Gov. Tom Wolf flat-funded Medicaid once again. By doing this, Pennsylvania is failing to keep pace with health care inflation as it ramps up regulations (and costs) on even the best of our not-for-profit nursing facilities.

Here’s the stark reality: In the past 15 years, the commonwealth has averaged increasing Medicaid rates by barely 1 percent per year. During that time, the cost of providing nursing home care has increased nearly 33 percent.

It’s gotten so bad that Pennsylvania’s nursing homes suffered a Medicaid funding shortfall of more than \$631 million in 2017-2018, according to a Medicaid Funding Gap Analysis commissioned by LeadingAge PA and conducted by consulting firm RKL LLP. For nonprofit nursing homes, the reimbursement gap translates to a daily loss of \$82.16 per patient, well above the already troubling state average of \$47.85.

The findings of this study boldly reinforce the crisis our members continue to face. This

chronic underfunding appears to only be getting worse. In the last four years, Pennsylvania has provided a 1 percent increase — total. The 2019-20 budget proposal calls for another year of flat-funding as health care costs continue to skyrocket. This simply cannot continue if state lawmakers expect nursing facilities to provide the best care for seniors. It is becoming impossible for not-for-profit nursing homes to keep up — leading to staffing losses and shortages. Some have been forced to sell to for-profit companies. In other cases, closure is a real possibility in the coming months.

We can fix this problem. It cannot be solved overnight, but we can start now by reversing this 15-year trend to ensure our seniors receive the



care they deserve. That means Pennsylvania matching modest federal guidelines and increasing Medicaid funding by only 2.8 percent in the fiscal year 2019-20 budget. Lawmakers should also provide \$17 million to fund the nonpublic medical assistance day one incentive payment. This important program is a vital tool wisely created by state lawmakers to preserve access to care.

The governor has focused on home-based care, and we certainly agree with him that programs in this area should be a priority. Who among us doesn’t want to spend as much time as possible living our retirement years in our own homes? We all would. But to solely rely on home-based care fails to acknowledge reality: Pennsylvania has the second largest 85-and-older population in the United States.

This unfortunately means that unless a family is incredibly wealthy, their loved one will have to look at nursing home care because around-the-clock home care simply isn’t affordable. No level of state government support can overcome such costs.

By committing to matching the rate of nursing care cost increases each year, Pennsylvania will address years of crippling underfunding that threatens the quality of care seniors receive from our not-for-profit members. Pennsylvania seniors and their loved ones deserve this.

*Adam Marles is the president and CEO of LeadingAge PA, a voice for not-profit senior care in Pennsylvania.*

## Your views are welcome

We want to hear from you. Send your letters to: [letters@pressandjournal.com](mailto:letters@pressandjournal.com), or 20 S. Union St., Middletown, Pa. 17057. Letters may be edited for accuracy, clarity and length.

## EDITORIALVIEWS

# Our public parks shouldn’t be closed for private events

We don’t object to the borough of Middletown bringing in money from the use of our parks.

After all, residents and nonresidents can rent out parts of Hoffer Park right now. According to the borough’s website, Shelter No. 1, near the entrance to the park, costs \$50 for residents and \$100 for nonresidents. Shelter No. 2, near the location of Kids Kastle, is \$25 for residents and \$50 for nonresidents. The main pavilion at the center of the park, which includes a stove, sink and refrigerator, is \$75 for borough residents and \$150 for nonresidents.

But what is being bandied about now by Middletown Borough Council — allowing groups to rent all of Hoffer Park and exclude the public — is quite a different thing, and something we most definitely oppose.

According to discussions at the April 2 council meeting, Schneider Electric wanted to use the park — the entire park — for an employee picnic Aug. 17. This would be no tiny get-together. As

many as 400 employees could be invited, although the most who have attended in past years at other locations is about 150. Schneider planned to have a “bouncy” house, a petting zoo, a live band, dunk tanks and food vendors.

However, as discussed at the council meeting, the park would have had to remain open to the public during the event. After all, it is a public park.

That’s what led council to reject Schneider’s request, although future discussion was promised on setting a policy that might allow groups to rent the park and exclude the public.

Let’s be clear — we oppose closing Hoffer Park or any of the other six parks in Middletown to the public for rental by groups.

These are our parks. They should not be looked at as a money-making asset. Our taxes pay for their upkeep.

Council President Angela Lloyd raised a thoughtful point: “If they (the employees) are on the basketball court and a bunch of kids

come down and want to play, is there going to be an issue — ‘We reserved the park for the day, you can’t play basketball,’” Lloyd said during the council meeting.

If the council wants to pursue having a policy that allows the borough to rent out the park for bigger events, we support setting some guidelines as long as it does not mean closing the park to the public.

The borough would have to be very clear when groups want to use Hoffer that the park would not be closed to the public. We understand that this could lessen how attractive it would be to host such events, but we don’t feel it is up for negotiation. If these groups wanted to bring in bouncy houses or a petting zoo, it would be up to them to ensure that only those who are part of their group take part in using them.

We don’t want a resident to bring their children or grandchildren down to Hoffer Park on a sunny Saturday afternoon just to see a “Closed” sign hanging at the

entrance. And how would this “Closed” policy be enforced. Would there literally be guards standing watch and keeping people out of what should be a park open to everyone? Would off-duty police be on hand? We shudder to think what that would look like.

Council member Ian Reddinger, who supported the rental to Schneider, said such events would set a good precedent.

“Come to Middletown, have fun, enjoy, bring your family, enjoy the businesses that are around here — that’s a good precedent to set and I hope we do set that precedent,” he said.

That’s all well and good, but it should not be done to the disadvantage of the residents who already pay for it.

Keep our public parks open to the public. We fear changing that policy would do more harm than good.

Our parks were established for the pleasure and use of Middletown residents, not as a money-making venture.

# We all see benefits from research



**SUSANNAH GAL**

I know I’ve talked about research in a variety of ways previously. I’m talking about research again in this column because we are celebrating Research Week at Penn State Harrisburg from April 15-19. This is a major event in my office calendar every year as it celebrates the culmination of work done by students and faculty on our campus.

You might think you don’t actually do research yourself. I contend, though, that you do. When you want to buy a car, don’t you look up the different models, maybe check out their gas mileage or what extra features you might want? You might get the reviews on their safety tests or on the ratings of service or likely repairs. That’s research.

High school students might do research about what college they would like to attend. Someone looking for a job might find out which company has a better health care policy or work environment. That’s research.

You might check on the Consumer Reports website to learn which refrigerator or washer are better purchases.

All of that involves gathering information to make a better decision. That’s research.

We have all heard the story about the way Benjamin Franklin discovered electricity in lightning with a kite and keys. But do we know how Thomas Edison converted that information into a commercially viable light bulb? Humphry Davy is credited with the first electric light in 1802, although apparently it was too bright and lasted too short a time to be useful.

I remember visiting Edison’s home and laboratory in Fort Myers, Florida, where there were lots of types of bulbs that he and his assistants tried over a period of intense research starting about 1878. It was about

a year later that he perfected a bulb that could be commercially produced. A year is actually a relatively short period of time for a major research project.

Why might research be useful for a student’s college education? So much of what we teach students can seem abstract and not related to the real world. Research in a subject area can help students understand the topic better, how some of the theories about an area were formed and how knowing that information can affect the field or subject in the future.

When I taught my DNA biology course for sophomores in college, I usually would start the class with a question: How do you think scientists figured out that DNA was the blueprint of life? We now know that DNA is the molecule that determines whether we are people or frogs, have brown eyes or blue, or are male or female. However, in the 1950s, that was not certain. So many of the students take for granted that DNA was the molecule that determined these traits, although they might not have realized what research went into proving that.

I loved giving that lecture as it allowed the students to see how exciting research can be and how it can solve important problems in the area they were studying. It also conveyed to them that many of the concepts we teach as “facts” were not known until about 60 years ago (in the case of DNA).

Work has shown that doing research with faculty in college is a “high impact practice,” something that can dramatically affect a student’s grade in college as well as whether they stay in school and graduate on time. I’m learning more about that aspect in my online

class titled “Assessing Student Outcomes and Evaluating Academic Programs.” This is the last class I needed to take to complete my graduate certificate in Institutional Research (more on what that is in a future column).

Surveys of students about their experiences in college and a comparison with their grades and rates of graduation have shown the value of doing research to college students. This

Friday. There will be about 22 talks given during those days.

From 3:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday, we will hold a celebration with ice cream with students sharing their research in a poster format. We have about 29 posters and one art exhibit to see.

There will also be a talk given by Dr. Marissa Harrison at 11:30 a.m. Friday about her research titled “Serial Killers — Their Motives, Crimes and Perspectives.” Harrison, associate pro-



experience can also provide useful skills for the workplace — such as how to solve a given problem, how to use a specific instrument, or how to evaluate information from references or online resources. So maybe all of this can help convince you (maybe again) of the value of research.

As I have said before, faculty and staff at Penn State Harrisburg do research in all kinds of fields, including engineering, business, psychology and criminal justice, to name just a few. This week, we are celebrating the research on our campus and showcasing the work done by our talented undergraduate and graduate students.

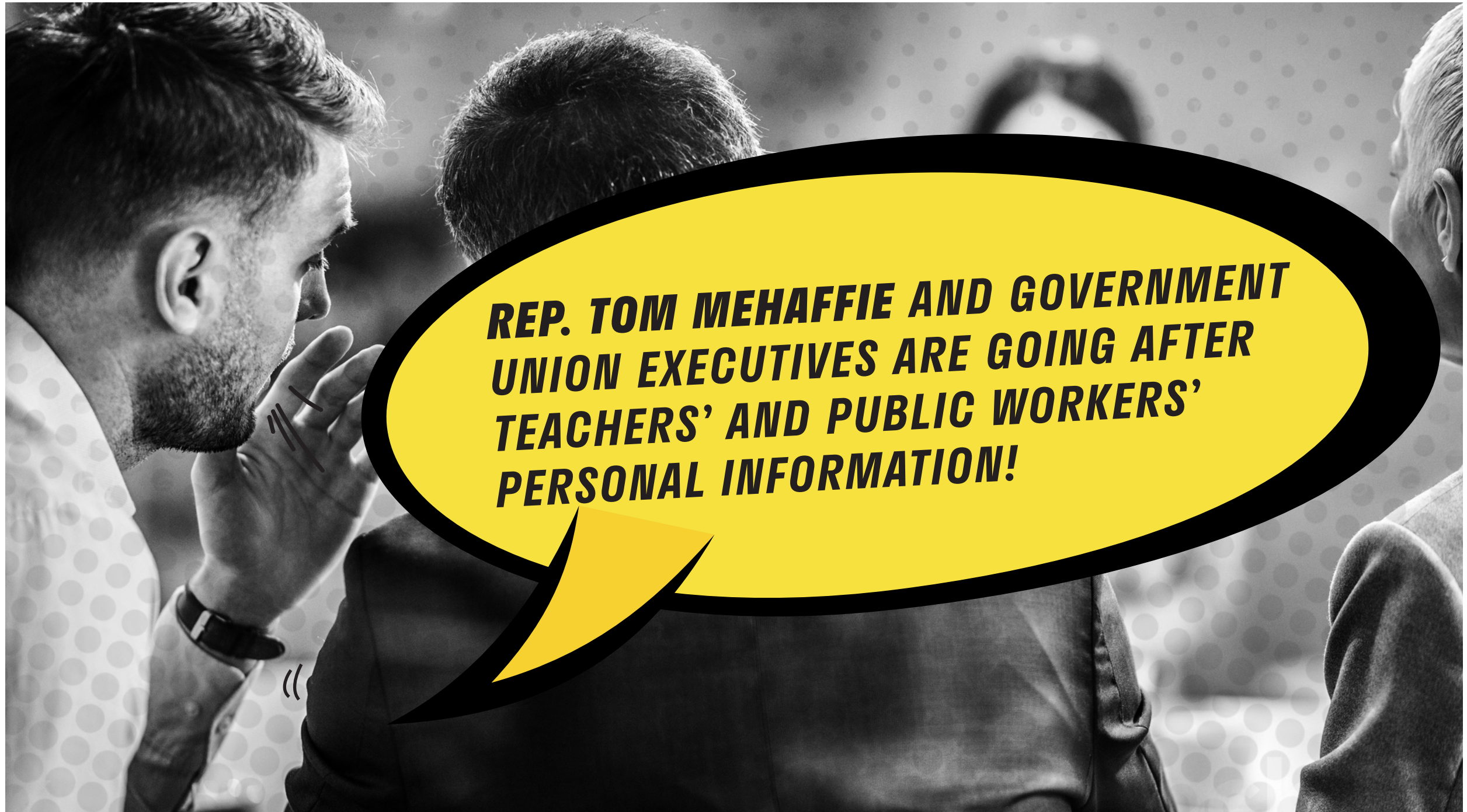
For instance, on Thursday and Friday, we will have 15-minute talks by the students about their work — starting at 9 a.m. and going until 3 p.m. on Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

fessor of psychology, is being recognized by the campus as this year’s awardee for research and scholarly activity.

I invite you to attend any of these events that you might have time for. Come see what kinds of work our faculty and students are pursuing and how research can enhance the educational experiences of the students on our campus. The events will take place in the Olmsted Building. Let me know if you want more information. Hope to see you there!

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