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Casino lobby was behind ‘skill games’ ban

Council tabled it after strong opposition; members say they didn’t know how proposal came about

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Middletown Borough Council’s consideration of an ordinance to ban so-called “skill games” was prompted by a lobbying effort on behalf of a Philadelphia-area casino, although borough officials say they didn’t know that at the time.

The statewide effort at municipal bans on such games was undertaken by Eckert Seamans, the law firm under contract to

Middletown borough as solicitor to provide legal advice to the borough and to council.

Following council Jan. 6 voting 6-0 to table action on the proposed ordinance, after hearing concerns from nonprofit groups and businesses in Middletown saying they are already benefitting from revenue received from the skill games, borough Manager Ken Klinepeter told the Press & Journal that council considering the proposal followed the borough receiving a letter in December from a solicitor

representing Dauphin County.

But the letter was sent on behalf of Parx Casino in Bensalem, although that information was not disclosed in the letter dated Dec. 13, which the borough received signed by Mark S. Stewart, an attorney with Eckert Seamans.

The letter from Stewart con-



Stewart

tained a draft ordinance for council to consider, which would make skill games illegal in the borough by declaring them a nuisance.

Skill games are controversial not just in Middletown but statewide. Advocates call them “skill games” because they say some amount of skill is required on the part of the player, in order to win money when they play.

Opponents — including Parx Casino, Hollywood Casino and other casinos throughout Pennsylvania — say the games require no

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skill but are illegal, unregulated slot machines that are robbing Pennsylvania residents of revenue that goes to support “local share” gaming grants, the Pennsylvania Lottery, property tax relief, and other initiatives now supported by gaming revenue from the licensed casinos.

Pennsylvania State Police in a December raid pulled skill games from five bars in Dauphin and Cumberland counties, including Champions Sports Bar and the Stadium Club in Highspire, according to PennLive.

But whether skill games are in fact illegal is unsettled. Also in December, Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court according to PennLive issued a stay barring State Police from seizing any more

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STAFF PHOTOS BY LAURA HAYES

Middletown resident Jay Howes on Friday measures the “rainfall” in a rainfall simulator, which was part of a conservation display at the Pennsylvania Farm Show manned by Howes, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the Pennsylvania No-Till Alliance.

‘CLEAN WATER BENEFITS EVERYBODY’

Middletown resident Howes plays key role in Farm Show display on healthy soil

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Just after 11 a.m. Friday, a yell broke through the Pennsylvania Farm Show’s Giant Exposition Hall that a demonstration was about to start.

It took place at one of the largest displays in the hall, and it showed how soil, using different farming practices, retains water.

Jay Howes of Middletown played a key role in making it all happen.

The large conservation display took up 4,800 square feet and featured farm equipment and greenery growing in soil. The demonstrations ran twice a day until the Farm Show ended Saturday.

“Overall, the display is trying

to portray visually the value of conservation practices on the farm and the value to both the farmer himself and the public,” Howes said.

The display was sponsored by the Friends of the Pennsylvania Farm Show Foundation and manned by Howes, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the president of the Pennsylvania No-Till Alliance, Jim Hershey.

The display, he said, is to let the public know why farmers do certain practices and the connection between healthy soil and clean water.

“Healthy soils and clean water benefit the farmer. Clean water

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A conservation display took up 4,800 square feet of the exhibition hall at the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

\$6.4 million deficit is MASD’s ‘worst-case scenario,’ top financial official says

18 new positions might not all stay in final budget, for example

By Laura Hayes
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A projected \$6.4 million deficit next school year is a “worst-case scenario,” Middletown Area School District Chief Financial Officer David Franklin told the Press & Journal.

The projected deficit was discussed at the school board’s Dec. 17 meeting, but Franklin said there likely will be significant changes to the budget before it is approved.

Included in these additional expenditures are 18 new positions, although some or all of them might not make it to the final budget.

“The deficit is based upon additional expenditures in the budget that are not balanced by additional revenue. It is too early in the year to project additional revenue as the state budget has not been proposed and the district does not have information on any assessed value increases for [2020-2021],” Franklin said.

Franklin said he hoped additional revenue would lessen the deficit.

In December, the school board passed a resolution that the district wouldn’t raise real estate taxes beyond its state-approved index of 3.69 percent for next year.

“Since the board adopted the resolution not to increase the budget above the index, there will be a lot of administrative work on the budget before another draft of the budget is presented

in May,” Franklin said.

Expenditures for the 2020-2021 school year are estimated to be \$55,170,887, and revenue is projected to be \$48,801,222.

One of the positions that Franklin said might not ultimately make it into the final draft of the budget is an assistant elementary principal, who would help deal with student issues and address an increase in enrollment at the elementary level.

Other staff additions include:

- Three full-time teachers at Middletown Area Middle School.

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Middletown Area School District Chief Financial Officer David Franklin

Currently the district is studying changes to MAMS’ schedule. What these new positions would be hasn’t been determined, and Franklin added that the district isn’t in the final stages of determining schedule changes. It’s harder to add items to the budget later, he said.

- A seventh-grade MATES (short for Middletown Area Therapeutic Elementary Support) program staff member. The program is currently through sixth grade.
- Three special education positions at MAMS.
- One special education position.

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Case against Chief Mouchette moving ahead, prosecutor says

By Dan Miller
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The Dauphin County prosecutor handling the sexual assault charges against Middletown Police Chief George Mouchette addressed the case during the public comment period of borough council’s Jan. 6 meeting.

“This case is scheduled for trial in February,” Chief Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Gettle said. “I know there has been a lot

of speculation about whether or not the charges are being dismissed or are not being pursued by the commonwealth.”

Mouchette’s case has been pending in county court since October 2018. The court has granted five motions for continuances, but a trial date now



Mouchette

is set for Feb. 10 before Judge William T. Tully, according to online court records.

“We are pursuing those charges and we do expect that this case will proceed to a trial, unless Mr. Mouchette were of course to approach us about some type of agreement outside of a trial,” Gettle said.

Mouchette is still a borough employee, but suspended without pay since August 2018 when he was charged with aggravated indecent

assault without consent, criminal attempt-rape forcible compulsion, and unlawful restraint/serious bodily injury.

The day Mouchette was charged, Middletown Mayor James H. Curry III appointed Sgt. Dennis Morris interim police chief. Council shortly after ratified the appointment.

The DA’s Criminal Investigation Unit filed the charges following an

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NEWS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD | LAVONNE ACKERMAN

2020: Make yourself better

Hello, all! How is your 2020 going so far? I wish you a beautiful winter wonderland season.

I do miss seeing the snow. I am a “four seasons” kind of girl, so being in Florida this winter has been very strange. Adjustments!

How are you doing with making 2020 a better year? No matter how old a person gets, I believe there is space for growth and improvement! What are you doing to make things better?

May we all be wiser this year! Let us treat each person we meet with respect and kindness. Let us show family members love, grace and mercy. Let us desire to be considerate people, putting others before ourselves. Let us be generous with our time, finances and kindness! Have a blessed week and don't forget to share your news.

Birthdays

Happy fun-all-week 15th birthday to **Faith Shonk** of Londonderry Township on Thursday, Jan. 16. Enjoy!

Best wishes for a fantastic Friday birthday to **Tyna Brinser** of Lower Swatara Township on Jan. 17. I hope it isn't too chilly!

Cathy Farr of Lower Swatara marks her cake-and-ice cream day on Friday, Jan. 17. Have a fun birthday weekend, Cathy!

Happy Sweet 16 on Friday to **Annalise Spagnolo** of Lower Swatara. May your honk-beep-beep day be the best, and I hope your Jan. 17 is just the way you like it!

Jim Gallagher of Lower Swatara celebrates his super-duper birthday on Saturday, Jan. 18. Have a great weekend, Jim. Many blessings to you!

Garrett Deyle of Lower Swatara joins the special 22 club on Saturday, Jan. 18. Best wishes to you for the best birthday yet, Garrett!

Happy 14th confetti-flying day to **Olivia Yeich** of Lower Swatara on Saturday, Jan. 18! Keep warm and keep smiling!

More cake at the **Brinser** house as **Mike** celebrates an-

other birthday on Monday, Jan. 20. Tell him happy cake day if you see him!

Another special 22nd birthday ... happy balloon-flying day to **Nicole Whittle** of Middletown on Monday, Jan. 20. I hope this is a big deal year for you, Nicole!

Anniversary

Best wishes for a beautiful anniversary to **Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Turns** of Middletown on Monday, Jan. 20. Have a wonderful week!

Marvelous Manicotti

- 1 box manicotti
 - 1 lb. ground beef
 - 1 lb. shredded fine mozzarella cheese
 - 1 lb. cottage cheese
 - 1 egg
 - 1/2 c. Parmesan cheese
 - 1 tsp. salt
 - 1/2 tsp. pepper
 - 1 Tbsp. oregano
 - 1 jar spaghetti sauce
- Follow directions on the box to prepare manicotti. Brown meat. Drain. Mix meat and next seven ingredients. Stuff manicotti. Layer in 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Cover with spaghetti sauce and bake 45 minutes at 350 degrees. Serve with salad and Italian bread.

Community Dinner

All are invited to a delicious dinner at Evangelical United Methodist Church at 157 E. Water St. in Middletown from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (or until sold out) Monday, Jan. 20.

The menu is roast beef, cheesy potatoes, glazed carrots, fruit cup, dessert and beverage. Note the time change.

There is a charge, and takeouts are available.

The location is handicapped accessible.

For more information, call 717-944-6181.

Dean's list

Congratulations to the following students who attend Mansfield University in Mansfield and have been named to the 2019 fall semester dean's list:

John McDevitt of Middletown, **Madelen Brunner** of Hummelstown, **Hannah Swartz** of Hummelstown, and **Corey Williams** of Elizabethtown.

Quote of the Week

“Prayer bends wills, shifts attitudes, clears paths, reveals options, gives understanding, convicts sinners, and gives grace.” — Andrew Kerr, author.

Question of the Week

What can you do to make 2020 better for others?

“Eat more meals together — with family, friends, neighbors and strangers!” — **Kerri Clark**, Connellsville.

“Fill the world with kindness! Open the door for those in need, which is the true meaning of unconditional love.” — **Dolly Eshenaur**, Cape Coral, Florida.

“I need to be less self-centered in 2020. Really listen and let others air out their thoughts and opinions without commenting. Ask God if what I want to say is important enough to say it.” — **Bill Seaton**, Hummelstown.

“Be more aware of the people around me. Smile, and walk like Jesus!” — **LeeAnn Hocker**, Lower Paxton Township.

“Make an effort to spend more quality time. Tell them you love them. Make new connections or connect with old ones.” — **Robin Wood**, Sparta, New Jersey.

“Helping my friends on the playground when they fall down.” — **Luca Ryan**, 5, West Hanover Township.

“Encouraging people with words, like telling them when they're good at something.” — **Stella Ryan**, 9, West Hanover.

“Have a servant attitude.”

Dave Kruse, Cleveland, Ohio.

Proverb for the Week

There is gold and abundance of costly stones, but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel (20:15).

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH Altland, Buffington honored by MAHS

Two seniors recently were selected as Middletown Area High School's Students of the Month for January.

Nicole R. Altland is the daughter of Dale and Lorraine Altland. Nicole has earned a spot on the honor roll throughout her high school career, along with an Academic Achievement Award. She is the secretary of both the band and National Honor Society as well as the vice president of Tri-M Music Honor Society.

Nicole is very involved in many MAHS activities, including marching band, concert band, jazz band, concert choir, select choir, Student Council, National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Link Crew, Mini-THON, Senior Internship, volleyball, softball, the fall play and spring musicals.

She also participates in community activities such as volunteering for set-up for the Seven Sorrows Community Festival and performing with music clubs at various community venues.

She participates in county band, county chorus, district band, and honors band.

After high school, she plans on attending Penn State University main campus to major in digital art and media design.

“I am honored to be chosen for the January Student of the Month. I would like to thank my teachers, friends, and family for their never-ending support throughout my many memorable years here at Middletown,” she said.

Nicole selected Samuel Fisher as her MAHS Teacher of Influence. He is the MAHS band director.

Jacob C. Buffington is the son of Scott Buffington and Jennifer Yospa. Jacob has earned a place on the honor roll throughout his high school career. He was a district qualifier for cross country.

Jacob is involved in school activities such as marching band, concert band, jazz band, the spring musical, stage crew for the fall play, National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Link Crew, cross country, wrestling and track and field.

Jacob plans to attend Penn State University main campus to study astrophysics.

“I am truly thankful for being selected as the student of the month for January. I owe it to my family, my friends, and my teachers for helping me hold myself to high standards. This achievement will not only show the hard work I have put into my education but will also drive me to continue to be the best student I can be,” he said.

Jacob selected Peter Fox as his MAHS Teacher of Influence. Fox teaches science and coaches cross country.

Miniature horse event set for kids

Children ages 8 to 12 years old and their parents/guardians are invited to participate in the HighHOPES Miniature Horse Challenge at the Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Association in Grantville from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 1.

The free course is designed to promote healthy choices, effective communication skills, problem-solving and volunteerism using equine(horse)-assisted learning. No horse experience is needed.

To register, visit: <https://www.catra.net/miniature-horse-challenge>.

Koenig, co-creator of award-winning podcast Serial, to visit Penn State Harrisburg on Jan. 23

Journalist and public radio personality Sarah Koenig will visit Penn State Harrisburg at 6 p.m. Jan. 23 in the Mukund S. Kulkarni Theatre (SEC Building).

Koenig is the host and co-creator of the award-winning investigative journalism podcast Serial, as well as a former producer of the television and radio program “This American Life.”

As part of the Penn State Harrisburg Reads program, Koenig will discuss this year's book selection “Just Mercy” by Bryan Stevenson and its themes of justice and redemption.

The evening will include a discussion about Season 3 of Serial and the use of podcasts as a form of investigative journalism.

Koenig launched Serial in 2014, and since then, it has been credited with bringing mainstream attention to the podcast format. Serial has been downloaded more than 420 million times, making it the most listened-to podcast in



Koenig

the history of the form. Among other honors, Serial won the 2014 Peabody Award, the first time the award has been given to a podcast. In 2015 Koenig was named one of Time Magazine's “The 100 Most Influential People.”

Koenig has said that Serial is “about the basics: love and death and justice and truth. All these big, big things.”

The event is free and open to the public. For more information and to register, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/serial-an-evening-with-sarah-koenig-tickets-82875977279.

Easing in Iran tensions means dip in gas prices

Harrisburg gas prices fell 2.1 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$2.76 Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 241 stations.

Gas prices in Harrisburg are 4.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and 38.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

The cheapest station in Harrisburg was \$2.56 while the most expensive was \$3.09. The lowest

price in the state was \$2.50 while the highest was \$3.52.

The national average price of gasoline fell 1.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.57. Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Lancaster: \$2.75, down 0.8 cents.

Reading: \$2.75, down 0.4 cents.

York: \$2.77, down 3.9 cents.

“With Iran and the United States de-escalating rising ten-

town & Hummelstown Railway Preservation Society.

Baseball and softball registration for LSTAA

Lower Swatara Township Athletic Association youth baseball, girls softball, and teener baseball online registration is open through Feb. 1 to youths living in Lower Swatara Township and Highspire.

For questions, including cost and fundraiser options, as well

as online registration, visit www.lstaa.org or call Jason Wagner at 717-574-0536.

Youth Club Bingo set 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.

POLICE AND COURTS ROUNDUP

DUI charge on Route 283; man billed for allegedly ruining officer’s pants

State Police charged a Duncannon man with DUI of a controlled substance after observing him driving erratically on Route 283 shortly before 10:30 a.m. Dec. 18.

Police pulled over a red 2005 Chevrolet Equinox driven by Miguel Angel Saldana, 45, of the 3400 block of Susquehanna Trail, at mile marker 5.7 eastbound in Londonderry Township, after seeing the car swerving out of its lane, police said in arrest papers filed with District Judge David Judy.

Saldana was driving under suspension, and police detected the odor of marijuana coming from the car, police said. He admitted to having smoked a “blunt” and marijuana and drug paraphernalia were found in the car, according to police.

Saldana showed signs of impairment and submitted to a blood draw at the county booking center at 11:42 a.m. Lab results are pending, police said.

Saldana on Jan. 8 was charged with possession of a small amount of marijuana for personal use, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, DUI of a controlled substance, driving under suspension, disregarding a single lane of traffic, and careless driving.

His preliminary hearing before Judy is set for Feb. 5.

Charges, and a \$136.99 pants bill
A Middletown man faces

charges and a bill from the Middletown Police Department for ruining an officer’s uniform pants, following an incident that started in a residence in the first block of East Roosevelt Avenue at about 2:30 a.m. on New Year’s Day.

Police in arrest papers filed with District Judge David Judy said they were called to the residence in response to a fight involving Jason Bernard Jimenez, 30, of the 300 block of South Lawrence Street.

Jimenez was attending a party at the residence but had been asked to leave after he became violent, police said.

Police said Jimenez was intoxicated and uncooperative and at one point tried to swing at or grab for a borough police officer, according to police.

Another officer used a Taser to try and bring Jimenez under control, police said.

Jimenez fell down and struck his head on tile steps, causing him to bleed from the nose and mouth.

Police called EMS to the scene. However, Jimenez continued to resist arrest and caused one of the borough police officers to tear his uniform pants and ruin them, according to reports.

Jimenez continued to be uncooperative while at the Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, grabbing the arms of nurses and threatening

to break them or crush their skulls, according to police.

On Jan. 8, charges were filed against Jimenez including resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, and criminal mischief. His preliminary hearing before Judy was set for Jan. 29.

Police plan to seek \$136.99 in restitution for the ruined pants, according to arrest papers.

Man violated bail conditions
A man with no fixed address was arrested and placed in Dauphin County Prison on \$50,000 bail, after Middletown police found he had violated court-ordered bail conditions banning him from entering the residence of a woman he had allegedly assaulted.

Police were called to the scene of an incident at a residence in the 100 block of North Catherine Street shortly after 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 5, according to arrest papers police filed with District Judge David Judy.

Police did not observe any injuries, but while at the residence detected an odor of marijuana in a bedroom on the second floor where Hector Lynn Mitchell, 28, no fixed address, had been staying with the victim. Police found marijuana and drug paraphernalia that Mitchell said were his, according to police.

Upon further investigation, police found that Mitchell was out on bail for charges of felony

strangulation and misdemeanor simple assault, involving the same woman.

Mitchell as a condition of being let out on bail had been banned from entering the residence or household of the victim, according to police.

Mitchell on Jan. 5 was arraigned before District Judge William C. Wenner and charged with possession of marijuana and use/possession of drug paraphernalia.

Wenner set Mitchell’s cash bail at \$50,000, according to online court records.

A preliminary hearing before Judy is set for Jan. 15.

Man charged with assaulting boy
State Police arrested a Londonderry Township man after an investigation found he had assaulted an 8-year-old boy.

Mark Demond Howard, 39, of the 300 block of Dean Street, on Jan. 3 was charged with simple assault and harassment. A preliminary hearing before District Judge David Judy is scheduled for Jan. 29.

Police in arrest papers filed with Judy said they received a referral from Dauphin County Children and Youth, which had been alerted by personnel at the boy’s elementary school who observed that the boy had bruising and redness on his cheeks and neck.

The alleged incident occurred on Oct. 27, according to police.

OBITUARIES



William F. Gingrich Sr. MIDDLETOWN

William F. Gingrich Sr., 80, of Middletown, entered into eternal rest on Sunday, December 29, 2019 at the UPMC Osteopathic Hospital, Harrisburg.

He was born on November 10, 1939, in Harrisburg and was the son of the late Samuel L. and Mary Ellen (Gingerick) Gingrich.

Bill was a truck driver for many years before retiring. He was a member of the Middletown Rescue Hose Association, Moose Lodge

410, and American Legion Post 594, all of Middletown.

He also enjoyed hunting and watching NASCAR, especially Dale Earnhardt Jr.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by wife, Lorine Gingrich, a brother and a sister.

Bill is survived by his loving children, Crystal Pereira of Connecticut and William F. Gingrich Jr. and his wife JoAnn of Duncannon; his companion, Barbara Boyer; three grandchildren, Nicole Yon, Courtney Womack and Michael Gingrich; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services and burial will be at the convenience of the family.

Condolences may be sent online at www.matinchekfuneralhome.com.



Taking part in census helps determine funding for state

State officials rallied at the Capitol Monday to urge Pennsylvanians to participate in the 2020 U.S. Census.

“Our representation and billions of dollars of funding for critical resources depend on an accurate count of all residents, no matter who they are or where they live,” Department of Community and Economic Development Secretary Dennis Davin said.

The census captures increases, decreases and changes in community demographics, and is used to decide how many seats each state gets in the U.S. House of Representatives.

It also determines the amount of federal funding Pennsylvania receives for services including Medicare, Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program, the National School Lunch Program, Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Special Education grants, Head Start, highway planning and construction, and very low- to moderate-income housing loans.

Through the U.S. Census count, Pennsylvania receives \$26.8 billion annually for federally funded programs, amounting to about \$2,000 per Pennsylvanian per year. That funding includes:

- The Nutrition Services component of the Older Americans Act, which uses census data to direct more than \$31 million for nutrition services for older Pennsylvanians.
- The Community Development Block Grants program, which funds affordable housing and public facilities, infrastructure enhancements, and job creation initiatives, and receives more than \$196 million.

LOWER SWATARA POLICE ROUNDUP

Township resident harassed by voice message, police say; burglary on Sunrise Drive reported

A Reading man has been charged with harassment by communication.

According to the affidavit filed with District Judge Michael J. Smith, a Lower Swatara Township resident walked into the department at 12:10 a.m. Dec. 31 saying she was being harassed by Allen Harvey Kalin III, 36.

He reportedly sent 25 voice messages after the woman didn’t answer a call. During her messages, the woman told him to leave her alone, the affidavit said.

Kalin and the woman are known to each other, police said.

In the messages, Kalin said he hoped the victim and her boyfriend would total the car

they were driving and die. Kalin used racial slurs in the messages, which were included in the affidavit, and said his family was in the KKK.

Kalin was also charged with harassment. His preliminary hearing is Feb. 20.

Woman charged with DUI
A Harrisburg woman was charged with DUI following a traffic stop by State Police on Route 283 at 1:18 a.m. Dec. 7.

The driver, Thalia Haydee Camacho, 20, reportedly told State Police that she and her passenger had smoked marijuana, according to the affidavit filed with District Judge Michael J. Smith.

A sample of her blood was

taken at the Dauphin County Booking Center. According to the affidavit, the test indicated the presence of THC in her system.

She also was charged with using a registration plate without registration, operating a vehicle without the required financial responsibility, and careless driving.

Her preliminary hearing is March 2.

Fight leads to citations
Two Lower Swatara Township residents and a York Haven man have been cited with disorderly conduct following an incident at a residence in the first block of George Drive.

Officers responded at 1:26 p.m.

Jan. 1. According to the citations filed with District Judge Michael J. Smith, Moses Brummell, 19, of Lower Swatara, and Celeste Grob, 18, of Lower Swatara, got into a fight with Alexander Cruz, 20, of York Haven.

Cruz got into a fight with Brummell, the citation said.

Burglary on Sunrise Drive
A home in the 100 block of Sunrise Drive was burglarized at 12:55 a.m. Jan. 5.

Police said a window was broken and loose change totaling about \$2 was stolen. The residents weren’t home at the time.

The burglary is under investigation.

Suspect in assault found dead in West Virginia

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A woman who was the suspect in a Lower Swatara assault Jan. 6 was found dead later that day in an apparent suicide in West Virginia, according to township police.

Lower Swatara Police Chief Jeff Vargo said the suspect was Whitney Kennedy, 31, of Penbrook.

Township police received a report of an assault at 2:17 a.m. Jan. 6 at a residence in the 2000 block of

Market Street Extended.

According to Vargo, Kennedy broke into the residence and assaulted a victim. A weapon was involved, and during the assault, she pistol-whipped the victim, he said. The victim was not transported to the hospital.

Kennedy was known to the



Vargo

victim, Vargo said.

He said there were no signs of forced entry.

Kennedy reportedly fled before officers arrived.

Vargo said during the investigation, police learned that the suspect was found dead in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Working with the Martinsburg Police Department, Vargo said it “appeared the suspect died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.”

The Martinsburg Police Department did not respond to a

request for comment.

According to the Martinsburg newspaper The Journal, Martinsburg police responded at 10:43 a.m. Jan. 6 to a report of a suspicious vehicle in a parking area behind a Sherwin-Williams Paint Store.

Kennedy was found dead behind the wheel, according to the article in The Journal.

Her death is being investigated as a suicide by Martinsburg detectives and the West Virginia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

First part of Sunset Park trail completed

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The first phase of the trail at Sunset Park has been completed and is open to the public, Londonderry Township engineer Andrew Kenworthy announced during the Jan. 6 Board of Supervisors meeting.

This first phase included grading, stormwater cross pipes, other infrastructure, and the trailhead, which is near the rugby field being built along Sunset Drive.

Kenworthy said during the meeting the township wanted to take a limited approach while the rugby field was under construction.

In the past, Kenworthy said that the trail, which would be about 2.4

miles of trail and sidewalk, would be paved as much as possible, and township manager Steve Letavic said the township wanted to dedicate the trail to veterans.

The trail would run past the Harrisburg Rugby Club Football field and along the western edge of Sunset Golf Course before connecting to the proposed Lytle Farms housing development.

The rugby club broke ground on the field in November 2018. In an email, Letavic said the club is doing the final grading and seeding of the fields in the spring and finishing the parking lot and stormwater management.

“The fields will have to grow for a season before they will be able to be played on. I would anticipate that the fields will be ready to be

played on in 2021,” Letavic said.

Construction of phase two is anticipated to start in the late summer or fall, Kenworthy told the Press & Journal. He previously said this phase would include parking, restrooms, signs and extending the trail.

During the meeting, Letavic said the restrooms would be composting toilets used in national parks.

“The idea of putting everything where it was is we wanted to center a trailhead where that facility would be able to be used by multiple users, and that’s always the goal is trying to produce a cohesive project — multiple uses, multiple people, a centralized area,” he said.

He added that he thought it would serve that location, which also has nearby ball fields, well.

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A skill game is seen at Middletown American Legion Post 594.



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The “skill” involved in Pace-O-Matic skill games is that the player is presented with a puzzle game offering multiple combinations, from which the player must choose the right one to win money, said Mike Barley, director of communications for Pace-O-Matic.

It’s akin to playing Tic-Tac-Toe, Barley said.

If you don’t pick the right one, the game offers a second chance where you play a memory game akin to Simon Says, Barley said.

“If you are skillful and patient you can win every time,” Barley said, adding that the Pace-O-Matic skill games “pay out” money to players 92 percent of the time.

Barley said Pace-O-Matic believes its games are legal, and that this position is supported by courts in Pennsylvania.

Pace-O-Matic does not oppose the games being regulated by the state, he said.

“We are up there in the (state) capital strongly advocating for (being regulated),” Barley told the Press & Journal. “We believe we are legal. Regulate us, tax us, and then provide enforcement.”

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“If you are skillful and patient you can win every time.”

Mike Barley, director of communications for Pace-O-Matic

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GAMES: Borough solicitor represents casinos, too

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skill games marketed by Pace-O-Matic and POM of Pennsylvania. That followed a ruling by a Beaver County judge who determined that the Pace-O-Matic games are legal, because the player’s opportunity to win depended more on skill than on chance.

Stewart in a phone interview with the Press & Journal said he sent the letter and proposed ordinance not as a solicitor with Eckert Seamans representing Middletown, but on behalf of the firm’s representation of Parx Casino.

Casino connection

Stewart acknowledged the letter — a copy of which Klinepeter provided the Press & Journal — did not disclose that it represents the interests of Parx Casino, although Stewart said he spoke with “a few” borough councilors about the skill games issue before the Jan. 6 meeting.

Klinepeter in a Jan. 8 email to the Press & Journal said he was “not aware that the letter had any connection to Parx Casino” until he learned this from the Press & Journal, after Stewart disclosed this to the Press & Journal in the phone interview.

Council President Angela Lloyd told the Press & Journal Jan. 8 she also did not know the letter was on behalf of the interests of Parx Casino, until the Press & Journal provided that information to Klinepeter.

Lloyd said council did not direct its solicitor to draw up the proposed ordinance, as the Press & Journal reported in its Jan. 8 edition. Instead, she said council agreed to put the item on its Jan. 6 agenda to consider voting to advertise the proposed ordinance, because “the solicitor was recommending we consider advertising it.”

The proposed ordinance had already been drawn up, as a draft ordinance that Stewart included in his letter to the borough.

By solicitor, Lloyd said she was referring to Stewart.

Stewart seldom attends Middletown council meetings. Eckert Seamans is usually represented as solicitor to provide legal advice at council meetings by two of the firm’s other attorneys, James Diamond or LaToya Bellamy.

While Klinepeter was incorrect saying the Dec. 13 letter from Eckert Seamans was representing Dauphin County, Stewart acknowledged the firm is “special counsel” to Dauphin County on gaming-related issues involving the Dauphin County Gaming Advisory Board.

The county board each year recommends awarding grants to municipalities throughout Dauphin County — including Middletown — that are funded by proceeds derived from gaming revenue generated by Hollywood Casino at Penn National. County commissioners award the grants.

Middletown Volunteer Fire Department in 2019 received a \$125,000 gaming grant from the county to help buy a new pumper truck.

As Stewart pointed out, the borough has received other gaming grants in the past, including \$250,000 that helped pay for the

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Council President Angela Lloyd

streetscape improvements at and surrounding Union and Emaus streets.

Londonderry and Lower Swatara

Stewart said his letter on behalf of Parx Casino did not target Middletown, but was among 600-plus identical letters that were sent to municipalities all over Pennsylvania.

The letters went out to every municipality in every Pennsylvania county that hosts a casino, Stewart said. Middletown and every other municipality in Dauphin County received the same letter, because the county is home to Hollywood Casino in East Hanover Township.

That includes Londonderry Township, also represented by Eckert Seamans as solicitor. Stewart typically attends board of supervisors meetings as the representative of Eckert Seamans.

Township Manager Steve Letavic told the Press & Journal Londonderry Township received the same letter from Eckert Seamans concerning skill games as did Middletown.

“We plan to review our existing ordinances and make any recommendation for proposed changes to the board of supervisors later this month or in the beginning of next month,” Letavic told the Press & Journal in an email. Letavic did not know of any skill games in the township.

Lower Swatara Township also received the letter, said township Manager Betsy McBride, although Eckert Seamans is not solicitor to the board of commissioners.

McBride said she had not seen any skill games in Lower Swatara. She said she believes the letter and draft ordinance will be discussed at either tonight’s board of commissioners meeting, or the first meeting in February.

Stewart emphasized in his interview with the Press & Journal that “I’m not advocating this issue to Middletown Borough Council.”

“This was a statewide effort sent to municipalities across the state that host casinos. It was not personalized to Middletown in any way. It is not where I’ve been directly communicating or advocating the issue with them,” Stewart said.

“The objective is to put an issue that is a matter of potential public interest to all these municipalities, in terms of what we believe to be illegal slot machines proliferating in the state.”

Stewart also said that neither he nor Eckert Seamans billed Middletown for any work related to the letter or the draft ordinance, given the firm’s relationship to the borough as solicitor.

This was confirmed by Klinepeter, who told the Press & Journal Stewart had told him “there was no charge for the letter we received.”

Stewart told the Press & Journal he did not know of any municipalities in Dauphin County that have

adopted the proposed ordinance that he sent them on behalf of Parx Casino.

Strong opposition

During the Jan. 6 meeting, Middletown council heard from several people representing nonprofit organizations who said revenue from the skill games has enabled the groups themselves not only to survive, but to significantly increase money they have available to donate to causes throughout the community, including police and fire departments, schools, veterans, youth groups, and others.

The Rescue Firemens Home Association has increased by 70 percent money available to support Middletown Volunteer Fire Department, thanks to skill games revenue, Bill Reigle told council during the meeting.

Middletown Moose “might not be in business six months from now” without revenue from the skill games, said Ed Gelata. American Legion Post 594 has increased by 60 percent money it has to donate to veterans groups and other causes, according to Commander William Douglass.

Stewart told the Press & Journal it was not his intent to “counter” these arguments that were made at the meeting.

“I understand the issues and concerns raised by those folks,” Stewart said. Nevertheless, “I don’t think that you are doing something good with proceeds from illegal activity erases the fact that the proceeds are still coming from an illegal activity.”

Stewart said these same groups were given increased ability under Act 42 of 2017 to profit from the proceeds of licensed gambling.

He referred to the act authorizing an expansion of gambling including the placement of video gaming terminals at licensed truck stop locations and the operation of Keno and Xpress Sports games by the lottery in retail establishments, including bars and taverns.

“A lot of the clubs have not taken advantage because they would rather have a slot machine even if they can have” the licensed products, Stewart said. “They are being told they are legal by people who distribute them. We have a different point of view, and the State Police don’t agree” with the distributors either.

Parx, Hollywood and the 11 other licensed casinos in Pennsylvania support efforts by the State Police requesting the General Assembly enact legislation to declare the skill games unlawful, according to a May 2019 letter from the casinos to state legislators provided to the Press & Journal by Stewart.

In Middletown, it is unclear if or when council will take up the skill games proposal.

Lloyd told the Press & Journal that she has “no intention” of putting the item back on the agenda, unless a council member wants to see that happen.

“If any council member feels they want to reopen it for discussion and want to have more information and discuss it, we can do it,” she said. “For me personally, it’s a done deal.”

Mayor James H. Curry III also pledged to veto an ordinance that would ban skill games in Middletown, if council votes to enact one.



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Mark S. Stewart, attorney with Eckert Seamans

MASD: War Memorial Field projects in budget

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tion at the elementary level.

- One additional elementary classroom teacher as a large cohort of students move through the system.

- Two psychology interns. According to Franklin, an additional school psychologist has been budgeted for the past two years, but the district hasn’t been able to fill.

- Six instructional aides.

- A MAMS secretary was hired this school year, which will be budgeted for in 2020-2021.

- A computer technician position will be taken away and filled through a contract.

In total, Franklin anticipates a \$1.3 million increase in salaries for a total of \$20,464,189 compared to \$19,191,108 that was budgeted for 2019-2020.

Additionally, benefits are projected to increase by about \$1.5 million to a total of \$14,041,287, which Franklin said is primarily due to medical insurance and retirement contributions.

“We have not received a renewal proposal for health insurance, so we hope the amount allowed is a worst-case scenario,” he said.

MASD is also projecting an increase in funds going toward equipment — from \$633,423 budgeted for in 2019-2020 to about \$2.3 million in 2020-2021. Franklin said anything that was requested was included in the draft budget.

“Some of the equipment included had to do with some requests that were made that I think will either need to be removed, postponed or addressed in a different manner,” Franklin said.

For example, one of the requests

included renovations to the press box and field house at War Memorial Field, which Franklin said is a project the school board has been examining. A project of that magnitude, he said, typically wouldn’t be funded with reoccurring funds like those in the general fund.

Also included in the expenses is a contract with Effective Schools Solutions, which Franklin said the school board had yet to be presented with.

According to Effective Schools Solutions’ website, it “partners with school districts to help them implement mental health programs that improve care, strengthen outcomes, and maintain students in-district.”

Franklin said it would provide services to students and help staff deal with the mental health issues of students.

DISPLAY: Borough man key to Farm Show display

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benefit the farmer. Clean water benefits everybody,” Howes said.

It’s the third year that the display has been at the Farm Show, although Howes calls it the “little sister” to a similar exhibit from about a decade ago that also included a barn and livestock and took up three times as much space.

A couple of years ago, Howes said organizers wanted to re-instate an exhibit focusing on conservation practices.

Howes grew up on a dairy farm in Bucks County and has lived in Middletown for more than 10 years. He is a member of the Press & Journal Editorial Board.

He had his own farm in Centre County and managed dairy cattle auctions. For 16 years, he worked as director of policy development for the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. For four years he was deputy secretary for consumer protection, regulatory affairs and dairy industry relations for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Howes now is a consultant and represents all of the dairy co-ops on regulatory issues.

He said they have been working on the display since Dec. 16. But this year, in addition to the show kicking off Jan. 4, Howes also had to grapple with midweek holidays and working with a new landscaper.

“It turned out it ended up perfect and probably would not have

needed to start quite that early, but it was nice because it gave us time to fine-tune everything,” Howes said.

One side of the display showed the progression of farming using conservation methods starting from the fall harvest to when the primary crop is planted in the spring. The other side had a stream cutting through.

After laying the ties that border the display, the exhibit was filled with dirt. Then crews from Broderick’s Landscape Contracting in Conestoga got to work on the landscaping.

The plants started their growth in a greenhouse and were brought into the Farm Show Complex on Dec. 26. The machinery on display was also brought in after Christmas.

The new rainfall simulator is the visual of the results of the conservation methods, according to Howes.

“The healthiest soil is the soil that has never been disturbed,” Howes said.

The fodder is left on the field — the leftovers of a corn harvest, in the case of the Farm Show display. A no-till drill is used to plant cover crops into the stubble, he said.

“The idea is to have a growing root, a live root, in the soil as much of the time as you can,” Howes said.



Howes

Using a no-till drill means that the soil isn’t disturbed and crops can be planted without plowing under the plant debris.

Cover crops can take many forms, and the cover in the Farm Show had a mixture of about 10 species of plants, Howes said. Cover crops add organic matter to the soil, assist in keeping nutrients and moisture in the soil, control weeds and reduce erosion, he said.

Coming spring, a planter with cutting discs is used to cut a groove through the mulch and then the seeds are dropped in.

Compared to fully tilling the field, this method results in minimal soil disturbance, Howes said.

The plants making up the cover were still in their flats, and some of the other plants that were planted in soil have grown since planted — like crops and buffer along the stream.

A lot of farms have streams that cut through land, and Howes said a buffer absorbs water running off from the farm before it goes into the water and ends up in larger bodies like the Chesapeake Bay.

“The landscaper did a phenomenal job with the stream this year,” Howes said.

The stream was fenced off from the other half of the display, such as how farmers fence off streams to keep cattle from getting into the stream.

Two trout were placed in the stream. Howes said the day after they placed the fish in the water, someone put a Koi fish into the stream.



STAFF PHOTO BY LAURA HAYES

Declan Hoover plays with rocks in a conservation display at the Pennsylvania Farm Show on Friday.

“I came back and checked later in the day, [and] one trout is chasing the Koi around and I can’t see the second trout anywhere,” Howes said.

By day three, the Koi disappeared.

“I’m thinking, somebody is screwing with me,” Howes said.

He later found out that the Koi was on display in a different part of the Farm Show along with other waterfowl.

The water didn’t have enough oxygen, and two Koi fish died and the other was brought.

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MOUCHETTE: Prosecutor speaks on Mouchette

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investigation by the unit into an incident that allegedly occurred in Mouchette’s office in the police station Aug. 13, 2018.

According to arrest papers filed by unit investigators, Mouchette tried to rape a woman who had come to meet with him in his office.

The victim initially reported the incident to Curry, who referred it to the DA’s office for investigation.

Mouchette, 49, a retired New York City police detective, was appointed by Curry as Middletown’s interim police chief in January 2017 after Police Chief John Bey resigned in December 2016.

Council in August 2017 voted to make Mouchette permanent chief at an annual salary of \$96,000.

As the borough continues to wait and see what will happen with Mouchette in court, council Nov. 19 voted unanimously to pursue replacing the police chief position with a public safety director.

Council at that time was awaiting submission of a job description for the public safety director from the borough solicitor, and no further public action has been taken by the council.

Gettle in her comments also addressed the importance of supporting victims of sexual assault, and preventing from public disclosure the identity of victims of sexual assault.

“In these types of circumstances anonymity is part of this process,” Gettle said. “All victims who come forward in a sexual assault case are guaranteed by our government that their identity will be precluded from public eye.”

“It is actually a crime in Pennsylvania to publish a victim’s name if they have been a victim of sexual assault in the newspapers because they are guaranteed anonymity. The reason for that is because we want to encourage victims to come forward. In these types of cases there is embarrassment to being a victim of a sexual assault, there is fear of retribution of being a victim of a sexual assault.”

However, Pennsylvania has no law that prohibits newspapers and the media from publishing the name of a victim of a sexual

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Chief Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Gettle

assault, according to Melissa Melewsky, media law counsel for the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association.

“Such a law would be an unconstitutional prior restraint in violation of the First Amendment,” Melewsky said in an email to the Press & Journal when asked about Gettle’s statement.

The Press & Journal asked Gettle on Tuesday for clarification about newspapers being charged with a crime if they identify a victim of sexual assault.

Gettle said in an email: “I should have qualified my statement that it can be a crime in some instances. In particular, if the victim is a minor under Title 42 Section 5988 or if the victim, who is now an adult, was a minor at the time of the sexual assault.”

However, the law Gettle references in her response does not apply to the media, but to the disclosure by “officers or employees of the court to the public” of the identity of a minor victim of sexual or physical abuse.

Gettle in her email said it is her understanding that “with adult victims, it is the professional integrity of the media to self-regulate whether victims names are disclosed.”

It is the policy of the Press & Journal not to identify such victims except in extremely rare cases, such as when the victim approves of being identified.

“Most news organizations do not name victims of sexual assault because they strive to prevent further harm to the individual and for some of the reasons stated by the ADA,” Melewsky said. “Media organizations have a constitu-

tional right to name victims when circumstances demand, but most exercise that right very rarely.”

In her discussion of the Mouchette case at the Jan. 6 council meeting, Gettle went on to say: “I just want to remind everyone, everyone who will hear it, that we need to keep in mind that we need to support victims of sexual assault in every way that we can. We want to make them feel as though they will not be punished or they will not be reprimanded in any way or have any type of negativity fall upon them because they were a victim of a sexual assault.”

Asked to elaborate on her reasons for speaking before council, Gettle told the Press & Journal she would not comment beyond what she said during the public meeting. Gettle would not say if her appearance before council was related to its recent public discussions concerning another highly publicized sexual assault case, that involving Londonderry Township resident Keith Alan Hoffa, a convicted sex offender who was charged with multiple additional sexual assaults in March 2018.

Council in November voted to get rid of a Santa Claus house that Hoffa had donated to the borough in 2016, after family members of one of Hoffa’s victims approached Council President Angela Lloyd with concerns over the borough continuing to use the structure.

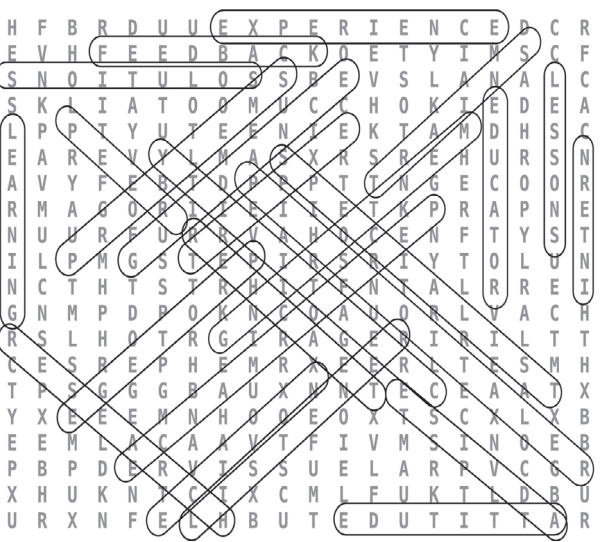
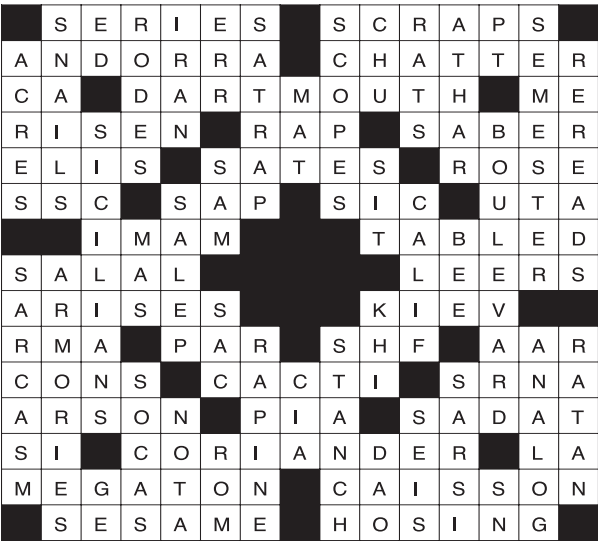
In December, a woman who said she was the mother of the victim tried to tell council that the concerns over the Santa house were unfounded, but Lloyd would not let her speak because she was not a Middletown resident or taxpayer.

The victim’s identity was not made public by council during the meetings, or by the Press & Journal. The Press & Journal did not publish the mother’s name.

Hoffa on Dec. 11 was convicted following a three-day trial in Dauphin County Court on 21 charges of sexual molestation involving five underaged victims from 1995 to 2016. He is to be sentenced March 4.

The case against Hoffa was prosecuted by county Chief Deputy District Attorney Sean McCormack.

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Work for the Project generally entails demolition of two Township-owned flooded residential properties as funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program. All structures, appurtenances, and utilities will be removed and disposed. The project does include select asbestos-containing material abatement.

Sealed bids shall be accepted online through the PennBid Program. Bidding Documents and solicitation details may be viewed and available at no cost online by registering at www.PennBid.net. Following registration, complete sets of Bidding Documents may be downloaded as portable document format (PDF) files. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, with additive alternate Bid items as indicated in the Bid Form. Anon-mandatory pre-bid tour of the properties will be held at 9:00 A.M. local time on January 21, 2020, starting at 163 Bradford Avenue, Middletown, Pennsylvania. Bid security in the form of a Certified Check or Bid Bond shall be furnished with the bid in an amount not less than 10%.

All questions about the meaning or intent of the Bidding Documents are to be submitted via the PennBid Program in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Telephone inquiries are unacceptable.

All bids shall be irrevocable for 60 days after the bid opening date unless award is delayed by a required approval of another government agency, the sale of bonds, or the award of a grant or grants, in which case this Bid shall remain subject to acceptance for 120 days after the bid opening date as provided by the Act of November 26, 1978 (P.L. 1309, No. 317), as amended by the Act of December 12, 1994 (P.L. 1042, No. 142).

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This Project falls under The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania enacted Act 127 of 2012, known as the Public Works Employment Verification Act ("the Act") which requires all public work contractors and subcontractors to utilize the Federal Government's E-Verify system to ensure that all employees performing work on public work projects are authorized to work in the United States. All Bidders are required to submit a Public Works Employment Verification Form as a precondition for the Contract Award.

All bidders are hereby notified that in regard to any Contract pursuant to this advertisement, businesses will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this notice and will not be subjected to discrimination on the basis of gender, race, color, creed, sex, age, physical disability or national origin in consideration for an award. Similarly the Successful Bidder shall in no manner discriminate against or intimidate any employee involved in the manufacture of supplies, the performance of Work, or any other activity required under the Contract on account of gender, race, creed or color.

Lower Swatara Township reserves the right to waive any defects, errors, omissions, mistakes, informalities, to accept any bid or combination of bids that are deemed to be in the best interest of Lower Swatara Township, and to reject any or all proposals.

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By: Elizabeth McBride
Title: Township Manager
Date: January 8, 2020

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NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING – DOCKET SE2019-05

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lower Swatara Township Zoning Hearing Board will hold a Public Hearing at the request of the applicant, Schoolhouse Partners, L.P., for a Special Exception to §27-1005.7 to exceed maximum building height from 40 feet to 50 feet. The property is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Oberlin Road and Longview Drive, Middletown, PA 17057. A Hearing will be held Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Lower Swatara Township Municipal Building, 1499 Spring Garden Drive, Middletown, Pennsylvania.

All interested parties are invited to attend.
Randall Breon
Chairman

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY in the ESTATE OF VIRGINIA H. REBARICK, of Londonderry Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate payment and those having claims to present the same without delay to:

Administrator:
DAWN K. GLASSFORD
1964 Landvater Road,
Hummelstown, PA 17036
Or to:
Attorney:
ELIZABETH B. PLACE, ESQ.
Skarlatos Zonarich, LLC
320 Market Street, Suite 600 West
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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MEETING NOTICE
HIGHSPIRE BOROUGH
AUTHORITY

NOTICE is hereby given that Highspire Borough Authority will hold a special meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall, 640 Eshelman Street, Highspire, PA 17034.

Robert L. Gross
Chief Clerk

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ESTATE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Vance D. Coffey, Sr. a/k/a Vance Coffey, Vance D. Coffey, Deceased, late of Lower Paxton Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, have been granted to the undersigned Executor. 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.

Michael L. Coffey, Sr. Executor
c/o VanOrmer & Stephenson, P.C.
344 S. Market St., Suite 101
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
Daniel A. Stephenson, Esq.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Dauphin County Conservation District ESPC Committee Meetings

The Dauphin County Conservation District has appointed an Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Committee. The Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 and Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Dauphin County Agriculture and Natural Resources Center, 1451 Peters Mountain Road, in Dauphin. This meeting is open to the public.

The committee will be considering the ESPC Program fee structure, staffing needs, internal program structure and other issues. The committee will then make recommendations to the Dauphin County Conservation District Board of directors regarding these issues.

For more information about the program or to offer feedback, contact the Dauphin County Conservation District at 717-921-8100.

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BOYS: Raiders lose E-town rematch

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In a rematch on Saturday at Mannheim Central High School, the Blue Raiders really wanted to exact a bit of revenge for that loss.

Head coach Chris Bradford surprised most Middletown fans by starting a revamped lineup in an attempt to send a message to his team as a motivational tool. With Ryan Goff, Brandon Burgos and Brock Welsh drawing the starts along with regulars Nester and Broadie, the team played well in the beginning.

Nester gave the Raiders a 3-0 lead and Broadie tied the game at 4 after the Bears picked up a pair of goals from Pat Gilhool.

A 7-point run by Ryan Parise pushed the Bears back in front 11-4, but sub Julio Rodriguez and Broadie went back-to-back to cut the lead to 11-9. With regular starters filtering into the game, the Raiders pulled to within one, 12-11, on a Goff-assisted goal by Broadie with 1:45 left in the opening period. But the Bears closed it out with a 6-0 run to go up 18-11 heading into the second.

Using an 18-9 scoring advantage in the second stanza, the Blue Raiders fought their way to a 29-27 lead by halftime. The Raiders took advantage of a number of missed shots by the Bears, and Broadie hit a pair of treys

to lead the way to the rally. A bucket by Omarion Fanus with two seconds left gave the Middletown squad its halftime lead.

The Bears opened up the third quarter with an 8-2 run, however, to forge ahead 35-31 at 5:31 and never trailed after that. The Raiders pulled to within 39-38 on a goal and foul shot by Daniels with 3:49 left in the third, but the Bears were able to keep ahead and led 47-40 to start the final quarter.

The Raiders kept trying and stayed close in the fourth period and were down by just five, 58-53, with 2:59 left. But E-town's Gavin Gilhool scored 13 seconds later and the Bears converted a Middletown turnover into a 62-53 lead with the clock winding down.

Derrick Wall scored off a miss by teammate Jackson and Daniels picked up a loose ball off a missed free throw by Wall to make it a 5-point game, 62-57, with 1:40 remaining. But Parise scored at 1:11 and Pat Gilhool's putback following a missed foul shot stretched the lead to 66-57 after Daniels drew his fifth foul at 1:03.

Broadie scored with 22 seconds left and Jackson made one of two free throws 7 seconds later, but a layup with 13.7 seconds left locked up the win for the Bears.

Daniels and Broadie teamed for 29 points in the loss while Parise led the Bears with a game-high 19 points.

WRESTLE: 2nd at Dutchman Duals

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48-33 in favor of the Raiders.

Middletown 54, Greencastle Antrim 21

The Blue Raiders faced off against a depleted Greencastle-Antrim team in the first round of the Dutchman Duals on Saturday.

The Blue Devils surrendered forfeits to Middletown's Sam Miller (106), Joey Spear (145), Vinny Corradi (160), Case Woodley (170) and Quincy Reinnagel (285).

The Raiders also earned four pins en route to a 54-21 victory.

Luke Fegley (132) pinned Greyson Weller in 1 minute, 29 seconds. Damion Williams (182) locked up a second-period pin over Seth Hoch, and Arthur Dash took only 48 seconds to earn the fall at 195 pounds.

Junior Matt Mitchell jumped back into the Raider lineup for a third-period pin over Jack Sullivan at 220 pounds.

Middletown 45, West York 30

Like Greencastle, the West York team was dealing with a number of injuries and were forced to give up six forfeits to Middletown.

Evan Smallwood (132), Luke Fegley (138), Joey Spear (145), Vinny Corradi (160), Ayden Miller (182) and Arthur Dash (220) each won by forfeit for the Blue Raiders.

Middletown's Case Woodley scored a 6-2 decision at 170 pounds, and fellow senior Quincy Reinnagel got the first-period pin at 285 pounds.

Middletown 45, Annville-Cleona 31

The Dutchman Duals would start to get progressively more challenging, starting with the host of the event in round 3. Action started at 170 pounds and the Dutchmen jumped out to a quick 15-0 lead, earning pins at 170 and 182 and a decision at 195 pounds. Middletown seniors Arthur Dash and Quincy Reinnagel gave the Raiders some momentum with first period pins at 220 and 285 pounds.

After dropping the 106 pound bout, the Raiders would go on to win 6 of the final 8 matches. Senior Zach Malay (113) scrapped his way to a 7-4 decision over District 3 ranked Ethan Missimer. Middletown's Evan Smallwood, Jake Buffington and Vinny Corradi were awarded forfeits at 138, 145 and 160 pounds. Team captains Luke Fegley and Joey Spear closed

the door on the Dutchmen with pins at 132 and 152 pounds, securing the 45-31 win.

Middletown 41, Central Dauphin East 33

Damion Williams and Arthur Dash gave the Raiders a 12-0 lead with pins at 182 and 195 pounds.

The Panther evened the team score with a pin and a forfeit at 220 and 285 pounds. Middletown freshman Sam Miller picked up 6 team points for the Blue Raiders at 106 pounds, and senior Zach Malay put on a takedown clinic for the crowd en route to a 27-10 technical fall at 113 pounds.

The Raiders and Panthers traded blows throughout the rest of the match. The Panthers picked up pins at 126, 138 and 170 pounds. Middletown's Luke Fegley and Joey Spear took care of business again, earning pins at 132 and 145 pounds. Middletown freshman Isaac Lupp continues to be a valuable addition to Middletown's varsity lineup, locking up another pin at 152 pounds and securing a 41-33 victory for the Blue Raiders.

Solanco 43, Middletown 30

In the championship bout of the Dutchman Duals, the Blue Raiders faced off against a talented Solanco squad. Quincy Reinnagel got the Raiders off to a fast start, pinning Jacob Frampton in 1 minute 10 seconds. The Raider lead would not last long. Middletown had to give up forfeits at 285 and 126 pounds, and suffered tough losses at 106 and 113 pounds. Alex Hatt did pick up 6 team points by forfeit for the Raiders at 120 pounds.

The Raiders brought the match within striking distance with solid performances in the middle weights. Luke Fegley (132) and Joey Spear (145) both finished the day with pins and a perfect 5-0 outing. Sophomore Vinny Corradi closed out an impressive week of action with another pin at 160 pounds, which brought the team score to 33-30 in favor of the Mules.

Despite valiant efforts, the Blue Raider upper weights could not match Solanco's experience.

Case Woodley (170) took Conner Charles into overtime, but dropped the match by a score of 3-1. Damion Williams (182) lost by a score of 12-6 and fellow senior Arthur Dash dropped a 14-2 major decision, bringing the final team score to 43-30 in favor of the Mules.

EMPLOYMENT

TE CONNECTIVITY in Middletown, Pa. is looking for a Manager, IT Systems and Software Administration to perform new release evaluations with business owners and execute new functionality roll-outs. To apply, mail resume including job title to ATTN: Jennifer Miller, 2800 Fulling Mill Road, Middletown, PA 17057. (1/15)

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PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE PRESS & JOURNAL BY DEBBIE SPEAR

Coach Dan Riggs talks strategy with the captains Zach Malay, Joey Spear and Luke Fegley prior to the Annville-Cleona match on Saturday.



Joey Spear pins Andrew Voltz from CD East.

CHURCHNEWS

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 717-388-1641. For security purposes all doors will be locked every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the start of worship.

The community is invited to our 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 service.

Sundays: Children’s choir rehearsal Sundays at 10 a.m.; Youth Fellowship meets the first two Sunday evenings of the month from 5 to 7 p.m. as a family oriented meeting and serves a congregation/community dinner the 3rd Sundays after church.

Mondays: Men meet for prayer at 6 a.m. Community men are invited; Sociable Seniors group meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays from 12 to 3 p.m., lunch included. All are welcome.

Wednesdays: Choir practice at 6:30 p.m.; Psalm 150 Praise Band Practice.

Thursdays: Blanket makers meet the 1st and 2nd Thursdays of the month; Bible study at 7 p.m. followed by Intercessory Prayer.

Saturdays: We clean the Middletown Food Bank the 3rd Saturday every other month. The community is invited to partici-

pate in these important areas of our church life.

Ushers for January: Pat and Harvey Givler and Bonnie and Joel Guzzo; Greeter for January: Bonny Harper. Children’s Church leaders for Sun., Jan. 19: Jodi and Danielle Brinser.

Our prayer garden in the rear of the yard has an 8-foot cross that is made out of nails. It is illuminated every night from 8 p.m. to midnight. 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 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 wmssfm.com. Click on “Listen Live” at top and then “Main Stream 1.” Check us out on our website at www.newbeginning-schurchurchmiddletownpa.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.

Geyers United Methodist Church



God is Calling YOU! How is God working in your life? Where do you see Him in your everyday tasks? How is He helping to Open Minds, Open Hearts, and Open Doors? Geyers United Methodist Church invites you to worship with us each Sunday at 9 a.m., enjoy Coffee Fellowship at 10 a.m. and attend our 10:30 a.m. Bible Study so that we can help you better understand the answers to these questions and many more. Our Vision Statement is Acknowledge Christ in all we do and share Him with others and we keep that at the forefront of our minds in all the missions this church does.

This fall our sermon series will be “The Stories Behind the Hymns.” Each week we as a church unite in singing hymns of praise to God. Many of them are very familiar and we often know the tunes by heart. But there is a meaning behind each of the hymns that we often do not know. In this series we will explore the meaning behind the hymn we know and love well. Please join us in this time of worship.

D.A.W.G.S. (Dynamic And Wiggly God Seekers). Come and join us every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Little DAWGS ages 3 - first grade, Big DAWGS second grade – middle school. Share the fun and bring a friend with you to enjoy stories, games, crafts, music, Gaga Ball, science fun and snacks. Free Club T-Shirts for Everyone!

Nonperishable food items are collected for the Middletown Food Bank each Sunday. Campbell Soup labels, education box tops, printer ink cartridges and soda tabs are also collected weekly.

Consider volunteering at Mission Central the fourth Tuesday of each month. Our next trip will be Tuesday, January 28. We will leave Geyers at 8:15 a.m. and return about noon. Please wear closed toe shoes. Contact Kathy Espenshade for more informa-

tion. Make reservations to attend by calling the church office.

The church has had many new exciting additions in the past year! Geyers has completed expanding their building. The building project includes the addition of a handicap-accessible restroom on the top floor as well as an elevator to allow travel from the first floor to the basement floor without use of the stairs. Please join us on any Sunday morning to see the changes. Wesley, Geyers, Evangelical, Highspire, and New Thing churches team up to provide a free meal each Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church in Middletown. All are welcomed, so whether you need a good home-cooked meal, a night off from cooking, or a friend to talk to, come out and enjoy a meal with us.

For more information, please visit our website at geyersumc.com and like our page Geyers United Methodist Church on Facebook to keep up with our current events.

Geyers is located at 1605 South Geyers Church Road, Middletown in Londonderry Township. Pastor Steve Atanasoff and the church office can be reached at 717-944-6426 or geyerschurch@verizon.net.

Evangelical United Methodist Church



Evangelical Church is located 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.

This week’s worship assistants are as follows: Pastor – Lee Ellenberger; Liturgist – Albert Harris; Organist – Don Cowser; Choir Director – Erich Schlicher; Choir Members – People in Blue Robes; Children’s Time – Cliff Flick; Audio Visual – Steve Moyer, Justin Hahn and Jamal Warren; Head Usher – Scott Green; Greeters – Donna Killian and Eleanor Jane Sankey; Nursery Caregivers – Deb Lidle and Joyce Moyer.

This week’s schedule of activi-

ties is as follows:

Wed., Jan. 15: 6:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in sanctuary; 7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous Group Book Study.

Sun., Jan 19: 9 a.m., Sunday school for all ages; 10:15 a.m., Worship Service.

Tues., Jan.21: 2 p.m., Prayer Shawl Ministry; 6 p.m., God’s Kitchen at Wesley UMC, meal provided by Geyers; 7 p.m., Trustees meeting.

Ebenezer United Methodist Church



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

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

Have a favorite board game? “Game Night” is every third Monday at 6:30 p.m. 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.

Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church

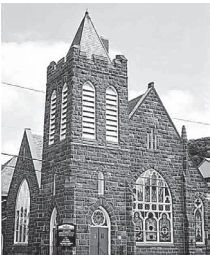


Calvary church has been a part of the Middletown Borough community since 1936. It has been our privilege to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ all these years and to do so knowing the good news has never changed in over 2000 years. We firmly hold to the Apostles’ Creed and the Westminster Confession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

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.

Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown



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 Neu- baum 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. Theme: Worship, Liturgy and

Music. This three-week Adult Forum series on January 19, 26 and February 2 will show how thought and prayer goes into the preparation of meaningful, rich worship. Please join in all of the sessions, which will be led by Hil-ton Baxter and Norma Mateer.

For further information, see our website www.pcmdt.org, visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PresbyterianCongregation), or call the office.

Another Republican taking on Mehaffie

Lupp is member of Middletown school board

By Dan Miller

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There are now two Republicans challenging Rep. Tom Mehaffie’s bid for re-election to the 106th District State House seat in the April primary.

Chris Lupp, who lives in Lower Swatara Township with his wife and two sons, in November was elected to a second four-year term on Middletown Area School Board. He announced his candidacy in a Jan. 8 press release.

Lupp said he has had a “long-time interest” in running for the seat, and believes now is the time. “I have given it a lot of consideration,” Lupp, 48, told the Press & Journal. “I don’t want to keep waiting for another time. I could be waiting another 10 years, and that is not something I want to do.”

Lupp said he plans to run a grassroots campaign and would serve “with no hidden agendas.”

“Doing the right thing for the right reasons all the time leads to positive outcomes,” Lupp said, adding that is the same approach he has taken on Middletown Area School Board.

Lupp when asked by the Press & Journal declined to comment on Mehaffie’s record, saying “I am not going to be negative and focus on attacking anybody else. I want to focus on being positive and why people should vote for me.”

Lupp said he is “very pro-business” and if elected also would focus on public education and making the district “a great place to live, work and raise a family.”

The 106th District includes Hummelstown, Middletown and Royalton; Conewago, Derry and Lower Swatara townships; and part of Swatara Township.

Besides Lupp, Mehaffie’s other challenger in the Republican primary so far is Mimi Legro, who is

chairwoman of the Conewago Township board of supervisors.

Two Democrats have announced their candidacy for the 106th seat — Lindsay Drew of Derry Township, who is vice president of Derry Township School Board; and Jonathan Keeler, a union truck driver from Derry Township.

Mehaffie, former president of the Lower Swatara Board of Commissioners, was elected to the state House in 2016 and is running for his third two-year term representing the 106th District.

Lupp graduated from Middletown Area High School in 1990 and went on to Millersville University, where he played football and earned a bachelor of arts degree in sociology with a concentration in criminal justice.

He started his career as an investigator in both the public and private sectors before becoming an insurance agent in 2000.

Lupp said he has worked with employer groups large and small for the past 20 years to develop insurance benefit plans to help employers and employees meet their needs and reduce risk.

Lupp is on the board of the Capital Area Intermediate Unit and the Middletown Area Recreation Alliance.

He has coached youth baseball for the Lower Swatara Township Athletic Association for nearly a decade and previously served as a volunteer for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region.

Lupp said he believes his experience working with businesses and employees and his volunteer public service has prepared him to “best serve the needs of the 106th District.”



Lupp

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. Please join us for worship. Our worship times are: Sunday morning worship at 10 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 on WMSS 91.1 FM at 11 a.m.

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. Come take a look, read a book!

Families United: You are cordially invited every Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. for Families United, a weekly gathering where we can enjoy a meal together, connect with fellow parents and caregivers and build community. The program includes ongoing education and support for parents and caregivers, as well as character education and purposeful play for the youth. If you would like to volunteer to help with food preparation or child-care, please email Yaa Christopher at Community.Coordinator@stpetersmiddletown.org.

Mental Health First Aid Training: WellSpan Philhaven is providing a certified and clinically proven Mental Health First

Aid Training to members of St. Peter’s and all citizens in the area at no cost in Luther Hall on Tues., Jan. 28, 2020 at 9 a.m. This 8-hour training will equip people who may not possess mental health clinical training to learn to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use. Upon completion of this course, you will be able to help a friend, family member or colleague in need of assistance.

In the same way that CPR helps you assist an individual having a medical emergency, Mental Health First Aid helps you assist someone experiencing a mental health-related problem or crisis, even if you have no clinical training. Seating is limited and advance registration is required to attend by contacting Don Hossler 717-944-2250.

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FROM THE VAULT

News from the Thursday, Jan. 19, 1961, edition of the Press & Journal

Hot buys

- Wilson regulation size baseball fielder's glove, regularly \$19, for two days only \$8.99. Kern's Sporting Goods, 141 S. Union St., Middletown.
- Window shades, cloth and plastic, \$1.39. Kentile floor covering, 10 cents per block. Printed linoleum rugs, 9 by 12 feet, \$5.95. Aluminum doors, \$27.95, and windows, \$12.95. Weirich's Hardware, 215 S. Union St., Middletown
- Adult haircuts, 85 cents. Children under 12, 75 cents. Ranks Barber Shop, 210 S. Catherine St., Middletown.
- Boys sweaters, \$2. Greenberg's, 133 S. Union St., Middletown.

Other headlines

- \$1.6 billion required to complete road system
- Court sends abortionist to prison
- School adopts new reading technique

Parade queen



Joy Farr, 3-year-old daughter of Mrs. Nicholas Farr, Swatara Park, reigned as queen of the parade during a Singer's Appliance merchandising event last Saturday.

Knights of Columbus Ladies



PLANS for the sixth anniversary celebration and election of officers were made Monday night by Knights of Columbus Ladies. Members of the planning committee, from left, standing, Mrs. Dolores Swainter and Mrs. Dorothy Lonardi. Seated, Mrs. Margaret Hart, Mrs. Catherine Lenyo and Mrs. Margaret Fitzpatrick.

Raiders trim Falcons 89-48 to set game scoring mark

Russ Trimmer's Blue Raiders may not win the first half bunting of the Capital Area Conference but they're doing everything possible to keep the pressure on against pace-setting Hershey.

In Tuesday night's competition, the Raiders set a conference scoring record for a single game when they blasted Lower Dauphin's Falcons out of the sky by a lopsided score of 89-48. On the same night, the first-place Hershey Trojans were hard pressed to keep their unblemished record clean as the Palmyra Palms held the Chocolatetown team to a slim 2-point victory. Hershey managed to eke out a 35-33 win.

Middletown's last hope to pull even with Hershey must materialize tomorrow night as the Raiders entertain Cumberland Valley and Mechanicsburg

travels to Hershey.

This week's affair at Lower Dauphin was strictly no contest as Trimmer's crew trimmed the Falcons in their own nest. Getting off to a 22-12 lead in the first quarter, Middletown kept the pressure applied in the second to lead at intermission, 46-23.

The Falcons had their best show in the third as they out-pointed the Raiders, 18-14. This advantage evaporated in the final quarter as Middletown again scored from all angles to dump 29 points as compared to Lower Dauphin's mere 8.

Trimmer had nary a worry as eight of his nine players to see action all shared in the harvest of 89 points. Pacing Middletown offensively were Terry Eberly (24 points), Snavelly (13), DiGiacinto (23) and Stewart (12).

Borough council reduces tax rate on real estate

Middletown Borough Council this week set the pace for the reduction of the tax levy on real estate.

Recognizing the increased evaluation made possible by the reassessment program throughout Dauphin County, council lowered the borough's real estate rate from 5 to 2.6 mills.

Property owners now look forward to similar action on the part of the Middletown School Board.

Questioned by the Press & Journal yesterday, Superintendent of Schools George W. Feaser said the local school directors are definitely contemplating a lower

millage to parallel that of borough council.

The existing school tax on real estate is 50 mills.

Feaser said a reduction will be acted on at a future meeting because school districts are restricted by law as to the amount of revenue it may realize by taxation. Currently, this would be 10 percent of the amount of money derived from the 50-mill levy.

In addition to this week's tax levy revision action, borough council put its stamp of approval on the 1961 budget, which calls for the expenditure of \$586,030. The breakdown of the 1961 budget

follows:

- General fund, administration and tax collection, \$34,400.
- Borough buildings, \$23,246.
- Police Department, \$49,950.
- Communications, \$17,200.
- Health and sanitation, \$38,400.
- Fire protection, \$16,238.
- Highway Department, \$88,400.
- Library, \$750.
- Parks and Recreation, \$16,200.
- Electrical Department, \$286,292.
- Miscellaneous, \$33,000.
- Water Fund receipts, \$154,000; expenses, \$148,950.
- Sewer Fund receipts, \$142,000; expenditures, \$133,700.

New elementary school in 1st Ward to cost \$250,000

Allocation of room assignments for the new First Ward Elementary School, which will replace the condemned Wood Street Building, were received this week by Superintendent George W. Feaser from the State Department of Public Instruction.

Estimated cost of the new elementary school is \$250,000.

Target date for occupancy and use is September 1963. Facilities

will parallel those of the new Northumberland School in Royalton but will include more classrooms due to a larger projected enrollment.

Feaser said the school will include eight classrooms.

Other facilities are a multipurpose room of 155 square feet excluding area for a stage and a kitchenette, a principal's curriculum and materials room,

office, music room, health room, storage area, teacher's room and a conference room.

The new school will be constructed in the area bounded by Witherspoon Avenue, Wood and Ann streets and Fisher Avenue.

Private dwellings now located in that area will be razed to provide sufficient space to meet state requirements, according to the school district.

Air Force asks \$1.6 million for Olmsted base projects

The Air Force plans to spend \$1,639,000 on construction at Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, it was announced from the nation's capital Monday.

Rep. Walter M. Mumma said the funds were requested in the Defense Department's military construction authorization bill

sent to Congress. A total expenditure of \$823,137,000 is involved.

Of that, \$7,298,000 in defense construction was earmarked for projects in Pennsylvania. The budget Olmsted Base requests will be outlined in detail to Congress in about two weeks, a Pentagon spokesman said, the explanations

going to the House and Senate Armed Services Committees.

Preliminary description of the Olmsted project calls for operational and maintenance facilities. In addition, the Air National Guard has plans for a \$300,000 training facility for a unit at Olmsted.

PUZZLES AND HOROSCOPE

WORD SEARCH | ANSWERS ON PAGE 5

Mentoring word search

Advise

Attitude

Creativity

Educator

Experience

Expert

Feedback

Guidance

Intern

Learning

Lessons

Listener

Mentoring

Novice

Peer

Performance

Problems

Protege

Relationship

Research

Solutions

Specialist

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Trains

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Guess Who? answer:

Betty White

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

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8	8	9	1	7	7	9	2	6
7	1	2	9	6	9	8	7	8
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GUESS WHO? (answer below Word Search)

I am an actress born in Illinois on Jan. 17, 1922. I have been a beloved actress and animal activist for decades. I have appeared on programs like "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and a long-running hit about senior women living together.

CROSSWORD | ANSWERS ON PAGE 5

ACROSS

1. Recurring TV show

7. Throws out

13. Iberian Peninsula microstate

14. Gossip

16. Atomic #20

17. Ivy League institution

19. Of I

20. "He Is ___!": Scripture excerpt

22. Musical genre

23. Heavy cavalry sword

25. Ancient Olympic Site

26. Satisfies

28. Popular flower

29. Shared services center

30. Drain

31. A way to attack

33. Urban Transit Authority

34. Spiritual leader

36. Postponed

38. N. American plant with edible purple-black berries

40. Gazes unpleasantly

DOWN

1. Mollusks

2. -, denotes past

3. Anchor ropes

4. Large Middle Eastern country

5. To make a mistake

6. Ancient governor

7. Extents

8. Chinese surname

9. NYC subway "residents"

10. Essential oil used as perfume

11. A way to treat injuries (abbr.)

12. Session

13. Units of land areas

15. Goes over once more

18. Where wrestlers work

21. Italian islanders

24. Avenue

26. ___ Adams, U.S. President

27. Rest with legs bent

30. Type of flour

32. The Golden State (abbr.)

35. More (Spanish)

37. Stinging, winged insect

38. The use of irony to mock

39. Arsenals

42. Pouch

43. 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet

46. Violent seizure of property

47. Restrict

49. Something comparable to another

50. Punishment device made from stems

52. Soul and calypso songs

54. Formerly OSS

55. Athabaskan language

57. ___ bene: observe carefully

59. Six (Spanish)

62. Read-only memory

63. Chinese philosophical principle

66. American conglomerate

68. Tin

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HOROSCOPE | WEEK OF JAN. 15

ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20
The stars pull you deeper into the cocoon of your mind. This may help you as you work on a project or work through thoughts and emotions.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21
Take inventory of any goals that you may have put on a shelf. Dust them off and create a plan of action because the time to pursue them is now.

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21
An ambitious week is on the horizon. Your professional house is booming, and you are ready to perhaps move your career to the next level.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

This week will get off to a social start. Expect friends to bring other friends along if you are hosting a party. This is an exciting opportunity to expand your network.

LEO JULY 23-AUG. 23
Put all of your cards on the table and begin discussions with others who are influencers in your life. Only then can you come up with a strategy to get things done.

VIRGO AUG. 24-SEPT. 22
Make a point of being direct if you are upset. Others need to know if they have stepped on your toes, even if it was accidental, so they can make

things right.

LIBRA SEPT. 23-OCT. 23
Now is a key time to boost your bottom line. If you don't already have a job, it's time to get one. If you're employed, you may need to seek out new revenue streams.

SCORPIO OCT. 24-Nov. 22
Ideas are swirling around in your head. You're not sure which ones you want to see the light of day just yet. Partner up on a trial project first.

SAGITTARIUS NOV. 23-DEC. 21
If stress has been ruling your universe, it might be time to step back and reevaluate your priorities. Find out which tasks

you can shed.

CAPRICORN DEC. 22-JAN. 20
Deep soul-searching and a sharing of hidden emotions might be on the docket. It is brave to own up to feelings. You'll find support in friends.

AQUARIUS JAN. 21-FEB. 18
A deep cleaning or decluttering is in order. Start with one room in the house and then work your way onward as time permits. It can be liberating.

PISCES FEB. 19-MARCH 20
You may soon encounter some awkward moments with some people you interact with regularly. This will blow over quite quickly.

VIEWPOINTS

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READERVIEWS

Faith helps through TMI meltdown, documentary

Thank God for the gift of family, friends and neighbors. I am thankful for my Christian faith, growing in a relationship with Jesus, trying to serve others, finding yourself is joy. In my weakness, pride and anger, renewing and discovering the gift of faith since my conversion, I have found the fullness of truth in Jesus Christ. Praise God. He is “the way, the truth and the life.” “Be not afraid.” “Trust in the Lord” and “believe, that life may be shown unto you.”

Responding to the Three Mile Island meltdown, my anger found purpose dreaming of the time citizens know the truth and justice of a safe and secure energy future. Working with others, I learned caring for creation brings faith to life and life to faith. Forty years have passed and TMI is now closed with the need for continued radiation monitoring, siren testing and a citizens advisory panel through a safe cleanup of Units 1 and 2. The health facts and experience of citizens has yet to be “officially” recognized. I do not support the use of nuclear power with its radiation and nuclear waste, nor do I embrace the politics and fear fueling climate change. America is better than that! Trusting God, I live in hope that we will promote the use of our natural resources, and respect life and the integrity of our environment. From the perspective of a nuclear meltdown survivor, I believe we can find our safe, acceptable energy solutions with faith, dialogue, facts, reason and science. Humanity deserves our best effort.

I am grateful to have met Dr. Heidi Hutner and her team, to have responded with concerned mothers and women, and to have participated in a documentary that can enable citizens to learn, understand and discern for human dignity, the health and safety of citizens, our environment and future generations. The documentary is “Accidents Can Happen: The Women of Three Mile Island,” accidentscanhappenthefilm.com. Please consider helping with your donation. May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace. With love for God our father, together we can give thanks and pray he continues to help us all find and work on ways to love and serve one another.

Linda Braasch
Mechanicsburg, formerly of Lower Swatara Township

Rep. Mehaffie key to disability legislation

Thank you to Rep. Thomas Mehaffie for his leadership and steadfast work on addressing autism spectrum disorders in our commonwealth. Mehaffie has authored House Bill 1900, which I was proud to co-sponsor. This bill establishes a critically-needed professional license for professionals who are qualified to use Applied Behavior Analysis in the treatment of autism spectrum disorders, heroin and drug addiction, post-traumatic stress disorder, suicide prevention and mental health disorders. Mehaffie tirelessly researched this issue and found a way to help Pennsylvanians who struggle with autism spectrum disorders. No other elected official in Pennsylvania’s history has authored such legislation with bipartisan support of 110 co-sponsors. Thank you to Mehaffie for his outstanding service to our commonwealth, to Pennsylvanians who struggle with a disability, and to the families who lovingly support them. The 106th District is truly fortunate to have a devoted public servant like Rep. Tom Mehaffie. It is my honor to work with him.

Rep. Thomas P. Murt
Upper Moreland Township Chairman, Human Services Committee; and chairman, Subcommittee on Mental Health

EDITORIALVIEWS

Amtrak station can’t come soon enough

“We know you’ve heard it before. We’ve said it before, in this very space: The proposed Amtrak train station at West Main and Ann streets is going to be built, and it will be a boon to Middletown. Just be patient.”

In light of recent events involving the project, with contracts for construction likely to be awarded by March, that’s good advice to heed.

Forgive us if we’ve said it before. The italicized quote above is from an editorial we published June 24, 2015.

It’s been a long journey. But really, truly ... this is going to happen.

“By the end of 2013, you should be boarding and stepping off Amtrak trains at two new platforms on each side of the tracks at West Main and Ann streets.”

Yes, we realize that italicized statement was how we reported the announcement in 2010 that the station would move from its Mill Street location because of a lack of accessibility according to the Americans With Disabilities Act. That was the time line that Pennsylvania Department of Transportation officials gave almost a decade ago. It turns out the station was more of a challenge to complete than expected.

But this time is different. The project was publicly advertised for bids by PennDOT on Dec. 19. It’s the first time that a time line for awarding contracts has been so specific. This is also the first time that track work by both Norfolk Southern and Amtrak, which has been a sticking point for years, appears to be smoothed out.

Things have changed since that announcement of



STAFF PHOTO BY DAN MILLER

The location of the new Amtrak train station along West Main Street in Middletown has been fenced off, in preparation for PennDOT to award a contract for construction of the station in March.

the location at West Main and Ann streets in December 2010. While we are still very excited about the new station opening, it’s certainly not what was first expected.

Back then, there was talk by local developer Jim Nardo, who owned the land in the early 2010s, of a four-story hotel, restaurants and a grocery store on the site of the vacant AP Green warehouse. He wanted to combine the development with his adjacent Westporte Centre. In 2010, the old AP Green warehouse hadn’t even been completely removed from the site.

Eventually, the PennDOT took almost 10 acres of the Westporte Centre property via eminent domain — the right of the government to expropriate private property for public use, with payment of compensation. PennDOT then wanted to enter into a public-private partnership to develop the site with many of the same amenities, to “design, build, finance, operate and maintain commercially viable facilities on state-owned parcels,” we reported in December 2015.

Keystone Connections was selected as this private partner in early 2017, but by late 2018 it had withdrawn from the project after determining that “revenues generated by potential commercial development and parking fees would not be enough to support the development costs and ongoing operating and maintenance expenses,” according to a PennDOT spokesman.

In other words, Keystone Connections decided it wouldn’t make enough money on the project.

So now the project is slim compared to what it once was. There likely won’t be a hotel. Keep in mind that when these discussions started, there were no hotels in the vicinity of the airport. Now there are two — the 123-room Fairfield Inn & Suites on Harrisburg International Airport property and the 87-room Comfort Inn and Suites Harrisburg Airport-Hershey South, part of the Linden Centre shopping complex along Route 230 at the airport connector.

We don’t know if there will be any restaurants at

the site, either. Again, things are a bit different than when this project first was discussed. The Hop Yard barbecue restaurant and bar opened in 2016 in Westporte, and that strip mall also now features a pizzeria and a Chinese restaurant.

While added commercial development would have been nice, what we lament the most is that a pedestrian bridge linking Penn State Harrisburg to the north of Route 230 to the Amtrak station is no longer planned. At a cost of \$7 million, it wasn’t deemed worth it.

What an addition that would have been. It would have created a memorable look at the western entrance to the borough. It would have allowed easy access for students of the growing Penn State campus to go right down the extended Emaus Street and into the borough. But it looks like we will have to live without it. Instead, PennDOT has said it will improve pedestrian safety with improvements at the street level.

But let’s not dwell on what could have been. The new lo-

cation of the Amtrak station will continue to improve the Route 230 corridor. We like the idea of the station being in a more visible location, to fortify Middletown’s perception as a transportation hub, along with HIA and the nearby Pennsylvania Turnpike. We can’t wait for the chain-link fence to come down. We look forward to Emaus Street extending all the way to West Main Street, giving motorists another easy route to local businesses.

We look forward to the development of Emaus Street between Wood and Union streets. Eventually, someone will buy the Elks Theatre, which could lead to more significant changes around Middletown Borough Hall. Middletown Borough Council late last year applied for a state grant to fund \$704,200 in proposed improvements to West Emaus Street, which would upgrade lighting, curbs and sidewalks, and trees and extend features of the streetscape improvements. PennDOT is expected to announce grant awards in July.

And let’s not forget the entire reason behind this change. The new station will be much more friendly for those with disabilities.

What will our reaction be once everything is in place? It probably will be reminiscent of how then-Council President Diana McGlone reacted to the December 2010 announcement of the new location.

“I just want to say two words: ‘Wooo! Wooooooo!’ ” she said, hooting like a train whistle in celebration.

The opening of the station can’t come too soon. We’ve been patient for long enough.

The return of fascism: Who will stand up and fight it?



LAWRENCE WITTNER

Back in 1941, the year of my birth, fascism stood on the brink of conquering the world.

During the preceding decades, movements of the Radical Right — mobilized by demagogues into a cult of virulent nationalism, racial and religious hatred, and militarism — had made great strides in nations around the globe. By the end of 1941, fascist Germany, Italy and Japan, having launched massive military invasions of other lands, had conquered much of Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.

It was a grim time. Fortunately, though, an enormous movement arose to resist the fascist juggernaut. Led by liberals and assorted leftists around the world and eventually bolstered by the alliance of Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States, this resistance movement ultimately prevailed.

The antifascist struggle of World War II established the groundwork for a new and better international order. In January 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in a major public address, outlined what became known as The Four Freedoms.

The people of all nations, he proclaimed, should enjoy freedom of speech and expression, freedom of worship, freedom from fear, and freedom from want. That August, Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill unveiled the Atlantic Charter, declaring that people should have the right to choose their own form of government, that force should be abandoned in world affairs, and that international action

should promote improved living and working conditions for all people. These public declarations — coupled with the widespread discrediting of rightwing parties, movements, and ideas — led directly to the establishment, in 1945, of the United Nations. According to the UN Charter, the purpose of the new world organization was to “save succeeding generations from the scourge of war,” “to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights,” and “to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples.”

And, in fact, in the decades following World War II, there were significant strides forward along these lines. Led by Eleanor Roosevelt, the United Nations issued a Universal Declaration of Human Rights, setting forth fundamental rights to be protected. Furthermore, much of Europe, the cockpit of two terrible world wars, cast aside nationalism to establish a federal union. Moreover, a wave of decolonization freed much of the world from foreign rule and the United Nations and many national governments established economic aid programs for the world’s poorest countries.

Admittedly, national policies sometimes fell short of the new internationalist, antimilitarist and egalitarian ideals and programs. Governments — and particularly governments of the major powers — all too often ignored the United Nations and, instead, squandered their resources on military buildups and terrible wars.

Many governments also had a spotty record when it came to respecting human rights, promoting social and economic progress, and curbing the rising power of multinational corporations.

Even so, for decades, humane domestic policies — from banning racial discrimination to scrapping unfair immigration laws, from improving public health

to promoting antipoverty efforts and workers’ rights — remained the norm in many nations, as did at least a token genuflection to peace and international law.

But, in the last decade or so, these policies have been swept aside by movements and parties following the old fascist playbook, with rightwing demagogues trumpeting its key elements of virulent nationalism, racial and religious intolerance, and militarism. Seizing, particularly, on mass migration and funded by avaricious economic elites, this resurgence of the Radical Right has made startling progress — undermining the European Union, contesting for power in Britain, France, Germany, the Netherlands and Greece, and taking control of such countries as Russia, India, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Turkey, Brazil, the Philippines, Israel, Egypt, and, of course, the United States.

Long before the advent of Donald Trump, the Republican Party had been shifting rightward, pulled in that direction by its incorporation of Southern racists and Christian evangelicals. This political reorientation quickened after the election of Barack Obama sent white supremacists into a frenzy of rage and self-pity.

Trump’s 2015-16 campaign for the presidency accelerated the GOP’s radicalization. Drawing upon unusually hate-filled rhetoric, he viciously denounced his Republican and Democratic rivals. Along the way, he engaged in his characteristic lying and mocked or incited violence against his critics, the disabled, immigrants, people of color, Muslims, women, and the press.

His racism, xenophobia, and militarism, combined with his thuggish style and manifest lack of qualifications for public office, should have doomed his campaign. But, instead, he emerged victorious — a clear sign that a substan-

tial number of Americans found his approach appealing.

As president, Trump has not only displayed a remarkable contempt for truth, law, civil liberties, the poor, civil rights, and women’s rights, but catered to the wealthy, the corporations, white supremacists, and religious fanatics. He has also proved adept at inciting hatreds among his rightwing followers through racist, xenophobic diatribes delivered at mass rallies and through propaganda messages.

Meanwhile, he has forged close alliances with his authoritarian counterparts abroad. Either out of fear or love, Republican officeholders cling ever more tenaciously to him as the nation’s Supreme Leader. If the GOP is not yet a fascist party, it is well on its way to becoming one.

Having grown up at a time when ranting maniacs dispatched their fanatical followers to stamp out freedom and human decency, I am, unfortunately, quite familiar with the pattern.

Even so, the struggle to shape the future is far from over. During my lifetime, I have seen powerful movements wage successful fights for racial justice, women’s rights, and economic equality. I have seen massive campaigns successfully challenge wars and nuclear insanity. I have seen the emergence of inspiring political leaders who have toppled dictatorships against incredible odds. Perhaps most important, I have seen millions of people, in the United States and around the globe, turn the tide against fascism when, some eight decades ago, it threatened to engulf the world.

Let’s hope they can do it again.

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Fitzpatrick’s return from injury helps fuel Raider girls’ victory

The Middletown girls basketball team lost 38-15 last Wednesday at Northern Lebanon before rebounding with a 55-40 home win Friday against Milton Hershey.

The Blue Raiders are 4-8 on the season. They played at Steelton-Highspire on Tuesday and will travel to East Pennsboro on Friday. They will play Gettysburg on Saturday.

The return of senior Kate Fitzpatrick helped fuel the win vs. Milton Hershey (0-10). She scored 25 points (including three three-pointers), 4 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals.

Fitzpatrick had missed the previous four games with a right knee injury, and the Raiders lost all four.

Junior Amanda Lee scored 8 points with 6 rebounds and 2 assists, and sophomore Makayla Claggett had 11 points, 7 rebounds and 3 steals.

Senior Nakia Scott scored 7 points and had 3 rebounds and 2 assists. Senior Caroline Gill had 2 points and 4 rebounds.

Sophomore Tamia Hill-Johnson scored 2 points with 11 rebounds, and senior Jordyn Dupes had 3 rebounds and 2 assists.

Against Northern Lebanon (12-1), Claggett scored 13 points and Hill-Johnson scored 2 points.

Injuries still are sidelining senior Jaelynn Keller, junior



Middletown's Kate Fitzpatrick jumps to block a pass by Milton Hershey's Ediany Gonzalez on Friday during the Blue Raiders 55-40 home win.

AYANNA REEVES, junior Nia Page and sophomore Presely Carnes.

The Raiders stand at 14th in the PIAA District 3 4A power rankings, and the top 10 make the postseason.



Middletown boys basketball coach Chris Bradford watches junior Jules Nester fire a pass against Milton Hershey on Friday.

Raider boys drop pair

Middletown falls to Milton Hershey and Elizabethtown

By Larry Etter
Press & Journal Staff

The youthful Middletown boys basketball team is still going through growing pains and lost another pair of games last week.

On Friday, following a weeklong layoff, the Blue Raiders were humbled by then-unbeaten Milton Hershey in the spacious Spartans Gym.

On Saturday afternoon, the Raiders took part in the Lancaster-Lebanon League/Mid-Penn Conference Showdown at Manheim Central and came up on the short end of a 68-60 game against Elizabethtown.

With the losses, the Blue Raiders remain stuck at 4-8 on the season. The team was scheduled to host Steel-High on Tuesday and East Pennsboro this Friday before taking part in a YIAA/Mid-Penn Showcase this Saturday at Gettysburg. The boys will play host Gettysburg at 6 p.m. and the Middletown girls team will also participate, with a game against the Warriors at 7:30.

Milton Hershey 86, Middletown 34

Following a limited schedule due to the long Christmas break, the host Spartans carried an unbeaten 6-0 record into the Mid-Penn Conference Capital Division contest against the Blue Raiders on Friday.

Milton Hershey had previously



Middletown's Tajae Broadie goes up for the jump ball Friday against Milton Hershey's Josh Parra.

recorded easy wins over Susquehanna Township, Camp Hill, Hershey, East Pennsboro, Steelton-Highspire and West Perry. And, with their hot start against the Raiders, it was easy to see why the Spartans were unbeaten.

With less than three minutes left in the opening period, the running, jumping, shooting, defending Spartans had raced out to a commanding 23-3 lead and were never threatened after that.

The lone Middletown score in

that rush came on a trey by Jules Nester 50 seconds into the game.

Josh Parra's 10 points led the Spartans, who also picked up points from Kamiron Webster, Ka'Ron George, Nathaniel Boyd, Clemente Ojinnaka and Avohn Cross. Jarrod Pugh and Tajae Broadie scored late points for the Raiders, who trailed 27-7 heading into the second stanza.

In the second period, the Blue Raiders, led by Tymir Jackson's 6 points, collected 12 total, but the high-flying Spartans registered 30 and held a 57-19 lead by halftime. Parra collected 8 more of his game-high 22 points to lead the way.

Things did not get any better for the struggling Raiders after that. In the second half, the Spartans did slow down a bit, in part due to the better defense by the Middletown squad, but still managed to put up 29 points in the second half.

Tate Leach, Nester, T.J. Daniels, Tony Powell and Broadie teamed for 10 points in the third, but the Raiders managed to score just 5 in the fourth as the Spartans rolled to the impressive victory.

Elizabethtown 68, Middletown 60

Back on Dec. 28 in the Blue Raiders Holiday Tournament championship game, Elizabethtown claimed a 55-44 victory over host Middletown to earn the trophy.

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Raider wrestlers take 2nd at Dutchman Duals



Middletown's Vinny Corradi sets up the pin vs. Skyler Jacko of Milton Hershey on Thursday.

Riggs had a clear message to the team in order to get them ready for a potential postseason run.

"I think our main focus needs to be on constant movement and putting moves together. I want our guys to always be creating ac-

tion and looking to score as many points as possible," he said.

Middletown 48, Milton Hershey 33

On Thursday, Middletown played host to the Spartans of Milton Hershey in an important

Mid-Penn Conference Capital Division showdown.

The Spartans took the early lead with a pin at 138 pounds. Then senior Joey Spear registered a second-period pin over Jarred Hewes at 145.

While it was Senior Night, a couple of underclassmen came up with key victories. Freshman Isaac Lupp and sophomore Vinny Corradi each earned critical wins, both by fall, at 160 and 170 pounds.

Middletown seniors Arthur Dash and Quincy Reinagel both had exciting matches that ended in pins at 195 and 220 pounds, extending the Raider lead to 30-15.

The Raiders and Spartans traded forfeits at 285 and 106 pounds, and then traded pins at 113 and 120 pounds.

Senior Zach Malay (113) picked up the pin for the Raiders in 2 minutes, 33 seconds. Luke Fegley wrapped up the senior night action with a first-period pin over Xavier Webb, making the final team score

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